

Summer term 1 musical appreciation

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer/ genre	Links
17.4.23	Thankfulness	<p>Hamdan Al Shuaily – living (birth date unknown)</p> <p>Sultan Qaboos of Oman was a great lover of classical music, so much so that in 1985 he founded the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra (ROSO). Initially composed of gifted children, the orchestra has since grown into a renowned professional ensemble. Sultan Qaboos commissioned many composers from around the world to write pieces for the orchestra as well as nurturing the burgeoning homegrown talent of Oman. In 2007 the ROSO made their European premiere in Berlin, where Omani composer and conductor Hamdan Al Shuaily premiered his symphonic piece <i>A Blessed Renaissance</i>, combining traditional Omani folk music with Western compositional techniques. The</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuarOzDMdaU</p>

		piece, commissioned by the Sultan, is a spectacular musical journey through the Sultan's reign, charting the country's development from 1970 to the present day.	
24.4.23	Thankfulness St George's day	<p><u>Yoko Kanno – born 1963</u> One of the most esteemed living Japanese composers. Whilst she is revered by jazz fans across the world for her iconic score to the anime series Cowboy Bebop, Yoko Kanno has written in various genres throughout her distinguished career, writing numerous film and video game soundtracks, classical music, electronic music and pop songs. In 2019 her classical suite <i>Ray of Water</i> was written for the ascension of Emperor Naruhito of Japan. Kanno conducted the premiere at the ascension ceremony, with the Emperor and Empress in attendance.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuAAlwrYW9Y (from 4.18)</p>
1.5.23 Monday -bank holiday	Respect King's coronation (6. 5. 23)	<p>https://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-news/buckingham-palace-announces-music-for-the-coronation <u>George Frederic Handel – 1685-1759</u> The music hasn't been announced for the coronation of King Charles III yet; it will be a surprise on the day. Some clues</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGl8L9MISdk https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3gH0rpwwe4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kucFS9Gafk</p>

		<p>have been published though. The music has been chosen by HM The King, and will showcase talent from across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. There will be a range of musical styles and performers, reflecting The King's life-long love and support of music and the arts.</p> <p>It is likely that there will be some music chosen which has been used in previous coronation ceremonies. Some of the most well known music written for royalty is by the German-born composer George Frederic Handel. He wrote music for the Coronation of King George II. His four coronation anthems, including Zadok the Priest, have been sung at every coronation since.</p>	
<p>8.5.23 Monday - bank holiday</p>	<p>Respect Eurovision song contest (13.5.23)</p>	<p>On Saturday 13th May, the UK is hosting the Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool. If you win the contest, your country gets to host the event the following year. We didn't win last year, we actually came second. You might remember Sam Ryder singing 'Spaceman'. The winners were Ukraine with the group Kalush orchestra performing 'Stefania'. The ongoing war in their country meant they didn't feel they could host in their country so they asked for help. The logo for the competition is a heart with a flag inside. If you look at this year's, it is still the Ukrainian flag even though it is hosted in the UK.</p>	<p>Uk entry this year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJ21grjN6wU&t=135s Ukraine winner last year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8Z51no1TD0 UK entry last year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udsMTb2NIak</p>
<p>15.5.23 18th - ascension day</p>	<p>Truthfulness</p>	<p>On Thursday 18th, it is Ascension Day. This is a Christian celebration marking the day when Jesus ascended (went up) into heaven. Jesus lived on earth for 40 days after Easter.</p> <p>George Frederick Handel is a very well-known British-German composer who lived 400 years ago. We listened to his anthem 'Zadok the priest' for King Charles' III coronation.</p> <p>Handel wrote a choral (for a choir) piece of music called 'The Messiah'. This part of the Oratorio is often sung on Ascension Day as it talks of the King of Glory entering the gates of heaven.</p> <p><i>Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in!</i></p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbWOZPEBbkU https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVNEk4AEkyU</p>

		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. (Psalm 24:7-10)</i></p> <p>The Messiah tells the story of Jesus' birth to his death and then the glory of heaven. Another very famous movement from it is the 'Hallelujah' chorus and proclaims that the King of Kings will reign forever.</p>	
<p>22.5.23</p>	<p>Truthfulness</p>	<p>Pentecost happens 50 days after Easter, on the 7th Sunday after Easter Sunday. It is named Whitsun (or Whit Sunday). This day remembers when the Holy Spirit descended (came down) on to the Apostles. These were the friends of Jesus who are also often called Jesus' disciples. They went out to tell the world about Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Hildegard von Bingen (1098 – 17 September 1179), also known as Saint Hildegard was a German Benedictine abbess. In this role she was also a writer, composer, philosopher, mystic, visionary, and as a medical writer and practitioner during the High Middle Ages.</p> <p>She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony (one single line of melody, no harmony) by any other composer from the entire Middle Ages, and she is one of the few known composers to have written both the music and the words.</p> <p>This piece of music talks of the Holy Spirit being the root of giving life.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYzPR0nwcmY</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sA-Caxxfduo (Up to third minute)</p>

The Holy Spirit: living and life-giving,
the life that's all things moving,
the root in all created being

On this day, 'Veni creator Spiritus' is often sung in churches. is a traditional Christian hymn believed to have been written by Rabanus Maurus, a ninth-century saint, German monk, teacher. It translates from the Latin as 'come Holy ghost, creator blest'. At King Charles' coronation it was sung in 4 different languages from the United Kingdom.