

History of Music Timeline

1473 - the first printed sheet music

1555 - the modern style violin is invented

1580 - the popular song 'Greensleeves' is composed



Renaissance 1400 - 1600

1723 - Vivaldi composes the Four Seasons

1732 - the Theatre Royal (now the Royal Opera House) opened in London

1742 - Handel composes Messiah, his most famous piece



Baroque 1600 - 1750

1764 - Mozart writes his first symphony aged 8

1791 - the waltz becomes fashionable in England

1788 - Auld Lang Syne is written by Robert Burns

1801 - Beethoven composes 'Moonlight Sonata'



Classical 1750 - 1820

1822 - the Royal Academy of Music in London is founded

1840 - the saxophone is invented by Adolphe Sax

1871 - the Royal Albert Hall in London is opened

1875 - Tchaikovsky composes Swan Lake

1877 - Thomas Edison invents the phonograph for recording music



Romantic 1820 - 1900

1904 - the London Symphony Orchestra is established

1906 - first transmission of music by radio in Austria

1914 - Gustav Holst composes 'The Planets'

1916 - jazz becomes popular in the US

1931 - the electric guitar is invented

1935 - Elvis Presley is born



Modern 1890 - 1960

1962 - The Beatles release their first single, 'Love Me Do'

1979 - Sony introduces the first Walkman

1982 - Michael Jackson releases **Thriller**, which sells more than 25 million copies

1982 - the first Compact Discs (CDs) go on sale

1984 - Band Aid releases "Do They Know It's Christmas"

1997 - the first digital single is released for sale on the Internet (Electric Barbarella by Duran Duran)



Contemporary 1960 - Present