



**Classic 100: Composer**  
**The complete top 100**

Rank	Composer	Dates	Nationality
1	Ludwig van Beethoven	1770–1827	German
2	Johann Sebastian Bach	1685–1750	German
3	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	1756–1791	Austrian
4	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	1840–1893	Russian
5	George Frideric Handel	1685–1759	British
6	Antonio Vivaldi	1678–1741	Italian
7	Frédéric Chopin	1810–1849	Polish
8	Franz Schubert	1797–1828	Austrian
9	Sergei Rachmaninov	1873–1943	Russian
10	Edward Elgar	1857–1934	British
11	Ralph Vaughan Williams	1872–1958	British
12	Felix Mendelssohn	1809–1847	German
13	Antonín Dvořák	1841–1904	Czech
14	Johannes Brahms	1833–1897	German
15	John Williams	1932–	American
16	Elena Kats-Chernin	1957–	Australian
17	Jean Sibelius	1865–1957	Finnish
18	Peter Sculthorpe	1929–2014	Australian
19	Giacomo Puccini	1858–1924	Italian
20	Gustav Mahler	1860–1911	Austro-Bohemian
21	Giuseppe Verdi	1813–1901	Italian
22	Claude Debussy	1862–1918	French
23	Camille Saint-Saëns	1835–1921	French
24	Dmitri Shostakovich	1906–1975	Russian
25	Joseph Haydn	1732–1809	Austrian
26	Arvo Pärt	1935–	Estonian
27	George Gershwin	1898–1937	American
28	Maurice Ravel	1875–1937	French
29	Edvard Grieg	1843–1907	Norwegian
30	Ross Edwards	1943–	Australian
31	Nigel Westlake	1958–	Australian
32	Sergei Prokofiev	1891–1953	Russian
33	Hildegard von Bingen	1098–1179	German
34	Georges Bizet	1838–1875	French
35	Richard Wagner	1813–1883	German

36	Philip Glass	1937–	American
37	Erik Satie	1866–1925	French
38	Leonard Bernstein	1922–2004	American
39	Gabriel Fauré	1845–1924	French
40	Ennio Morricone	1928–	Italian
41	Richard Strauss	1864–1949	German
42	Gustav Holst	1874–1934	British
43	Aaron Copland	1900–1990	American
44	Claudio Monteverdi	1567–1643	Italian
45	Henry Purcell	1659–1695	British
46	Igor Stravinsky	1882–1971	Russian
47	Robert Schumann	1810–1856	German
48	Georg Philipp Telemann	1681–1767	German
49	Max Bruch	1838–1920	German
50	Benjamin Britten	1913–1976	British
51	Alexander Borodin	1833–1887	Russian
52	Thomas Tallis	1505–1585	British
53	Franz Liszt	1811–1886	Hungarian
54	Joaquín Rodrigo	1901–1999	Spanish
55	Gioachino Rossini	1792–1868	Italian
56	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov	1844–1908	Russian
57	Hector Berlioz	1803–1869	French
58	Percy Grainger	1882–1961	Australian
59	Hans Zimmer	1957–	German
60	Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach	1714–1788	German
61	Samuel Barber	1910–1981	American
62	Clara Schumann	1819–1896	German
63	Aram Khachaturian	1903–1978	Armenian
64	Astor Piazzolla	1921–1992	Argentinian
65	Ludovico Einaudi	1955–	Italian
66	Johann Strauss II	1825–1899	German
67	Karl Jenkins	1944–	British
68	John Rutter	1945–	British
69	Anton Bruckner	1824–1896	Austrian
70	Luigi Boccherini	1743–1805	Italian
71	Bedřich Smetana	1824–1884	Czech
72	Arthur Sullivan	1842–1900	British
73	Tomaso Albinoni	1671–1751	Italian
74	Modest Mussorgsky	1839–1881	Russian
75	Johann Strauss I	1804–1849	Austrian
76	William Byrd	1539–1623	British
77	Béla Bartók	1881–1945	Hungarian
78	Johann Pachelbel	1653–1706	German
79	Arcangelo Corelli	1653–1713	Italian
80	Max Richter	1966–	German/British
81	Howard Shore	1946–	Canadian

82	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina	1525–1594	Italian
83	Fanny Mendelssohn	1805–1847	German
84	Ottorino Respighi	1879–1936	Italian
85	John Barry	1933–2011	British
86	Gregorio Allegri	1582–1652	Italian
87	William Barton	1981–	Australian
88	Niccolò Paganini	1782–1840	Italian
89	Jules Massenet	1842–1912	French
90	Peggy Glanville-Hicks	1912–1990	Australian
91	Michael Nyman	1944–	British
92	Erich Korngold	1897–1957	American
93	Graeme Koehne	1956–	Australian
94	Jean-Philippe Rameau	1683–1764	French
95	Henryk Górecki	1933–2010	Polish
96	Sally Whitwell	1974–	Australian
97	Domenico Scarlatti	1685–1757	Italian
98	Carl Vine	1954–	Australian
99	Carl Orff	1895–1982	German
100	Francis Poulenc	1899–1963	French