

'MY FIRST' series

- new worlds for young ears -

The 'My First' series from Naxos is the ideal springboard for a lifelong journey through classical music. Each selection is carefully tailored for younger listeners and includes famous tracks as well as unexpected gems. From CDs and books to mobile apps, these titles are full of interesting information about music and musical instruments. Unique and imaginative, the 'My First' series will open a door to a wonderful world that children and parents can discover together.

"This Naxos' series, very educational for hearing and sensitivity, is excellent." – Ritmo Magazine



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MY FIRST CLASSICAL MUSIC ALBUM

INCLUDES

Vivaldi The Four Seasons
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Grieg Peer Gynt
Saint-Saëns The Carnival of the Animals
Dukas The Sorcerer's Apprentice
Prokofiev Peter and the Wolf
Mozart The Magic Flute
Rossini William Tell
...and many more!



'Da-da-DAAAAH, Da-da-da-DAAAAH': the start of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony is really famous. See if you recognise it! It's just one of many popular pieces here. There are some animals, too – an elephant and a swan. And right at the end, guess which boy wizard joins the party... Come and join it too!



MY FIRST CLASSICAL MUSIC BOOK

My First Classical Music Book is a delightfully colourful introduction to classical music, designed to fire the imagination of children aged 5-7 years. Readers are asked to think about the different places in which we might hear music. Then, each of the major composers and musical instrument families are introduced and brought to life in a vivid and enchanting way. Throughout the book, children are referred to the accompanying audio CD so that they can hear examples as they read. This is the most exceptional book of its kind, providing an absorbing experience for both eyes and ears.



Written by Genevieve Helsby, Illustrated by Jason Chapman

- Hardback
- 68 pages
- Full-colour illustrated book
- Includes CD
- ISBN 978-1-84379-118-8
- naxosbooks.com

"An exuberant and fascinating introduction to instruments, melodies and composers alike - Handel, Brahms, Stravinsky, John Adams are all included - and comes with a CD, the carefully chosen tracks dovetailing nicely with the text." - The Daily Telegraph



MY FIRST ORCHESTRA ALBUM

INCLUDES

Rimsky-Korsakov Sheherazade
Beethoven Symphony No. 3
Bernstein Candide
Debussy Children's Corner
Shostakovich Festive Overture
Offenbach Orpheus in the Underworld
Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker ...and many more!



An orchestra has lots of different instruments producing lots of different sounds. Whether they're playing on their own or all at the same time, it can be a tremendously exciting experience to listen to them. From Wagner's grand 'Ride of the Valkyries' to Tchaikovsky's gentle 'Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy', you can hear on this album how the character of an orchestra changes all the time!

"The interpretations are very good in almost all cases." – Rimto

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THESE BOOKS

MEET THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE ORCHESTRA!

Come and *Meet the Instruments of the Orchestra!* How can the orchestra make so many different sounds? It is quiet and gentle, loud and piercing, funny, powerful, beautiful, frightening – and many other things besides. With your guiding star, Evelyn Glennie, you too can become an expert.

Written by Genevieve Helsby, with Evelyn Glennie

- Hardback
- 176 pages
- Full-colour illustrated book
- Includes CD
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MY FIRST ORCHESTRA BOOK

Written by Genevieve Helsby, Illustrated by Karin Eklund

- Hardback
- 68 pages
- Full-colour illustrated book
- Includes CD
- ISBN 978-1-84379-770-8
- naxosbooks.com



A delightfully colourful introduction to the orchestra, aimed to fire the imagination of children aged 4–9 years. There is a special guide in the book: a little green creature called Tormod. He is a troll who has come all the way from the top of a mountain in Norway to discover music. As he searches for the music that will help him to find his way home, readers learn about the different instruments—what they look and sound like, and how they belong in different families. Throughout the book children are referred to the accompanying CD so that they can hear examples as they read.

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THIS APP

MY FIRST ORCHESTRA APP





- Tap any words or pictures and hear the text narrated, extracts of music, animations and sound effects.
- Over 40 different pieces of music featured, in excellent recordings.
- For children aged 4 and above.
- Available on iOS devices



MY FIRST PIANO ALBUM

INCLUDES

Schubert Militaire Grieg March of the Trolls Rimsky-Korsakov Flight of the Bumblebee Chopin 'Minute' Waltz Debussy Golliwog's Cakewalk ...and many more!



Listen to the piano turn into a bumblebee, a donkey, trolls, a bird, a horse and a butterfly! Sometimes it isn't anything except a piano, but the music coming out of it is exciting and beautiful. Can you spot Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star? Mozart makes it twinkle in all kinds of different ways. There are so many things to enjoy here, and all from one amazing musical instrument: the piano.

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THIS BOOK



MY FIRST PIANO BOOK

Written by Genevieve Helsby, Illustrated by Jason Chapman

- Hardback
- 72 pages
- Full-colour illustrated book
- Includes 2 CDs and website
- ISBN 978-1-78198-029-3
- naxosbooks.com

Following the international success of My First Classical Music Book, Genevieve Helsby and Jason Chapman return with My First Piano Book: an original and vibrant introduction for children to one of the world's greatest musical instruments.

Bursting with life and humour, My First Piano Book flaunts the piano in all its glory to inspire a new audience. It opens a door to loving the sound of the instrument and becoming a pianist, connecting the discovery of brilliant piano playing (Part 1) with that very first go at pressing the keys (Part 2, which contains practical guidance). Each page is a treat to explore, as its animal characters show what they know (and what they don't!). It truly is both informative and great fun.

MY FIRST VIOLIN ALBUM

From folk music to film music, the violin is the star of instruments. Millions of children all over the world learn how to play it and the top performers make it sound beautiful. They can also do clever things on it, with their fingers whizzing up and down, and the bow moving so fast you can hardly see it.

INCLUDES

Paganini Caprice No. 24 Mozart Violin Concerto No. 3 Mendelssohn Violin Concerto Sarasate Fantasy on 'Carmen' ...and many more!



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MY FIRST BALLET ALBUM

INCLUDES

Tchaikovsky Swan Lake Stravinsky The Firebird Tchaikovsky The Sleeping Beauty Schubert Rosamunde Prokofiev Cinderella ...and many more!



MY FIRST LULLARY ALBUM

INCLUDES

Brahms Wiegenlied Schumann Scenes of Childhood: Dreaming Fauré Berceuse Elgar Chanson de nuit ...and many more!



For centuries, babies and children all over the world have been rocked to sleep with a song to calm them. Whether parents sing or play, or press play, they know that music so often soothes with success. Composers have written lullabies for different reasons - sometimes as standalone songs or pieces and sometimes as part of a larger work. Here is a variety of restful tracks to foster the sweet dreams of all!

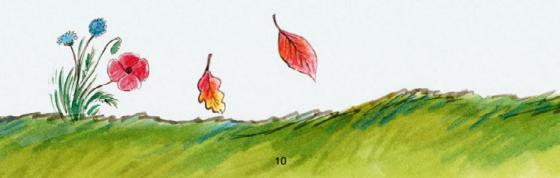
MY FIRST CHRISTMAS ALBUM

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INCLUDES

Once in royal David's city Winter Wonderland The holly and the ivy Jingle Bells Away in a manger The Nutcracker In the bleak midwinter ...and many more!

Can you imagine Christmas without music? No singing, no jingling. Only Scrooge would be happy with that! It is a time for music to fill the air. Part of the fun is hearing things that are only played at Christmas and at no other time of year—carols that make you think of the end of term, or the holidays, or bobble hats; songs that make you think of food, or snow, or stockings. Here are some of the most popular carols, as well as some other surprises... Merry Christmas!



MY FIRST REFTHOVEN ALBUM

INCLUDES

Symphony No. 5 • Für Elise 'Moonlight' Sonata 'Spring' Sonata • Violin Concerto ...and many more!



CD 8.578206

Beethoven was a musical giant. He is like the Olympic champion of classical music. Some of the music he wrote is strong and serious, and some of it is very gentle. Listen here to orchestras, pianos, violins and other instruments playing some of the most famous piecestof all!



MY FIRST MOZART ALBUM

INCLUDES

The Marriage of Figaro Symphony No. 40 • Turkish Rondo The Magic Flute • A Musical Joke ...and many more!

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart lived 250 years ago but he carries on being famous - so he must have been special. He giggled a lot. He was also good at playing the piano and the violin. And he wrote this amazing music, which people still love hearing today. See if you love hearing it too!

MY FIRST TCHAIKOVSKY ALBUM

INCLUDES

The Nutcracker • Piano Concerto No. 1 Swan Lake • The Sleeping Beauty ...and many more!



Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky: a great Russian name for a great Russian composer! This CD is all about Tchaikovsky. Imagine the ballet dancers twirling around to his tunes: you can twirl around too, if you like!

MY FIRST 9-CD BOX SET

'MY FIRST' CLASSICAL ALBUMS

CLASSICAL MUSIC • MOZART • BEETHOVEN • TCHAIKOVSKY PIANO • VIOLIN • BALLET • LULLABY • ORCHESTRA







ABOUT GENEVIEVE HELSBY

After a sparkling performance of Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2, Genevieve Helsby graduated with a distinction in piano performance as part of her degree at Durham University. Her passion for conveying the fun and vitality of classical music to children has led to a number of hugely successful books and apps, most notably Naxos' *Meet the Instruments of the Orchestra!*, *My First Classical Music Book and My First Orchestra Book*. As well as teaching the piano, she has presented children's concerts promoting some of these titles, and she recently narrated her own rhyming verses for Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals* in concert with the Sinfonia of Cambridge.

"Helsby does an excellent job of making classical music accessible and entertaining." - The Sunday Times on My First Classical Music Book



ALSO AVAILABLE

Naxos Mobile Apps

Interactive apps for children aged 4 and above

Naxos now produces interactive apps for mobile devices – Apple's iPhone, iPod and iPad, as well as Android smart-phones and tablets. It has been building on the huge success of *My First Classical Music App* to create further products both for children and for adults.



"Parents and children alike will be charmed by this... quirkily characterful app."

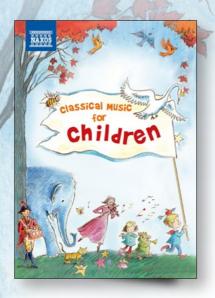
The Sunday Times on My First Classical Music App

My First Orchestra App featured in The Guardian's Apps Blog as one of the "30 Best Apps"

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We believe that classical music provides the stimuli needed to help children realize their full potential. The music introduced here is meant to last a lifetime; a lifetime of listening, learning and growing.

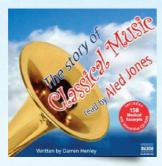
We hope this catalogue will help parents in their selection of music for younger members of the family. From individual discs to compilations, from Renaissance works to contemporary sounds, and from first experiences to a maturing interest in classical music – this catalogue provides a generous list of suggestions for future pleasures to take root.

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