

## BBC Bingham EPISODE 2

### CHORAL MUSIC QUIZ

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#### Round 1 WHO WROTE....?

Who wrote the following pieces?

No composer appears more than once.

The year of the premiere is given in each case to help you

1. The Choral piece called The Seasons 1801 \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Oratorio St Paul 1836 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Psalmus Hungaricus 1923 \_\_\_\_\_
4. L'Allegro, Il Penseroso, ed Il Moderato 1740 \_\_\_\_\_
5. The motet in forty harmony parts, Spem in Alium 1570 \_\_\_\_\_
6. The Coffee Cantata 1735 \_\_\_\_\_
7. The Vesperae Solennes de Confessore 1780 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Done Nobis Pacem 1936 \_\_\_\_\_
9. The Missa Solemnis 1824 \_\_\_\_\_
10. The Symphony of a Thousand 1910 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark out of 10: \_\_\_\_\_**

## Round 2 WHICH PIECE....?

What piece is being described? – one mark for each composer and one for each piece

1. Originally written for sixteen soloists and orchestra, as a present for the founder of the Proms, Henry Wood

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

2. It has words compiled by Henry Jennens and was composed in just 24 days

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

3. Its text is a mixture of sacred Latin words and the poems of Wilfred Owen

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

4. It was originally intended to be performed with dancers, and includes characters such as a drunken abbot and a roasting swan.

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

5. It was written in 1874 in memory of the great Italian novelist Alessandro Manzoni

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

6. Although often performed as one piece, it is actually composed as a sequence of six separate cantatas.

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

7. It was unfinished at the composer's death, and is usually performed in a version completed by the composer's pupil Franz Sussmayr.

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

8. It was composed in 1902 and has been performed at every coronation since then.

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

9. In 1900 the composer wrote at the end of the score: 'this is the best of me'.

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

10. Although the English translation of its title describes it as small and solemn, it is quite the opposite

Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark out of 20: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Round 3            WHAT CAN YOU HEAR ....?**

*Look on the website for the ten pieces of music to listen to*

Name the composer and the piece you can hear – one mark for each composer and one for each piece. No composer appears more than once.

1. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark out of 20: \_\_\_\_\_**

## Round 4            WHICH COMPOSER....?

Which composer is being described?

1. Having become famous for writing operas, he ceased composing, apart from a couple of choral pieces, for the rest of his life.

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2. His wife Clara was a famous pianist, and also an excellent composer herself.

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3. He was a priest and worked at a girls' orphanage in Venice, composing many pieces for the girls there.

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4. Bach said that if he were not Bach, there was only one other person he would like to be.

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5. A 20<sup>th</sup> century composer who was so self-critical that he destroyed most of his compositions, leaving only a Requiem, a few other choral pieces and some very hard organ music.

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6. He was not very diplomatic. One one occasion an archbishop became so infuriated with him that he kicked him down a flight of stairs.

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7. An early enthusiast for recording, this composer made his first recordings in in 1925, and in 1931 recorded his violin concerto with the 16 year old Yehudi Menuhin.

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8. Benjamin Britten said this composer was the greatest British Composer. He is said to have died of complications from a chill caught when he was late home at night and his wife locked him out.

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9. Although Mozart is famous for being an infant prodigy, the most impressive young composer was born 53 years after Mozart, and produced some of his finest works when he was only a teenager (these include a String Octet and the Midsummer Night's Dream, written when he was 16 and 17 respectively).

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10.        Despite being old enough to be exempt from military service, he volunteered to be a stretcher-bearer in World War 1.

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**Mark out of 10: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Round 5            TOP TEN**

You are asked to try and guess which ten choral pieces are the highest in the Classic FM Hall of Fame 2019.

Nine of the ten are pieces that choral societies sing, though two of them are quite short.

The other is a piece of unaccompanied church music.

It does not matter what order you put them in.

A clue is that two composer each appear twice.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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**Mark out of 10: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Round 6                    ANOTHER TOP TEN**

You are asked to try and guess what *Guy's* favourite ten choral works are.

All are with orchestra, and they range in length from 14 minutes to 2 hours 35 mins.

No composer appears more than once.

Again the order does not matter.

There will have been quite a lot of clues in some of our rehearsals!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
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8. \_\_\_\_\_
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**Mark out of 10: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Mark out of 80: \_\_\_\_\_**