



## Johann Sebastian Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685 and died in 1750. He is the most important German composer and musician of the Baroque period. Some people even think that he's the most important composer in history!

His works for the organ and his chamber music are still very popular in Germany. Many of his works employ the genres of canon and fugue. They are also very often used in music classes. 😊

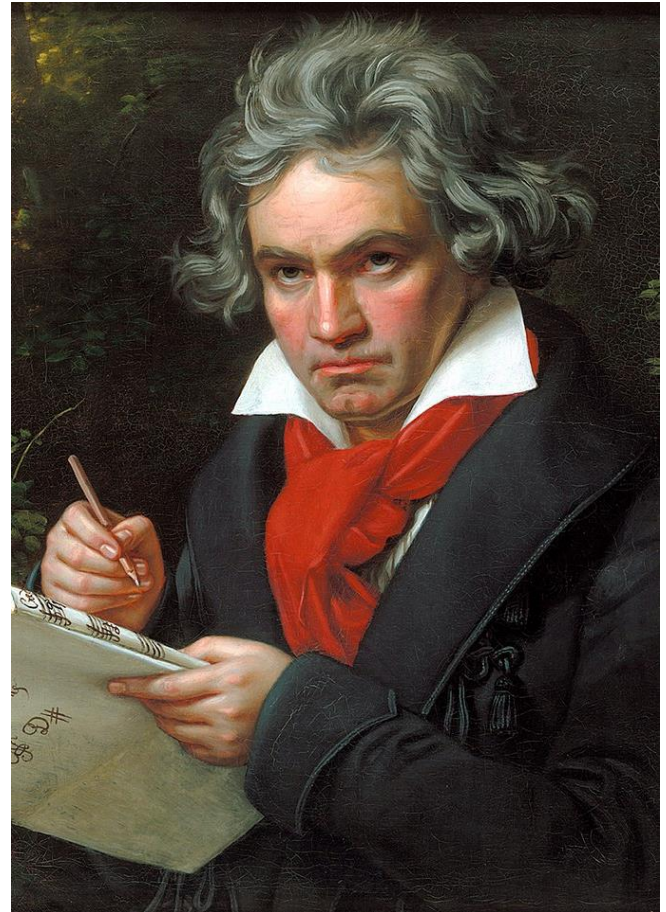
Listen to two of his works here:



## Ludwig van Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770 and died in 1827. Beethoven was one of the greatest pianists of his time. But when he got older, he became ill and went deaf (= he couldn't hear anymore). He then focused on composing. Even today, he's still one of the best-known and most-played composers in the world. One of his works, the 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, is even used as the Anthem of Europe!

Listen to two of his works here:





## Mark Forster

Mark Forster was born in 1984. He is a very popular pop singer and songwriter. He started his career in 2012 and had a lot of successful singles since then. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, his newest (and 4<sup>th</sup>) album came out! He also collaborated with other popular singers and created a song for the FIFA World Cup.

He's also a jury member of the German version of the reality talent show "The Voice". In the show, he coaches young singers and helps them to start a career.

Listen to two of his songs here:



## Helene Fischer

Helene Fischer has Russian roots, but she started her career in Germany and sings in German. When her first albums came out, a lot of people didn't like her music. They said that her music is too cheesy and only for older people. But since 2013, she is becoming more and more popular and her latest albums were huge successes. Even younger people started to love her! One of her songs became the most downloaded song in Germany. She won a lot of prizes, her concerts are always sold-out and she even has her own television Christmas show.



Listen to two of her songs here:





## Lena Meyer-Landrut

Lena Meyer-Landrut was born in 1991. In 2010, she won the Eurovision Song Contest with her song “Satellite” which became a huge hit. At the time, she still went to school!

Since then, Lena has released four albums and they all were very successful. She won a lot of prizes and is still very popular in Germany. She sings in English, so some of her songs also became popular in other countries. She is also occasionally working as a model.

Listen to two of her song here:

