

Classical Artists



Claude Debussy

Debussy was a French composer a hundred years ago. The eldest of five children Debussy came from a poor family. Despite this, he began piano lessons at the age of seven.

Debussy studied at the Paris Conservatory, a prestigious music school. His teachers regarded him as a "talented rebel".

Debussy wanted to create a new way of composing based around the literature and paintings of the time. This was called Impressionism, and it was about creating a quick look or 'impression' of a subject rather than a detailed copy.

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Born: 22nd August 1862
St-Germain-en-Laye,
France
Died: 25th March
1918 Paris, France.

Music begins where words are powerless to express. Music is made for the inexpressible. I want music to seem to rise from the shadows and indeed sometimes to return to them.

— Claude Debussy —



One of Debussy's most famous piano pieces is 'Clair de Lune' (Moonlight). The title refers to a folk song about the French traditional Pierrot – a sad, clown-like character in French pantomime.

Johannes Brahms

Who/what



Brahms was very interested in the traditional music and culture of his native Germany and other countries. He became friendly with a Hungarian refugee and violinist, Edward Remenyi, who introduced him to a whole range of folk and Romany music.

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Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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