



CLARA SCHUMANN



Timeline					
1819	1828	1840	1870-1880	1878	1896
Clara Weick is born in Leipzig, Germany	Clara performs her first concert aged 9	Clara marries famous composer Robert Schumann	Clara Schumann tours and performs around Europe	She becomes a music teacher in Frankfurt, Germany	Schumann dies in Frankfurt, Germany aged 76

Key Compositions	
Piano Concerto	1836 - Written at the age of 16.
Liebesfrühling (Love's Spring)	1841 - A set of works, 9 of which were Robert Schumann's and three of which were Clara's.
Piano Trio in G Minor	1846 - Building on her earlier works this composition has a dramatic ending and a journey of light and dark.
Drei Romanzen	1853 - Seen as one of her best works. This has a range of musical styles.
Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann	1855 - The Schumanns were very close, and she kept a diary about their marriage. This explores her emotions within their marriage.

The Importance of Clara Schumann
Being a Female Musician
 Clara Schumann earned most of the money in the Schumann family which was unusual for the time. It was not an easy task to become a famous female musician in a very male world, but she did become very successful.

War of the Romantics
 The Schumanns believed in ABSOLUTE music - music has no other meaning than the notes on the page. Others (like composer Richard Wagner) believed in PROGRAM music - music which told stories.

Key Events
Marriage to Robert Schumann
 Many of Clara's compositions were written as gifts to her husband. He sadly died at the young age of 46. They had 8 children together! Clara helped get the works of Robert Schumann known around the world.

Concerts with Joseph Joachim
 After Robert Schumann's early death, she continued her concert tours in Europe, often with the violinist Joseph Joachim. Over her career, Schumann gave over 238 concerts with Joachim in Germany and Britain.

DID YOU KNOW?

At the young age of just 13, Clara was one of the first pianists to perform from memory.