



- Benjamin Britten began composing music when he was 5 years old! But didn't begin composition lessons until he was 14.
- He was very good at math as a young student.
- Once his musical career had begun, he was successful as a composer, conductor and pianist.
- Britten wrote operas and music for various instrument combinations as well as scores for film, radio and theater.
- He also enjoyed writing music for children and amateurs.
- Britten is considered one of Britain's most respected composers. He created some of the greatest classical music written in the 20th century, and even managed to revive English opera.
- He composed 13 operas, 3 church parables, 2 ballets, 10 concertos, 18 orchestral works, 41 chamber/instrumental pieces, 23 choral works, 24 vocal pieces, 18 pieces for voice and orchestra and a film score.



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