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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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Nowadays when we talk about Mozart, no one in young generation really knows what he did to become famous. At best they only know that Mozart was one famous classical musician. It is sad how he and his honorable works are slowly fading away. Because Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is the world best composer that ever lived and his music is more than just a normal music.

Child prodigy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born to Leopold Mozart and Anna Maria Mozart on January 27, 1756 in a small town Salzburg, Austria.¹ Leopold was a brilliant musician, composer and also a great father. He wish that his children both Wolfgang and his older sister, Maria Anna, become a musician like him.²

Mozart was surrounded by music ever since he was born. And he is also got strongly encourage by his parents to participate in music. That allowed him to show his extraordinary talent since his very young age. At the age of three, he started to play his sister clavichord, European's keyboard, sneakily whenever she is not around.³ He surprised everyone how well he can play and made up pieces of music at this age. His father known since then that his son had an unusual gift from god. And he intended to do everything to bring Mozart's talent to full power. And only by five, he already composed his first minuet⁴. Leopold stopped composing music in the purpose of devoting all his time training his children and that result in making them able to

¹ "Wolfgang Mozart Biography." Bio.com. A&E Networks Television, n.d. < <http://www.biography.com/people/wolfgang-mozart-9417115> >

² Mirsky, Reba Paeff. MOZART. 1960. 9

³ Mirsky, Reba Paeff. MOZART. 1960. 17

⁴ "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart " Mozart n d Web

give their first public performance to the Electors in Munich very successfully. At that time Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was only six years old. He made his parent proud. After that Mozart travel to play all around Europe with his family for years. His music ability had increased as he grew up.

Although he lived for only 35 years, he had composed more than 600 pieces including operas, symphonies, piano concertos, violin concerto, concert arias, piano sonatas and many more.⁵ He has unusual good memory when it comes to music, he can write down note-for-note of the complex pieces after hear it for once.⁶ He made it all so easy; he had every thing in his head before he even start writing. And he is also remarkable at opera too. He was able to express the feeling in his head onto the music note. And that make his opera become very popular, his work called The Magic Flute is one of his best. Many of his works inspired people, especially next generation composer.

Ludwig Van Beethoven admired Mozart's Music. In 1787, Beethoven left his hometown to Vienna in order to seek for Mozart lessons. Mozart influenced Numbers of Beethoven's work. As Beethoven wrote Mozart's symphony on his own sketchbook, and adapting it to his own.⁷ In the same way, another composer that was influence by Mozart is Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Tchaikovsky truly adored Mozart's work, after listen to Mozart's piece he decided to leave his civil career to become a composer.⁸ He respect Mozart as musical Christ and let Mozart's work called Don Giovanni, to be the best of all opera. Mozart was ideal person for both of the world

⁵ "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Composer." *DSO Kids*. N.p., n.d. Web. <

<http://www.dsokids.com/listen/composerdetail.aspx?composerid=15> >

⁶ "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart." - *Simple English Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. N.p., n.d. Web. <
http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolfgang_Amadeus_Mozart >

⁷ "Mozart-Beethoven." *Mozart-Beethoven*. Web.< <http://amadeusnotesart.com/mb.html> >

⁸ "Tchaikovsky Research : Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)." *Tchaikovsky Research : Wolfana Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*. Web.< <http://www.tchaikovsky->

great composers. If it were not because of Mozart, there would not be the world of music as it is today. There's something special about his music, something that makes the audience feel so euphoric. Something we cannot find from other composer's works.

Mozart's music has some special ability. Recent study claim that listen to some piece of Mozart music help the brain to function better. When we listen to certain complex music, like the one from Mozart, it warm up our brain and the lightness of his music helps the audience to feel relieve, reducing stress, tension and anxiety. That allow them to function thing better, they concentrate more with thing on hand which leads to less of learning time and even more efficiency. Leads to better learning potential. There was a test on this topic; the group of people who listened to Mozart's music (Mozart K448) can perform better in their IQ test average about 8-9 scores higher than those who do not listen to any music.⁹ It is beneficial for children to listen or learn Mozart's music in their developing age. And by listen to classical music also help with the ability to recall memory that was retained in our brain better than other kind of music.¹⁰ His music is more than just a normal music, it help us to increase our intelligence by just listen.

Furthermore, other than helping with spatial performance, his music helps with healing disease also. Since Mozart's music is soothing and comforting, it helps with secreting endorphins in human's brain, which speed up the healing process. And delightful music of Mozart will help the patient to forget the suffering of the pain. More importantly if his music does not help with curing process, it sure helps creating

⁹ "Human Intelligence: Mozart Effect." *Human Intelligence: Mozart Effect*. N.p., n.d. Web. <
<http://www.indiana.edu/~intell/mozarteffect2.shtml> >

¹⁰ "The Mozart Effect: What Are the Real Benefits?" *Music Super Learner Brain Fitness for Life*

hope in patient mind.¹¹ And that is the best medicine that one can ever have. Fighting again ailment with music has only good side effects and it is more entertaining compared to other form therapy.

As can be seen, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was an extraordinary talented composer. He got the gift from god that make everything about music seem so easily done; top with hard work he became successful since his early age. He produces a large number of quality works through out his lifetime. And those precious works have inspired many people including Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Later on his work are found to be even more valuable as it is claim to improve intelligence of human and help people who are suffering from ailment. His music is not just an ordinary music. Even though he had already passed, we should not let the name of this great musician die with him. He and his music should not be left abandoned. It is save to say that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is the world best musician and composer that ever lived. He had contributed so many things to mankind. And it is our duty to pass on his great work to the next generation, never let it fade away with time.

¹¹ "The Healing Power of Music." *The Healing Power of Music*. N.n.. n.d.