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TITLE & DESCRIPTION

General

Discovering History: 20th-Century Biographies: Composers and Writers (30:00) ★ ★ ★
Introduce students to some of the most creative and beloved individuals of the 20th century. Segments profile a range of writers and composers, including George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, and Will Rogers. © 2005 Discovery Channel School

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Music of the Renaissance: Italy and Germany (29:57) ★
Often called the Shakespeare of Renaissance music, Claudio Monteverdi's songs are discussed and played, as is the song Tutto Lo Di, written by Orlando di Lasso, and the Allemande and Tripla by Johann Hermann Schein. © 2000 AIMS Multimedia

Famous Composer

Famous Composers: Johann Sebastian Bach: 1685-1750 (35:00) ★ ★
Johann Sebastian Bach was born into an exceptionally musical family, so his gifts as a musician were recognized and furthered. Bach was not an innovator but in the richness and profundity of his great music he almost single handedly lifted music onto a new plane making it into the great art form it now is. © 1996 United Learning

Famous Composer

Famous Composers: Ludwig van Beethoven: 1770-1827 (36:51) ★ ★
Beethoven was celebrated as a pianist and composer and spent much of his life in Vienna supported by generous patrons and free to compose as he wished. In spite of becoming deaf, he was able to continue composing, producing some of his greatest works in his later years. © 1996 United Learning

Famous Composer

Famous Composers: Johannes Brahms: 1835-1897 (35:50) ★ ★
Brahms was discovered by the violinist Joachim and the composer Schumann and he enjoyed amazing success from his very first published work. He settled in Vienna where he came to be recognized as one of the great musical masters of the century. © 1996 United Learning

Famous Composer

Famous Composers: George Frederic Handel: 1685-1759 (36:22) ★ ★ ★ ★
Handel was born in the small German town of Halle and from an early age he displayed a precocious musical talent. After a spell playing the organ in a Halle church, he left for Hamburg determined to become a composer of operas. He met with immediate success, which he enjoyed for the rest of his life. He settled in England and became a national institution. © 1999 United Learning

- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Joseph Haydn: 1732- 1809 (35:38) ★ ★ ★
Haydn's musical talents developed in local church choirs and his fine voice took him to the choir of St. Stephen's in Vienna. We follow his career into the employment by the Esterhazy family where he remained until he was 60. His international fame as a composer brought him an invitation to London where his career was reborn. © 1995 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: 1756-1791 (35:46) ★ ★
Mozart was born into a musical family and his extraordinary musical talent was evident at an early age. As a child prodigy, he traveled to all the capitals of Europe and developed into one of the greatest composers of all time. © 1996 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Giacomo Puccini: 1858-1924 (32:53) no ratings yet
Puccini was born in the charming old town of Lucca in Tuscany, Italy. His astonishing career took him to the heights of world-class opera and the video traces his life and his unusual work patterns. Today Puccini's operas are more popular than ever and are a staple part of the repertoire of every opera house. © 1996 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Maurice Ravel: 1875–1937 (36:43) ★ ★ ★
Ravel spent most of his life in Paris, following his music studies there and becoming one of the greatest of French composers and, in spite of his relatively small output, one of the most influential composers of the 20th century. © 2000 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Franz Schubert: 1797-1828 (36:04) ★ ★ ★
Schubert was born the son of a schoolmaster in a suburb of Vienna. His was a precarious life, as his struggle to live from his compositions was enlivened by the group of friends among whom he lived and who supported him and valued his work. He achieved little outside recognition in his own time and died of typhus at the tragically early age of 31. © 1996 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Richard Strauss: 1864-1949 (34:32) ★ ★ ★ ★
Strauss showed talent for composition at an early age and had his first symphony performed when he was only 17. He began conducting in various opera houses around Germany and was soon astounding the world with his wonderful music. He began with compositions for orchestra but became one of leading composers of opera in the first half of the 20th century. © 1997 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Igor Stravinsky: 1882-1971 (39:52) ★ ★ ★

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Stravinsky studied at the St. Petersburg Conservatory under Rimsky Korsakov and was soon making an impression with his compositions. He had early successes with his ballet music for Diaghilev and, over a long and productive life, went on to become arguably the greatest composer of the 20th century. © 1997 United Learning

- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Pyotr Ilich Tchaikovsky: 1840-1893 (37:24) ★ ★ ★
Tchaikovsky was born into a modest family on the bottom rank of the Russian aristocracy. As one of its first graduates of The St. Petersburg Conservatory, he launched into the doubtful career of music composition. His gifts were soon recognized and he went on to achieve extraordinary international acclaim. © 1996 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Giuseppe Verdi: 1813-1901 (34:44) ★ ★
Verdi was born in Roncole near Busetto, a town in the then principality of Parma, Italy. With the help of a local businessman, he was given a good general education and under the local organist a fine training in music. In spite of terrible setbacks in his personal life, he went on to become one of Italy's most successful composers of opera. © 1998 United Learning
- Famous Composer** Famous Composers: Richard Wagner: 1813-1883 (35:50) ★ ★
Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig into the family of a government official. He had immense natural musical gifts and a huge ego, which carried his massive operatic projects through including the building of his own theatre at Bayreuth in Bavaria. © 1997 United Learning
- Music Education** NetFiles #106: Art and Music Applications (26:00) no ratings yet
This program will help you to discover the creative art and writing projects that will captivate and excite your students using music from the MAGIC project. Net Safety explores the world of CopyCat web sites. Rose Powers from Crestwood Middle School demonstrates the possibilities for creative writing and Hoyt Davenport from Jamestown High School discusses and demonstrates motivating students with computer animation. © 2001 United Learning
- Music Education** NetFiles #405: Art and Music Applications (26:00) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
This program exhibits a music-based online resource for teachers of young children as well as the Music Education Launch site. It also gives sites that address how the federal budget may affect technology programs. NetFiles also visits two Net Classrooms. At Hermitage Elementary, students learn to music as they participate in MAGIC, a project that combines art, music, and the Internet. And at Chincoteague High School, art students use the Internet to help them when they create graphic art for Island projects. © 2001 United Learning
- Music Education** NetFiles #306: Art and Music Applications (26:00) ★ ★ ★

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Hear about digital music formats and the Internet. See several good sites to use when teaching art and a special webquest that integrates music, science, and mathematics. In Montreal, Michele Finkelstein wanted to expose her elementary students to the artwork of the great masters. She downloaded reproductions, asked the students to interpret the work in a personal style, and put their interpretations on the web. Visit a special middle school Net Classroom in Virginia Beach. The Center for Effective Learning is an alternative middle school. Visit with art teacher Nancy Rae Habit and her students for one day in their unit on the expressive power of color in all areas of the visual arts. And hear the experiences of a student, her teacher, and site facilitator as she studies digital music via E-School - Hawaii's virtual high school. © 2000 United Learning