

MUSIC APPRECIATION

JANUARY Report by Kathleen Howcroft

To get the Group started again after the Christmas break, we had what has become an annual event. A Musical Quiz compiled by Marilyn. She searches through her CD collection to come up with music and questions for us to answer. Every year she says it is easier this year and I'm sure it is but only a few get good marks and win the chocolates.

Our first tune to guess was Floral Dance, made popular by the Brighouse & Rastrick Brass Band, Terry Wogan and the film *Brassed Off*. How many instruments? Cornet, Clarinet and big Trombone, Fiddle, Cello, Big Bass Drum, Bassoon, Flute and Euphonium - 9. Only two points for all that!

The next piece to guess was, what herbs are mentioned in *Are you Going to Scarborough Fair?* Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme, of course. This was an album by American music duo Simon & Garfunkel released in 1966, but originally a traditional English ballad.

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy was the answer to number 6 from the *Nutcracker Suite*, composed by Tchaikovsky. Next, we had to name the title of the musical and the composer. It was *Oliver*, I'd do Anything. Music and lyrics by Lionel Bart. Book *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Who was known as the king of the waltzes? – Strauss.

In between we had a few questions to guess the instrument or composer. Very annoying when you know the music but can't remember anything else. Guess the instrument. Champagne can be served in this – easy – Flute! A hunting instrument - Horn.

Another Tchaikovsky favourite the 1812 Overture, penned to commemorate the Russian victory over the French at the Battle of Borodino. We were asked for the piece of work and composer. Answer - The Swan from Saint-Saens's *The Carnival of the Animals*.

A favourite March, Colonel Bogey, was recognised by most of us but who wrote it in 1914 – Lieutenant F J Ricketts a British Army Bandmaster. It was used partly in the *Bridge on the River Kwai*. *West Side Story* was a winner in the musical section music by Leonard Bernstein. Which composer was able to still write music despite being almost deaf in his later years – Beethoven.

Which instrument do you associate with Yehudi Menuhin? – Violin. An instrument also a flower – Viola. Which instrument led the big parade – Trombone. Who was the subject of the 1984 film *Amadeus*? - Mozart. To which family of instruments does the bassoon belong? Woodwind. Who wrote the *Brandenburg Concertos*? - J S Bach. How many are there? - 6 composed between 1708 – 1721. Ice cream can be served in this – Cornet.

Our final piece to guess was very rousing *Pomp and Circumstance Military March* by Elgar and played every year at the BBC's Last Night of the Proms.

Thank you once again Marilyn. What would we do without you!

The International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival Harrogate is this year

7 - 8th August Royal Hall Tickets on sale 4th February

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

Members CDs

Please bring your favourites along

Meeting at 10 am Millennium Room Cotherstone Village Hall

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