Chapter 12 class notes

Opera – Staged Drama with music throughout. – Orchestra – solos – Chroir -- ensembles – singing – etc..

Oratorio – Like a sacred opera But not staged.

Lent – the week before Easter.

London is the first place that a public concert house was established.

If you have a chance to go to the San-Francisco Opera house on vanes go.

The Globe theater is the theater Shakespeare performed it.

Incidental music ; music added to the plays.

Henry Parcells Dido and neneos…….

Diva the term is used today to characterize a stuck up attitude. Are female singing stars of this time.

Basso Continuo – is a major Barouche invention. Basso instruments might include: cello, viol, bass, bassoon, organ, etc.

Realizing basso continuo – harmony played on organ, Harpsichord, keyboard, harp, therobo, Lute.

Ground Bass. – Bass melody that repeats over and over.



Motif is the same but different.



Dido has text painting.

Text painting is when you use music to illustrate the meaning of emotion of the text.

Germany’s most famous writers wrote in Italian and produced Italian Operas.

So people would go to Itally and copy a Score in Italian, study it, go back home to Germany and begin to write in Italian.

Although in Germany the Opera wasn’t very popular yet they did produce some of the following.

Opera, Semi-Opera, Mass, Incidental music.