

The image shows a cityscape at sunset or sunrise, with the buildings and domes silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky. The water in the foreground is dark, and a small boat is visible in the lower center. The overall mood is serene and historical.

CLASSICAL DESTINATIONS

GREAT CITIES AND THEIR MUSIC

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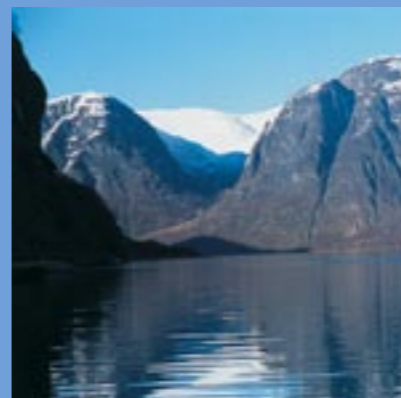
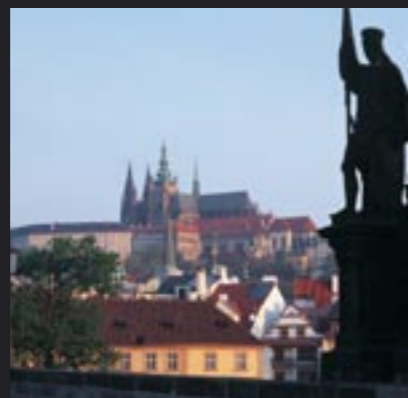


THE CITIES THAT HAVE INSPIRED GREAT MUSIC

Explore Europe's most beautiful cities while enjoying the music written within their confines. Learn about the cities' famous composers, and about how they were influenced by the geography and history that surrounded them.

The series also considers how their achievements have subsequently had an impact on these places... from the many museums and mass marketing to complete name change as is the case with Torre del Lago Puccini.

Part history, part documentary and part performance, this series takes the viewer on a seductive tour through Vienna, Helsinki, Berlin, St Petersburg and nine other great 'classical destinations', examining the watershed moments – and smaller asides – in the lives of composers like Beethoven, Mahler, Dvorak, Wagner, Vivaldi and Sibelius.



The majestic fjords of Norway that stirred Grieg's talents



Sibelius is still revered in Helsinki today



Tuscany – the land of Verdi and Puccini





Cities and composers featured:

Salzburg (Mozart)

Linz, Esterhazy and Vienna
(Brahms, Mahler, Schubert and Haydn)

Bergen and Oslo (Grieg)

Helsinki, Lapland and Ainola (Sibelius)

St Petersburg (Borodin, Glinka, Mussorgsky,
Rimsky-Korsakov)

Venice (Vivaldi, Monteverdi)

Prague (Dvorak, Mozart, Smetana)

Eisenach, Arnstadt, Weimar (Bach)

Leipzig and Mainz (Bach, Mendelssohn)

Vienna (Mozart, Beethoven, Johann Strauss
the Younger)

Tuscany: Lucca, Pisa, Milan (Puccini, Verdi)

Bonn and Berlin (Beethoven)

St Petersburg (Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky,
Pushkin)

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