

# **Music**

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### The String Quartet

This programme examines stringed instruments via the form and origin of the string quartet from its inception as 'chamber' music in the eighteenth century to its performance today, and features the work of the Lindsay Quartet led by Peter Cropper. The programme also shows a violin in the making based upon the design of old Italian masters.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-05650R	£44.00

## Bill Nye Series

**Bill Nye knows how to provide easy access to hard science. What's his secret? A fast-paced approach blending humorous hijinks and hands-on activities with real-life situations, with a focus on illustrating and reinforcing key concepts in a really enjoyable and totally non-boring way! Bill encourages young students to ask interesting questions... then shows them how to discover fascinating answers.**

### The Science of Music

Crank it up – it's Bill Nye the Science Guy's 'Music' programme! Imagine a world without music. First, you'd have to get rid of all the radios. Then toss out all the CDs, vinyl, tapes, MP3s, film soundtracks, and instruments. Get everyone to stop whistling, humming, and singing... Luckily for us, it's impossible to turn off the music. Music has been a part of human lives for a long time - even before people used words, they used music to communicate. Music is the art and science of expressing ideas and feelings through sound. A sad song can say more about how someone feels than most words, and a familiar song can make crowds clap together and feel like one happy family. Whatever the emotion, music seems to have a way to communicate it. The music we listen to today is the result of years of experimentation with sounds. As people figured out what they liked best, they invented instruments that could play their favourite tones and developed popular rhythms, or patterns of beats. Each note of music, and every tone of each instrument is a sound wave. Some sound waves sound great together. Some not so good. Getting the exact soundwaves in the pattern you want - now that's science!

Running Time: 26 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-10691D	£32.00

## Disney's World Of Music Discovery Series

The award-winning Disney's World of Music Discovery series uses sight and sound to captivate students' imagination and cultivate their mind skills! This series will:-

- introduce the families of instruments that make up the orchestra;
- identify individual instruments typical of each family and show how they work;
- use familiar Disney melodies to demonstrate the sound of each instrumental family;
- explore different musical styles including classical, folk, jazz, march and pop; and
- let students meet young performers playing in a variety of musical styles.

### Disney's World Of Music Discovery - Complete Series of 5 Programmes

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Running Time: 112 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

A Disney Educational Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21253R	£120.00

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## *Disney's World Of Music Discovery Series*

### **The Brass Family**

In this exploration of the brass family, students will learn about the tuba, trombone, French horn, and trumpet (the bugle, sousaphone, flugelhorn, piccolo trumpet, valve trombone, and baritone are also mentioned). Students will be introduced to composer John Philip Sousa; Louis Armstrong, one of the first great jazz musicians; and jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie. They'll discover the many venues that depend upon the brass family, including ceremonial music, marches, fanfares, jazz, and classical music. Vocabulary words to watch for include volume, mouthpiece, valves, and mute.

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

A Disney Educational Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-09730R	£32.00

### **The Rhythm & Percussion Families**

Students will discover the world of rhythm and percussion as they are introduced to the snare drum, bass drum, tom-toms, cymbals, trap set, conga drum, timpani, piano, xylophone, and more. Vocabulary words to watch for include synthetic, mallet, tension, roll, snares, and tempo.

Running Time: 26 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

A Disney Educational Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-09740R	£32.00

### **The String Family**

The string family comes to life as students learn about the violin, viola, cello, and double bass, and see how they work (the guitar, harp, and fiddle are also covered). Students will be introduced to the greatest of all violin makers, Antonio Stradivari, and the brilliant composer and violinist Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, among others. Vocabulary words to watch for include fingerboard, bridge, sound holes, resonate, bow, resin, and pizzicato.

Running Time: 25 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

A Disney Educational Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-09750R	£32.00

### **The Voice Family**

The world of music comes alive as students are introduced to the human voice as a musical instrument. Students will learn that soprano is a high voice, bass is low, and alto and tenor are in-between. They'll hear about jazz vocalists Sarah Vaughan and Louis Armstrong, as well as opera singers Beverly Sills and Luciano Pavarotti. The programme promotes an appreciation of a range of music genres, for example, jazz, opera, and folk music. Vocabulary words to watch for include diaphragm, solo, duet, trio, harmony, improvise, vibrato, and lip-synching.

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

A Disney Educational Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-09760R	£32.00

### **The Woodwind Family**

This exploration of the woodwind family of musical instruments will introduce students to the clarinet, bassoon, oboe, flute, and alto sax (the English horn, bass clarinet, piccolo, contrabassoon, and alto flute are also mentioned). Students will hear about Adolphe Sax, the man who invented the saxophone in 1840. Vocabulary words to watch for include single reed, double reed, timbre, staple, and synthetic.

Running Time: 21 mins

Age Range: 9-13 Years

A Disney Educational Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
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## Exploring The World Of Music Series

This series provides an understanding of the basic elements of music, and combines this with an introduction to music with a global perspective! It shows how elements such as melody, rhythm, and texture can create an infinite variety of sounds and serve as expressions of culture. Through rare archival footage and contemporary performances, the series presents themes such as music and the environment, music as cultural memory, and how technology changes music. The series features artists performing music from around the world, including American jazz, gospel, rock and traditional music from Bosnia, the Caribbean, India, Ireland, Japan, and West Africa.

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Running Time: 360 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21186R	£396.00

### Composers & Improvisers

How are a composer and an improviser alike? How are they different? The marriage between fixed elements and new variation is examined in American rock, Indian raga, classical and contemporary Western music, jazz and Arabic classical music.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11542R	£44.00

### Form - The Shape Of Music

Form - the way music is organised and structured from beginning to end - guides composers, performers and listeners in all musics. Here, the traditional Western sonata, the blueprints behind improvisational jazz, the narrative structure of traditional Japanese music, call-and-response forms in West African music and American gospel, and Irish fiddle tunes exemplify world-wide variations in musical form.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11541R	£44.00

### Harmony

When two or more notes sound together, harmony occurs. This interaction of pitches, understood in vastly different ways around the world, is analysed here in jazz, chamber music, Bosnian ganga singing, early music plainchants and barbershop quartets.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11533R	£44.00

### Melody

Melody - the part of music we most often remember - is examined here both scientifically and poetically, from a strict sequence of pitches to a group of notes 'in love with each other'. We see and hear melodies shaped, elaborated, and developed within Western classical music, the Arabic maqam tradition, Irish dance music and sean-nos singing, and Indian raga.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-11523R	£44.00

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## Exploring The World Of Music Series

### Music & Memory

As a dynamic link to the past, music allows us to recall and revive our different cultural heritages through the performances we participate in now. West African griots, the Walbiri people of Australia, folksingers of Ireland and Appalachia, and modern practitioners of early music show us how our musical pasts live again today.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11513R	£44.00

### Music & Technology

New instrument types and new electronic media for distribution are obvious results of technology - but so were the first bone flute and the first stretched catgut. How technology affects music is examined here in a case study of the flute and in an examination of developing recording and composing technologies where the roles of composer, musician, arranger and conductor begin to fuse.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11543R	£44.00

### Rhythm

Making time and moving through our bodies, rhythm has a special relationship both to musical form and to world-wide dance traditions. How rhythm structures music is examined through the American marching band, Northern Indian tala, the Japanese shakuhachi tradition, West African drumming and Afro-Cuban dance music.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11522R	£44.00

### Sound, Music & Environment

What do different cultures mean by music? This programme explores the definition of music from the sine wave to poetic metaphor, and the impact of the cultural environment on musics as different as Bosnian gaga and becarac singing; Tuvan throat singing; Irish, West African, Trinidadian, and Japanese musics; and Western chamber music, jazz and rock.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11511R	£44.00

### Texture

The way different voices and instruments work together to produce the overall sound gives music its texture. This programme examines texture in Japanese shakuhachi, Trinidadian steel bands, Bosnian gaga, West African percussion and modern Australian choral music.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11532R	£44.00

### Timbre - The Colour Of Music

The tone colour of music - or 'timbre' as we call it in the Western tradition - is influenced by both technical and aesthetic factors. This programme examines the creation and effects of timbre in jazz and Indian, West African, Irish, Bosnian, Indonesian gamelan, and Japanese musics.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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## Exploring The World Of Music Series

### The Transformative Power Of Music

Music can inspire religious devotion, prepare individuals for war, motivate work, enrich play, and stimulate the passions. The musical healing ceremonies of the Kung people in Namibia and Botswana, Epirote music in traditional Greek weddings, and modern rock, gospel, and folk musics all reveal music's power to transform lives.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11512R	£44.00

### Transmission: Learning Music

How we learn musical traditions and how we maintain, modify, notate, teach, and perform them for a new, younger audience is exemplified here in Indian classical music, African village drumming, and modern jazz and gospel.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-11521R	£44.00

## Famous Composers Series

A series of programmes giving concise biographies and musical overviews of the great composers. Drawing on contemporary illustrations and paintings, portraits and other archive material, the Famous Composers series not only presents factual outlines of the composers' lives but also conveys a clear visual picture of the social and historical background to their music. Each 40-minute (approx.) programme concludes with an 'Overview' summarising the composer's work.

### Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

In the history of music there are few people who have given so much to music as Johann Sebastian Bach. He was born into an exceptionally musical family; His gifts as a musician were recognised and furthered through education at some of the best choir schools in Germany and, eventually, in his various employments as church organist or organist and composer at the courts of some of Germany's many Royal houses. Bach was not an innovator, but in the richness and profundity of his great music he almost single-handedly lifted music onto a new plane, contributing greatly to making it the great art form that it now is.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20737R	£28.00

### Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Beethoven was born, in Bonn, into a musical family. He was generally well educated and later travelled to Vienna to further his musical studies. He was soon celebrated as a pianist and composer, and spent the rest of his life there, supported by generous patrons and free to compose as he wished. In spite of becoming completely deaf he was able to continue composing, producing some of his greatest works in the later years.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20738R	£28.00

### Johannes Brahms (1835-1897)

Brahms was born in Hamburg into a poor but musical family. His talent was recognised early and he received devoted and first class tuition. He was 'discovered' by the violinist Joachim and the composer Schumann, and he enjoyed amazing success from his very first published work. Brahms never married but settled in Vienna, where he came to be recognised as one of the great musical masters of the century.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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## *Famous Composers Series*

### **Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)**

The Polish composer Frederic Chopin is unique in that he composed almost exclusively for his own instrument, the piano. As a pianist he was self taught and had an astonishing talent for improvisation. As a composer he was a perfectionist in the classical mould and his wonderful compositions ensure that he is one of the best loved names in world music. The DVD traces his short life and includes an overview of his musical works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22183R	£28.00

### **George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)**

Handel was born in Halle, the son of a surgeon at the local ducal court. His talents were recognised early and he was given excellent teaching by local musicians. When aged 18 he went to Hamburg to work for the opera, where his compositions were a great success, and, after a stay in Italy, he ended up in England whilst still in his mid twenties. There he became an institution, writing many operas, and later, as the fashion changed, oratorios with religious themes such as The Messiah. The programme traces his colourful life and is followed by a brief overview of his works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21154R	£28.00

### **Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)**

Joseph Haydn was born into a simple rural community where his father worked for the local landowner. His musical talents developed in local church choirs and his fine voice took him to the choir of St Stephen's in Vienna. Haydn later moved into the employment of the Esterhazy family, where he remained until he was sixty, before international fame as a composer brought him an invitation to London where his career was reborn. The programme ends with a brief overview of Haydn's work, which will be useful to experienced music lovers and newcomers alike.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20740R	£28.00

### **Gustav Mahler (1860 - 1911)**

The composer Gustav Mahler was born the son of a poor itinerant Jewish salesman in a tiny village in what is now the Czech Republic. His astonishing and influential career as a conductor and director of opera, including ten years as musical director of the Vienna Opera, would have singled him out as someone special. However his 9 symphonies and other orchestral works are now seen as his greatest contribution to music. The programme tells of his life and development and is followed by an overview of his compositions.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22184R	£28.00

### **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1752-1791)**

Mozart was born into a musical family, and his extraordinary musical talent was evident at an early age. As a child prodigy he travelled to all the capitals of Europe and developed into one of the greatest composers of all time. This programme uncovers his delightful character and explores the difficulties he had to overcome to establish himself as an independent artist in an age when musicians were simply seen as servants of the rich and powerful, ending with a brief overview of Mozart's work useful to experienced music lovers and newcomers alike.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-20741R	£28.00

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## *Famous Composers Series*

### **Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)**

Puccini was born in the charming old town of Lucca in Tuscany, Italy. His family had been town musicians stretching back over several generations, so, naturally, he was educated into music as a matter of course, with the town fathers expecting him to succeed to the family tradition. However, his astonishing career took him to the heights of world class opera and this programme traces his life and unusual work patterns. Today Puccini's operas are more popular than ever, and are a staple part of the repertoire of every opera house.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20742R	£28.00

### **Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)**

Ravel was born in the small seaside town of Ciboure in the French Basque country near the Spanish border. His mother had also been born in Ciboure, but his father was a Swiss engineer and a naturalised French citizen. Ravel lived most of his life in Paris, following his music studies there and becoming one of the greatest of French composers. In spite of his relatively small output he was one of the most influential composers of the 20th century. The programme traces his life and musical development, and is followed by a brief overview of his works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21155R	£28.00

### **Franz Schubert (1797-1828)**

Schubert was born the son of a schoolmaster in a suburb of Vienna, and, in his early life, became a singer in the choir of the court chapel. He led a precarious life, struggling to live from his compositions with some assistance from the group of friends among whom he lived, who supported and encouraged him. He achieved little outside recognition in his own time and died of typhus at the tragically early age of 31. The programme ends with a brief overview of his important works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20743R	£28.00

### **Jan Sibelius (1865-1957)**

Jan Sibelius was born into a middle class family in a small country town in Finland. He was encouraged in developing his musical talent but he was fifteen before it began to really interest him. At first he wanted to be a violinist but soon turned to composing. By his early twenties he had already mastered his craft and he went on to produce a wonderful and very individual range of orchestral music, leaving him as one of the giants of early twentieth century music.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22185R	£28.00

### **Richard Strauss (1864-1949)**

Strauss was born in Munich into a very musical family. He showed talent for composition at an early age and had his first symphony performed when he was only seventeen. He began conducting in various opera houses around Germany and was soon astounding the world with his wonderful music. Beginning with compositions for orchestra, Strauss later became one of the leading composers of opera in the first half of the twentieth century. The programme traces his career and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-20744R	£28.00

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## Famous Composers Series

### Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

Stravinsky was born into a musical family. His father was the leading bass at the Marinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg and his mother was a fine pianist. He was, however, destined for the law, though his father allowed him to have composition lessons. Stravinsky was later taken up by Rimsky Korsakoff and eventually turned his full attention to music, breaking into the European music scene with his ballet music 'The Firebird' for the Russian Ballet under Serge Diaghilev. During a long career, Igor Stravinsky dominated the development of twentieth century music, and this programme traces the course of his life and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20745R	£28.00

### Peter Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Tchaikovsky was born into a modest family on the bottom rank of the Russian aristocracy. His father was a mining engineer and, after an early education from a French governess, Tchaikovsky was sent to the School of Jurisprudence in St Petersburg. His friends and family were well aware of his musical gifts, but he left school and joined the bureaucracy. The St Petersburg Conservatory opened shortly afterwards and, as one of its first graduates, Tchaikovsky launched into the doubtful career of music composition. His gifts were soon recognised, and he went on to achieve extraordinary international acclaim. This programme traces his career and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20746R	£28.00

### Guiseppe Verdi (1813-1901)

Verdi was born in the tiny and remote village of Roncole near Busetto, a town in the then principality of Parma, Italy. With the help of a local businessman he was given a good general education and, under the local organist, a fine training in music. In spite of terrible setbacks in his personal life he went on to become one of Italy's most successful composers of opera, and this programme traces his career and development over a long life and many works. Verdi never stood still, and in his later years produced some of his finest work. The programme ends with a brief overview of his compositions.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20747R	£28.00

### Richard Wagner (1813-1883)

Wagner was born in Leipzig into the family of a government official. His father died and his mother remarried an actor in the theatre at Dresden, which provided Wagner with an exceptionally vivid experience of the theatre which was to be the basis of his great series of music dramas. He had immense natural musical gifts and a huge ego which carried through his massive operatic projects, including the building of his own theatre at Bayreuth in Bavaria. The programme traces Wagner's life and the development of his work, and ends with an overview of his compositions.

Running Time: 40 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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