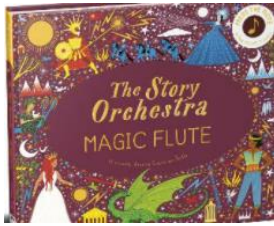


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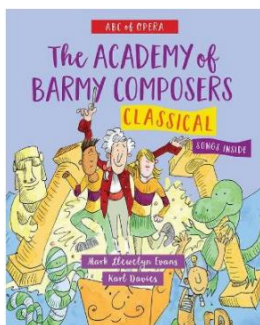
It has been proven that making music central to children's learning ensures they reap the benefits the artform can bring to personal growth. Here is a selection of fiction and non-fiction books focusing on music.



Readers age 7+

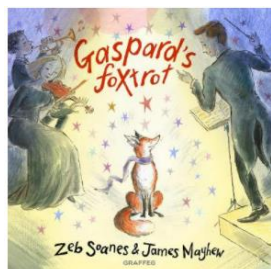
Discover the sorcery of perhaps the most famous opera of all, Mozart's 'The Magic Flute' in this retelling of the opera. Push the button on each beautiful scene to hear the vivid sound of an orchestra playing, and singers singing, from Mozart's score. This picture book tells the tale of a prince and a kidnapped princess, of a cheeky bird catcher, a warring king and queen, and of course a magic flute.

There's a short biography of Mozart on the final page to spark more interest in Mozart and his music and more information on the music, and what to listen out for. The illustrations are lively and full of detail. This is a thoroughly charming first introduction to opera.



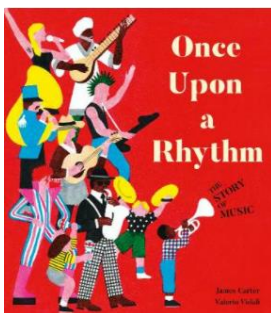
Readers age 9+

Think opera and young children don't go together? Think again! This liveliest of histories introduces children to Mozart, Rossini and Beethoven and their work, in an engaging and informative tour of the Classical period. It's all facilitated through magical time travel: best friends Megan and Jack are on a school trip in London when they suddenly find themselves whisked back in time to eighteenth century Europe. Before you can say semibreve, they are face to face with composers and some famous royals too in a hectic adventure that is packed full of musical facts and information.



Readers age 7+

Gaspard the Fox takes a trip right across London and finds himself on the stage at a concert in Hyde Park! From his hiding place on a number 38 bus, Gaspard gives a wonderful commentary on the sights he sees. There's the delicious smells of China Town, the bustling crowds of Piccadilly Circus and the beautiful windows of Fortum and Masons. Gaspard loves it all! He almost misses the stop but gets off just in time to find himself having a starring role in the Proms in the Park!



Readers age 5+

A colourful visual treat from the notation themed endpapers to the irresistible depictions of the drumming, dance and song that have been a vital part of human life since ancient times. We journey through songs originating around the campfire and passed down through the generations, the development of instruments and musical notation right up to the genres which we enjoy today. Engaging and informative and ending with an acrostic poem, based upon the word Rhythm, of useful information about musical history, this book begs to be read aloud. It is a real celebration of rhythm designed to inspire young musicians everywhere to get involved.



Readers age 7+

Welcome to the School of Music, a place bursting with talent, creative energy and special encounters. Its professors include the percussionist Roxy Mojo, star singer Diva Venus and composer-guitarist Ronny 'Beethoven' O'Reilly. It is a place of nuts-and-bolts learning - getting the basics for beginners right - as much as a place where musical imagination runs riot and where everyone has triple-fun with the sound of music. Making it...Listening to it...Writing it.

Meet The Boss! He's called Sergio Trunk. Some people call him The Maestro, and he, along with his team of talented musicians, will lead you through 40 lessons that help you to learn about classical music, the theory behind music, and the fun you can have making it. Written by experts and vividly illustrated throughout, The School of Music introduces children to many different genres of music, from across the centuries and from around the world: from Gregorian to Gamelan, and from Tango to Techno