## **CLASSICAL ERA**





**Art of the Enlightenment** 

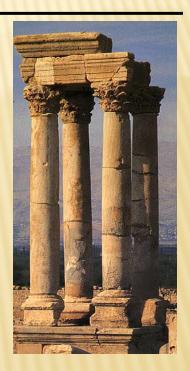
#### CLASSICISM DEFINED

- The period of the ancient Greeks and Romans
- \*A standard (enduring)
- Genre of music
- \*Time period

1750-1820







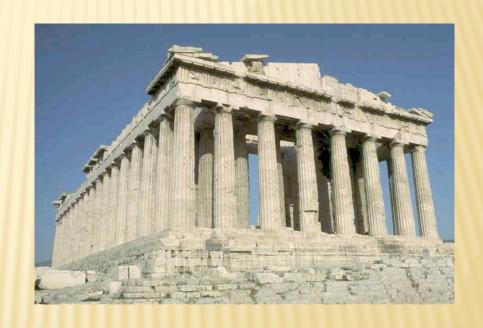
#### MUSIC OF THE CLASSICAL ERA

\* Began: death of Bach

Ended: Beethoven (mid-life)

#### **CLASSICAL THINKING**

- Reason was supreme
- Sought the perfect society
  - + Enlightenment
- Beauty
- × Rules were valuable



#### MUSIC OF THE CLASSICAL ERA

Characteristics (Vienese style)

+ Dedication to form

× From the Germans-

+ Strong melody

× From the Italians

+ Homophonic



#### VIENNESE CLASSICAL STYLE

Characteristics of the Viennese Style

Dedication to form from Germany

 Strong melodyfrom Italy



"I write my music in order that the weary and worn or the men burdened with affairs might enjoy a few minutes of solace and refreshment."

— Haydn

#### STRUCTURE OF MUSIC

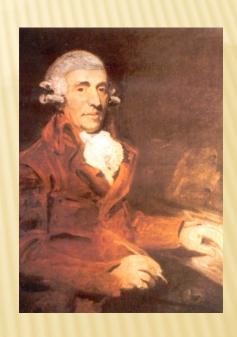
- Melody carried the interest
- \* Form still needed to give meaning
  - + Note power of the human voice
  - + Instrumental music uses strong melody as power

# "There can be no art without form."

+Igor Stravinsky

## JOSEPH HAYDN

- Father figure to Mozart and Beethoven
- Worked for Prince Esterhazy
- Included jokes in his symphonies
- Wrote in most genres
- Freely gave time and advice
- Relationship with Mozart



#### WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

- Began composing before age 5
- Life of depression and creativity
- In Salzburg
  - + Court composer
- × Vienna
  - + Salieri
  - + Friendship with Haydn
  - + Struggle for money



"[My pay is] too much for what I do, too little for what I could do."

Mozart

#### **MOZART**

- Able to hear complete pieces in his head
- Capability for output
  - +10 years:
    - ×8 Symphonies
    - ×17 Piano Concertos
    - × 6 Operas
    - Clarinet quartet and quintet
    - × Requiem Mass
    - ×11 String Quartets
    - × 5 String Quintets
    - × Many Individual Works

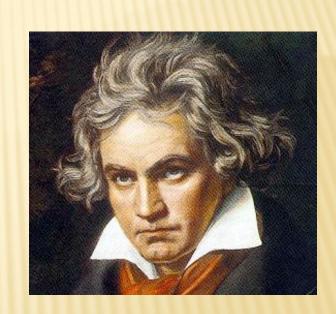


"Though it be long, the work is complete and finished in my mind. I take out of the bag of my memory what has previously been collected into it. For this reason the committing to paper is done quickly enough."

Mozart

#### LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

- Supported his family as a child
- Scholarship to Vienna+ Played for Mozart
- Made the piano popular
- × Second scholarship to Vienna
  - + Taught by Haydn



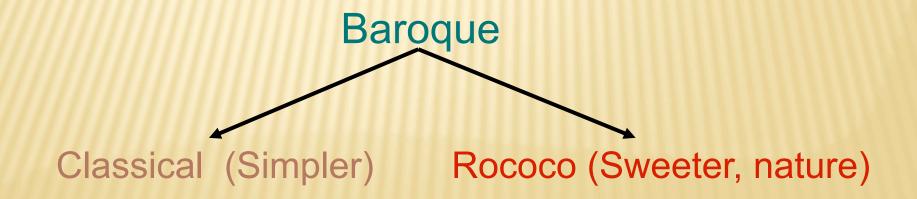
"I carry my thoughts within me long, often very long before I write them down. As I know what I want, the fundamental idea never deserts me. It mounts, it grows in stature. I hear, I see the picture in its whole extent standing all of a piece before my spirit, and there remains for me only the task of writing it down."

-Beethoven

## CLASSICAL PERIOD ART

## ART IN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

- Baroque had been the style from 1600 to 1750
  - + Elaborate, impressive
  - + Show glory of church and/or state
- New direction was disputed



#### **ROCOCO**

- \* Emphasis on ultra beauty and nature
- Less dramatic (more sweet) than Baroque
- Themes: aimed at the wealthy class
  - + Lighter, frivolous
  - + Picnics, lovers, Greek gods
  - + Portraits

## JEAN ANTIONE WATTEAU

× Pilgrimage to Cythera



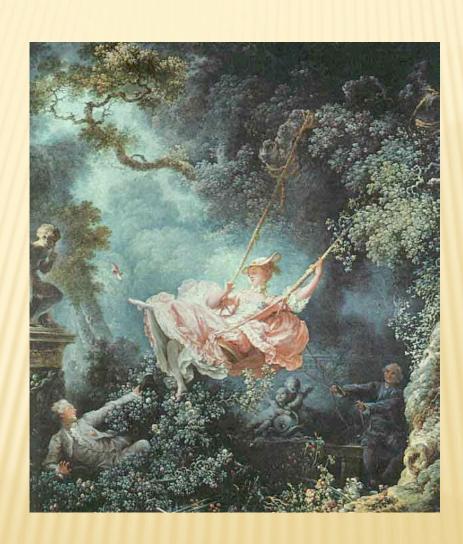
# FRANÇOIS BOUCHER

Europa



# JEAN-HONORÉ FRAGONARD

The Swing



## THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH



Mary, Countess Howe



Blue Boy

## THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH

Mrs. Richard Brinsley Sheridan



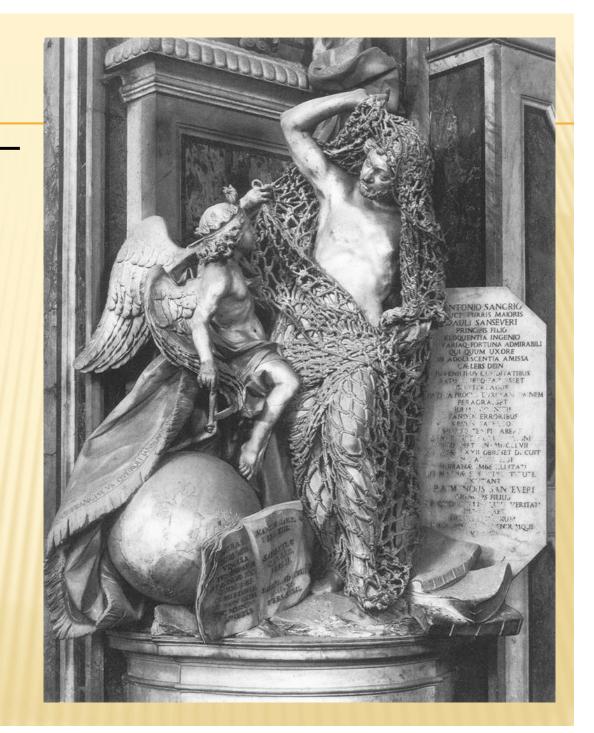
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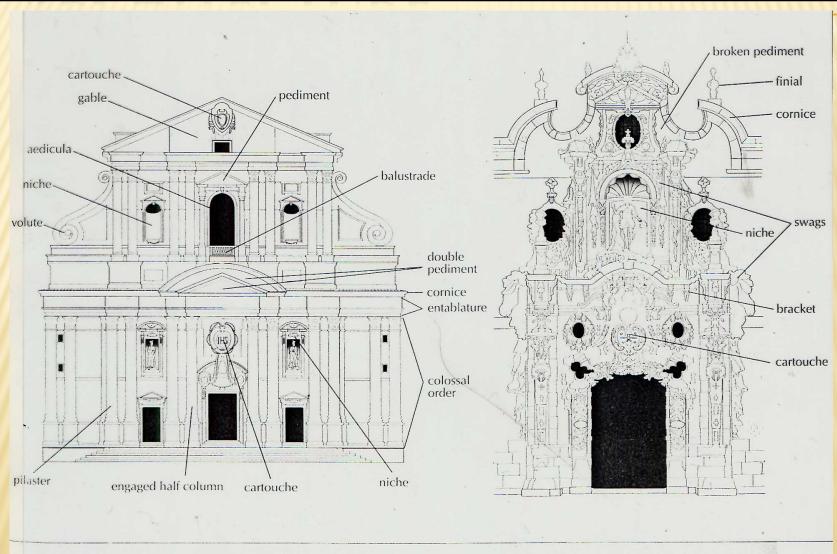
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## SCULPTURE

- Virtuosity
- » Queirolo
  - + Release from Deception





Giacomo da Vignola and Giacomo della Porta. Facade elevation of the Church of Il Gesù, Rome. c. 1575–84

Pedro de Ribera. Portal of the Hospicio de San Fernando, Madrid. 1722

- Cupids and gilded ornamentation
- The monastery church of our Lady Ettal, Oberammergau



(Ettal)



Wieskirche, Bavaria (Altar)



Wieskirche (Nave)



Kaisersaal,Wurzburg



#### **NEOCLASSICAL ART**

- Rococo followed by Neoclassical
  - + American revolution
- Paintings

#### \* Death of Socrates



\* Oath of Horatii



\* Intervention of the Sabine Women



Napoleon Crossing the Alps





Coronation of Napoleon

Napoleon in his study



# **INGRES**



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