

SD MASTER CHORALE

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History of the Development of Choral Music: Composers

So many composers helped Western choral music develop, over centuries, into what it is today. We do not have time to talk about all of them, unfortunately. But you can play this matching game to help you remember something that each composer we mentioned in the presentation did for choral music. Instructions: Draw a line from each numbered description to the composer(s) that best matches the description.

1. These people sang unison chants for church services between about 300 to 1400. Over time, they developed forms of sung harmony, too.



Ludwig van Beethoven

2. This composer lived from 1685 to 1759. He is famous for writing many choral works, including the oratorio “The Messiah” with its stirring Hallelujah chorus for orchestra and 4-part choir.



Monks

3. This composer lived from 1756 to 1791. He was a child prodigy who, in his relatively short life, wrote many choral works including operas and requiems. People love his last requiem (he died before he could finish writing it).



George Frederick Handel

4. This composer lived from 1770 to 1827. He wrote one of his most famous pieces, his 9th Symphony, after he had started losing his hearing. His 9th Symphony includes a choir singing with the orchestra a tune we now know as “Ode to Joy”.



Eric Whitacre

5. This composer was born in 1770. He is still composing music. He is known for choral pieces with rich harmonies. One of his pieces, Cloudburst, also uses body percussion. You can hear his music on his YouTube channel!



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart