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Great Musical Partnerships

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Composing is solitary work but artistry cannot flourish in isolation. Whether reclusive or gregarious, socially inept or beloved and charming, all successful composers were supported by a wide network of friends, family, fellow professionals and patrons. In this new course we examine some of these fascinating associations and the inspiring music that we owe to them.

April 17 Meetings of Hearts and Minds:

Throughout musical history, no relationships have been more researched and wondered about than the infinitely complex webbing of love and genius that bound together Robert Schumann, Clara Weick and Johannes Brahms. Closely surrounding these charismatic individuals was a wider circle of devoted personal and professional friends who included Felix Mendelssohn and Joseph Joachim. These intimate connections had far-reaching consequences, and influenced the path of music and musical life right up to the present day. Works explored include Clara Schumann's Piano concerto, Schumann's *Carnaval*, works by Brahms, Mendelssohn and more.

Works explored, media used:

Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

Carnaval, Op. 9, 1835

- Marc-André Hamelin

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_KszUWZ3Ac

Mondnacht, from Leiderkreis, Op. 39, 1840

- Sophie Rennert, Sascha El Mouissi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrUS9B0LcqY>

Scenes from Childhood, Op. 15, 1838 & Album for the Young, Op. 68, 1848

Clara Wieck Schumann, 1819-1896

Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 7, 1835

- Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra with Lauma Skride
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0Y1hrqcSLI&t=920s>

Three Romances, Op. 22, 1853

- Janine Jansen, violin, piano - I. Antonio Pappano II & III. Denis Kozhukhin
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJ20v8U7G_0

Song of Love, movie with Katherine Hepburn and Paul Henreid, 1947

- Pianist, Artur Rubinstein
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_kV9jmooks

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Capriccio, Op.5, 1825

- Roberto Prosseda
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bNhOsdtMuU>

Cello sonata no. 2 in D, Op. 58, 1843

- Sol Gabetta, Bertrand Chamayou
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Az4f-ArCBDs>

Johannes Brahms, 1840-1897

Piano concerto no. 1 in D, Op. 15, 1858

- Artur Rubinstein, Bernard Haitink, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXd0omiCuA4>

Hungarian Dance no. 2 in D minor, 1858-68

- Joseph Joachim, 1903

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6Apn0-z1jU>

Joseph Joachim, 1831-1907

Romanze in C-Dur for Violin and Piano, 1894

- Sophie Heinrich, Paul Ravinius

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnQftpfDKi0>

Schumann, Brahms, Albert Dietrich

F-A-E sonata, WoO22 for Joseph Joachim, 1853

- Ani Batikian, Evgeny Izotov

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BisQYrHych8>