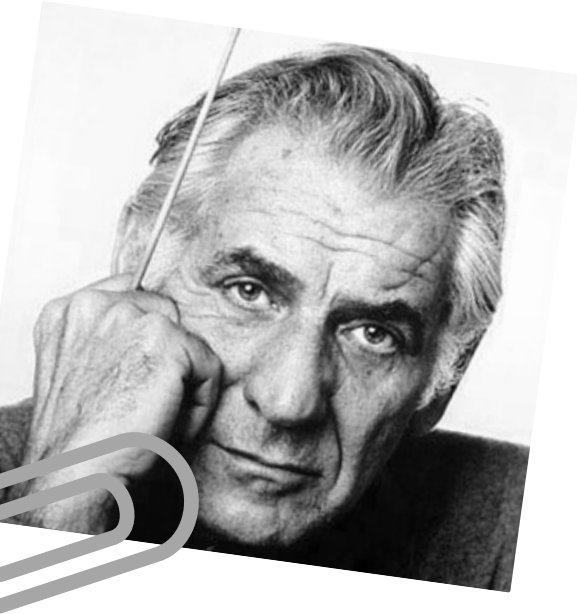


Leonard Bernstein (BURN-styne) 1918–1990



- Bernstein was born in Massachusetts.
- He began piano lessons at age ten.
- His birth name was actually Louis, because his grandmother insisted it be his name. Everyone else called him Lenny or Leonard. He changed his name legally when he turned 18.
- After studying music at Harvard and the Curtis Institute of Music, he got a job as conductor of the New York Philharmonic.
- Bernstein was famous as a composer, pianist, conductor, and teacher. He was one of the first American-born conductors to lead world-class orchestras.
- One of his most well-known pieces is the music to the musical (and film) *West Side Story*.
- Over his lifetime, Bernstein composed ballets, operas, musicals, film scores, symphonies, chamber works, vocal pieces, and dozens of piano works.

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