

Bach was born in 1685 and died in 1750. He was a composer in the Baroque period.



Use the QR code to listen to Bach's cello suite in G major – a very famous piece of music.

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Making Connections ...

Links between Bach and the music of The Beatles run deep. As boys, Paul McCartney and John Lennon sang in Liverpool church choirs and would have encountered Bach's church and organ music.

So it's no surprise when Bach's music seems to peer around every corner in their musical creations.

Like this moment, when one of his most joyous keyboard works, his Invention No. 8 in F, that rings out during the final section of 'All You Need Is Love'.



Use the QR code to listen to Bach's Brandenburg Concerto in D major.



Johann Sebastian Bach



Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany, where his father was a town musician. Bach came from a long line of composers – over 300 years' worth of Bachs all worked as professional musicians. By the time Johann was 10, both his parents had died, so he was brought up by his older brother, who was a church organist. Johann became a very good organist, too.

Johann Sebastian Bach held three major jobs in his life: first he worked for a duke, then for a prince, and finally, he became director of music at the St. Thomas Church and School in Leipzig, Germany. Even though his job in Leipzig kept him very busy, in his spare time, Bach conducted a group of musicians who liked to get together to perform at a local coffee house.



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During his lifetime, people thought of Bach as just an ordinary working musician. No one really knew much about his music until 100 years after his death, when another composer, Felix Mendelssohn, conducted a performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion.

Bach is now seen as one of the greatest geniuses in music history. He wrote all kinds of music — for organ and other keyboard instruments, orchestras, choirs, and concertos for many different instrumental combinations.

