

U3A Classical Music Lovers B
My Favourites - Carol Chetwynd
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Grand March from Aida **9.35**

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[Verdi - Triumphal March from Aida \(with Luciano Pavarotti\) | Teatro alla Scala Milano, 1986](#)

Commissioned for the opening of the Suez canal in 1871.

Aida is an Ethiopian princess captured by the Egyptians. An Egyptian military commander, Radames, struggles to choose between his love for her and his loyalty to the King of Egypt. To complicate things further the King's daughter, Amneris is also in love with Radames.

Land of Hope and Glory **8.47**

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[Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance | BBC Proms 2014 - BBC](#)

Originally premiered in 1901 the song celebrates Britain's history, values and global influence, expressing pride in the nation's achievements, resilience and unwavering commitment to its ideals of hope, freedom and unity.

Gilbert and Sullivan

Savoy Operas.

Dramatist Gilbert and composer Sullivan. Full of satire.

Pirates of Penzance

Frederick, apprenticed to a pirate instead of a pilot, reaches his 21st birthday only to find he was born on 29th February meaning he must serve another 63 years! Bound to do his duty Frederick's only solace is that Mabel has agreed to wait for him!

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[Madison Holtze with Madison Savoyards: Poor Wandering One](#) **3.53**

Gondoliers.

Two Venetian gondoliers are told that one of them is heir to the throne of Barataria. Until it can be discovered by the Grand Inquisitor which of them is the heir they must rule jointly. The heir was wed in infancy to the daughter of the Spanish Duke of Plaza Torowho herself is in love with her father's servant.

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[Dance a Cachucha - Australian Opera, 1989](#) 4.23

Carl Orff . German composer. Text came from 13th century manuscript. The first part is about Spring, second part, In the Tavern, third part the Court of Love. O Fortuna forms the Prologue and Epilogue.

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[André Rieu - O Fortuna \(Carmina Burana - Carl Orff\)](#) 3.38

Handel George Frideric

Oratorio compiled from the King James Bible. First performed in Dublin in 1742.

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[Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah | The Tabernacle Choir](#) 4.03

Wagner

Flying Dutchman

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[The Flying Dutchman - 'Steuermann! Lass die Wacht!' \(Wagner; Victorian Opera\)](#)
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[The Flying Dutchman \(23-30 October 2016, Victoria Theatre, Singapore\) - Spinning Chorus](#) 3.48

Verdi composed in memory of his lifelong friend and author, Alessandro Manzoni

Musical interpretation of the Day of Judgement. Day of Wrath

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[Teodor Currentzis - Verdi: Requiem, Dies irae](#) 3.13

Handel

Composed by Handel for the coronation of George II

Zadok was a High Priest of Israel.

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[Zadok the Priest - King Charles Coronation 2023](#) 5.25

Depicts and celebrates the creation of the world as told in the book of Genesis.

Haydn. Inspired by the Messiah

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[The Heavens Are Telling | The Tabernacle Choir](#) 4.56

Historical event when the Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon bringing gifts of spices, gold and precious stones. From the oratorio Solomon.

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[I Handel Arrival of the Queen of Sheba The Sixteen](#) 3.08

Mozart

Composed in late 1791 but unfinished at the time of his death. Finished from drafts by Franz Süssmayr. Commissioned by Count Franz von Walsegg to commemorate the first anniversary of his wife's death. First public performance was a benefit for Mozart's wife Constanza. She was responsible for spreading the story that Mozart thought he was writing the requiem for his own funeral.

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[Mozart: Requiem - Lacrimosa - YouTube](#) 2.59

Sir Karl Jenkins

Welsh musician. The Armed man.

Commissioned by the Royal Armouries Museum for the millennium celebrations and the move from London to Leeds. It reflects on the passing of the most war torn and destructive century in human history and looks forward to a more peaceful century.

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[Karl Jenkins' Birthday Concert , Benedictus, Rhydian](#) 7.20

Delibes

Set in India during the British Raj. First performed in 1883. Aria sung by Lakme the daughter of a Brahmin priest and her servant, Mallika.

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[Flower Duet \(Lakme, Delibes\) — Olga Peretyatko & Elina Garanča](#) 8.07

Ballet/dance music

Romeo and Juliet

Based on the play by William Shakespeare. Composed in 1935. Deviated from the play in that it had a happy ending!

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[BBC Romeo and Juliet Beyond Words - Dance of the Knights - YouTube](#) 2.07

Sleeping Beauty

First performed in 1890. Longest ballet lasting four hours but nearly always cut!

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[SLEEPING BEAUTY - Garland Waltz \(Royal Ballet\) - YouTube](#) 3.59

Swan Lake

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[Swan Lake Act IV Finale - American Ballet Theatre](#) 4.48

Invitation to the dance

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[Invitation to the Dance \(Opus 65\) by Carl Maria von Weber](#) 7.37

A waltz dedicated to his wife, Caroline. Vocal version also!

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[The Vicar Dances with Darcey Bussell! | Celebrity Vicar | The Vicar of Dibley](#) 3.52