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Bach playing organ!

Bach becomes a composer!

Bach was born in 1685. His parents died and he was orphaned at age of 10. In 1703 he started composing for organ, harpsichord, and voices.

In 1705 a scholarship allowed him to go to school. In 1707 he married his cousin Maria Barbara Bach.

In 1708 Bach remained in the service of the Duke of Weimar for 10 years. In 1718 Bach tried to change jobs and got thrown in to jail to try and make him stay.

Bach journeyed to Cothen where he entered the service of Prince Leopold of Anhalt. In 1720 Maria Bach died the following year he married Anna Magdalena Wilcken.

Bach changed jobs for the last time in 1723 and became director of music at St. Thomas's church and school in Leipzig.

Bach's eyesight became increasingly poor towards the end of his life and was then completely blind. Bach died in 1750.

Interview with Bach

Where were you born?

I was born in Eisenach, Germany what date 3/21/1685.

Were there any other musicians in your family?

Yes—there were more than 50 musicians.

How many wives did you have?

I had two wives.

How many children did you have?

I had 20 children.



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