

# Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

7 May 1840 – 6 November 1893



# Images of the composer



Tchaikovsky's family. He is on the left.



# Biography and interesting facts

- Born in Russia
- By the age of 6 he was fluent in French and German
- He began piano lessons at 5 years old and at 10 years old he was sent away to boarding school. This made him very sad as he missed his family
- As an adult he had other musical friends and they helped each other – they were known as The Five
- A wealthy lady who like his music supporting him financially and emotionally for 13 years but they agreed never to meet
- He liked to travel around Europe but he avoided social situations
- The Tsar of Russia was so impressed by his music he gave him an award and a pension for life

# Famous compositions and musical links

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyotr\\_Ilyich\\_Tchaikovsky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyotr_Ilyich_Tchaikovsky)
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cNQFB0TDfY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cNQFB0TDfY) Swan Lake music
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gP132E-xABg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gP132E-xABg) Swan Lake with ballet
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7hTk2bQJnw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7hTk2bQJnw) Romeo and Juliet Theme
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=82l3q15YfYQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82l3q15YfYQ) Piano Concerto No 1
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbxgYlcNx E8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbxgYlcNx E8) 1812 Overture
- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXyE3hH2- E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXyE3hH2- E) Violin Concerto op. 35, Janine Jansen & orchestra in 2019