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GREAT PIANIST TRIVIA

Welcome to Great Pianist Trivia, an educational game to play with your teacher, family and friends !

Here's how to play! You will need one game show host, someone to keep score and two to four contestants. Below you will see a variety of categories to select from. Each category contains three to six questions that are multiple choice or true and false. If you're lucky, one of these questions will be a "Virtuoso Question" which, if answered correctly, doubles your total points! Regular questions are worth 20 points each. Each contestant takes a turn selecting a category from below and answering a corresponding question. The contestant continues selecting until answering incorrectly at which time the next contestant in line can attempt to steal the game! You can draw numbers or flip a coin to see who goes first, second and so on.

The contestant who reaches 200 points first WINS!

Game Show Host: Read the questions found on the back of this page and keep track of questions already answered correctly.

GAME CATEGORIES

**AUSTRIA
VS.
GERMANY**

Questions dealing with German and Austrian Composers.

**POPULAR
PIANO
WORKS**

Questions concerning popular piano repertoire & teaching pieces.

**GREAT
TEACHERS &
STUDENTS**

Questions about famous teachers and their famous students.

**LADIES
WHO
ROCK!**

Great women pianists, past and present.

**THE
AMERICANS**

Questions about American concert pianists.

**BATTLE OF
THE
KEYS**

Great pianists and keyboard composers go head to head.

Q & A FOR GAME SHOW HOST

Correct answers for each question are in bold type and underlined.

AUSTRIA VS. GERMANY

*The Baroque Period of 1685-1750 is centered on the birth and death dates of what German composer?

A. Beethoven B. Mozart C. Haydn **D. Bach**

*What musical genius was born in Austria in 1756?

A. Haydn B. Wagner **C. Mozart** D. Mendelssohn

*Name the Austrian City where Mozart was born.

A. Vienna **B. Salzburg** C. Innsbruck D. Graz

*In addition to his other works, German composer Franz Schubert wrote how many songs?

A. Over 500 B. Over 200 C. Over 700 D. Over 300

*Bonn, the birthplace of Ludwig Van Beethoven, is in which country?

A. Germany **B. Austria**

*Virtuoso Question (Double Your Points): Who composed more piano sonatas, the German Beethoven or the Austrian Mozart?

Answer: Beethoven. He wrote 32 piano sonatas, Mozart wrote 19.

GREAT TEACHERS & STUDENTS

***TRUE or FALSE:** Carl Czerny taught the great pedagogues Theodore Leschetzky and Franz Liszt. **Answer: TRUE**

*Virtuoso Question (Double Your Points) **TRUE or FALSE:** Beethoven was Carl Czerny's teacher. **Answer: TRUE**

*What great symphonic composer saw Beethoven's early work while on a trip to Bonn in 1792 and invited him to come study with him in Vienna? A. Bach B. Handel C. Salieri **D. Haydn.** (Beethoven would later study with Salieri too.)

* **TRUE or FALSE:** Clementi, the Italian classicist, taught John Field, the Irish romantic composer who is the father of the nocturne and inspiration for Chopin's nocturnes. **Answer: TRUE**

THE AMERICANS

***TRUE or FALSE:** In 1958 during the first round of the Tchaikovsky Competition, Sviatoslav Richter gave American pianist Van Cliburn one hundred points and all the other pianists zeros. **Answer: TRUE. Richter was supposed to rate all of the competitors between one and ten. He was never asked to judge the competition again.**

*The first black concert pianist to achieve international fame was:

A. Jorge Bolet **B. Andre Watts** C. Scott Joplin D. Sidney Foster

*The winner of the 1972 Leeds International Competition was:

A. Andre Watts B. Leon Flisher C. Jorge Bolet **D. Murray Perahia.**

POPULAR PIANO WORKS

**Moonlight Sonata*, *Fur Elise* and *Rage Over a Lost Penny* are all piano compositions by:

A. Beethoven B. Mendelssohn C. Schumann D. Brahms

*The collection entitled *Zehn Ohne Worte* (Songs Without Words) was written by: A. Chopin B. Debussy **C. Mendelssohn** D. Schubert

*The impressionistic composer of *Clair de Lune* and *Gollivog's Cakewalk* is: **A. Debussy** B. Ravel C. Mihalud D. Griffes

*Virtuoso Question (Double Your Points) **TRUE or FALSE:** Beethoven originally called his Opus 27 No. 2 Piano Sonata, "Moonlight Sonata." **Answer: FALSE. The original heading reads *Sonata Quasi Una Fantasia* (Sonata in the style of a Fantasy).**

*What ragtime composer wrote *The Entertainer*? A. Samuel Barber B. Duke Ellington **C. Scott Joplin** D. Jelly Roll Morton

LADIES WHO ROCK!

*The most important pianist of the mid-nineteenth century was:

A. Clara Schumann B. Tori Amos C. Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel.

*Which American female pianist played over 4,000 solo recitals and in 500 orchestral appearances? A. Teresa Carreno B. Sophie Menter **C. Julie Rive' King** D. Arabella Goddard

*Virtuoso Question (Double Your Points): Which singer/pianist was studying to be a concert pianist at the Peabody Conservatory prior to going into the pop industry? **A. Tori Amos** B. Alicia Keys C. Celine Dion

*What British pianist made her debut playing Beethoven's difficult *Hammerklavier Sonata*? A. Wanda Landowska B. Olga Hick-enlooper C. Fannie Zeisler **D. Arabella Goddard**

BATTLE OF THE KEYS

*Virtuoso Question (Double Your Points): Who was said to have won the 1781 piano showdown between Muzio Clementi and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart? **Answer: Clementi. Mozart continued to brood over Clementi's success for the next several years even though Clementi praised Mozart's ability.**

*During the mid 19th century Paris, France was being hammered by what two great pianists/composers? A. Beethoven & Mendelssohn **B. Chopin & Liszt** C. Debussy & Ravel D. Clementi and Mozart

* **TRUE or FALSE:** Great keyboard composers/performers Johann Sebastian Bach, Domenico Scarlatti, and George Frederick Handel were all born in 1685. **Answer: TRUE. Bach and Handel were born in Germany and Scarlatti in Italy.**