

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.



<https://youtu.be/l7J7L53b8U0?list=RDl7J7L53b8U0>

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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