



VIRTUAL CONCERT: Featuring Women Composers

Age Range:	Elementary, Middle School
Learning Objective:	Students will listen to and learn about notable women composers who have contributed to classical music over the past 100+ years.
Concert Length:	20-30 minutes (Videos only: 21 min.)

HOW TO USE Virtual Concerts

Virtual Concerts give students the opportunity to be an audience and experience a variety of music. The teacher or students play the role of Concert Host narrating between each piece.

Use the provided Concert Host Script to guide students through a series of videos reenacting a concert. Customize the lesson to fit your needs, resources, and teaching style.

CUSTOMIZE the experience

Every classroom is unique. Choose among the following ideas to make the experience fit your teaching style and your students' needs.

- 1. Discuss the role of the audience.** This virtual concert is designed to prepare students to be an audience. For younger kids, use our [Audience Lesson](#) before this concert. For older students, facilitate a discussion on the different kinds of audiences for events such as a rock concert, a hockey game, a piano recital, etc.
- 2. Let the students be the Concert Host.** Cut the script into strips and hand them out to different students. Be sure to number the strips first, so you can call kids up at the appropriate time. *(Recommended for Grades 4 and up.)*
- 3. Make the experience interactive.** Pause for reflection after each video to discuss the reflection questions from the provided worksheet. Invite students to share their thoughts with a neighbor, so everyone gets a chance to talk. Older students can fill out the Concert Reflection Worksheet. *(Recommended for all ages.)*
- 4. Show clips instead of the whole video.** Younger kids may have a hard time focusing on longer pieces. Either show only part of the longer videos, OR offer an activity (like drawing a picture) to help focus their energy while listening. *(Recommended for Grades K-2)*

EXTEND learning

Choose one or more of the following activities to extend learning.

- COMPARE.** Pick a composer from [this list](#) of 10 women composers to compare to the four composers in this Virtual Concert.
- LISTEN.** Choose from [this collection](#) of podcasts and curated streams to continue learning about famous women composers.
- LEARN.** Check out our [listening lesson](#) all about Jessi Montgomery and her Musical Influences.