

Theme: "Classical Pieces for Piano"

1. Sonata No. 6 in F major, 1st and 2nd movements by German composer Beethoven
 - written from 1796-1798
 - dedicated to Countess Anne Margarete von Browne
2. Waltz in E minor by Polish composer Chopin
 - written in 1830 and was published in 1868
 - one of the first waltzes composed by Chopin
3. "Three Fantastic Dances" by Russian composer Shostakovich
 - earliest composition of Shostakovich, written when he was just 16 years old
 - features 3 unique themes: the first theme has an odd and bizarre mood, the second is similar to a waltz, while the third theme is very lively, similar to a circus
4. Prelude and Fugue No. 21 in B flat major by German composer J.S. Bach
 - composed in 1722
 - part of the collection of the hundreds of preludes and fugues written in Bach's lifetime
 - originally played on the organ or keyboard, but was arranged and transposed to be played on piano

Sing-Alongs:

1. "Over the Rainbow"
 - classic Academy award-winning ballad, written for the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*, and was sung by Judy Garland in her starring role as Dorothy Gale
 - one of the greatest movie songs of the 20th century

Trivia:

- **What was the name of Dorothy's dog? (Toto)**
 - **Which one of the characters did not have a brain? (Scarecrow)**
 - **Who desired a heart? (Tinman)**
 - **Who was in need of courage? (Cowardly Lion)**
2. "Singing in the Rain"
 - from the 1952 American comedy musical film *Singing in the Rain*
 - movie offered a depiction of Hollywood in the late 20's

- as suggested by its title, it is the main theme of the movie

Trivia:

Who was the lead actor, Don Lockwood, in the film Singing in the Rain?

- a) Fred Astaire**
- b) Gene Kelly**
- c) Johnny Carson**

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