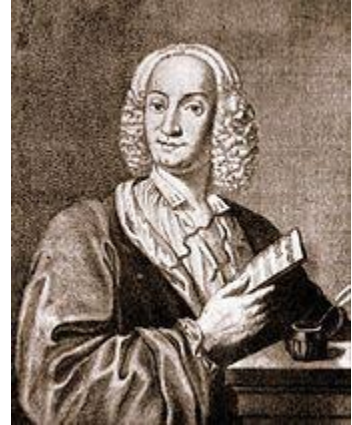


Vivaldi: Spring

LISTEN to Itzhak Perlman and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra play Spring <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKthRw4KjEg>

- Things to listen and watch for:
 - What instruments are playing?
 - The keyboard instrument is a harpsichord. Unlike the piano its strings are plucked instead of hit with a hammer. How else is it different? Can you tell why the player sometimes plays on one keyboard and sometimes on the other? (Hint: What is the rest of the music like at that point?)
 - What animals does the music imitate?
 - Listen for a thunderstorm. How does the composer create this in the music?



*Antonio Vivaldi
from Wikimedia Commons*

The music is based on a poem. Here is a translation into English from Wikipedia:

Springtime is upon us.

The birds celebrate her return with festive song,

and murmuring streams are softly caressed by the breezes.

Thunderstorms, those heralds of Spring, roar, casting their dark mantle over heaven.

Then they die away to silence, and the birds take up their charming songs once more.

Largo:

On the flower-strewn meadow, with leafy branches rustling overhead

the goat-herd sleeps, his faithful dog beside him.

Allegro:

Led by the festive sound of rustic bagpipes,

nymphs and shepherds lightly dance

beneath the brilliant canopy of spring.

PLAY Attached is a score of the main melody from the beginning of the concerto.

On my website you can access videos of how to play the music

<https://janetfryer.com/rainy-day-activities/>

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LEARN

Spring is the first of 4 works in a group called the Four Seasons. The music is **programmatic** meaning it paints a picture or tells a story. The entire work is in **concerto** form. In a **concerto** there is a solo instrument and an accompanying group of players. Who is the soloist in Spring? Here's a little background information about the music.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Four_Seasons_\(Vivaldi\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Four_Seasons_(Vivaldi))

Here's some background information about Vivaldi

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_Vivaldi

FURTHER LISTENING

Here's a link to Summer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8TFQFQeL0o>

Here's a link to Autumn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7hGiZ579cs>

Here's a link to Winter played on instruments like the ones available during Vivaldi's life. The poem is given on the screen so you can follow the composer's ideas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPdk5GaIDjo>

- What is the difference in sound between the instruments that play in the first example (Spring) and the ones that play in this example?

MORE VIVALDI The Toronto Public Library has over 2000 e-recordings of Vivaldi. Here's a link <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=37928&Ntt=antonio+vivaldi>