

The Major Eras of History -- in Music -- simple overview

The Ancient World
Greek and Roman Classical Periods
through the Fall of Rome

800 B.C. - 500 A.D.

The Middle/Dark Ages
(Medieval Music)
dominance of Christian Church

5/700 - 1350 A.D.

The Renaissance:

The 'REBIRTH' after the 'Dark Ages'.

- rebirth of Classical Ideals
- explosion in Civilization
- a rededication to Human (and secular) values

1350 - 1600 A.D.

The Baroque Period:
Monteverdi - Bach

1600 - 1750 A.D.

The Early Classic and Classic Periods

EARLY (rococo), galant, empfindsamerstyle
- sons of J.S.B.

CLASSIC - first 'Viennese School' -
-- Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven --

1730 - (1827) A.D.

The Romantic Period:

-- Beethoven/ von Weber/ Berlioz (Wagner)
-- to Debussy

(1800) - 1880 A.D.

The Turn of the Century I:

Late Romanticism
Mahler, Wolf, Early Schoenberg,
Richard Strauss, The Russian
Nationalists

1870 - 1918 A.D.

The Turn of the Century II:

-- First half of the Twentieth Century -
impressionism - Debussy, 'second Viennese School',
Bartok, Stravinsky...

1890 - W.W.II (1945) A.D.

Second half of the Twentieth Century

Penderecki, Cage, Ligeti, Stockhausen, Messiaen, Erb,
Husa....

W.W.II (1945) - present