

Things to read

Blog: "Classicalexburns: A Classical Music Blog" Classicalexburns

<https://www.classicalexburns.com/>) is a blog dedicated to classical music. It offers detailed analysis and insights into a wide range of musical works, composers, and historical periods. The blog includes articles on music theory, composition techniques, listening recommendations, and discussions of notable pieces, which can be valuable for enhancing your knowledge and understanding of music.

Book: Essential Dictionary of Orchestration

The most important book to understand if you intend to write for instruments at A-Level music. This small handy guide gives you all the information you need about instrument ranges, timbres and playable styles.

"Classical Classroom" Podcast hosted by Dacia Clay

- It is an engaging and educational podcast that aims to make classical music accessible and enjoyable for listeners of all levels of musical knowledge. Each episode features interviews with renowned musicians, composers, and musicologists who share their expertise and passion for classical music.

Things to listen to

Music – Beyond the curriculum

Things to watch

Musicals:

- Les Miserables (Hugh Jackman film for the musical but the Liam Neeson version is really good for understanding the story).
- Sweeney Todd (Johnny Depp film first but watch this stage concert afterwards to understand the actual composition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7D3OptJO-Q>)
- Miss Saigon (2014 Production <https://www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x2ak1b>)
- Into the Woods (Watch the Disney film first, then watch this version to actually get the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJir5uPRXcM>).

Howard Goodall's Story of Music

- It's a 6 part series but if you watch just one, watch the second episode "The Age of Invention", which takes you through the most important period in Classical music, the Baroque: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMxE8wawVA>

TwoSet Violin

- Two violinists that love Classical music and make comedy videos about the Classical world <https://www.youtube.com/user/twosetviolin>.

Musicals soundtracks

- Les Miserables (2020 Staged Concert Company)
- Sweeney Todd (Original Broadway Cast)
- Miss Saigon (2014 Production)
- Into the Woods (Original Broadway Cast)



Book: Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain by Oliver Sacks

This fascinating book explores the relationship between music and the human brain. It delves into case studies and anecdotes, shedding light on the neurological and psychological aspects of music.

