

Medieval Music:

Boethius (d. 525)

Treatise: De Musica

Three Levels of Music:

Musica humana: symmetry of the body and soul

Musica mundana: "music of the spheres" – harmony of the world about us

Musica instrumentalis: practical music (subject to the two higher levels)

Cantores: knew only the "how" (performers)

Musicus: understood the mathematical ratios

Music is number made audible (Pythagoras)

Music is a way of depicting the beauty and perfection of God

Greek System: Trivium: grammar, rhetoric and dialectic

Quadrivium: arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy

(followed by philosophy and theology (highest level))

Hours:

Greater: Matins, Lauds, Vespers and Compline

Lesser: Prime, Terce, Sext and Nones

(built around the singing of the psalms)

Mass:

Ordinary:

Kyrie
Gloria
Sanctus
Agnus Dei
Credo

Proper:

Introit
Offertory
Communion
Gradual
Alleluia

Missal: Texts for the ordinaries and propers of the mass

Graduale: Music for the ordinaries and propers of the mass

Breviary: Texts for the hours (except Matins)

Antiphonale: Music for the hours (except Matins)

Liber Usualis: One volume compendium including parts from the above plus Matins (prepared during the late 19th Century)

Pythagorean Tuning:

Derived from fundamental proportions

2:1 perfect octave

3:2 perfect fifth

4:3 perfect fourth

9:8 perfect second

(all other intervals are derived through a process of addition and subtraction)

Modes:

		Range	Reciting tone/tenor				
Dorian	I	D-D	a	Hypodorian	II	A-A	f
Phrygian	III	E-E	c	Hypophrygian	IV	B-B	a
Lydian	V	F-F	c	Hypolydian	VI	C-C	a
Mixolydian	VII	G-G	d	Hypomixolydian	VIII	D-D	c

Ambitus: range

Final of modes are their starting pitch final of hypo-modes are the same as their related mode

Non-Roman Rites

Influenced by local traditions, impact of foreign importations, changes due to oral tradition and distance from Rome

Ambrosian Chant – Milan (St. Ambrose)

Gallican Rite – France (most influential on development of Roman Rite)

Mozarabic Rite – Spain

Byzantine Rite- Eastern Europe

Sarum – Salisbury, England

Celtic Rite – Ireland – Act of piety and confession (Missal of Stowe)

Troubadours (Southern France)

Noble musician-poets of secular music

mid-11th Century

Language: Provençal or langue d'oc

Duke of Aquitaine, notable troubadour

Trouveres (Northern France)

mid-12th Century

Language: langue d'oïl

Jongleur: special class of musician who performed the music of the troubadours

(movement disappeared in France around the beginning of the 13th Century)

music intended for aristocratic audience

poetry reflects the feelings of the author

principal subjects: Love

political satire

death songs

political debates

crusades

Fixed Forms:

(13 th -14 th Century)	
Secular Monophony	
Rondeau	ABAAABAB
Virelai	ABBAA
Ballade	AAB

Minnesingers:

Late 12th to Early 14th Century Germany-descendants of the troubadour/trouvere tradition

Bar Form: German version of the ballade (AAB)

Meistersingers:

Guild-like organization of middle-class that took over the minnesinger tradition in Germany

Survived into the 19th century

Musician-poets, but primarily poets

Doctrine of Ethos:

Ancient Greek

Ethical character of various scales

Dorian – masculine, represents the ancient tradition

Phrygian - passionate, ecstatic

Lydian – feminine, lascivious

Mixolydian – sad, mournful

Cantus planus – plainsong, Gregorian chant (term not used until 13th Century)

Psalm: Book of psalm set to music and sung during offices

Sequence: originally long melisma sung without text after the word alleluia

Conductus: (12th and 13th Century)

Latin Strophic Song

Secular, sacred, lyrical political texts

Based on freely invented melodies

Counterpart to troubadour/trouvere songs

Chanson de geste: French epic poem of middle ages

Long in length – often more than 10,000 lines of equal meter

Estampie: (13th and 14th Century)

Instrumental form

4-7 puncta (sections) which were repeated AABBCDD etc

often different endings for the 1st and 2nd times (a+x, a+y, b+x, b+y, c+x, c+y, etc

Clausulae: (late 12th –Early 13th Century)

Notre Dame School

Short polyphonic works based on a melisma of a responsorial chant (gradual, alleluia, reponsory)

Tenor has a portion of original text

Led to the motet

Motet:

Early 13th Century:

Addition of a full text to the upper part (duplum) of the clausulae

Tenor usually a melisma from a chant

Later- rhythmic structure quicker patterns in upper voice, slower patterns in lower voice

14th Century:

Addition of secular texts in the vernacular

Isorhythm (Machaut)

15th Century:

cantus firmus abandoned for “free composition” of tenor

Renaissance:

Choral piece in imitative style on a latin extra-liturgical text

Still treble dominated (Burgundian school)

Expanded in length (to 1 or 3 sections)

Expanded number of voices (to 4 or 5)

Polychoral (Venetian)

Points of Imitation (Josquin)

Ligatures:

13th –16th Century

Notational style that combines two or more notes in a singly symbol

Franco of Cologne – mensural notation – added rhythmic values to ligatures (13th Century)

Ars Antiqua:

13th Century

triple divisions of beat

Ars Nova:

14th Century (trecento)

duple and triple divisions of beat

compositions in the Roman defauvel

Philip deVitry (duple divisions)

More frequent use of thirds and sixths

Tempus perfectum:

Principle of triple divisions of the beat dominating the 13th Century

Le Roman de Fauvel:

14th Century Manuscript

Paris

Motets and monophonic songs inserted in a continuous narrative

Ars Nova works

Isorhythmic Motet:

14th Century

reiterated scheme of values for the presentation of the cantus firmus

color-notes

talea-rhythm

Machaut

Caccia:

14th Century

Italian poetry and music

Strict canon in 2 parts

Subjects: hunting/fishing scenes, street vendor cries

Often has supporting tenor line in long values (not involved in canon)

Ballata:

14th Century

Italian Secular Song

Related to Virelai

AbbaA form

Composers:

Leonin:

Late 12th Century

Magnus Liber Organi

(great book of organum)

2-part

among first to employ modal
rhythms

Perotin:

late 12th/early 13th Centuries

revised Magnus Liber Organi

(added 3rd and 4th parts)

contributed to development of
mensural notation

further developed modal rhythm

work: "Viderunt omnes"

cantus firmus plus added voices-

added voices only need to

correspond to cantus firmus not

to each other

Machaut:

(1300-1377)

dominant French composer

of Ars Nova

fixed forms

process of composing

treble melody first

and then lower

voices (as opposed

to Cantus firmus

technique

1st to set complete

Mass Ordinary –

Notre Dame Mass

(4 Voices)

rhythmic variety-

duple meter,

prolation

Landini:

14th Century Italian Composer

2-3 voice polyphony

ornamented upper part over 1-2 less active lower parts

Landini Cadence: upward leap of a third in melodic line to create a perfect interval at cadence

Lots of 3rds and 6ths (Ars Nova)

Neumes:

9th Century

/\ for marking direction of melodic line

marked over text

Guido of Arezzo:

11th Century

Introduced four line staff

Guidonian Hand – method for singing/learning intervals by pointing to location on hand

Madrigal:

14th Century:

secular song for 2 or 3 voices

ornamented conductus style

AAB form

Major Composers: Jacopo da Bologna and Francesco Landini

Ars Nova – use of thirds and sixths

Triple and duple rhythm

(Madrigal):

16th Century (Renaissance):

secular song form

4-6 voices

contrasting chordal and imitative textures using poetry from 14th century models, but avoiding a fixed form or rhyme scheme

sung in upper and upper-middle class social gatherings, meetings of academies and special occasions

RENAISSANCE MUSIC (15th and 16th Centuries):

Music as an autonomous art (unshackled by Greek Theory)

Based on the interval of a third (rather than P4, P5, and octave)

Simultaneously conceived counterpoint (rather than composed part by part against cantus firmus)

Fauxbourdon: three voice singing basically in first inversion (frequently used by Dufay)

Tone-painting/text-painting

French Chanson – air de cour

Motet (Palestrina)

Equality of Voices

Expression of text important

Imitation

Concertato Style (Giovanni Gabrieli)

Expressive use of chromaticism

Freer use of dissonance

Vocal polyphony

Music that pleases the ear – important goal (as opposed to “philosopher king”)

Instruments:

Medieval:

Lute

Kithera

Renaissance:

Lute

Keyboard

Recorders

Viols

Crumhorns

Cornetti

Sackbuts

Instrumental Forms:

Medieval:

Estampie

Renaissance:

Fantasia (Luis Milan)

Prelude

Basse Dance

Pavane-galliard

Passamezzo-saltarello

Ricercare

Canzona

Toccata (Merulo)

Mass:

Sung ordinary (from medieval)

1) Requiem Mass

2) Organ Mass (polyphonic organ music in alternation with chant)

3) Plainsong Mass (uses appropriate chant as cantus firmus)

4) Cantus Firmus Mass (one basic melody, often borrowed from secular used as cantus firmus for all movements)

5) Motto Mass (same motive at the beginning of each movement)

6) Paraphrase Mass (a paraphrased or embellished cantus firmus from chant, chanson or motet is used)

7) Parody or Imitation Mass (borrowed polyphonic material, more than just melody, from motet, chanson or even madrigal)

8) Prolation Mass (using more different meters for each voice (Ockeghem))

*more than one technique could be used in the same composition

**popularity of the Mass reflects the church's strong position as a patron

Chanson:

14th Century:

Secular song that developed out of the fixed forms

15th Century (end of):

“free (free of fixed forms)

more imitation and canon

polyphonic (imitation and counterpoint with some homophonic sections

Dufay, Binshois, Lassus

Sectional form

Lead to the canzona

Anthem:
 English Motet
 Evolved from Latin motet after the Reformation
 Latin title, but sung in English
 Simpler and more homophonic than “motet”
 More faithful to conveying text clearly than “motet”
 Composer: Byrd

Verse Anthem:
 Alternates solo sections with full choir sections
 Anglican Church (new in Renaissance)
 Byrd

Lied:
 German polyphonic song
 Secular
 Finck

Ricercare:
 16th Century instrumental pieces
 work for keyboard or instrumental ensemble
 resembles motet in its points of imitation
 often composed on a single theme – continuously developed
 anticipates the fugue
 Frescobaldi

Frottola:
 Middle Renaissance
 Italian
 Secular song
 Usually set in treble dominated style and lighter in tone and texture than the Renaissance madrigal

Canzona:
 Instrumental composition derived from Chanson retaining the sectional structure, varied features and lively rhythms
 Frescobaldi

Fantasia:
 Late 16th –17th Century improvisatory piece for Lute or Keyboard
 Luis Milan

Chorale: a protestant hymn cultivated during Renaissance and Baroque periods

Carol:
 15th Century:
 Associated with form only – not subject
 Refrain form: Burden 1 , verse 1, Burden 2, verse 2, Burden 3, verse 3, etc (burden + refrain)
 16th Century:
 Began to be associated with Christmas (maybe from Medieval French Carole – a round dance associated with Pagan dances celebrating solstice)
 Gradually lost its association with a single form or style

Canon:
 A stated melody is repeated in its entirety in subsequent parts

Discantus (discant):
 12th-15th Centuries:
 term for polyphonic music in which a part was composed against a plainsong (cantus firmus)
 Perotin considered a skilled discanter
 To 11th Century synonymous with organum...became associated with more elaborate types of organum later (with melismas in upper voices)

L’Homme Arme:
 15th Century melody that became famous because of its use as a tenor of Polyphonic Masses.
 Readily used because of its long rhythms as scalar motion
 Masses by: Dufay, Ockeghem, Obrecht, Josquin, Palestrina and others

Odhecaton:
 1501
 published by Petrucci (he printed 96 songs...even though title implies 100 songs)
 earliest printed publication of polyphonic songs
 includes Ockeghem, Obrecht, Isaac, Josquin and others

Missa Prolationum:
 Ockeghem (1420-1497)
 Each of the four voices sings in a different mensuration (time signature)
 2/4, 3/4, 6/8, 9/8 respectively (in modern notation)

Musica Reservata:
 Term used by Adrian Coclico in his “Compenium musices” (1552) to describe the music of Josquin and his followers as opposed to that of the preceding period (Ockeghem, Obrecht, Isaac)
 Expressing emotion in music within the reserved constraints of the aristocracy (moderation and detachment) – led to Baroque “Doctrine of Affections”

Choralis Constaninus:
 H. Isaac
 Large cycle liturgical compositions written for the Cathedral of Constance (completed by his student Senfl and published posthumously)
 3 vols.
 Settings of the proper for the Mass

Lauda:
 (13th –19th Centuries)
 Italian Hymns sung in Italian
 Origin and development connected to St. Francis of Assisi
 Refrain poem form

Lochamer Liederbuch (c. 1450):
 “German Songs” Collection
 most important collection of German folksong (vocal pieces)

Glogaur Liederbuch:
 Contains vocal and instrumental pieces
 German folksong collection

Quodlibet:
 Humorous type of music in which well-known melodies or texts are combined in an advisedly incongruous manner
 Polyphonic quodlibet: different melodies used simultaneously in different voice-parts
 Successive Quodlibet: melodies used in succession
 Textual Quodlibet: mixture of borrowed texts

Villancico:
 15th/16th Century Spanish poetry
 idyllic or amorous subjects
 refrain form (related to the ballata)

Toccat: a keyboard composition in free, idiomatic keyboard style employing full chords and running passages with or without the inclusion of sections in imitative style (A. Gabrieli)

Council of Trent:
 1545-1563
 Council of the Roman Church
 Attempt to compat thesecularization of previous centuries
 Abolished all tropes and all but 4 sequences
 Endangered polyphonic music because they considered abolishing everything but plainsong in the service

Fitzwilliam Virginal Book:
 Most extensive collection of virginal music (containing 297 pieces by practically all of the major composers of the virginalist school)
 Byrd, Bull, Gibbons,
 Virginal: a form of harpsichord

Old Hall Manuscript:
 English
 Late 14th – Early 15th Century Manuscript (compiled c. 1410)
 Consists of sections devoted to settings of single sections of the mass ordinary
 (Kyrie missing)
 contains one work by Dunstable and works by other minor composers

Fall of Constanople (1453):
 Brought Byzantine scholars to Europe
 Spurred classic revival of the renaissance “rebirth of classic virtues of antiquity” – especially in art and literature

Dukes of Burgundy:
 Royal patrons of the arts (as opposed to the church)
 Duke Philip of Burgundy also a performer of note
 Busnois served in the courts of Burgundy
 (15th Century)

Early Renaissance Composers (Early 15th Century):

<u>Dufay:</u> c. 1400-1474 Franco-Flemish Fauxbourdon	<u>Dunstable:</u> c. 1390-1453 English 3rds and 6ths combined W/French polyphonic tradition	<u>Binchois:</u> c. 1400-1460 Burgundian Fauxbourdon	<u>Ockegham:</u> c. 1420-1497 Franco-Flemish 3rds and 6ths
Burgundian Style (vertically Oriented music Prominent in cyclic develop- ment of the Mass Ordinary As large scale musically Unified whole based on a Borrowed cantus firmus (tenor mass) – brought to Franco-Flemish School Perhaps 1 st to use secular Melody “L’homme Arme”	Influenced Burgundian style Metric form common to Dunstable: triple – duple – triple (each meter being a section of the work) English school – wrote almost exclusively sacred music	treble-dominated style Contemporary of Dufay	Known for Cantus Firmus Mass: Missa L’Homme Arme Missa Caput Missa Prolationum

(Dufay):
 developed a countertenor
 to cantus firmus creating
 a bass
 Motet "Ave Regina Coelorum"
 Burgundian Cadence

Middle Renaissance Composers (Late 15th Century-Early 16th Century):

<u>Josquin:</u>	<u>Lassus:</u>	<u>Byrd:</u>	<u>Palestrina:</u>
c. 1440-1521	1532-1594	1543-1623	c. 1525-1594
Franco-Flemish	Franco-Flemish	English	Italian
Musica Reservata	Culminating figure of Franco-Flemish school	Elizabethan Composer	Sacred polyphony at its height
1 st to use systematic points of imitation as a basis for composition	Free imitative technique, Parody	Perfected English Virginal style	Free Mass on original material "Missa Papae Marcelli"
4-5 interlocking parts	Leads to Baroque choral sound, chord progression and bass	May have invented Verse Anthem	Refined and culminated Netherlands imitative technique
Chanson "Mille Regretz"	(strong structural use of tonality)	Vertical Chord alignments	Church music of Counter-Reformation - officially sanctioned by the church
Motet: "Ave verum" "Salve Regina"	No plainchant cantus firmus	Imitation	
Influenced Gombert and Willaert	"Requiem Mass"	3rds and 6ths	
Canon, Counterpoint, ostinato	Chanson "O Faible Esprit"		

English Style:

Full chords with third
 Block chord passages
 Uniformly consonant
 Sacred Music dominates
 Carefully controlled dissonance
 Lighter

Franco-Flemish Style:

Points of Imitation
 More contrapuntal
 More Chromatic
 Often heavier in style (except French Chanson)

Burgundian Cadence:

Disguised V-I Cadence
 Three Voice
 Top voice-seventh moves to the octave
 2nd Voice-leaps up an octave (from dominant)
 lower voice-descends one step to tonic
 Dufay

BAROQUE MUSIC:

Doctrine of Affections: An aesthetic theory of the late baroque describing human affections and how they should be expressed in music. Music could create-recreate a given feeling (discussed in treatises by Quantz, Mattheson and others)

Basso Continuo (Thorough Bass) (Figured Bass): a method of notating accompanying parts by using bass notes together with numerical figures indicating intervals and chords above the bass. Continuo: clavier, organ or lute fills in chords while cello, bass gamba or bassoon reinforce the bass

Intermezzo: A light theatrical entertainment introduced between acts of a serious play or opera – predecessor to intermezzo and opera buffa

Madrigal Comedy: Modern designation for a late 16th Century type in which an entire play was set to music in the form of madrigals or other types of contemporary polyphonic vocal music (Vecchi: l'Amfiparnaso (c. 1594))

Pastoral: 16th Century – a dramatic performance with an idyllic plot (shepherds, etc.). French forerunner to opera. (Lully: Les Fêtes de l'Amour et de Bacchus (1672))

Monody:

- Florentine Camerata (c. 1580) met at Count Bardi's palace
- An attempt to rediscover Greek expressive musical principles
- Monody: an expressive accompanied solo song somewhere between speech and singing with simple chordal accompaniment
- Led to the development of opera, oratorio and cantata
- Text has a speech rhythm of its own that polyphony interferes with – monody to use tones that would enhance the speech of a good orator
- Caccini/Peri: Euridice (pastoral, mythological subject) (first opera, written together for the marriage of Henry IV of France)

Stile rappresentativo (monody): (Italian) passages of melody in vocal or instrumental music characterized by freedom of rhythm, irregularity of phrasing, frequent pauses and other traits of recitative (which it led to)

Ritornello: 17th Century – instrumental refrain to an aria or song...appears in early opera

Episode: from fugue form, a secondary passage or section forming a digression from the main theme.

Recitative: a vocal style designed to imitate and emphasize the natural inflections of speech

- In opera, serves to carry the action between arias...functions as the narrative prose
- Florentine Recitative: possibly modeled after Greek reciting poetry to instrumental accompaniment (Kithara) – see monody
- Usually accompanied by chords rather than melodic material

Aria: a composition for solo voice (or duo) with accompaniment, developed out of monody
 Ostinato Aria: (c. 1630) somposed over a short basso ostinato
 Da capo Aria: (c. 1650) ABA' (tonic, dominant, tonic)
 Became mainstay of opera
 Developed into concerto instrumental form.....sonata allegro

Arioso: (recitative aria): a lyrical and expressive recitative (as opposed to narrative and speech-like)
 Florentine Opera (Peri, Monteverdi, Caccini)
 Predates speech-like recitative

Overture: instrumental composition serving as an introduction to opera, oratorio and similar works – originally composed and used with various operas (interchangable) – later uses specific material related to a particular opera
 French Overture (c. 1650)
 Slow intro – dotted rhythms – pompous style for entrance of the King
 Allegro in imitative style on a short canzona-like subject (imitative treatment not strictly maintained)
 sometimes fast section ends with slow adagio section (Lully's operas)

Italian Overture
 Three sections: Allegro – Adagio – Allegro
 1st section – some imitative treatment
 2nd section – predominantly homophonic
 3rd section – predominantly homophonic
 Often called "sinfonia"
 Led to the classical sonata and symphony

Commedia dell'arte: (Italian c. 1500) Comical stage presentation – had no music
 Characters became standard in comic opera:
 Venetian Merchant and his unfaithful wife
 Unscrupulous lawyer
 Bolognese doctor
 Comic Servant
 Mozart: Le Nozze di Figaro
 Pergolesi: La Serva Padrona
 Stravinsky: Pulcinella (ballet)

Ground Bass: a short melodic bass, sometimes inherited from 16th century dances or improvisatory pieces, repeated over and over again as a bassline with varying upper parts (can occur transposed or slightly varied) (Byrd)

Romanesca Bass: a homophonic bass (implies chord progressions) used for the composition of arie per cantar and dance variations (16th and 17th Century) (ostinato or isorhythmic pattern) In arie per cantar – singers improvised discant over bass. Typical bass figure: Bb, F, G, D, Bb, G, D, G

Chaconne – Passacaglia: distinction between the two blurred, ostinato bass in a tetrachord descending from dominant to tonic by steps or chromatically (became more elaborate) implying I-IV-V-I pattern....ostinato appearing in other voices as a variation (Purcell: Dido and Aeneas (1689) aria-extended chromatic descent)

Stile Concertato:
 Concertato Style
 Contrast of one voice against another (concerto)
 Roots: polychoral works of Venetian school (Gabrieli: sonata a pian' e forte)
 Contrast of counterpoint and monody
 Growth of Concertato style can be traced through Books 5-8 of Monteverdi's Madrigals

Figurenlehre (17th and 18th Centuries): a German effort to codify in music the Doctrine of Affections, a codification of the musical practices used to produce the affections or emotional meaning in music

Prima Prattica:

Renaissance
 Text in service to music
 Palestrina and Netherlanders
 Written in theoretical writings of Zarlino
 Restricted use of dissonance
 Musica Reservata
 Free Rhythm (madrigal, chanson)
 Imitation
 Equal voice polyphony

Seconda Prattica:

Baroque
 Music serves text expression
 Monteverdi
 Free use of dissonance to express feelings in text
 Doctrine of Affections
 Regular rhythm (aria) vs. free rhythm (recitative) (often in contrast
 - tocatta (free) and fugue (regular)
 Treble and bass dominated

Strophic Variations: (early 17th Century) Same bass for every stanza – text and melody may vary (Monteverdi: L'Orfeo, aria "Possente spirito")

Stile rappresentativo: theater style, usually narrative text, recitatives and short speeches

Stile Concitato: style of dramatic expression and representation

Cantata: solo duet or chorus with ensemble accompaniment

Sacred or secular text (secular came first)
 Aria and Recitative
 Dramatic, but not acted out (no props, etc)
 Off- spring of monodic style
 (Bach sacred and secular cantatas)

Oratorio: sacred or contemplative narrative texts (no props, acting)

Solo voices, chorus and orchestra (greater emphasis on chorus than opera) (Handel: Messiah)

Turba: In oratorios, passions, etc term for choral movement representing the Jews or heathens (usually allegro, fugal style with close imitation) (Bach's: St Matthew Passion)

Testo: narrator in Oratorios and Passions

Canzona: (16th and 17th Century) Instrumental form
 Developed from French Chanson (especially Josquin) – alternation of sections in differing meters/styles
 Sectional structure with contrasting characters (imitative vs. homophonic styles, triple vs. duple meter) occur juxtaposed in a single work
 Led to sonata
 Frescobaldi, Merulo

Fantasia: Instrumental form for keyboard or lute with an improvisatory character (Luis Milan)
 (Sweelinck: Chromatic Fantasia – continuous development of a single chromatic theme)

Sonata: a composition for a small group of instruments and continuo consisting of several sections or movements in contrasting textures and tempos

<u>Sonata da chiesa</u> :	<u>Sonata da camera</u> :	<u>Trio Sonata</u> :
Church sonata	Chamber sonata	4 instruments (2 upper instruments and continuo)
Note in dance rhythms or titled as dance movements	Suite of stylized dances	writing essentially in three parts
Corelli: established slow-fast-slow-fast structure		1660 developed into sonata da chiesa and Sonata da camera
Off-spring of the Italian Overture		(Corelli, Buxtehude, Handel)
*These two types became clearly distinguished after 1660.		Established continuo as standard practice

Partita: variation (Froberger, Bach, Bohm)

Agreements: (17th Century) – French system of ornamentation – later accepted throughout Europe as standard ornamentations (turn, etc.)

Tragedie Lyrique: (ca. 1660)
 Louis XIV, France
 Lully: Alceste
 Blended elements of ballet and drama
 Quinault librettist
 Serious text on mythological subject – glorified the king and French nation
 Music reflected the pomp and splendor of the French Court
 In French language – Lully attempted to write music that reflected the rhythms of the French language
 French Overture

Opera Ballet: more ballet than opera, spectacle important (Rameau: Les Indes galantes (1735) (French)

Masque: (Late 17th Century) British Opera
 Similar to French Court Ballet
 Entertainment of the nobility
 Poetry, music, dancing and acting
 Mythical or allegorical subjects
 Originated in Italy and France (Forerunner to opera)
 (Ben Johnson)

Equal Temperament: one of many systems of tuning used during the Baroque and earlier periods – became established as the norm.
 Divided the octave into 12 semi-tones (second square root of twelve)
 Possibly devised by Andreas Werckmeister (c. 1700)
 Bach: Well-Tempered Clavier

Fortspinnung: (German) melodic construction – process of continual development or working out of material (as opposed to repetition) – Baroque ideal

Orchestral Suite: a suite of music from opera, ballet or other larger works (Bizet: L'Arlesienne, Tchaikovsky: Suite from the Nutcracker)

Basse fondamentale: Rameau's theory of a fictitious bass line that consists of the roots of the chords occurring in a succession of harmonies (demonstrated Rameau's novel theory of inverted chords)

Passion: a musical setting of the text of the passion according to one of the four evangelists (St. John, St. Mark, St. Matthew or St. Luke), existed in plainsong, polyphonic passion, Baroque passion, passion oratorio)...singers and ensemble
 Baroque Passion: (17th Century)
 Aria, recitative and orchestra
 Freer treatment of text (broadened, paraphrased, etc)
 Approaching oratorio in magnitude (Schutz)
 (Passion-Oratorio: Bach: St. Matthew Passion)

Querrelle des Bouffons: (French)
 "War of the Buffoons"
 1752, Paris
 French Serious Opera (Lully and Rameau) – counterpoint (supported by Louis XIV and Madame de Pompadour)
 Vs.
 Italian Opera Buffa (Pergolesi: La Serva Padrona) (supported by the Queen, Rousseau, Diderot)
 More natural melodic expression
 (Really Baroque vs. Rococo)

Rameau:
 Treatise on Harmony (1722)
 Basse fondamentale (chords and inversions)

(Rameau):

chord primary element – not the melodic line or interval
derived the major triad from the overtone series
posited building chords by triad
posited functional harmony through dominance of the tonic, subdominant and dominant chords
Modulation through pivot chords
Harmony implying melody

BAROQUE STYLE:

Continuous spun-out melodic motion
Doctrine of Affections

Irregular phrase structure
Counterpoint
One basic melodic idea (affection) spun out
One Basic Tonal Center

CLASSICAL STYLE:

Phrases, periods and sections
Rational techniques of thematic development and drama of tonal relations
Disciplined logic (from Greek)
Intellectualism attracted Goethe and other intellectuals
Encyclopedists (Diderot)
“raise man above the worldly realm to the realm of the spirit and higher morality” (Greek)
Symmetry and Balance (4 and 8 bar phrases)
Theme and homophonic accompaniment
Contrast of Themes or melodic ideas (sonata allegro form)
Contrast of Tonal Centers (sonata allegro form)

Pre-Classical Period Styles (Early 18th Century):

Style galant: France (rococo or gallant style)
Light textured, elegant style
Arose in courtly aristocratic circles
Elegant, playful, witty, polished and ornate
Baroque decorativeness (lots of ornamentation) without grandeur
(JGB Neruda)

Enfindsamer Stil: German (style bourgeois or sensitive style) (1760-1770)

CPE Bach
Composite of Baroque and Classical Styles
Expressive style that relies strongly on changes of mood and dynamics
Middle class
Not ornate
Turns Baroque Affections into sentiments of the individual soul
Chromaticism – sigh (motive ending portamento on a weak beat) – aim to express feelings naturally
“sturm und drang” – abrupt shifts of harmony, strange modulations, expectant pauses, changes of texture, sudden sfz accents)

(**Both styles: Melody reigns supreme and bass loses its contrapuntal interest (inner-voices become chordal)

Scarlatti Keyboard (Harpsichord) Sonatas:

(Late Baroque-Early Classical)
two movements in same key (sometimes similar in mood and style)
two sections each repeated:
section 1: tonic – dominant
section 2 modulating – tonic
(tension near the middle (modulating section) (Classical) rather than near the end (cadence) (Baroque))

Classical Sonata:

Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven
3-4 movements (sometimes 2)
contrasting mood and tempo
1st movement typically sonata form (sometimes slow movement and finale as well)

Symphony:

Precursors:

Influenced by Italian Opera Overture (or sinfonia)
Fast-slow-fast movement design
Mvmt 1
Mvmt 2 lyrical
Mvmt 3 dance rhythm
(not thematically related to the opera – began to be performed independently)
ca. 1730 composers began to write independent “sinfonias” (not intended for opera, but to be performed alone)
Suite (of dances) – multi-movement instrumental work - Minuet addition to the symphony
Sonata da chiesa – multi-movement form – instrumental
Concerto – idea of contrast – instrumental multi-movement work
Pre-Classical Symphonists:
Giovanni Battista Sammartini (Milan) (1701-1775)
Symphony in G (forward looking) – 4 mvmts, fourth movement a Minuetto, opening “Allegro ma non troppo” resembles sonata form

Matthias Monn (1717-1750) (Vienna)
Symphony in D (1740) – typical four movement structure of classical symphony (allegro, aria, Menuetto, allegro)

Georg Christoph Wagenseil (1715-1777)
Symphony in D (1746) – 3 mvmts – 1st mvmt comes close to sonata form

Mannheim School

Composers: Johann Stamitz (1717-1757)
F. X. Richter (1709-1789)

4 mvmt form
lyrical second theme
introduced orchestral crescendo and decrescendo
tutti sound throughout
prominence of wind scoring

Berlin (North German School):

CPE Bach

Contributed:

Unified thematic development in quasi dramatic style
Enriched symphonic texture with counterpoint

Symphonie Concertante (ca. 1770) (France):

Symphonic work employing two or more solo instruments in addition to the regular orchestra

Composers: Gossec and Cambini

Singspiel (German)/Opera Comic (France) – spoken dialogue – lighter plot, folk elements, ensemble finale

Mozart: Die Zauberflöte (singspiel)

Drama Giocoso: emphasis on ensemble singing

More realistic characterization
Balance of serious plot and comic elements
Concert Ensemble finales
Mozart: Don Giovanni

String Quartet: (emerged last 1/3 of 18th Century)

Emergence of 2 vlns, va, vc as established ensemble (due to decline of trio sonata)

Haydn brought to artistic level

Important steps: equalization of parts

Four movement form

Use of thematic development and counterpoint

Precursors: divertimento, Viennese serenade and other “entertaining forms” with no basso continuo

Beethoven: expanded length, manner of expression, sonority

Opera Seria: (Italian)

Pietro Metastasio (primary librettist – also Italian poet)

3 acts

recitative/aria alternations

conflict of human passions based on a story from an ancient Greek or Latin poet (plot usually involves two pairs of lovers plus subordinates)

chief musical interest in the aria (especially da capo aria form)

Handel: Rinaldo; Handel: Giulio Cesare; Mozart: Idomeneo

Opera Reform: (mid 18th Century)

Problems: emphasis on aria (singers often substituted arias without regard for narrative, etc)

Extra melodic embellishment and cadenzas freely added by the singers to show virtuosity (without regard to narrative)

Heavily slanted toward the coloratura

Reform: Make opera more natural and flexible in order to carry narrative more realistically

Composers: Niccolò Jommelli and Tommaso Traetta

Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

Consummation of international style in opera

Operas: Alceste, Orfeo ed Euridice

“music should serve narrative”

Opera Reform

Mozart's Operas:

The Abduction from the Seraglio (1782) (Singspiel)

Idomeneo (Opera serie)

Le nozze di Figaro

Don Giovanni (drama giocoso)

Così fan Tutti (Opera buffa)

Die Zauberflöte (German Opera) (Singspiel)

Symphony:

Haydn:

Wrote in seclusion of Esterhazy Palace

Patron: Princes of Esterhazy
Music similar to pre-classical symphonists
1781 befriended Mozart
"Esterhazy Symphonies" programmatic titles #6 Le Matin (Morning)
#7 Le Midi (Noon)
#8 Le soir (Evening)

Early Symphonies "Pre-Classical"
3 Mvmt form (# 9 and # 19)
(3 mvmt from It Ov.
Last mvmt gigue or Minuet
Sonata da chiesa style (4 mvmt s-f-s-f) (# 21 & #22)

35- # 38 appearance of swift rondo form
"sturm und drang" emotion (# 44, 45, 47)
more dramatic – larger scale sforzandos, etc

Maturity – Paris Symphonies (# 82-87)
(commission for Paris concert series)
Oxford Symphonies (#88-92)
Coincide with time he Received Dr. from Oxford University)
(4 mvmts (Allegro, Adagio, Minuetto, Rondo)

London Symphonies – crowning Achievement
94 Surprise
#100 Military

Expanded Orchestra (tpts own parts – not Doubling horns – add clarinets)
(Cellos independent of basses)

Expanded Harmonic Range (explores mediant Relationship between mvmts)
Wide-ranging modulations
Chromaticism (# 104)

Unlike Mozart, extensive changes in order
And repetition of themes in Sonata form recapitulation

Wrote over 100 Symphonies

Mozart:

Cosmopolitan prodigy

Various positions w/wo patrons
angular lines/chromaticism

Italian Influence (K. 81/K.182)
(Sammartini) (1770-73)

Haydn Influence (1781) (K. 133)

K. 183 – 1st Masterwork in symphonic Form
"sturm un drang" (Haydn influence)
Thematic unity –expansion of form (similar to k. 201)

Vienna Period (1781-)
influenced by study of Bach: Art of the Fugue and WTC
also still influenced by Haydn
Apex: Haffner Symphony (K. 385)
Prague Symphony (K. 504)
Jupiter Symphony (K. 551)
summation of aspects of Mozart's musical language
(clarity, concise, musically mature)

Lyrical 2nd Theme in Sonata form
(unlike Haydn)

Mozart – combination of Italian lightness and entertainment with German seriousness and intellectualism
(counterpoint)

Wrote around 50 Symphonies

Beethoven:

Took lessons from Haydn (1792)
Performed for Mozart (1787)
No patron
culmination of classical forms

works basis of romantic style (forward looking)

music a direct outpouring of his personality

abrupt contrasts of mood (#5, #8)

music as a personal mode of expression
(influenced romantic period)

expansion of form (#3 /I expo – 6 themes)

expansion of resources (#9 - chorus)

Wrote 9 Symphonies

Haydn Oratorios: The Creation and The Seasons

Beethoven:

Three Style Periods (so named by Vincent D'Indy):

First Style Period (Imitation) (1770-1802):

Dependence on "classical tradition":

Six String Quartets, Op. 18 (Haydn-like motivic development)

First 10 Piano Sonatas (4 mvmts instead of classical 3 – addition of Beethoven's characteristic "scherzo" movement)

Symphony #1 (Haydn influence in technique – all mvmts "textbook" models of form)

Symphony #2 (Large Scale form suggests 2nd Period – Haydn influence in technique)

Second Style Period (Externalization) (1802-1816):

Symphonies #3-8

Symphony #3 (Eroica) – unprecedented length and complexity (mvmt I expositor has 6 themes plus extended codas)

Fidelio

String Quartets, Op. 59 (emotional fire, new themes grow imperceptibly out of old ones, disguised recapitulations, propulsive drive, complex developments, extended codas)

Third Style Period (Reflection) (1816-1827):

Symphony #9 (Extremes meet (the sublime and the grotesque)) choral finale – new to symphony

Last five piano sonatas

Missa Solemnis

String Quartets, Opp. 127, 130-132, 135 and Grosse Fugue

Beethoven (Third Style Period):

Diabelli Variations

Deafness

Style: Intentionally blurring dividing lines between phrases and cadences
Working out of themes to their utmost potentialities (thematic variation – whole theme in new guises rather than fragmenting theme)
Classical forms stretched beyond limits
Works have a meditative character (tranquil)
Language more concentrated and more abstract (extensive contrapuntal textures resulting in new sonorities)

Beethoven's Influence on Romantic Period Symphony:

Two "Schools of Thought":

Symphonies # 4, 7, 8 led to absolute music in the classical forms (conservative)

Brahms: Symphonies #1-4 (absolute music, 4 mvmt form, no excessive displays of soloistic virtuosity)

Schubert: Unfinished Symphony

Mendelssohn: Italian Symphony, Scotch Symphony

Bruckner: Symphonies 1-8 (4 mvmt form)

Symphonies # 5, 6, 9 led to program music and unconventional forms (radical)

R. Strauss and F. Liszt (Hamlet) – tone poems

Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique (1830) – *idée fixe* – recurrence of a theme throughout a work (occurs in all five mvmts of Symphonie Fantastique)

ROMANTIC PERIOD:

Romantic Style:

Nationalism

Emphasis on qualities of strangeness and remoteness

Seeks to transcend time (eternity)

Freedom, passion, movement

Intentional obscurity (Beethoven: Sym #3 – 6 themes)

Allusion and symbol (tone poems)

Merging of arts (poetry, plastic arts and music (Wagner))

Flood of impressions, thoughts, feelings

Goal: communicate emotion (instrumental music unfettered)

By text best to do this with)

Program Music (1st was Beethoven #6 "Pastoral" with its

Descriptive program involving country life)

Had to reach musically uneducated middle-class in order to survive

Composer as priest and poet bearing his soul and revealing

The deeper meaning of life through music

Accent on the individual

Composer: A Heroic figure struggling against a hostile

Environment

Age of Virtuoso Musician (Paganini, Liszt)

Nature idealized (Schumann's Spring Symphony)

Fascination with supernatural

Nationalism versus socialist movements (Marx and Engels:

Communist Manifesto (1848)

Exoticism (foreign influences – esp. Asia and Turkey)

Enfindsamer Stil (Sturm und Drang) – early pangs of

Romanticism

Chromaticism

Distant Modulations

Expanded Orchestral Color (and expanded orchestra)

Tonal Ambiguity

Chromatic Third Relationships

Classical Style:

Universal Musical Language

Symmetry and Balance

Patronage System (expect Beethoven and Mozart later years)

International Musical Language

Patronage System

Liszt: Symphonic Poems

One movement works with a programmatic (often literary) element

Cyclic treatment of themes

Hamlet

Grand Opera: (c. 1830) (France)

Emphasis on spectacle to "sell product" to the mass middle class audience taking over the concert hall

Large chorus and cast

Extensive set

Meyerbeer: Les Huguenots and Rossini: William Tell

Lyric Opera: (1860-)

Lyric melody with Romantic drama or fantasy plot

Smaller scale than grand opera, but larger than opera comique

All lines sung (no spoken dialogue)

Plot more serious than opera comique

Bizet: Carmen

Gounod: Faust

Verdi: refinement of Italian opera tradition

Opera as human drama

Form: 4 main divisions (either 4 acts or 3 acts with a prologue)

Elemental emotional force with balance and clarity

Operas: Il Trovatore
La Traviata
Aida
Nabucco
Falstaff
Otello
Rigoletto

Schubert (1797-1828):

Lieder: classical serenity and poise

Suspends tonality in long passages (hovers between major and minor triad quality)

Chromatic coloring within a diatonic context

Modulations to mediant and submediant

Accompaniment depicts text:

Erlkonig (octaves in piano represent horse galloping)

Gretchen am Spinnrad (accompaniment suggests whirl of spinning wheel)

Wrote over 600 Lieder (some on texts by Goethe)

Song cycles: Der Winterreise (1827) and Die Schone Mullerin (1823)

Successors to Schubert's Lieder:

Robert Schumann: Liebeslied, Op. 51 (more romantic in lyric quality and harmonic color than Schubert)

Johannes Brahms: Wiegenlied (reflective style – accompaniments rarely pictorial)

Richard Wagner (1813-1883):

Significance: 1) brought German Romantic Opera to its consummation (like Verdi with Italian Opera)
2) created a new form: Music Drama
3) harmonic idiom of late works led towards the dissolution of classical tonality

Importance of music – to serve the ends of dramatic expression

Operas: Der Fliegend Hollander (The flying Dutchman) (Romantic Opera based on legend)

Rienzi (5 Act Grand Opera)

Tannhauser

Lohengrin

Parsifal

Tristan und Isolde

Der Ring des Nibelungen:

Das Rheingold

Die Walkure

Siegfried

Gotterdammerung

Ideals: 1) absolute oneness of music and drama
2) instrumental music portrays the “inner life” (leading to expressionism)
3) sung words express the “outer life” of particular situations and events
4) music continues throughout each act (not divided into recitatives, arias or other set numbers)

Two Principle Means of Achieving Articulation and Formal Coherence:

1) leitmotif: a musical theme or motive associated with a particular person, thing or idea in the drama
2) Acts written in sections or periods (each in a disguised but recognizable pattern such as AAB (bar form) or ABA (arch form)).

Tristan Und Isolde:

Tonal Ambiguity (tonality of work in E Major, but begins in A Major – Ends in B Major (key polarized between the subdominant and dominant (in fact, E Major is heard very little in the score)))

Extreme Chromaticism: Prelude modulates every phrase

Telescoping of Resolutions (one key resolves at the point another begins)

Blurring of progressions through suspensions and other non-harmonic tones

Gesamtkunstwerk (universal art-work): words, stage setting, visible action and music all working in closest harmony toward the central dramatic purpose

Wagner noted for use of mythology and symbolism

Gustav Mahler:

- 1) Joins sophistication with simplicity (Austrian folk song, dance rhythms, chorale themes, marches)
- 2) Juxtaposes vocal (solo and chorus) with orchestra in symphonies
- 3) Practice of ending a symphony in a key other than the one it began in
- 4) Freely transfers motives from one movement to another (but not to the extent of being cyclic)
- 5) Expanded Romantic symphony and symphony-oratorio to their final point of dissolution
- 6) Last in the line of German symphonists extending from Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Bruckner)

Richard Strauss:

- 1) Best known from his tone poems (Also Sprach Zarathustra, Don Juan, Till Eulenspiegel) and operas (Salome, Elektra)
- 2) Tone poems from the tradition of Berlioz and Liszt
- 3) Also Sprach Zarathustra (Nietzsche text) (1896) – fugue theme contains all twelve tones
- 4) Salome (libretto based on Oscar Wilde's decadent version of the Biblical Story)
- 5) Elektra – all harmony stems out of a single germinal chord

Claude Debussy:

Pelleas et Melidande (symbolism)

Veiled allusions and images of text

Modal harmonies

Subdued orchestral colors

Restrained expressiveness of music

Continuous orchestral background

Instrumental interludes connecting the scenes carry on the mysterious inner course of the drama

Oliver Messiaen:

- 1) Various scales or modes of eight tones to the octaves consisting of alternating half and whole steps in various combinations
- 2) Rhythmic Pedals – not lining up with melody (like isorhythm)
- 3) Add Rhythmic values resulting in asymmetric patterns
- 4) Rhythmic palindromes
- 5) Augmentation and diminution of melodic line
- 6) Use of Rhythms derived from Indian Talas
- 7) Complex vertical sound-aggregations (chords)
- 8) "bird songs"

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