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CLASSICAL MUSIC IN 2019

The year in statistics

TOP concert composers

- 1 Beethoven
- 2 Mozart
- 3 J.S. Bach
- 4 Brahms
- 5 Schubert
- 6 Tchaikovsky
- 7 Schumann
- 8 Haydn
- 9 Chopin
- 10 Mendelssohn



Over 13% of all classical concerts feature a work by Beethoven.

In 2019 bachtrack.com listed **34,648** performances



CONCERT



OPERA

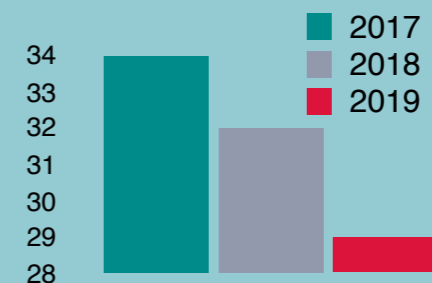


DANCE

TOP 10 concert pieces

- 1 Beethoven: Symphony no. 3 "Eroica"
- 2 Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto
- 3 Tchaikovsky: Symphony no. 5
- 4 Vivaldi: Four Seasons
- 5 Handel: Messiah
- 6 Mussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition
- 7 Brahms: Symphony no. 1
- 8 Brahms: Symphony no. 2
- 9 Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique
- 10 Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto

Verdi, Puccini + Mozart opera performed as % of total



TOP 3 opera composers

- 1 Verdi
- 2 Puccini
- 3 Mozart

Anniversaries

Hector Berlioz
(rose from position 41 to 31)

Clara Schumann
(rose from position 94 to 44)

Jacques Offenbach
(rose from position 112 to 74)



WOMEN IN MUSIC

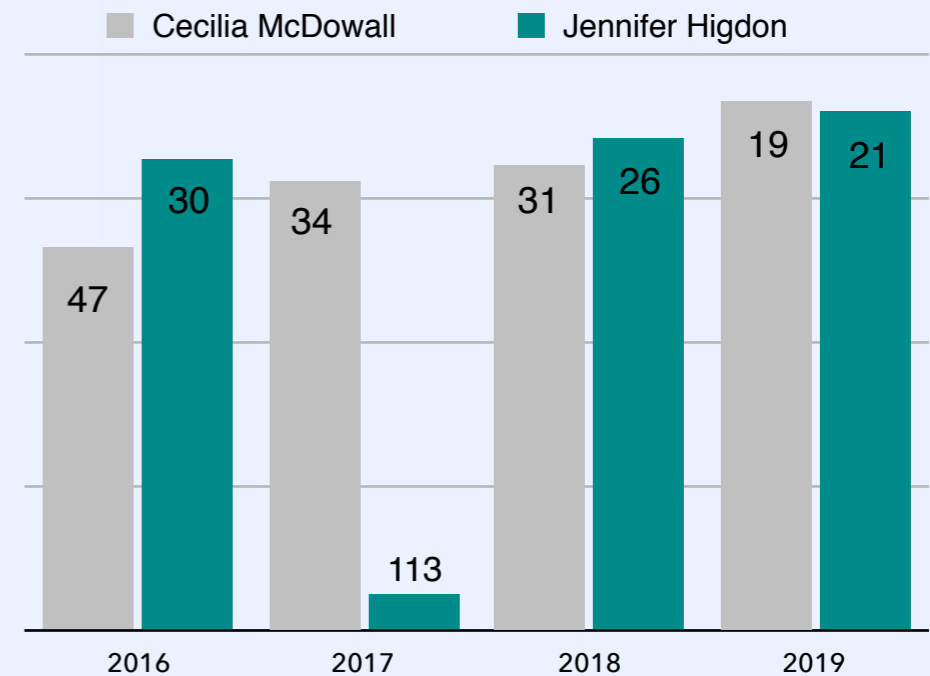


Cecilia McDowall © Karina Lyburn Jennifer Higdon © JD Scott

In 2016 there were 7 women in the top 50 contemporary composers. Now there are 13 in the top 50 and 24 in the top 100.

Contemporary women composers ranked against male counterparts

- =19 Cecilia McDowall
- 21 Jennifer Higdon
- 22 Sofia Gubaidulina
- =24 Judith Weir
- =24 Kaija Saariaho
- 28 Sally Beamish
- 30 Anna Clyne
- 33 Lera Auerbach
- 40 Cheryl Frances-Hoad
- =42 Roxanna Panufnik
- =42 Anna Porvaldsdóttir
- 46 Unsuk Chin
- 50 Anna Meredith



Rankings of the TOP women concert conductors

In 2013 we brought you the news that there was only ONE woman in the top 100 conductors. Now there are 8.

- =21 Susanna Mälkki
- =21 JoAnn Falletta
- 25 Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla
- 28 Marin Alsop
- =37 Nathalie Stutzmann
- 43 Elim Chan
- 66 Karina Canellakis
- 82 Simone Young



Susanna Mälkki © Simon Fowler, JoAnn Falletta © Heather Bellini, Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla © CAMI



MUSIC OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY



Over 24% of concerts in USA now contain pieces by living composers versus 9% in Austria and Japan.

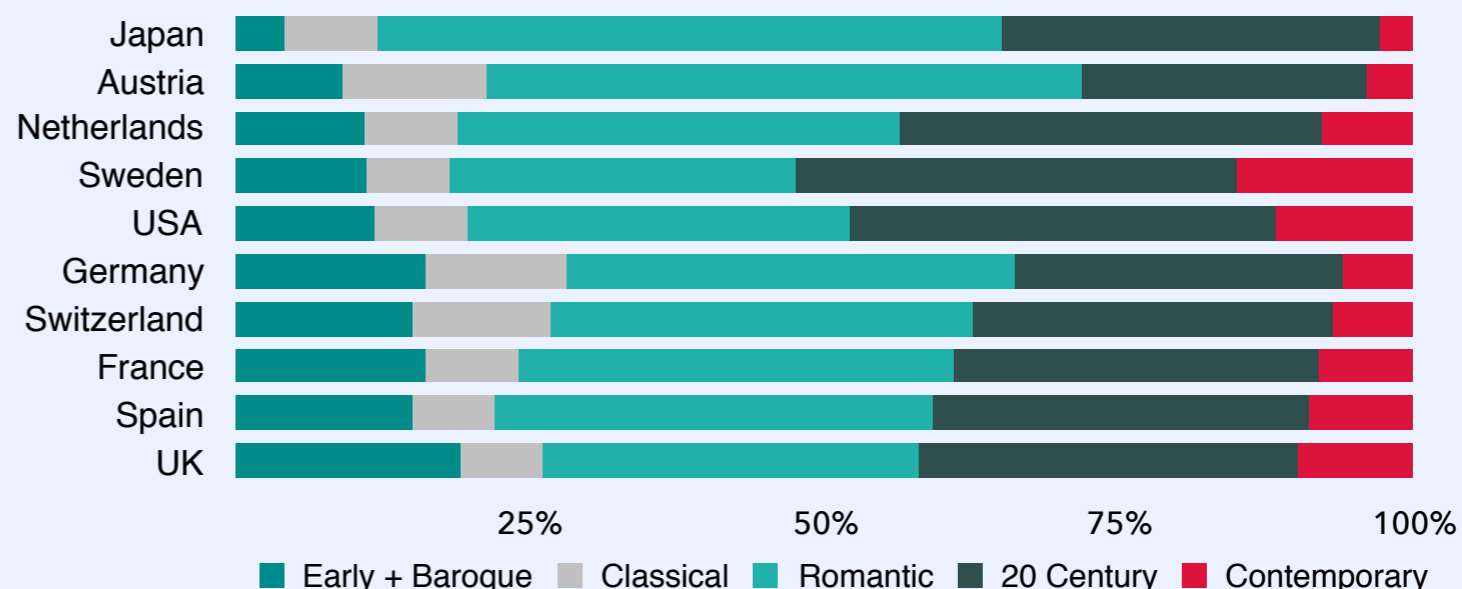
Percentage of concerts which include contemporary works by country



Top 10 contemporary composers

- John Williams
- Arvo Pärt
- James MacMillan
- Philip Glass
- John Adams
- György Kurtág
- Eric Whitacre
- John Rutter
- Thomas Adès
- Steve Reich

Percentage of works played by period, by country





FLEXIBLE OPERA STARS



29% of opera productions in Austria were new in 2019.



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Sondra Radvanovsky

1. Aida: The Met
2. Maddalena de Coigny (*Andrea Chénier*) Royal Opera
3. Imogene (*Il pirata*) Opéra National de Paris*
4. Manon Lescaut: Deutsche Oper, Edinburgh
5. Rusalka: Canadian Opera
6. Luisa (*Luisa Miller*) Gran Teatre del Liceu
7. Elisabetta (*Roberto Devereux*) Bayerische Staatsoper
8. Tosca: Wiener Staatsoper, Deutsche Oper

**Il pirata* in Paris was cancelled due to strikes, but has been included since the singers will have fully prepared their roles.



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1. Falstaff, Staatsoper Berlin
2. Mandryka (*Arabella*) Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Bayerische Staatsoper
3. Hans Sachs (*Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*) Bayreuth
4. Orest (*Elektra*) Alte Oper Frankfurt, Konzerthaus Dortmund
5. Herr Fluth (*Merry Wives of Windsor*) Staatsoper Berlin
6. Nabucco: Opernhaus Zürich
7. Jochanaan (*Salome*) Deutsche Oper
8. High Priest of Dagon (*Samson et Dalila*) Staatsoper Berlin
9. Wotan (*Das Rheingold*) The Met
10. Wotan (*Die Walküre*) The Met
11. Der Wanderer (*Siegfried*) The Met



BUSIEST PERFORMERS

Orchestras

- 1 Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie
- 2 Berliner Philharmoniker
- 3 Boston Symphony Orchestra
- 4 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
- 5 Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- =6 New York Philharmonic Orchestra
- =6 Wiener Philharmoniker
- =8 Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
- =8 Wiener Symphoniker
- =10 Philharmonia Orchestra
- =10 Philadelphia Orchestra

Concert conductors

- 1 Andris Nelsons
- 2 Valery Gergiev
- 3 Paavo Järvi
- 4 Jakub Hrůša
- 5 Jaap van Zweden
- =6 François-Xavier Roth
- =6 Yannick Nézet-Séguin
- =8 Herbert Blomstedt
- =8 Daniel Harding
- 10 Semyon Bychkov



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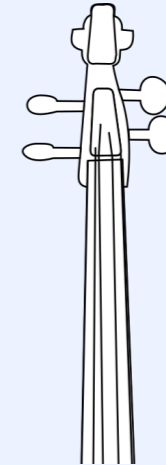
Pianists

- Yuja Wang
- Jan Lisiecki
- Emanuel Ax
- Daniil Trifonov
- Rudolf Buchbinder
- Sir András Schiff
- Dénes Várjon
- Yefim Bronfman
- Leif Ove Andsnes
- Kirill Gerstein
- Igor Levit
- Jean-Yves Thibaudet



Violinists

- Leonidas Kavakos
- Joshua Bell
- Isabelle Faust
- Renaud Capuçon
- Augustin Hadelich
- James Ehnes
- Frank Peter Zimmermann
- Vilde Frang
- Leila Josefowicz
- Pekka Kuusisto



Cellists

- Gautier Capuçon
- Truls Mørk
- Kian Soltani
- Nicolas Altstaedt
- Johannes Moser
- István Várdai
- Jean-Guihen Queyras
- Alisa Weilerstein
- Sheku Kanneh-Mason
- Steven Isserlis



The busiest performer in 2019 was Andris Nelsons who conducted a total of 132 concert and opera performances.