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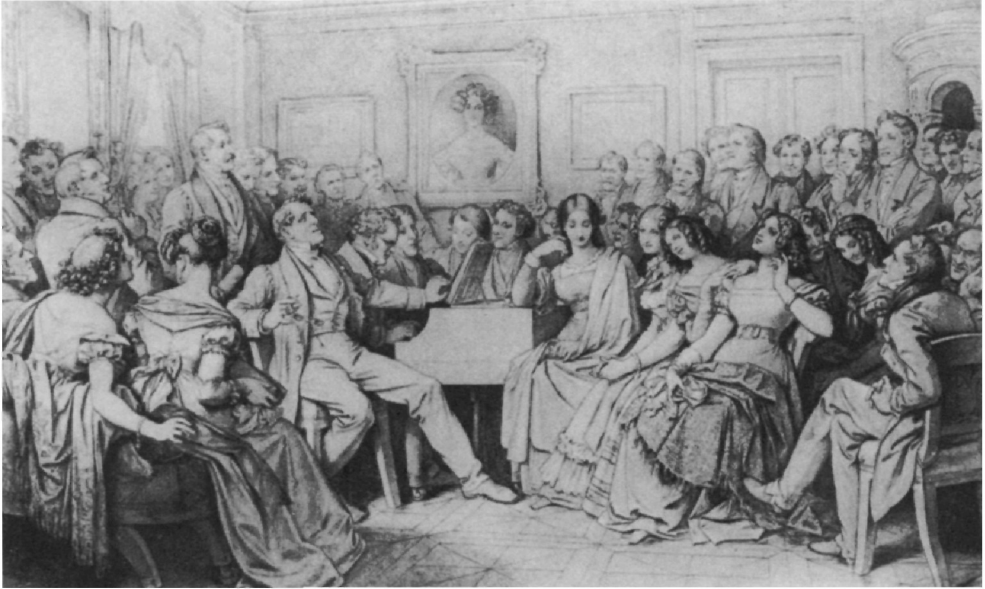
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Chronology

- 1797 Born in Vienna on January 31
- 1806 Studies with Michael Holzer at the Liechtental church
- 1808 Becomes a choirboy in the Imperial Court Chapel and enters the Stadtkonvikt boarding school
- 1810 Composes the *Fantasy in D* (D1)
- 1811 Composes *Hagars Klage* (D5) and other songs
- 1812 His mother dies; writes part of *Der Spiegelritter* (D11)
- 1813 Leaves the Stadtkonvikt; First Symphony (D82)
- 1814 Successful performances of the Mass in F (D105); composes *Gretchen am Spinnrade* (D118) and nearly 150 other songs; begins teaching at his father's school
- 1815 *Erlkönig* (D328) and many other songs to Goethe poems in particular; completes his Second Symphony (D125) and writes his Third (D200); writes two Masses (D167 and 324) and four operas (D190, 220, 239, 326)
- 1816 Fourth and Fifth Symphonies (D417, 485); songs set to Goethe's texts are sent to the poet, but Schubert gets no response; stops teaching
- 1817 Meets Johann Michael Vogl
- 1818 First song printed (D586); spends the summer teaching for the Esterházy family in Zseliz; in the fall Schubert moves to inner city and lives with Johann Mayrhofer; completes Sixth Symphony (D589)
- 1819 "Trout" Quintet (D667); travels with Vogl during summer; first public performance of a song (D121)
- 1820 Arrested with his friend Johann Chrisostomus Senn; performances of *Die Zwillingsbrüder* (D647) at the Kärntnerthor Theater and of *Die Zauberharfe* (D644) at the Theater an der Wien; composes the oratorio *Lazarus* (D689)
- 1821 *Erlkönig* published as Op. 1; important public performances, publications, and reviews
- 1822 "Unfinished" Symphony (D759); "Wanderer" Fantasy (D760); completes the opera *Alfonso und Estrella* (D732)
- 1823 Illness; *Die schöne Müllerin* (D795); *Fierrabras* (D796); *Rosamunde* (D797); *Die Verschworenen* (D787)

- 1824 Second trip to Zseliz; Octet (D803), String Quartets in A Minor (D804) and D Minor (D810)
- 1825 Travels with Vogl to Upper Austria; begins composition of the “Great” C Major Symphony (D944)
- 1826 String Quartet in G Major (D887)
- 1827 Beethoven dies on March 26, Schubert is torch bearer at his funeral; begins the opera *Der Graf von Gleichen* (D918); completes Mass in A flat (D678); *Winterreise* (D911); Trio in E Flat (D929)
- 1828 E flat Major Mass (D950); the C Major String Quintet (D956); Fantasy in F Minor for piano four hands (D940); last three piano sonatas in C Minor, A Major, and B flat Major (D958–60); Schubert’s public concert given on March 26; dies on November 19
- 1829 *Schwanengesang* (D957) published
- 1839 Last three piano sonatas published
- Mendelssohn premieres “Great” C Major Symphony
- 1853 Octet and String Quintet in C published
- 1863 The bodies of Schubert and Beethoven are exhumed from Währing Cemetery for scientific study
- 1865 Premiere of the “Unfinished” Symphony; publication in Vienna of the first extended Schubert biography
- 1872 Statue of Schubert is dedicated in Vienna’s Stadtpark
- 1884 Collected edition of Schubert’s works begins to appear from Breitkopf und Härtel (ASA)
- 1888 The bodies of Schubert and Beethoven are exhumed a second time and moved to Vienna’s Central Cemetery
- 1897 Schubert Centennial, collected edition is completed

Note to the reader

Otto Erich Deutsch's invaluable collections of Schubert documents are cited within the body of the text, as well as in the notes, with the following abbreviations:

- SDB* *Schubert: A Documentary Biography*. Trans. Eric Blom. London, 1946. (The American edition is entitled *The Schubert Reader: A Life of Franz Schubert in Letters and Documents* [New York, 1947].)
- SMF* *Schubert: Memoirs by His Friends*. Trans. Rosamond Ley and John Nowell. London, 1958.

When necessary, full citations of the German editions of these collections are provided in the notes.

The first critical edition of Schubert's collected works (*ASA*), published by Breitkopf und Härtel (1884–97), has been superseded by a new edition – *Neue Schubert-Ausgabe* – still in progress, that will be referred to as *NSA*, followed by the series, volume, and page number.

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