

Many of Elgar's musical pieces are still played in concerts all over the world today. Some of his most well-known works include the Enigma Variations, the Pomp and Circumstance Marches, and concertos for violin and cello. He also wrote two symphonies.



Use the QR code to listen to Elgar's cello concerto with rising star Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

Musician

Edward Elgar



Elgar composed the 'Enigma Variations'. An enigma is a puzzle. The piece is a puzzle as he wrote a main tune, and then a series of variations on the tune. Each variation describes one of his friends, but he did not say which friends they were: he only put their initials or nickname at the top of each variation. Listen to Nimrod from his Enigma Variations:

Making Connections ...



Have you seen this statue of Elgar outside Hereford Cathedral? Use the QR code to listen to his Introduction and Allegro which he composed in Hereford.



Edward Elgar was an English composer. He was born in 1857 and died in 1934, and lived during the late Romantic musical period. Edward Elgar's father was a musician who tuned pianos, owned a music shop and was employed as a church organist. The young Edward learned to play the organ and violin at a young age, and composed his first short piece at the age of 10. His first job was as assistant organist to his father but his main love was composition.



Use the QR code to listen to Elgar's Serenade for Strings.

of the Month

Use the QR code to listen to Pomp and Circumstance March.



Elgar was born in Broadheath in Worcestershire. This is a picture of Elgar's house in Worcester.

