





In the old days music was one of compulsory subjects. Any educated person had to learn it.

A musician is a difficult profession that demands a lot of efforts. For example, a professional pianist must practise several hours a day. Only this way he can express emotions with the help of the piano and make an impression on the audience.

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To become a musician one should practise music from early childhood. Of course, it's not easy for a child to play the piano or the violin day by day especially when the weather is sunny and you want to go for a walk. **But it's necessary** to achieve good results. (a violinist)

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A musician is a romantic profession. It's not you who choose this profession, it's music that chooses you.

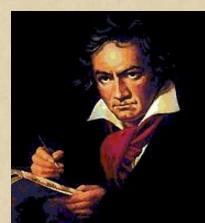
Some tune or melody can change all your life. The emotional effect of music is the greatest one comparing to other kinds of art. With the help of music you can share your emotions and feelings with other people by composing or performing musical compositions.

(The composer and musician Sergey Sadov)



The people creating music are composers. They must know the theory and the history of music, be able to play some musical instruments. Johann Sebastian <u>Bach</u> at the age of fifteen could already play the organ in the church and sing in the choir. Ludwig van <u>Beethoven</u> at the age of twelve could play instead of the court organist. Wolfgang Amadeus <u>Mozart</u> at the age of five could compose minuets.

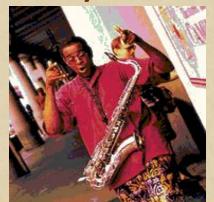






Composers create different types of music. Musicians play various instruments: piano, violin, flute, guitar, etc. Singers are also musicians. Musical performers can play in orchestras, sing in choirs, perform alone or in groups. The life of a musician is constant rehearsals, concerts, tours.

(a saxophoinist)



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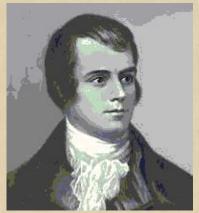
Musicians are different but they all are united by love to music and they can't imagine their life without it. (a street band)

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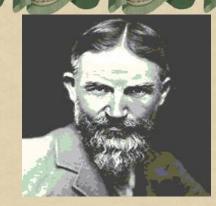
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Роберт Бернс 1759-1796

A Scottish poet Robert Burns was much interested in Scottish Songs and folk stories. In 1792 he wrote words of "Auld Long Sync" to a very old Scottish tune. Nowadays it is sung by people all over the world on the New Year Day. It made him famous.

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Джордж Бернард Шоу 1856-1950

Famous Bernard Show was one of the most popular music critics in London. He knew music well and his reviews are worth reading even now.

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