

20th Century Timeline

An Eclectic Overview

1900–1938

1900: World's Fair in Paris; Aaron Copland born

1901: Jascha Heifetz born; Hirohito born

1903: Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* published

1905: Albert Einstein proposes his Special Theory of Relativity

1908: Anton Webern composes *Passacaglia*

1910: Korea annexed to Japan

1913: Witold Lutosławski born in Warsaw, Poland; Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* premiered in Paris

1914: World War I begins

1917: Isang Yun born in Tongyong, Korea; John F. Kennedy born

1918: End of WWI; Republic of Poland established; Leonard Bernstein born

1920: Ravi Shankar born; League of Nations formed

1921: Death of Camille Saint-Saëns

1924: George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* premiered in NYC; death of Vladimir Lenin

1925: Pierre Boulez born

1926: György Kurtág born in Lugoj, Romania

1928: Andy Warhol born; Discovery of penicillin

1929: Thomas Mann wins the Nobel Prize in Literature

1932: Alexander Goehr born in Berlin, Germany

1934: Benjamin Britten's *Simple Symphony* premiered

1936: Sergei Prokofiev writes *Peter and the Wolf*

1939–1970

1939: World War II begins; Death of Sigmund Freud

1942: Muhammad Ali born

1943: Death of Sergei Rachmaninov

1945: End of WWII; Liberation of Korea; Poland Communist Republic established

1948: Death of Mahatma Gandhi; Two Koreas proclaimed

1949: George Orwell's *1984* published; March First Movement in Korea

1951: Robert McDonald born in Iowa

1954: Judith Weir born in Scotland

1955: Warsaw Pact; Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita* published; Yo-Yo Ma born

1957: Leonard Bernstein completes *West Side Story*

1959: Guggenheim Museum opens in NYC

1961: Berlin Wall built

1962: John Steinbeck wins the Nobel Prize for Literature

1963: John F. Kennedy assassinated; Martin Luther King, Jr. makes *I Have a Dream* speech

1964: Beatlemania erupts

1965: Death of T.S. Eliot; Vietnam War begins

1967: *Fiddler on the Roof* opens on Broadway

1968: Prague Spring

1969: Neil Armstrong walks on the moon; Woodstock Festival in Bethel, NY

1971–2000

1971: Midori born in Osaka, Japan

1973: Death of Pablo Picasso

1975: Microsoft Corporation founded

1976: Alex Haley's *Roots* published

1977: Death of Elvis Presley

1979: G. Kurtág composes *Tre Pezzi*

1980: John Lennon killed in New York

1981: J. Weir composes *Music for 247 Strings*

1984: W. Lutosławski composes *Partita*

1986: Chernobyl nuclear accident; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame established

1988: Olympic Games held in Seoul, Korea

1989: Berlin Wall falls; Tiananmen Square massacre

1990: Nelson Mandela released from prison

1991: I. Yun composes *Sonata for Violin and Piano*; Soviet Union dissolves

1992: Johnny Carson retires from *The Tonight Show*

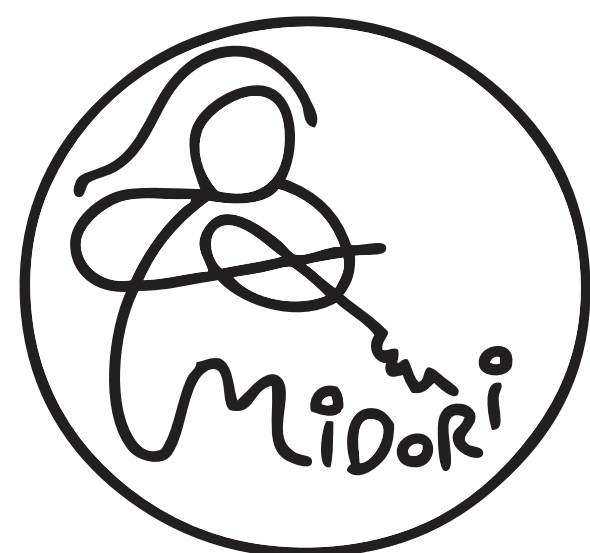
1994: Death of Witold Lutosławski; Channel Tunnel opens

1995: Death of Isang Yun in Berlin

1997: Launch of google.com; Hong Kong returns to China

1999: Euro currency introduced

2000: A. Goehr composes *Suite for Violin and Piano*



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