



Da Capo



Music History Unit Studies

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was an Austrian. Pronounced "HI-din", he was a composer of the Classical period. Classical music (with a capital C) is specific to the period roughly between 1730 and 1820.

Joseph Haydn was instrumental in the development of chamber music and was known as Papa Haydn, "father of the symphony" and "father of the string quartet."

A friend of Mozart, another composer of the Classical era, and teacher of Ludwig Beethoven, he was the most famous composer in Europe during his time.

Among his most well-known pieces is the "Farewell Symphony." The story behind this composition is that the musicians all wanted to leave Prince Esterhazy's summer palace and go back home to their families. In the Farewell Symphony, one by one each musician stops playing and leaves the stage. The story says that the Prince got the message and everyone returned home the following day.



You can listen to a Disney story of Haydn's music here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fig8zKcnb_U

You can listen to a tour of his most famous works here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FCrSHKh7ek>

