

Chronology

- 1494 Spain and Portugal sign the Treaty of Tordesillas
Christopher Columbus first sights Jamaica
The House of Medici expelled from Florence
- 1517 Publication of Martin Luther's Theses
- 1534 Ignatius Loyola founds the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
Cambridge University Press given Royal Charter by Henry VIII
English Reformation: Parliament passes the Act of Supremacy, establishing Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church of England
- 1558 Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England
Giuseffo Zarlino publishes *Le Istitutioni Harmoniche*
- 1577 Birth of Peter Paul Rubens
- 1578 Birth of Johannes Ruckers
- 1583 Birth of Girolamo Frescobaldi
- 1598 Death of Hans Ruckers
Calvinists in Zürich introduce music into their services
- 1606 Birth of Rembrandt van Rijn
Trial and execution of Guy Fawkes for Gunpowder Plot
First Charter of Virginia established
- 1618 First performance of Claudio Monteverdi's *Orfeo*
Beginning of the Thirty Years' War
Publication of René Descartes's *Compendium Musicae*
- 1643 Louis XIV becomes King of France
- 1688 James II escapes to France
Bartolomeo Cristofori becomes keeper of Medici's musical instruments
- 1701 War of Spanish Succession
- 1706 Publication of J.-P. Rameau's first book of *Pièces de clavecin*
Thomas Twining opens the first known tea room in London
Birth of Benjamin Frankiln
- 1707 John V becomes King of Portugal
George Frideric Handel meets Domenico Scarlatti
- 1712 Peter the Great moves Russian capital from Moscow to Saint Petersburg
Birth of Frederick II of Prussia
- 1713 Publication of F. Couperin's first book of *Pièces de clavecin*
Foundation of the *Académie Royale de Danse* by Louis XIV
Treaty of Utrecht ends War of Spanish Succession

- 1719 J. S. Bach travels to Berlin to pick up Michael Mietke harpsichord for Köthen
Domenico Scarlatti takes up residence in Lisbon
British sink the Spanish Navy
- 1724 Publication of J.-P. Rameau's second book of *Pièces de clavecin*
Founding of Longman publishing house in England
Birth of Immanuel Kant
- 1730 Publication of F. Couperin's fourth book of *Pièces de clavecin*
- 1734 Publication of Voltaire's *The Age of Louis XIV*
Lutherans expelled from Salzburg by the Roman Catholic bishop
- 1735 Publication of J. S. Bach's *Clavierübung*, Part II (Italian Concerto and French Overture)
Austria signs peace treaty with France and Spain
Birth of Paul Revere
- 1738 Publication of D. Scarlatti's *Essercizi* in London
Great Britain declares war on Spain
- 1768 Pascal Taskin introduces the *Peau de buffle* to the harpsichord
Royal Academy founded in London
- 1789 French Revolution
George Washington becomes first President of the United States
Mutiny on the HMS *Bounty*
- 1837 Ignaz Moscheles performs music of Scarlatti on a harpsichord in London
Prussian Copyright Act established to protect composers' rights
Queen Victoria ascends the throne of England
- 1879 Birth of Wanda Landowska
First female students admitted to study for degrees at Oxford University
Births of Albert Einstein and Sir Thomas Beecham
- 1889 Paris Exposition
Inauguration of Eiffel Tower
Establishment of the *Wall Street Journal* in New York City
Edison Records introduces first prerecorded wax cylinders of music
- 1908 Births of Sylvia Marlowe, Herbert von Karajan, and Milton Berle
New York City passes Sullivan Ordinance, making it illegal for women to smoke in public
- 1911 Birth of Ralph Kirkpatrick
- 1952 Publication of Elliott Carter's *Sonata for Flute, Oboe, Cello and Harpsichord*
Elizabeth II is proclaimed Queen of the United Kingdom
Greece and Turkey join NATO