

OPERA HISTORY

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Renaissance Era 1450 - 1600</p>	<p>OPERAS COMPOSED</p>	<p>ART & MUSIC</p>	<p>LITERATURE & THEATER</p>	<p>AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY</p>	<p>SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Baroque Era 1600 - 1750</p>	<p>Jacopo Peri composes Dafne (1597)</p> <p>Mona Lisa by DaVinci (1503)</p> <p>Sistine Chapel begun by Michaelangelo (1508)</p> <p>Venus of Urbino by Titian (1525)</p> <p>This is the period of DaVinci, Michaelangelo, Raphael, Holbein, Caravaggio and</p>	<p>Orfeo by Claudio Monteverdi (1607)</p> <p>Teatre San Cassiano, the first public opera house, opens in Venice (1637)</p> <p>Dido & Aeneas by Henry Purcell (1689)</p> <p>Giulio Cesare composed by George Handel (1724)</p> <p>The Beggar's Opera by John Gay (1728)</p> <p>La Serva Padrona by Pergolesi (1733)</p>	<p>La Morte d'Artur by Sir Thomas Malory (1484)</p> <p>The Prince by Machiavelli (1514)</p> <p>Romeo & Juliet (1594), A Midsummer Night's Dream (1595), The Merchant of Venice (1596), Henry IV (1597), Much Ado About Nothing (1598), Julius Caesar and Twelfth Night (1599) by William Shakespeare</p> <p>Shakespeare dies in 1640</p> <p>Japanese Noh drama development begins (1650)</p> <p>Paradise Lost written by John Milton (1667)</p> <p>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding written by John Locke (1690)</p> <p>Gulliver's Travels written by Jonathan Swift (1726)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tudor dynasty begins in England (1485) • First voyage of Columbus (1492) • Martin Luther breaks from the Catholic Church and writes his Ninety-five theses (1517) • Magellan circumnavigates the globe (1519) • Church of England breaks from the Roman Catholic church (1531-32) • Ireland made a kingdom (1542) • Spanish Armada defeated (1588) <p>Dutch invent the telescope (1600)</p> <p>Johannes Kepler writes Astronomia nova (1609)</p> <p>Galileo Galilei writes Dialogue on the Two Chief Systems of the World (1632)</p> <p>Sir Isaac Newton writes Principia mathematica (1687)</p> <p>Innoculation for small pox is introduced to England by Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1717)</p>	<p>Gutenberg invents movable metal type for printing (1454)</p> <p>The Treviso Arithmetic is the first published math book in Treviso, Italy (1478)</p> <p>Leonardo da Vinci sketches a humanoid automaton (1495)</p> <p>The beginning of the Scientific Revolution with the Copernicus treatise <i>On the Revolution of Heavenly Spheres</i> (1543)</p>

OPERAS COMPOSED

Orfeo ed Uridice by Christoph Gluck (1762)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composes **Idomeneo** (1781), **The Abduction from the Seraglio** (1782), **The Marriage of Figaro** (1786), **Don Giovanni** (1787), **Così fan tutte** (1790) and **The Magic Flute** (1791) Mozart dies (1791)

Fidelio (first version) by Ludwig von Beethoven (1805)

Gioacchino Rossini composes **Tancredi** and **L'italiana in Algeri** (1813), **The Barber of Seville** (1816), **La Cenerentola** (1817), **Semiramide** (1823) and **Guillaume Tell** (1829)

Richard Wagner is born (1813)

Giuseppe Verdi is born (1813)

Der Freischutz by Carl Maria von Weber (1821)

ART & MUSIC

J.S. Bach dies (1750)

The Blue Boy painted by Gainsborough (1770)

La Scala opera house opens in Milan (1778)

Haydn quartets published by Mozart (1785)

London Symphonies composed by Franz Josef Haydn (1791)

First Symphony by Beethoven (1799)

The Seasons by Haydn (1801)

Fifth Symphony (1807) and **Ninth Symphony** (1823) by Beethoven

The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key (1814)

Beethoven dies (1827)

LITERATURE & THEATER

Candide by Voltaire (1759)

The Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith (1776)

Critique of Pure Reason by Immanuel Kant (1781)

The Marriage of Figaro by Beaumarchais (1784)

The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire by Edward Gibbon (1788)

Kubla Khan by Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1797)

Faust (part 1) by Goethe (1808)

The Lady of the Lake (1810) and **Ivanhoe** (1819) by Sir Walter Scott

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper (1826)

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- French and Indian wars (1756)
- George III of England crowned (1760)
- Joseph II becomes Holy Roman Emperor (1765)
- The Boston Massacre (1770)
- First Continental Congress in Philadelphia (1774)
- Louis XVI King of France (1774)
- American Revolution (1775-1783)
- Declaration of Independence (1776)
- French Revolution (1789-1794)
- Washington D.C. founded (1790)
- The Kingdoms of Ireland and Great Britain merge to form the United Kingdom (1801)
- Louisiana Purchase (1803)
- Lewis & Clark open up the Northwest Territory (1804-6)
- Napoleon crowned Emperor (1804)
- The University of Berlin is founded (1810)
- French invasion of Russia (1812)
- War of 1812 begins between United States and England (1812)
- Napoleon retreats from Moscow (1812)
- Congress of Vienna (1814)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Ben Franklin flies his famous kite inventing a lightning conductor (1752)

Watt's steam engine is patented (1769)

Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin (1793)

Discovery of ultraviolet rays (1800)

Fulton builds first commercial steamboat (1807)

Invention of the metronome (1815)

Typewriter invented (1821)

Faraday's electric motor and generator (1821)

OPERAS COMPOSED

Vincenzo Bellini composes *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* (1830), *La Sonnambula* (1831), *Norma* (1831), and *I Puritani* (1835)

Gaetano Donizetti composes *Anna Bolena* (1830), *L'elisir d'amore* (1833), *Lucrezia Borgia* (1833), *Lucia di Lammermoor* (1835), *La Fille du regiment* (1840), and *Don Pasquale* (1843)

Les Huguenots by Giacomo Meyerbeer (1836)

Giuseppe Verdi composes *Nabucco* (1842), *Ernani* (1844), *Macbeth* (1847), *Stiffelio* (1850), *Rigoletto* (1851), *Il Travatore* (1853), *La Traviata* (1853), *Un Ballo in Maschera* (1859), *La Forza del Destino* (1862), *Don Carlos* (1867), *Aida* (1871), and *Otello* (1887)

Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka composes *A Life for the Tsar* (1836) and *Ruslan and Lyudmila* (1842)

ART & MUSIC

Symphonie Fantastique by Hector Berlioz (1830)

Etudes, Op. 10 by Frederic Chopin (1832)

First and Fourth Symphonies by Robert Schumann (1841)

New York Philharmonic Society founded (1842)

Old Folks at Home by Stephen Foster (1851)

Olympia painted by Manet (1863)

Pictures at an Exhibition by Modeste Mussorgsky (1874)

Claude Monet paints *Gare Saint-Lazare* (1877)

Metropolitan Opera opens (1883)

LITERATURE & THEATER

The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo (1831)

Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson (1835)

The Three Musketeers (1844) by Alexandre Dumas père and *La Dame aux Camellias* (1848) by Alexandre Dumas fils

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë (1847)

Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels (1848)

Oper und Drama by Richard Wagner conceiving opera as a synthesis of theatrical arts with a continuous flow of vocal and orchestral music (1850)

Singer Jenny Lind begins her American tour (1850)

Moby Dick by Herman Melville (1851)

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe (1852)

Walden by Henry David Thoreau (1854)

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- Battle of Waterloo (1815)
- "Savannah" becomes the first steamship to cross the Atlantic (1818)
- Karl Marx born (1818)
- Singapore established by the British East India company (1819)
- Erie Canal opens connecting the Great Lakes to the Atlantic (1825)
- Independence of Greece (1829)
- Slavery Abolition Act bans slavery throughout the United Kingdom (1833)
- Davey Crockett killed at the Alamo (1836)
- Queen Victoria crowned in England (1837)
- New Zealand is founded with the Treaty of Waitangi between the British and Maori (1840)
- First telegraph between Baltimore and Washington (1844)
- Mormons settle at Great Salt Lake (1847)
- First gold rush in California (1848)
- Taiping Rebellion in China (1851-64)
- Crimean War (1853)
- Charge of the Light Brigade (1855)
- Emancipation of Italy (1861)
- American Civil War (1861-65)
- International Red Cross founded after the first Geneva Convention (1863-64)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Louis Braille publishes *Method of Writing Words, Music and Plain Songs by Means of Dots, for Use by the Blind and Arranged for Them*, the first Braille book (1829)

Michael Faraday begins experiments that lead to discovery of electromagnetic induction (1831)

Morse invents the telegraph (1837)

Christian Doppler publishes his theory on the Doppler effect (1842)

First telegraph message transmitted (1844)

First use of ether as an anesthetic (1846)

Isaac Singer invents the stitch sewing machine (1851)

Sigmund Freud is born in Austria (1856)

Charles Darwin publishes *On the Origin of Species* (1859)

The Romantic Era
1827 - 1900 (cont.)

OPERAS COMPOSED

Richard Wagner composes **Rienzi** (1842), **The Flying Dutchman** (1843), **Tannhauser** (1845), **Lohengrin** (1850), **Tristan und Isolde** (1865), and his four opera series **The Ring of the Niebelungen** (1854-1876)

Boris Godunov by Modeste Mussorgsky (1874)

Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss II (1874)

Carmen by Georges Bizet (1875)

Eugene Onegin by Peter Tchaikovsky (1879)

The Tales of Hoffman by Jacques Offenbach (1881)

Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni (1890) and **Pagliacci** by Leoncavallo (1892)

Hansel und Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck (1893)

La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini (1896)

ART & MUSIC

Sunflowers painted by Vincent van Gogh (1888)

Scheherazade by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1888)

Fifth Symphony by Peter Tchaikovsky (1888)

Rodin sculpts **The Thinker** (1889)

Death and Transfiguration by Richard Strauss (1890)

Toulouse-Lautrec paints **At the Moulin Rouge** (1892)

The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky (1892)

Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun by Claude Debussy (1894)

LITERATURE & THEATER

Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman (1855)

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens (1859)

The Origin of Species by Charles Darwin (1859)

War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy (1864)

Peer Gynt by Henrick Ibsen (1867)

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne (1869)

Sarah Bernhardt takes the European stages by storm beginning in the 1870s

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen (1879)

Also Sprach Zarathustra by Fredrich Nietzsche (1883)

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson (1883)

George Bernard Shaw writes his first play **Widowers' Houses** (1885)

The Seagull by Anton Chekhov (1896)

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- 13th Amendment abolishing slavery passed (1865)
- First successful transatlantic cable (1866)
- Abraham Lincoln assassinated (1865)
- United States purchases Alaska from Russia (1867)
- First professional baseball club, The Cincinnati Red Stockings is founded (1868)
- Suez Canal opens (1869)
- Yellowstone Park founded (1872)
- Anglo-Zulu war (1879)
- First Boer war (1880)
- Krakatoa volcano explosion (1883)
- Brooklyn Bridge is built (1885)
- Statue of Liberty unveiled in New York Harbor (1886)
- Jack the Ripper terrorizes London (1888)
- Paris Worlds' Fair (1889)
- Wounded Knee Massacre (1890)
- Nicholas II, last Tsar of Russia, is crowned (1894)
- Olympic games revived in Athens (1896)
- Klondike gold rush in Canada (1896)
- Boxer Rebellion in China (1898)
- Spanish-American War (1898)
- Second Boer War (1899)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

James Clerk Maxwell writes **A Dynamical Theory of the Electromagnetic Field** (1864)

Gregor Mendel (considered the father of modern genetics) publishes **Experiments on Plant Hybridization** (1865) and **Proceedings of the Natural History Society of Brunn** (1866)

Telephone is invented by Alexander Graham Bell (1876)

Thomas Edison invents the phonograph (1877), and first incandescent light bulb (1879)

Koch discovers the tuberculosis germ (1882)

Pasteur begins inoculating against rabies (1884)

Nikola Tesla starts Tesla Electric Light & Manufacturing promoting

Marie and Pierre Curie discover elements "polonium" then "radium" and coined the term radioactivity (1898)

OPERAS COMPOSED

Giacomo Puccini composes **Tosca** (1900), **Madama Butterfly** (1904), **La Fanciulla del West** (1910), and **Turandot** (1926)

Pelleas et Melisande by Claude Debussy (1902)

Jenufa by Leos Janacek (1904)

Richard Strauss composes **Salome** (1905), **Elektra** (1909), **Der Rosenkavalier** (1911), and **Ariadne auf Naxos** (1916)

Alban Berg composes **Wozzeck** (1925) and **Lulu** which was left unfinished in 1937 and completed from Berg's notes in 1979.

L'Enfant et les sortileges by Maurice Ravel (1925)

Oedipus Rex by Igor Stravinsky (1927)

The Three Penny Opera by Kurt Weill (1928)

Moses und Aron by Arnold Schoenberg (1931-2)

ART & MUSIC

Noctures by Claude Debussy (1900)

Claude Monet paints **Waterloo Bridge** (1902)

Das Lied von der Erde by Gustav Mahler (1911)

Igor Stravinsky composes **The Firebird** (1910), and **The Rite of Spring** (1913)

Classical Symphony by Sergei Prokofiev (1918)

Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin (1924)

Pablo Picasso paints **Three Musicians** (1922)

Mies van der Rohe designs the German Pavilion (1929)

Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev (1936)

LITERATURE & THEATER

The Interpretation of Dreams by Sigmund Freud (1900)

Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad (1900)

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1902)

The Three Sisters by Anton Chekov (1902)

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter (1902)

Peter Pan by James Barrie (1903)

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Montgomery (1908)

Remembrance of Things Past by Marcel Proust (1913)

The Waste Land by T.S. Eliot (1922)

Ulysses by James Joyce (1922)

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (1925)

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- First U.S. Bowling Club Tournament held in Chicago (1901)
- First daily comic strip "Mr. Mutt" (eventually becomes "Mutt & Jeff") begins in the San Francisco Chronicle (1907)
- Panama Canal Opens (1914)
- World War I (1914-18)
- Bolshevik Revolution in Russia overthrowing Tsar Nicholas II (1916)
- 18th Amendment creating Prohibition is passed (1920)
- Fascist revolution in Italy (1922)
- Charles Lindbergh flies solo over the Atlantic (1927)
- Josef Stalin becomes dictator of Russia (1924)
- New York Stock Market crash; worldwide depression (1929)
- Japan invades Manchuria (1931)
- Franklin D. Roosevelt elected President (1933)
- Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany (1933)
- Spanish Civil War (1936)
- World War II begins in Europe when Germany invades Poland (1939)
- United States enters World War II when Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (Dec. 7, 1941)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Orville Wright makes his first airplane flight in Kitty Hawk, NC (1903)

Ford Motor Company produces the first Model "T" (1908)

Robert Perry discovers the North Pole (1909)

Albert Einstein develops the General Theory of Relativity (1916)

First radio broadcast (1920)

Discovery of insulin (1922)

First television transmission (1927)

Discovery of the neutron (1932) and nuclear fission (1938)

Development of penicillin (1938)

United States develops and drops two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, ending World War II (1945)

The 20th Century
1900 - 1999 (cont.)

OPERAS COMPOSED

Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk by Dmitry Shostakovich (1934)

Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin (1935)

Benjamin Britten composes **Peter Grimes** (1945), **The Rape of Lucretia** (1946), **Albert Herring** (1947), **Billy Budd** (1951) and **The Turn of the Screw** (1954)

Gian Carlo Menotti composes **The Medium** (1946), **The Telephone** (1947), **The Consul** (1950), and **Amahl and the Night Visitors** (1951)

Leonard Bernstein composes **Trouble in Tahiti** (1952), **Candide** (1956), **West Side Story** (1957) and **A Quiet Place** (1983)

Marion Anderson makes her debut at the Metropolitan Opera (1955)

Maria Callas makes her debut at the Metropolitan Opera (1956)

ART & MUSIC

Oklahoma opens on Broadway (1943)

Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland (1944)

The King and I opens on Broadway (1951)

Music of Changes by John Cage (1951)

Poeme Electronique by Varese composed for the Brussels World Fair (1958)

Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima by Krzysztof Penderecki (1960)

Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band by The Beatles (1967)

Woodstock rock festival (1969)

Ancient Voices of Children by George Crumb (1970)

LITERATURE & THEATER

The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner (1929)

Of Mice and Men (1937) and **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck (1939)

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams (1944)

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller (1949)

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams (1955)

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss (1957)

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (1961)

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey (1962)

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (1970)

Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach (1970)

All the President's Men by Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein (1974)

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- United National Alliance (1942)
- Nuremberg Trials (1946)
- Korean War (1950-53)
- Berlin Wall erected (1961)
- President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas (1963)
- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. receives Nobel Peace Prize (1964)
- USSR invades Czechoslovakia (1968)
- Senator Robert F. Kennedy assassinated in Los Angeles (1968)
- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated in Memphis (1968)
- First American astronaut walks on the moon (1969)
- 26th Amendment allows 18 year olds to vote (1971)
- Beginning of Watergate scandal (1972)
- Shirley Chisholm runs for President (1972)
- 19 Israeli athletes and trainers are killed at the Munich Olympic games (1972)
- End of United States involvement in Vietnam after eight years (1973)
- Frank Robinson becomes the first African-American to manage a major league baseball team (1974)
- President Richard Nixon resigns from office (1974)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Development of the hydrogen bomb (1953)

Watson-Crick model of DNA molecule (1953)

USSR launches Sputnik (1957)

First moon rockets (1959) and first manned space flights (1961)

First American astronaut walks on the moon (1969)

Apollo 17 is the last manned flight to the moon (1972)

Atari 2600 is first successful gaming console (1975)

Discovery that fluorocarbons from spray cans can cause damage to the ozone layer (1976)

First MRI scanner (1977)

First "test tube baby" born in England (1978)

First artificial heart, the Jarvik-7 (1978)

Cray supercomputer (1979)

OPERAS COMPOSED

The Ballad of Baby Doe
by Douglas Moore (1956)

Vanessa by Samuel
Barber (1958)

Elegy for Young Lovers by
Hans Werner Henze
(1961)

Opening of Lincoln
Center (1966)

Of Mice and Men by
Carlisle Floyd (1970)

Rock opera **Tommy** by
The Who (1975)

Philip Glass composes
Einstein on the Beach
(1976), **Satyagraha**
(1980), **Akhmaten** (1984),
and **The Voyage** (1992)

Nixon in China by John
Adams (1987)

The Ghosts of Versailles
by John Corigliano (1991)

Marco Polo by Tan Dun
(1996)

Little Women by Mark
Adamo (1998)

A View from the Bridge
by William Bolcom (1999)

ART & MUSIC

Jim Morrison (The
Doors) (1971), **Janis
Joplin** (1970) and
Jimi Hendrix (1970)
and **Elvis Presley**
(1977) all die from
drugs and/or alcohol
overdoses

John Williams
composes **Star Wars**
movie music (1977)

Sweeney Todd by
Stephen Sondheim
(1979)

John Lennon shot
outside The Dakota
Apartments in New
York (1980)

MTV becomes
available through
cable in limited
locations (1981)

"**Live Aid**" concert
headed by Bob
Geldof for Ethiopian
famine relief (1985)

Kurt Cobain commits
suicide (1994)

Elton John's remake
of **Candle in the
Wind** for Princess
Diana's funeral
becomes best-selling
single in history (1997)

LITERATURE & THEATER

Watership Down by Rich-
ard Adams (1975)

A Chorus Line by Marvin
Hamlisch (1975)

Cosmos (book and TV
series) by Carl Sagan
(1980)

Musical theater has a
resurgence of popularity
thanks to **Little Shop of
Horrors**, **Cats**, **Big River**,
Les Miserables, **The
Phantom of the Opera**
and **Miss Saigon** (1982 -
1991)

La Cage aux Folles
adapted as a musical
(1983)

M. Butterfly by David
Hwang (1988)

John Grisham writes **The
Firm** (1991) and **The Peli-
can Brief** (1992)

Jonathan Larson's **Rent**,
opens on Broadway and
wins the Tony for Best
Musical (1996)

Disney ventures into
musical theater with
Beauty and the Beast
(1994), **The Lion King**
(1997), and **Aida** (1999)

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- United States celebrates the
Bicentennial (1976)
- Ronald Reagan elected
President of the United States
(1980-88)
- East and West Germany
reunited (1990)
- Dissolution of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics
(1991)
- Gulf War in Iraq (1991)
- William Jefferson Clinton
elected President (1992 -
2000)
- Princess Diana is killed in an
automobile accident in Paris
(1997)
- Cities across the country
experience student
rampages killing students
and teachers (1997-99)
- Independent counsel
Kenneth Starr begins
investigations into allegations
that President Clinton had an
affair with intern Monica
Lewinsky (1998)
- U.S. Embassies in Africa are
bombed and U.S. retaliates
(1998)
- President Clinton is
impeached by the House of
Representatives but not the
Senate (1998-9)
- NATO begins air strike
campaign against
Yugoslavia for the "ethnic
cleansing" of the Albanians
living in Kosovo (1999)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

First Apple Macintosh
(1984)

Compact disc becomes
the favored format (1985)

Viruses infect computer
networks world-wide
(1989)

World Wide Web, HTML
and HTTP invented by Tim
Berners-Lee (1990)

DVD invented (1995)

Microsoft launches
Windows 95 campaign
(1995)

Gas powered fuel cell
(1997)

"Melissa" virus infects
worldwide e-mails (1999)

Y2K computer problems
(1999)

OPERAS COMPOSED

Cold Sassy Tree by Carlisle Floyd (2000)

Dead Man Walking by Jake Heggie (2000)

The End of the Affair by Jake Heggie (2004)

Doctor Atomic by John Adams (2005)

Lysistrata or the Nude Goddess by Mark Adamo (2005)

Ainadamar by Osvaldo Golijov (2005)

Margaret Garner by Richard Danielpour (2005)

The First Emperor by Tan Dun (2006)

Grendel by Elliot Golden-thal and Julie Taymor

The Fly by Howard Shore (2008)

La Commedia by Louis Andriessen (2008)

The Letter by Paul Moravec (2009)

Moby Dick by Jake Heggie (2010)

Amelia by Daron Hagen (2010)

ART & MUSIC

August 2001, Singer **Aaliyah** is killed in a plane crash in the Bahamas

November 2001, Former Beatle **George Harrison** dies

September 2002, First American Idol winner is **Kelly Clarkson**

September 2003, Legendary singer **Johnny Cash** dies

July 2005, **Live 8** concert

August 2006, Police recover stolen Munch painting **The Scream**

2007, **The Police** reunite after 23 years

September 2007, Opera great **Luciano Pavarotti** dies of pancreatic cancer

June 2008, American illustrator and children's author **Tasha Tudor** dies

LITERATURE & THEATER

February 2000, final **Peanuts** comic strip is published. Creator Charles Schultz dies

October 2000, David Auburn's **Proof** opens on Broadway and wins the 2001 Pulitzer and Tony for Best Play

December 2001, Peter Jackson's **The Lord of the Rings; Fellowship of the Ring** hits theaters as the first all live action adaptation of the JRR Tolkien novels

November 2004, John Patrick Shanley's play, **Doubt: a Parable**, opens off-Broadway and eventually wins the Pulitzer and Tony awards. Movie adaptation in 2008

July 21, 2007, JK Rowling releases her final book in the Harry Potter series; **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** breaking sales records

March 2008, Science Fiction writer **Arthur C. Clark** dies

November 2008, writer **Michael Crichton** dies

AMERICAN & WORLD HISTORY

- September 2000—Sydney Olympic games
- November 2000—George W. Bush wins hotly debated Presidential election
- September 11, 2001—Terrorists use commercial airplanes to attack the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, and the Pentagon in Washington DC. The fourth plane targeting the White House was brought down in Pennsylvania by heroic passengers.
- March 19, 2003—The United States launches the war in Iraq
- December 26, 2004—Tsunamis kill over 200,000 throughout Thailand, Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka.
- April 2, 2005—Pope John Paul II dies
- July 7, 2005—Bombs tear through the Underground and on a double decker bus in London
- December 2007—In Pakistan, former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is assassinated
- November 2008—The United States elects the first African-American President, Barack Obama
- January 20, 2009—the Inauguration of Barack Obama

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Ginger (the Segway) invented by Dean Kamen (2000)

New artificial hearts (AbioCor) and livers (Dr. Kenneth Matsumura) invented (2001)

iPod announced by Apple (2001)

Millennium Bridge built in Gateshead, England (2001)

Toyota's hybrid car (2003)

Translucent concrete developed by Hungarian architect Aron Losonczy (2004)

YouTube (2005)

Tesla Roadster (2006)

Nintendo releases the Wii (2006)

August 2006, Pluto no longer considered a planet due to a new classification of "planets"

September 2008, world's largest Hadron Collider tested near Geneva, Switzerland