

KEYBOARD KIDS COMPANION

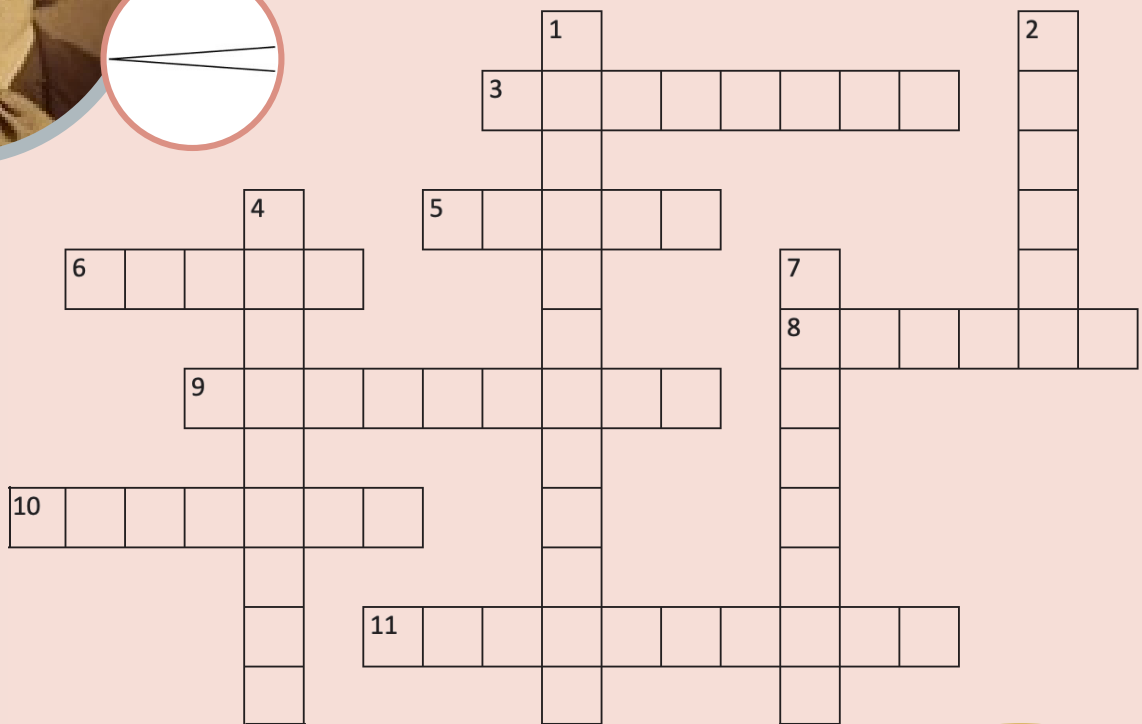
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SUMMERY SUMMARY

Review your Autumn 2020, Winter 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 issues of Keyboard Kids' Companion to find the answers to this puzzle.



ACROSS

- Beethoven helped to start this period in music. (Winter 2020)
- Classical composer; Beethoven's composition teacher (Winter 2020)
- Called "Chopin of the North" (Summer 2021)
- Most famous student of Beethoven; wrote beautiful sounding exercises for piano (Winter 2020)
- Growing louder little by little (Autumn 2020)
- Oscar-winning Hollywood composer; student of Brahms (Spring 2021)
- Five-note scale with this pattern: Whole, Whole, Whole + Half, Whole (Summer 2021)

DOWN

- Playing in more than one key at a time (Summer 2021)
- Invented device that recorded Brahms, the first recording of a famous composer (Spring 2021)
- Device that helps us with steady tempo and choosing a tempo (Autumn 2020)
- Romantic composers; best friends with Brahms: Robert and Clara _____ (Spring 2021)

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COMPOSER SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

June 15

Edvard Grieg (1843) Norwegian composer Grieg composed using folk melodies from songs and dances of Norway. He is credited with helping Norwegian people feel they had their own identity while they were struggling for independence from Sweden. He often composed with the beautiful forests, mountains, streams, and fjords of Norway in mind. Many referred to him as “Chopin of the North” because of his piano style and beautiful melodies.

Listen: Concerto in A Minor youtu.be/IIYoyz6_Los
Peer Gynt Suite youtu.be/JBxBAXVP8IA
Lyric Pieces for Piano youtu.be/_bhEn6e8MFM

June 17

Igor Stravinsky (1882) This Russian-American composer and conductor stretched musical traditions, and the imaginations of other composers. His music for the ballet *Petroushka* introduced new ideas for composing, including **polytonality***. At the premiere of his next ballet, *The Rite of Spring*, the audience found the strange music and dancing so shocking that a riot broke out!

Listen: Firebird Suite – Finale youtu.be/KD6OKfnB34E
Petroushka youtu.be/esD90diWZds
The Rite of Spring youtu.be/EkwqPJZe8ms

July 27

Enrique Granados (1867) This Spanish composer and pianist popularized melodies and rhythms found in the folk music of Spain, which was not well known outside the country. We only have a few compositions from this wonderful composer. Shortly before he died, Granados stated he was feeling his best creative work was about to come. In 1916, while returning from a trip to the United States, where he performed at the White House by request of President Woodrow Wilson and where one of his works was being premiered, his ship was torpedoed. He and his wife drowned.

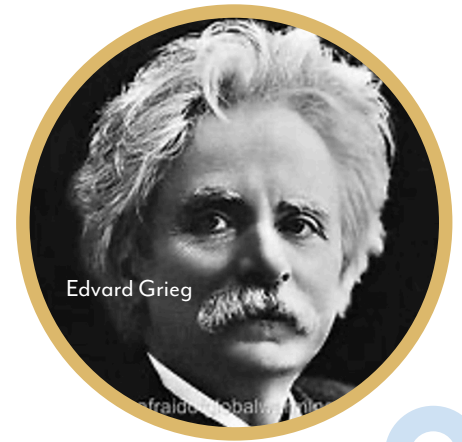
Listen: Allegro di concierto, Op. 46 youtu.be/j3xwGB-a73U
Spanish Dances No.1, No.6 youtu.be/CphBmaz-yes
Andaluzá youtu.be/Intre7nqn-Q

August 22

Claude Debussy (1862) French composer Debussy shocked and frustrated his professors with “strange” musical ideas. He believed that composers were too worried about rules of harmony and form: “...It is made up of colors and rhythms...” He loved composing with unusual sounds for his time, such as the **whole-tone scale***, **pentatonic scale***, and strings of **parallel chords***. Debussy’s work started the Impressionistic period of music, but he disapproved of the term. Debussy liked to think about poetry, artwork, nature scenes, and other countries when composing.

Listen: La cathédrale engloutie youtu.be/dUjc1l5j94M
La Mer youtu.be/hlBu70gIYPc
General Lavine - eccentric youtu.be/ClrJL9Gd6o4

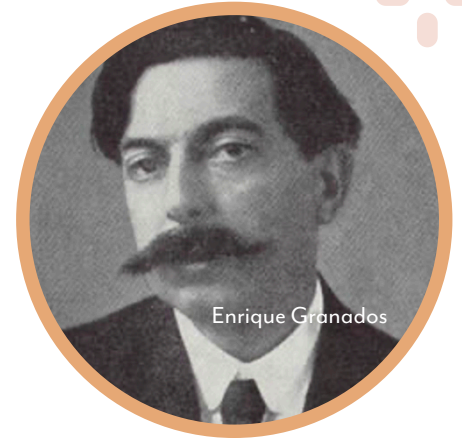
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