## TANTRO TO GREAT COMPOSERS

Schofield Room 220, M-Th. 11:40-12:40 Spring Semester: 5 APR - 14 JUN 99

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**OBJECTIVES**: This course develops an understanding of the forms, genres, styles, and major composers of Western art music with an emphasis on aural understanding. Specific objectives include:

- ♦ Developing basic music terminology
- Developing familiarity with composers' chronology, including their different cultural influences and musical features
- ♦ Learning to hear and identify styles, forms, and instrumentation of specific composers' works
- ◆ To have FUN while learning!!!

**TEXT**: Listen - Third Brief Edition by Joseph Kerman. A CD set accompanying the text, containing the required listening will also be available for purchase.

**EVALUATION**: Attendance is mandatory! For an excused absence, the instructor must be notified by phone or email one day prior to the scheduled class. Two unexcused absences will result in the lowering of the final letter grade by one letter. Two tardies will be counted as one unexcused absence

> Midterm and Final exams will be composed of true/false, multiple choice, short answers, and listening examples involving identification of piece and composer.

Grading is based on the following: 20% class participation, 10% short guizzes, 30% mid-term, 40% final exam. Outside concert attendance with 1 page evaluation essay will be counted as extra credit. (100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59&below=F).

## SCEDULE OF WEEKS (subject to change):

100

**Week 1:** Chapters 1-4; elements of music, musical terms (5-8 Apr) instruments

**Week 2:** Chapters 5-7; musical form, style, Middle ages, polyphony, (12-15 Apr) Renaissance

Week 3&4: Chapters 8-11; early Baroque, Monteverdi, Purcell, late (19-29 Apr) Baroque, instrumental music, Vivaldi, Bach, vocal music

Week 5: finish up Baroque, Chapter 12; intro to Classical period, (3-6 May) mid-term!

**Week 6:** Chapters 13-14; symphony, minuet, Mozart, Haydn, sonata, (10-13 May) string quartet

Week 7: Chapters 15-16; Beethoven, romanticism (17-20 May)

Week 7-9: Chapters 17-19; Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, (19 May-1 June) Berlioz, Opera - Verdi, Wagner, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Mahler

**Week 9-10:** Chapters 20-24; early 20<sup>th</sup> century, modernism, late 20<sup>th</sup> (2-14 June) century, Jazz, **final!**