KEYBOARD KIDS COMPANION
SUMMER 2020

CREATED BY TEACHERS. *Approved by kids!*

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SUMMERY SUMMARY
DOUBLE PUZZLER

Review this past school year's issues of *Keyboard Kids' Companion*. Then decode the message to see what special celebration is coming in the Winter issue!

1. Nadia _____ First woman to conduct a major symphony orchestra. (Autumn 2019)
2. Sister of Nadia; an asteroid was named after this female composer. (Autumn 2019)
3. Amy Cheney _____ Wrote first symphony published by a woman. (Autumn 2019)
4. One of the first composers in the Romantic period; famous for composing long, beautiful melodies. He wrote more than 600 songs, and many other compositions. (Winter 2019–2020)
5. Nickname for Symphony No. 8 by composer in the fourth clue. (Winter 2019–2020)
6. Good piano _____ = fewer mistakes, better access to the whole keyboard, good sound, healthier body. (Winter 2019–2020)
7. Frédéric Chopin and Claude Debussy played the music of _____ every day for part of their inspiration. (Spring 2020)
8. J.S. Bach and his son C.P.E. introduced new ideas about _____ in keyboard playing. Making good choices about these helps our playing to be more accurate and beautiful, and even helps us to remember our music better. (Spring 2020)
9. The _____ period in music ended in 1750, the same year that J.S. Bach died. (Spring 2020)

A special celebration is already being planned for the Winter issue of *Keyboard Kids' Companion*.

Watch for the Back-to-School issue in the Autumn edition!

DOUBLE PUZZLER

1. BRLUENAGO _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (6 … 15)
2. LIIL _ _ _ _
3. CEAHB _ _ _ _ _ (12, 1)
4. RUSBCHET _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (10, 4)
5. NENSIIFUHD _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (19, 7, 16, 11)
6. RUOPTES _ _ _ _ _ _ (3, 9)
7. BCAH _ _ _ _ (13, 5)
8. NINERIFGG _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (14, 8)
9. QEORABU _ _ _ _ _ _ (2, 17, 18)

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ANSWER KEY
1. Boulanger
2. Liil
3. Beach
4. Schubert
5. Unfinished
6. Posture
7. Bach
8. Fingering
9. Baroque

Happy 250th Birthday Beethoven!

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

8 Robert Schumann (1810)
German composer and pianist

15 Edvard Grieg (1843)
Norwegian composer

17 Igor Stravinsky (1882)
Russian-American composer and conductor

JULY

26 John Field (1782)
Irish composer, conductor, and teacher

27 Enrique Granados (1867)
Spanish composer and conductor

AUGUST

1 Francis Scott Key (1779)
American author of The Star-Spangled Banner lyrics

22 Claude Debussy (1862)
French composer

25 Leonard Bernstein (1918)
American composer, pianist, and conductor

Sound Explorations

Summer is a fun time for more exploring, including in music! Many orchestras, bands, and choruses normally plan outdoor concerts and participate in special events, such as parades. This summer many of these events are canceled but many will still occur online. With a parent's help, check your community's social media for performances that you can enjoy this summer. Listen to each composition for the concepts you have been learning in your piano lessons and in *Keyboard Kids' Companion*.

- Try to count along with the music you are hearing. Decide what the time signature might be; do you feel it mostly in three, or in four, or something else?
- If more than one instrument is playing, how many can you identify?
- What tempo marking best describes the tempo? *Largo*, *Allegro*, or *Presto*? Something else?
- Does the piece start in a major or minor key? Does it stay in that key for the whole piece?
- If you had the music in front of you, what would be the quietest dynamic marking you would see? The loudest?

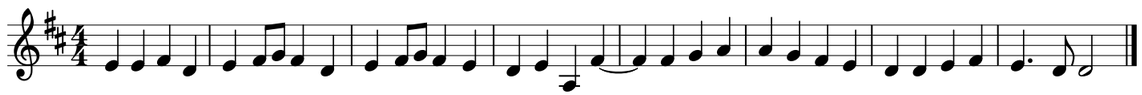
What kind of mood does the composer create by exploring these musical tools and ideas?

SCHERZO A MUSICAL JOKE

Q. What should you do if you can't pick a favorite section in your music?

A. Call it a tie!

BEETHOVEN'S TIE



"Beethoven's Tie":
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