

4 Periods of Music History

Baroque

Classical

Romantic

**Modern*

1890 — today



-Modern Period broke all the old rules.

-Composers could freely write any type of music.

-Electronic sounds became very popular.

BELA BARTOK

-**Hungarian** composer and pianist. He began playing the piano at 5 and composing at 9 years old.

-**Acted** like a musical detective by traveling to rural villages and collecting over 9,000 folk songs.

-**Folk song**: old story song that people share through many years.

-**He included** folk songs into his compositions.

-**Bartok loved** the mysterious sounds of the night, like sounds of frogs, crickets, and the wind.

-**Bartok loved** animals and insects.



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GEORGE GERSHWIN

-Modern composer

-Gershwin learned to play the piano by watching the self-played piano.

-Gershwin composed songs with his brother, Ira. He would write the music and his brother, lyrics.

-Gershwin combined jazz with classical music.

-His famous piece is Rhapsody in Blue. The beginning of the song, sounds like a slide. He tried to imitate the rhythmic sound of a train ride.



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