

## Iconic Composers: A Celebration of Music's Extraordinary Composers

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Fun and informative, *Iconic Composers* is a celebration of some of history's greatest musical minds, packed with memorable art and lots of great trivia about fascinating artists.

These fifty talented composers are diverse group, not only in terms of their demographics, but across eras and styles of classical music. Classical legends including Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach are featured alongside twelfth-century church-music pioneer and nun Hildegard von Bingen, Russian innovator Igor Stravinsky, and film composer John Williams.

Each composer's one-page biography focuses more on their life than their music. Antonio Vivaldi's highlights his work teaching orphaned girls how to play instruments at a time when women were often not allowed to participate. Arnold Schoenberg's describes both his use of twelve tones in his music and his phobia about the number thirteen, while Galina Ustvolskaya's describes her secrecy about her own work and her intentional destruction of most of her catalog to ensure that nobody heard what she considered lesser works. Also included are headshot-in-profile portraits by famed graphic artist David Lee Csicsko, whose distinctive, whimsical illustration style blends elements of caricature, geometric shapes, and vivid colors while keeping his subjects distinct and recognizable.

*Iconic Composers* is a beautiful book about musical geniuses throughout the centuries.

JEFF FLEISCHER (July / August 2023)

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