



Composer Portfolios

MOZART



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| Name | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart |
| Nationality | Austrian |
| Born-Died | 1756-1791 |
| Quote | <i>'All I insist on, and nothing else, is that you should show the whole world that you are not afraid. Be silent, if you choose; but when it is necessary, speak-and speak in such a way that people will remember it.'</i> |

Interesting Stories

Playing Music with your Nose

One day, Mozart taunted Haydn that the latter would never be able to play a piece which Mozart had just written. Haydn sat at the harpsichord, began to play from the manuscript and then stopped abruptly. There was a note in the centre of the keyboard while the right hand was playing in high treble and the left hand in low bass. "Nobody can play this with only two hands," Haydn exclaimed. "I can," Mozart said quietly. When he reached the debated portion of his composition, he bent over and struck the central note with his nose. "With a nose like yours," Haydn conceded, "it becomes easier."

Mozart's Hairdresser

Mozart's barber used to complain about how difficult it was to dress Mozart's hair, since he would never sit still. At nearly every moment an idea would occur to him, and he would run to the keyboard, the barber running after him, hair-ribbon in hand.

Facts:

- Mozart was born in Salzburg on 27 January 1756
- Mozart began composing at the age of 5
- He wrote his first symphony when he was 8-years-old
- While in Rome as a child, the pope awarded Mozart the order of the Golden Spur.
- As a child, Mozart asked Marie Antoinette to marry him
- Mozart could listen to music once and then write it down from memory without any mistakes.
- Mozart composed more than 600 works in his lifetime
- He is one of the greatest, most popular and most influential composers to have ever lived.
- Mozart died at 35, at the peak of his musical power- without any money

Mozart's Music

Now we know more about the man, why not listen to some of his music!

- The Marriage of Figaro
- Don Giovanni
- The Magic Flute
- Requiem- Lacrimosa
- Symphony No.35
- Symphony No.41 'Jupiter'
- Clarinet Concerto
- Sinfonia Concertante
- Piano Sonata No.11
- Piano Concerto, No.24
- Concerto for Flute and Harp
- String Quartet No.5 in D major
- Solemn Vespers