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From an early age, Frederic Chopin displayed natural musical ability. Often compared to Mozart, Chopin was invited to play for members of the aristocracy in small, private concerts. But, unlike Mozart,

his parents did not take advantage of his childhood talent. Frederic Chopin left his Polish homeland behind when he was only 20 and lived most of his life in Paris, France, the cultural hub of Europe. His genius as a pianist and composer flowered there with the encouragement and support of the female novelist George Sand. He wrote more than 200 works for piano during the course of his life which was cut short by tuberculosis at the age of

39. Symbolically, his heart was taken from his body and returned to his beloved Poland, where he remains a national hero.
Peter Tchaikovsky Mitchell Lane
Orianthi is a musical force of nature. Single-minded and driven, she began playing guitar as a young child with one simple goal: to be the best. Considered a child prodigy in her native Australia, by the time she reached her mid-teens, Orianthi was performing with some of the

music industry's most respected musicians, including Carlos Santana. Her jaw-dropping guitar-playing skills brought Orianthi to the United States, where she became an overnight sensation after performing with Carrie Underwood at the 2009 Grammy Awards. Since then her life has been a nonstop whirlwind of travel and music. With the release of her CD *Believe* and its hit single "According to You," Orianthi is the music industry's latest phenomenon. Her inspiring story of daring to be different to make her dreams come true proves that anything is possible if you just believe.

Edge

Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany, to a family that lived in extreme poverty. Yet by the time of his death he had become one of the most financially successful classical music composers who ever lived. It wasn't easy. His family had to move several times while Hannes (as he was nicknamed) was still a boy. He had to go to work when he was just 13, playing the piano in rough waterfront taverns in Hamburg. Often he wouldn't come home until dawn. Brahms received his first big break when he was 20. The composer

Robert Schumann called him a "genius" and a "young eagle." Even then, it still took him many years to become famous. While he is most noted for his symphonies and concertos, it is likely that more people know him for his "Cradle Song," better known as "Brahms's Lullaby," which millions of mothers have sung to their young children to lull them to sleep.

The Life and Times of Frederic Chopin

CreateSpace

French composer Hector Berlioz believed in love at first sight. When he was 23, he attended a performance of Shakespeare's play *Hamlet* and fell head over heels in love with Harriet Smithson, an English actress who had a leading role. Harriet didn't show any interest in him. She ignored his letters. When he tried to meet her backstage she ordered the guard to throw him out. Berlioz was hurt and angry. He wanted revenge. He got it by murdering Harriet—musically. She inspired *Symphonie fantastique*, his most famous work. The hero kills his beloved, is executed for the crime, and the symphony ends with a bizarre dance of ghosts, goblins and other monsters. In real life, Berlioz met Harriet several years later. He

put on a special concert for her that included a performance of *Symphonie fantastique*. Harriet was impressed. Soon she fell in love with him and they were married. Did they live happily ever after?

Showtime Mitchell Lane

Presents the life of the American composer and examines his influence on twentieth-century popular music and the musical stage.

The Life and Times of Franz Joseph Haydn

Children's Press

Profiles the singer whose song, "Call Me Maybe," brought her instant fame, and relates how Justin Bieber helped her advance her career, and her future plans. *Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers Complete Set of 14* Mitchell Lane Publishers, Inc.

Little Peter was born in the small mining town of Votkinsk, Russia, not far from the border of Asia. His father was a mine inspector. Miss Wheeler has shown sympathetically yet quite frankly what a nervous, unpredictable child Peter was and how his love for music, even as a very little boy, was almost greater than he could bear. Any sort of routine or application to work was impossible for

him, and as a result, when a young man he could not bring himself to practice law. However, music still beckoned, and under the great Anton Rubinstein, he made certain progress. Here again, though, he broke all the established rules for composing and drove his master to despair. It was early one morning, seated at a table in the deserted dining room of an inn, that he wrote the first draft of his first symphony. Here is a fascinating picture of Tchaikovsky the brilliant composer and delightful companion. It is perfect for young readers.

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The most popular of all Russian composers, Peter Tchaikovsky is probably best known for his ballets. Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, and Nutcracker are still performed worldwide. But a good part of Tchaikovsky's career was spent writing operas. Eugene Onegin and The Queen of Spades are two of his better-known works. A precocious child, Peter could read

French and German by the age of six. At seven, he wrote verses in French. In school, he studied to be a lawyer. It was not until he was twenty-one years old that he turned his focus to music. But this man who made such beautiful melodies was unhappy most of his life. He was terrified when he stood in front of an orchestra. He had an unrealistic fear that his head would fall off and he actually held his left hand under his chin to keep his head attached! However, he left a great legacy of beautiful music. From the diaries and letters he wrote, we know about the life of Peter Tchaikovsky. In this book, young adults are introduced to one of the greatest composers of all time.

The Life and Times of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Mitchell Lane

Impartial in treatment of the personality and work of the nationalistic, romantic traditionalist Tchaikovsky. Offers an unusually good overview of the times.

Orianthi Getting to Know the World's Gr Born just a few years after Mozart died, Franz Schubert had a lot in common with the famous composer. Schubert was also a gifted child who astonished adults with his musical ability. As a teen, Schubert was

taught by one of Mozart's rivals. And like Mozart, Schubert's life ended prematurely and was filled with struggle. Still, while Mozart was celebrated across Europe, Schubert was almost completely unknown until just a few years before his death. The challenges of Schubert's life inspired his artmusic which is today performed across the world. Schubert's life, his challenges, and his compositions are all reasons he is considered one of the greatest composers.

Meet the People Behind the Scenes

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As a little boy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart began writing musical compositions when most kids his age were still learning to read. By the time he was seven, Mozart was an accomplished musician who could play several instruments and also sing. Accompanied by his older sister, Nannerl, and his father, Leopold, young Wolfgang toured Europe. He performed before royalty and some of the richest members of society. By the time he was twelve, Wolfgang was famous. He first tasted failure as a teenager, as audiences ignored his operas, and he had trouble making money. He began to be known for his bad jokes and relentless pursuit of

women. He eventually married the sister of the woman who broke his heart. In adulthood, Mozart's problems grew. He couldn't keep a job. He was usually broke. One of the greatest composers the world had ever known was forced to make a living giving piano lessons. Yet today, he is one of the most celebrated and respected composers of all time.?

The Life and Times of Hector Berlioz C. Press/F. Watts Trade

This volume contains a biography and the complete collection of correspondence of Swan Lake composer Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, written by his brother.

Johann Sebastian Bach Getting to Know the World's Gr

Stravinsky was a prolific composer for well over half a century, achieving success in a variety of musical styles. An exile from his native Russia for 48 years, he finally returned in 1962 to a great deal of acclaim. Many people consider him one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, with such great compositions as *The Rite of Spring*, *The Firebird*, and *Petrushka*, which remain his most popular pieces.

The Life and Times of Richard Wagner

Getting to Know the World's Gr
For more than 100 years now, the name of Johann Sebastian Bach has been considered among the most highly regarded of all composers. The "holy cantor" church musician has been written about in many books. So, it might be difficult for some of us to imagine, but for several generations after his death, Bach had been forgotten. What remained of his vast number of works gathered dust in private collections or distant archives. Many of his works were discarded; in fact, some found their way to a butcher shop and are reported to have been used as wrapping paper. It took a twenty-year-old musician, who would become as well known as Bach, to bring about an interest in his works. In 1829, Felix Mendelssohn performed the *St. Matthew Passion*, and revived interest in the long-forgotten composer. The genius of Bach was finally recognized by the world. In this delightful story, young adults are introduced to one of the greatest composers of all time. Combining music, history, and culture with biography, this story is as entertaining as it is educational—a musical journey back

through time.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Mitchell Lane Publishers, Inc.

A simple biography of the famous band leader and composer who was known as the March King.

The Life and Times of Felix Mendelssohn Mitchell Lane

Summer Jones and the Donovans (Rachel and her two brothers) have grown up together each summer, except for the last three years. This summer, they meet up again at Aunt Sookie's Malibu beach house. Everyone's changed. What happens this summer is bittersweet, fun, and tragic.

Loving Summer Mitchell Lane Publishers, Inc.

Clever illustrations and story lines give children a light yet realistic overview of this composer's life and style and music.

The Life and Times of Gilbert and Sullivan Childrens Press

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