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Musical Miniatures: The Perfect Magic of Shorter Works

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September 26 The delights of salon music and the role of Nationalism

The violin and cello repertory is rich with beautiful short works that sometimes fall under the vague category of “salon music.” These miniatures are frequently great masterpieces and we enjoy selections such as Sarasate’s *Zigeunerweisen*, Elgar’s *Salut d’Amour* and others. National styles are also explored through the Catalan master Isaac Albéniz, Samuel Barber, and more by Copland, Margaret Bonds, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Béla Bartók etc.

Works explored, media used:

Victor Herbert, 1859-1924

A la Valse, 1915

- Jascha Heifetz, Milton Kaye

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

Pablo de Sarasate, 1844-1908

Gypsy Airs /Zigeunerweisen, Op. 20, 1878

- Rudolf Koelman, Fremantle Chamber Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjdlKwgMMoM&t=0s>

Edward Elgar,

Salut d'Amour, Op. 12, 1888

- Daniel Hope, Ensemble des Deutschen Kammerorchesters Berlin,
Jacques Ammon, Piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0HI0CcM-A4>

Amy Beach, 1867-1944

Romance, Op. 23, 1893

- Yerim Choi, Sora Jung

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4jMObdsjj0>

Isaac Albéniz, 1860-1909

El Puerto, from Iberia, 1905-1909

Béla Bartók, 1881-1945

Romanian Folk Dances, Sz. 56, 1915

- Tessa Lark, Yannick Rafalimanana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yahbGooZ8cY>

Bartók, field recordings of Romanian folk dances

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

Heitor Villa-Lobos, 1887-1959

Etude No. 7, 1928-29

- Ana Vidović

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUJ327hyRFo>

Bachianas Brasileiras Nº 2, IV. Toccata, O trenzinho do Caipira (the little train of the Brazilian countryman), 1930

- Roberto Minczuk, Orquestra Sinfônica Brasileira

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIG4h7lvj4Y>

William Grant Still, 1895-1978

Three Visions – Summerland, 1937

- The Sylvan Winds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBqRNokzg1g>

Ernest Bloch, 1880-1959

From Jewish Life - Prayer, 1924

- Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Irina Botan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKYnRdaIV50>

Margaret Bonds, 1913-1972

Troubled Water, 1967

- Kyle P. Walker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPeLOYc3pNA>

Samuel Barber, 1910-1981

Excursions, Op. 20, Allegro molto, 1944

- John Browning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XknDOClvvVQ&list=PLhQHIPG4E3CzurG0Qr6mllVLbfZ2KcckJ&index=4>

Bonaparte's Retreat, William H. Stepp, 1937. Recorded for the LoC by Alan Lomax

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1yeQucos9-M>

Aaron Copland, 1900-1990

Hoe-Down, from Rodeo, 1942

- Leonard Bernstein, NYPO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oR1Vh3DfqM>

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