

MUSICAL EVENTS



Eighteenth-century organ

J. S. Bach becomes cantor in Leipzig **1723**
 Concert spirituel series begins in Paris **1725**

Joseph Haydn born **1732**

George Frideric Handel, *Messiah* **1742**

Death of J. S. Bach **1750**

Death of Handel **1759**



Gainsborough, *Blue Boy*

Charles Burney, *A General History of Music* **1776–1789**
 C. P. E. Bach, *Clavier Sonatas for Connoisseurs and Amateurs* **1779**

Ludwig van Beethoven born **1770**

Haydn receives honorary degree in Oxford; death of Mozart **1791**



Jane Austen

Beethoven, *Eroica* Symphony **1803**

Death of Haydn **1809**

HISTORICAL EVENTS

1702 First daily newspaper in England
1707 England and Scotland officially unite to form Great Britain

1715–1774 Reign of Louis XV

1717–1718 Antoine Watteau, *The Music Party*

1723 Joshua Reynolds born

1727–1760 Reign of George II of England

1740–1786 Reign of Frederick the Great of Prussia;
 Maria Theresa crowned Holy Roman Empress

1748 Pompeii excavated

1749 Henry Fielding, *Tom Jones*

1751–1780 Publication of Denis Diderot's *Encyclopédie*

1759 Voltaire, *Candide*

1760–1820 Reign of George III of England

1762 Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract*

1764 J. J. Winckelmann, *A History of Ancient Art*

1765 Joseph II becomes Holy Roman emperor and co-ruler with Maria Theresa; Greuze, *Girl with a Dead Canary*

1768 Royal Academy of Art founded in London

1770 Thomas Gainsborough, *Blue Boy*

1774–1792 Reign of Louis XVI of France

1775 Beaumarchais, *Barber of Seville*; outbreak of the American Revolution

1776 American Declaration of Independence

1781 Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*

1784 Beaumarchais, *The Marriage of Figaro*

1788 Edward Gibbon, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*

1789–1792 The French Revolution

1792–1794 Reign of Terror in France

1793 Eli Whitney invents cotton gin; Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette beheaded after French Republic begins

1799 Napoleon becomes First Consul of the French Republic

1804 Napoleon crowns himself Emperor Napoleon

1805–1809 Napoleon's forces occupy Vienna

1806 Holy Roman Empire dissolved

1813 Wellington defeats Napoleon at Waterloo; Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice* published

1814–1815 Congress of Vienna