

Spring term 2 musical appreciation

Lent/Easter

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer/ genre	
27.2.23	<p>Compassion LENT World book day</p>	<p>Katy Perry (October 25th 1984) is an American singer and songwriter. She is one of the best selling music artists of all time having sold over 143 million records worldwide.</p> <p>In 2010, she released the song <i>Firework</i>. It was inspired by a book she had read called <i>On the Road</i> by Jack Kerouac.</p> <p>Her husband at the time said she was like the paragraph in the book where Kerouac describes his favourite people as those ever-burning 'roman candles across the night' who fizz with life and never say a boring or commonplace thing. Katie said: "When I heard that I was like, that is who I feel like I am, who I want to be, who I want to surround myself with -- those firework people. "It's just all about you igniting the spark inside of you."</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGJuMBdaqIw</p>
6.3.23	Compassion	<p>Romeo and Juliet – Prokofiev</p> <p><i>Romeo and Juliet</i> is a ballet by Sergei Prokofiev based on William Shakespeare's play <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>. It was composed in 1935.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_hOR50u7ek</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyDo3h1Tu7c</p>

		<p>Sergei Sergeyevich Prokofiev^r (27 April [O.S. 15 April] 1891 – 5 March 1953)^r was a Russian composer, pianist, and conductor. He wrote other works based on stories: a ballet about Cinderella, an opera based on the novel War and Peace and an orchestral piece based on the children's fairytale 'Peter and the Wolf'</p> <p>This piece taken from Romeo and Juliet is named 'The dance of the Knights' which is the main part of the 'Montague and Capulets' section. The Montagues and Capulets are two warring families who come together when Romeo (a Montague) falls in love with Juliet (a Capulet). At the end of Shakespeare's play, the ending is sad as the two young adults die. Prokofiev changed the ending so they lived happily ever after. This didn't go down well politically – some people thought Prokofiev was being influenced by what was going on politically in Russia at the time and so he had to rewrite it to make the ending more tragic!</p>	
13.3.23	Forgiveness	<p>Kate Bush - Wuthering Heights</p> <p>Catherine "Kate" Bush (born 30 July 1958) was born in Kent in England and grew up with her family who loved music (and also karate!). At the age of 11 she taught herself piano and started to write her own songs.</p> <p>Wuthering Heights by Kate Bush was inspired by Emily Bronte's 1847 novel. She saw the last 10 minutes of a TV version of the book and then decided to read it. She discovered she shared the same birthday as the author.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1pMMIe4hb4</p>

		<p>About ten years later, she was inspired to turn it into a song and in the early hours of 5 March 1977, when she was just 18, she wrote her own Wuthering Heights (although she'd already written over a hundred songs by this point). The song is sung as if she was the main character Catherine Earnshaw, pleading at Heathcliff's window to be allowed in. It quotes Catherine's words, including the chorus lyric "Let me in! I'm so cold!" and "Bad dreams in the night". Kate Bush recorded her vocals in one take. With this track, she became the first female artist to have written a number one hit in the UK.</p> <p>In the video she made, she used her interpretive dance (which she had studied at college) to tell the song. It might look a bit odd to today's audiences but at the time, Kate was thought to be experimental and really exciting to listen to and watch.</p>	
20.3.23	Forgiveness	<p>Enya - Lord of the rings soundtrack Eithne Pádraigín Ní Bhraonáin (1961), known as Enya, is an Irish singer, songwriter, and musician. She is known for her modern Celtic music. Here are two songs that she wrote for the Lord of the rings soundtrack. They are sung in English and in two fictional languages which Tolkien made up.</p> <p>Led Zeppelin - Ramble On <i>Ramble On</i> is a song written by Jimmy Page and Robert Plant. The song was inspired by JRR Tolkien's <i>Lord of the Rings</i> series and tells the story of Sam and Frodo's journey as if it was a girl they were obsessed with rather than the infamous ring: "Twas in the darkest depths of Mordor, I met a girl so fair, but</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xwg_dTcsTLw https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMyo8l8AKmY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzGBQerkvWs</p>

		<p>Gollum and the evil one, crept up and slipped away with her.”</p> <p>Many of their other songs are inspired by Lord of the Rings (such as <i>Stairway to Heaven</i>) and Robert even named his dog Strider after the character Aragorn, who is also referred to by this name.</p>	
27.3.23	Forgiveness EASTER WEEK	<p>Samuel Barber – Adagio for strings</p> <p>For Christians, next Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. This week starts with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Day. It is a week when Christians think about how Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead, to save the sins of the world.</p> <p>This piece of classical music is written by Samuel Barber in 1936. It is a composition for stringed instruments. It is a longer piece of music and this is the second part, called the Adagio. This means 'slowly' in Italian. It is a really moving piece of music and is good to listen to in a time of reflection.</p> <p>It has also been arranged for singers to perform. It is sung in Latin, and the choral arrangement (for a choir) is called 'Agnus Dei'. The words are based on something John the Baptist, a friend of Jesus, said: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). This makes it the perfect piece of music to listen to at this time of year.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3MHeNt6Yjs&t=2s</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuBQZFOnk7s&t=31s</p>

