



COMPOSER SPOTLIGHT



JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

1685-1750

Baroque



The Baroque Master

Johann Sebastian Bach was born in 1685 in Germany. He came from a big family of musicians! In fact, over 50 of his relatives were musicians, too! His music is so famous that he's known as the "King of Baroque." Bach played many instruments, but he was especially amazing on the organ.

A Busy Dad

Bach had 20 children! While only a few survived to adulthood, several of them became famous composers, too, just like their dad. He also worked for churches, schools, and princes, so he was always busy composing, teaching, or playing music. Somehow, he still found time to write over 1,000 pieces!



A Genius of Patterns

Bach's music is filled with clever patterns and structures that give it a unique, timeless quality. He was known for using techniques like counterpoint, where two or more melodies are played together in harmony. These patterns help give his music its rich, layered sound, which musicians still study today.

Rediscovered Greatness

After Bach's death, his music was largely forgotten for many years. It wasn't until composers like Felix Mendelssohn revived his works in the 19th century that people started recognizing his genius. Now, Bach is considered one of the greatest composers of all time, with his music still performed across the globe.

Significant Works:

- Well-Tempered Clavier
- Italian Concerto, BWV 971
- Brandenburg Concertos