

1.

25 seconds max.

Music is one

But it can be played, danced and sung in many different ways.

A shower of sounds, a colored feast,
That is music.

(Sung or whistled, played on a flute or a guitar,
with just one instrument of a whole orchestra,
in all its forms ...)

And that is the story we want to tell ...

2.

21 seconds max.

A long, long time ago,
Before music existed,
The world was already made up of sounds.
The sounds of life, of the river and the sea,
and the rustle of leaves on the tree,
of animals, and the wind ...

To the Stone Age man, our friend Bartolo,
these sounds meant something.
They caused him different emotions ...

3.

18 seconds max.

As you probably know, sound is produced
when something vibrates.
And that vibration, that sound wave,
travels through the air, reaches our ears
and from there to our brain which allows us to hear it.

But sounds and sound waves can be different ...
Very different ...

4.

13 seconds max.

In the big cities of by-gone cultures
Bartolo's flute went on playing
as did his drum.

Music has always accompanied man and his imagination,
changing into a bird, a deer, a flower ...

5.

11 seconds max.

But in the wars of the ancient empires
other kinds of music were heard: martial and religious music,
as well as popular music and dances.

6.

18 seconds max.

And both conquerors and conquered discovered new instruments
and new ways of making music.

Traditions from America, Europe, Africa and the Arabian countries
mingled together.

Instruments born in Asia travelled to the other side of the world where they
were transformed and enjoyed by one and all.

7.

21 seconds max.

In those days, in the 15 and 16th centuries,
there were two ways of singing and making music:
some sang one melody with different voices,
all together, all the same, with the same sounds.
But others
played two, three or even four melodies,
all different
but at the same time
in a harmonious ensemble.

8.

14/16 seconds max.

In the 18th century a German musician, Johann Sebastian Bach, perfected this way of making music at a time known as the "Baroque period". All musicians, including our friend Bartolo, were influenced by Bach.

9

18 seconds max.

At the end of that same century, in the "Classic period", other musicians such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, thought it more important to find the value of each melody on its own and invented or developed new musical forms including the sonata, the symphony and opera.

10.

15/16 seconds max.

In the 19th century, during the "Romantic period" musicians thought it was more important to express their personal feelings about love, sorrow, joy or freedom communicating their own views of the world, their own ideas and emotions.

11.

12/13 seconds max

But meanwhile, all the peoples of the world kept on celebrating with music, and celebrating music.

Music has changed and will go on changing so that we can all share it, so that we can all enjoy it.