



- Clara was born to a musical, German family. Her parents divorced when she was 5, and she was raised by her father.
- She was a child prodigy, and her pianist father soon made detailed plans for her music career. He taught her piano, theory, harmony and composition.
- She made her official debut at age 9 and gave a recital tour of Europe at 12. Her recital tour to Vienna at 18 was praised by Liszt, Schubert and many others.
- She married Robert Schumann at 20, despite her father's wishes. They had 8 children, they both composed and Clara performed their works. They became friends with Brahms and violinist Joachim, and were influential in the music community.
- After Robert's early death, Clara began performing on a regular basis in recitals and with orchestras, giving annual recital tours to Britain in the winter/spring and throughout Europe during the rest of the year until 1891. She also taught piano at Dr. Hoch's Konservatorium in Frankfurt until 1892.
- Fun fact: Schumann was one of the first pianists to regularly perform works memorized. She helped this become standard.
- Schumann composed 2 symphonic works, 2 concertos, 2 chamber pieces, 65 piano works, 3 cadenzas, 5 choral works, 32 lieder and numerous arrangements.



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