

Franz Schubert

(frahnts SHOO-ber)

1797 – 1828



- Schubert was born in Vienna, Austria.
- He learned violin from his father and piano from an older brother.
- At age 10, he was a choirboy at the Imperial Court chapel. This meant he was also admitted to the Imperial and Royal City College – at ten!
- He left the College at 16, and went to a school for teachers. He taught at his father's school for a few years, but knew that he would be happier composing and performing music.
- It took several years of struggle, composing in his free time while working as a teacher, but Schubert eventually was able to support himself with his music.
- He wrote a tremendous amount of music in his short life and it is still quite popular with performers and listeners.
- Even though he lived in the same city as Beethoven, who died a year earlier, they met only briefly. Schubert is buried near Beethoven.
- He wrote 46 masses and sacred works, 21 stage works, 161 choral songs, 636 solo vocal songs, 10 symphonies, 22 other orchestral works, 66 chamber pieces, 38 piano duets, 137 piano solos, and 73 other pieces.



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