

# Hey Kids, Meet Mozart

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Austrian Classical Composer



**Mozart** was born in 1756 in what is now Salzburg, Austria. At age 4 he began keyboard lessons and played beautifully. At age 5 he was composing short pieces which his father wrote down for him. **Mozart** learned to play the violin and the organ. When **Mozart** was 8, he published his first two sonatas for the harpsichord. His skills as a composer continued to develop, and by the age of 13 he had composed his first opera at the request of an emperor.

On December 5, 1791, **Mozart** died at age 35. By then he had composed a collection of more than 600 compositions, including works for the symphony, the piano, and the opera. Some of these pieces are considered to be the finest works in the ever written in classical music.