III CHAPTER III THE BAROQUE PERIOD

1. Baroque Music (1600-1750) Baroque – flamboyant, elaborately ornamented



a. Characteristics of Baroque Music

1. **Unity of Mood** – a piece expressed basically one basic mood e.g. rhythmic patterns, melodic patterns

2. **Rhythm** – rhythmic continuity provides a compelling drive, the beat is more emphasized than before.



3. **Dynamics** – volume tends to remain constant for a stretch of time. *Terraced dynamics* – a sudden shift of the dynamics level. (keyboard instruments not capable of cresc/decresc.)



4. **Texture** – predominantly polyphonic and less frequently homophonic.





5. Chords and the Basso Continuo (Figured Bass) – the progression of chords becomes prominent. **Bass Continuo** - the standard accompaniment consisting of a keyboard instrument (harpsichord, organ) and a low melodic instrument (violoncello, bassoon).





6. Words and Music – *Word-Painting* - the musical representation of specific poetic images; E.g. ascending notes for the word heaven.



b. The **Baroque Orchestra** – Composed of chiefly the string section with various other instruments used as needed. Size of approximately 10 - 40 players.



c. Baroque Forms – *movement* – a piece that sounds fairly complete and independent but is part of a larger work.
Binary and Ternary are both dominant.

2. The Concerto Grosso and the Ritornello Form

> - concerto grosso - a small group of soloists pitted against a larger ensemble (tutti), usually consists of 3 movements: (1) fast, (2) slow, (3) fast.

- ritornello form - e.g. tutti, solo, tutti, solo, tutti solo, tutti etc.

FULL SCORE



Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F major, BWV 1047

Title on autograph score: Concerto 2^{do} à 1 Tromba, 1 Flauto, 1 Hautbois, 1 Violino concertati, è 2 Violini, 1 Viola è Violone in Ripieno col Violoncello è Basso per il Cembalo. Allegro Andante Allegro assai Concertino: trumpet in F, recorder, oboe, violin **Ripieno**: two violins, viola, violone, and basso continuo (including harpsichord).

- The Fugue
 - *fugue* a polyphonic composition based on one musical theme (subject).
- The texture usually has three to five voices with the subject moving between voices combined with different melodic and rhythmic ideas.



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J.S.Bach (1685-1750)









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- 5. The Elements of Opera
 - opera a sung drama w/ action, poetry, dance, scenery & costumes
 - a. Performers: principal soloists, secondary soloists, chorus, and dancers.
 - b. Creators: composer writes the music,

librettists – writer of the text (libretto)

- c. interior elements:
 - 1. *aria* song for solo voice with orchestral accompaniment.
 - 2. *recitative* a vocal line that imitates the rhythms of speech.
 - 3. duet, trio, quartet etc. compositions for specific number of performers.
 - 4. **overture** a short instrumental composition at the beginning of an
 - opera that is intended to set the dramatic mood.
- 6. Opera in the Baroque Era
 - was born in Italy.

- founded buy a group of nobles, poets and composers (Camerata) who wished to create a new vocal style modeled on the music of the ancient Greek tragedy.

- They desired extensive use of the recitative and rejected the use of polyphony.
- secco recitative (dry) recitatives accompanied by a basso continuo
- accompanied recitative recitative supported by the orchestra
- Arias were eventually incorporated into the Opera.
- the aria was usually in ternary (ABA) form, where the initial A section is repeated after the B section (*da capo*). The second A section was traditionally ornamented at the will of the performer (show ability of virtuosity).

PURCELL, Dido's Lament from Dido and Aeneas



- 7. Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) b. Venice, Italy
 - wrote mostly for a school (orphanage) for girls; vocal music, concerti grossi and soli concerti.
 - *solo concerto* a piece for a single instrumental soloist and orchestra

VIVALDI Concerto for Mandolin in C Major

VIVALDI La Primavera from The Four Seasons

- First Movement: Allegro

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10. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) b. Eisenach, Germany

- wrote music for organ, orchestra & choir
- life divided into 3 periods:
 - 1. organist in Weimar (organ music)
 - 2. court conductor in Cothen (instrumental music)
 - 3. director of music in St. Thomas Church, Leipzig (vocal)

11. Chorale & Church Cantata

Lutheran church service was 4 hrs. in length
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church cantata: a sung piece for chorus, soloists, organ & orchestra with a German religious text relating to a particular Sunday.



BACH Cantata No. 140: Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme (1731)

- 13. Oratorio
 - *oratorio* composition for chorus, soloists & orchestra set to a narrative text.
 - Contains no acting, costumes or scenery.
 - Based on religious stories
- 14. George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759) b. Halle, Germany

Messiah (1741)

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GEORG FRIDRICH HANDEL (1685–1759) 'MESSIAH'

IV CHAPTER IV THE CLASSICAL PERIOD

- 1. The Classical Style (1750-1820)
 - a. Characteristics of the Classical Style
 - 1. **Contrast of Mood** may change gradually or suddenly.
 - 2. **Rhythm** wealth of rhythmic patterns.



3. **Texture** – predominantly homophonic *Sonata in C*



4. **Melody** – tuneful, balanced and symmetrical.

5. **Dynamics** & the Piano – widespread use of *crescendo / decrescendo*. The piano has the ability to use dynamics & replaces the harpsichord.



6. **The End of the Basso Continuo** (Figured Bass) – composers preferred to write out the parts completely and not rely on improvisation.

b. The Classical Orchestra – A standard group of four sections: strings, woodwinds, brass & percussion. Strings: 1st violin, 2nd violin, viola, celli, double basses Woodwind: 2 flutes, 2 oboe, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons Brass: 2 French horns, 2 trumpets Percussion: 2 timpani Size of approximately 25 – 60 players. Timpani Bassoons Horns Trumpets Oboes Clarinets Flutes Cellos Violas 2nd /iolins **1st Violins** Double Basses Conductor

c. Classical Forms – Sonata-Allegro the predominant form

2. Sonata Form (Sonata Allegro) ABA'

i. divided into 3 main sections:

Exposition:	1 st Theme in Tonic key
	Bridge – containing modulation to a new key
	2 nd Theme in new key
	Closing Section – in the key of the 2 nd Theme
Development:	New treatment of themes, modulations to different keys.
Recapitulation:	1 st Theme in Tonic key
	Bridge
	2 nd Theme in Tonic key
	Closing Section – in Tonic key
(Coda):	Tonic key

A Diagram of Sonata Form



MOZART, Eine kleine Nachtmusik K. 525



4. Theme and Variations (A A1 A2 A3 etc)



Diagram of a Typical Variations Movement

HAYDN, Symphony No. 94 in G Major (Surprise)



5. **Minuet and Trio ABA**



Online Lesson: <u>http://www.erikscull.com/portfolio/assets/flash/minuettrio1.html</u> <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5kk9H68vT4</u>

6. Rondo ABACA or ABACABA

Listening Outline: Beethoven, *String Quartet in C Minor*, Op. 18, No. 4 CD#2/35 (4:08) Second Movement: Rondo (*Allegro*)



First	Second	First	Third	First	Second	First
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Diagram of a Typical Rondo Movement

Rondo "Alla Turca" – Wolfgang A. Mozart

- 7. The Classical Symphony
 - an extended orchestral piece consisting of 4 movements
 - 1st Movement fast and in Sonata form
 - 2nd Movement slow and in Sonata, ABA or Theme & Variation forms
 - 3rd Movement moderate and in Minuet / Trio form
 - 4th Movement fast and in Sonata or Rondo forms.
- 8. The Classical Concerto
 - a three-movement work for an instrumental soloists and orchestra.



9. Classical Chamber Music

music designed for a small ensemble in an intimate setting. e.g. string quartet -2 violins, viola and cello

- 10. Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) b. Rohrau, Austria (Patronage System)

 created the symphony & string quartet "Father of the String Quartet" & "Father of the Symphony".
 Major contributions: 104 Symphonies & 68 string quartets
- 11. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) b. Salzburg, Austria
 - greatest boy prodigy
 - he wrote a symphony at age 8, an oratorio at age 10 and an opera at 11.
 - at age 25 he broke away from Salzburg and stayed in Vienna as a freelance musician.

Major contributions: 41 symphonies, 27 piano concerti and 3 operatic masterpieces: The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni and The Magic Flute.

- 12. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 1827) b. Bonn, Germany
 - Considered the highest level of musical genius.
 - Replaced the Minuet Trio with the Scherzo
 - He was the bridge to the Romantic period increased the range in music for pitch and dynamics.



V CHAPTER V THE ROMANTIC PERIOD

1.

- Romanticism in Music (1820-1900)
 - Characteristics of Romantic Music
 - a. **Individuality of Style** emphasis on self-expression. Composers wrote music that was aurally unique to themselves.
 - b. **Expressive Aims and Subjects** used all ranges of emotion & subject matter.
 - c. Nationalism and Exoticism
 - 1. **nationalism** music written with a specific national identity
 - 2. exoticism music written with materials drawn from foreign lands
 - d. **Program Music** instrumental music associated with story or idea
 - e. **Expressive Tone Color** used to obtain a variety of mood
 - f. Colorful Harmony use of new chords and chromatics
 - g. **Expanded Range of Dynamics**, Pitch and Tempo
 - h. Forms: Miniature and Monumental small pieces to huge operas
 - i. **Rhythm** variety
 - j. **Dynamics** extreme
 - k. **Texture** homophonic
- 2. The **Art Song** setting of a poem for solo voice and piano, translating the poem's mood and imagery into music.
 - a marriage of poetry and music

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The Song Cycle – Art Songs grouped in a set

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- 3. Franz Schubert (1797-1828) b. Vienna, Austria
 - large output in a short life
 - wrote in many forms, most especially Art Songs, approximately 600.
 - also known for his "unfinished symphony"
- 4. Robert Schumann (1810-1856) b. Zwickau, Germany
 - wrote Art Songs and incidental piano pieces.
 - famous as a concert pianist
- 5. Clara Wieck Schumann (1819-1896) b. Leipzig, Germany
 - wrote mostly for piano and small ensembles
 - *being female discouraged more composing
- 6. Frederic Chopin (1810-1849) b. Poland
 - wrote mostly piano pieces
 - self sufficient musician
 - wrote music in France but used ethnic dance rhythms

7. Franz Liszt (1811-1886) b. Hungary

- famous piano virtuoso, created the *symphonic poem / tone poem*: a 1 movement orchestral piece based on a literary or pictorial idea

- 8. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) b. Hamburg, Germany
 - wrote in all genre except opera, famous for reviving the music of Bach
- 9. **Program Music** instrumental music associated with story or idea
 - music that had the ability to create mood, emotion and atmosphere - the main forms of program music:
 - a. *program symphony*: a symphony with several movements, each one with a descriptive title.
 - b. *concert overture*: a one movement, independent orchestral piece, with a descriptive title.
 - c. *symphonic or tone poem*: a one movement orchestral piece based on a literary or pictorial idea.
 - d. *incidental music*: music performed before or during a play.
- 10. Hector Berlioz (1803-1869) b. near Grenoble, France
 - became famous for his orchestrations.
 - founded the *program symphony*.
- 11. Nationalism in Nineteenth-Century Music
 - composers gave their music the flavor of their homelands.
 - countries began to feel their own identities, breaking away from the identities of the countries that had controlled or conquered them.

Bedrich Smetana (1824-1884) b. Bohemia (Czech Republic)

The Moldau (Vltava) (1874)



The composition describes the course of the <u>Vltava</u>, starting from the two small springs, the Cold and Warm Vltava, to the unification of both streams into a single current, the course of the Vltava through woods and meadows, through landscapes where a farmer's wedding is celebrated, the round dance of the mermaids in the night's moonshine: on the nearby rocks loom proud castles, palaces and ruins aloft. The Vltava swirls into the St. John's Rapids; then it widens and flows toward Prague, past the Vyšehrad, and then majestically vanishes into the distance, ending at the <u>Labe</u> (or <u>Elbe</u>, in German).

- 12. Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904) b. near Prague, Bohemia (Czech Republic)

 wrote in a folk style, but didn't quote actual tunes.
 was inspired by Erie's Harry T. Burleigh (a student of Dvorak) study of the African-American spirituals.
 Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)
- Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893) b. Russia

 famous for his ballets, symphonies & concerti
 e.g. Swan Lake Ballet, Nutcracker Ballet, 1812 Overture
- 14. Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) b. Norway

Nationalistic: In the Hall of the Mountain King from Peer Gynt

15. Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) b. Finland

Nationalistic: Finlandia

16. Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881) b. Russia

Nationalistic: Pictures at an Exhibition

17. Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908) b. Russia

Exoticism: The Flight of the Bumblebee from The Tale of Tsar Saltan

18. Edward Elgar (1857-1934) b. England

Nationalistic: Pomp and Circumstance - Military March op. 39

19. Carl Orff (1895-1982) b. Germany

Nationalistic: Carmina Burana (cantata) - opening movement "O Fortuna"

20. Aaron Copeland (1900-1990) b. USA

Nationalistic: Hoedown from Rodeo(Ballet)

21. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) b. Hamburg, Germany
- he wrote in all major genre except Opera.
- he used and reinterpreted the classical forms
- introduced works of Mozart, Handel & Bach

- 22. Gioacchino Rossini (1792-1868) b. Italy
 - Famous "Bel Canto" Opera Composer

23. Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) b. Italy

- famous for his Nationalistic Italian operas; *Aida, La Traviata, Rigoletto* -Vittorio Emanuelle Re D'Italia
- 24. Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924) b. Italy - famous for his through-composed Italian operas
- 25. Richard Wagner (1813-1883) b. Leipzig, Germany
 - famous for his through-composed German Operas and the use of the *Leitmotif*: a short musical idea associated with a person, object or thought.