

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

- **Austrian (1750s-1790s)**
- The Magic Flute
- Don Giovanni
- Marriage of Figaro
- Cosi Fan Tutte
- Idomeneo
- Abduction from the Seraglio

Georges Bizet

- **French (1830s-1870s)**
- Carmen
- The Pearl Fishers
- The Fair Maid of Perth
- Don Procopio
- Don Rodrigue
- Ivan IV
- Doctor Miracle

Richard Wagner

- **German (1810s-1880s)**
- The Ring Cycle/Der Ring Des Nibelungen
 - Das Rheingold
 - Der Valkyrie
 - Siegfried
 - Gotterdammerung/Twilight of the Gods
- The Flying Dutchman
- Tristan and Isolde
- Lohengrin
- The Mastersingers of Nuremburg
- Tannhauser
- Rienzi
- Parsifal
- The Fairies

Verdi

- **Italian (1810s-1890s)**
- Rigoletto
- Aida
- La Traviata
- Nabucco
- Il Trovatore
- Falstaff
- Otello
- Macbeth

Puccini

- **Italian (1850s-1920s)**
- La Boheme
- Madame Butterfly
- Turandot
- Tosca
- Gianni Schicchi
- Manon Lescaut
- Girl of the Golden West

Giacomo Rossini

- **Italian (1790s-1860s)**
- William Tell
- The Barber of Seville
- The Thieving Magpie/La Gazza Ladra
- An Italian in Algiers
- The Turk in Italy
- The Lady of the Lake

The Magic Flute:

Major Characters:

Tamino- the main character
Papageno- a bird keeper
Queen of the Night- evil queen
Pamina- the Queen of the Night's daughter that Tamino tries to save
Sarastro- a priest that allegedly kidnapped Pamina
Papagena- a bird keeper and eventual spouse to Papageno

Major Arias

Der Holle Rache
Pa pa pa
O Isis und Osiris

Don Giovanni

Major Characters:

Don Giovanni- main character and womanizer
Leporello- Don Giovanni's servant
Commendatore- Don Pedro, drags Don Giovanni into Hell
Donna Elvira- a woman that was abandoned by Don Giovanni
Masetto- a peasant
Zerlina- Masetto's fiancée

Major Arias:

Don Giovanni
The Champagne Aria
The Catalogue Aria

Carmen

Major Characters:

Carmen- gypsy girl that works in a cigarette factory
Escamillo- Toreador and love interest of Carmen
Don Jose- Military man and antagonist
Zuniga- evil military leader and commander of Don Jose

Major Arias:

Habanera
Toreador Song

The Ring Cycle

Consists of four operas:

- Das Rheingold
- The Valkyrie
- Siegfried
- Gotterdammerung

Major Characters:

Siegfried-protagonist of the cycle
Brunhilde- a Valkyrie that falls in love with Siegfried
Fafner- a fierce giant dragon
Loge- a god
Wotan- the chief god
Sigmund- Siegfried's father
Alberich- a dwarf that crafts the ring

Major Pieces:

The Ride of the Valkyries
The Siegfried Idyll

Rigoletto

Major Characters:

Rigoletto- a hunchbacked jester
Gilda- Rigoletto's daughter
The Duke of Mantua- a notorious womanizer
Sparafucile- a hired assassin

Major Arias:

Questa o quella
La donna e mobile
Pari siamo

Aida

Major Characters:

Aida- main character who has been taken to Egypt after being captured. Princess of Ethiopia
Radames- an Egyptian soldier who falls in love with Aida
The King of Egypt
Amneris- princess of Egypt
Amonasro- King of Ethiopia
Ramfis- a jealous High Priest

Major Arias:

Ritorna vincitor
O patria mia!
Se quel guerrier o fossi
The Triumphal March

La Boheme

Major Characters:

Rodolfo- the male protagonist and a poor poet
Mimi- the female protagonist and poor seamstress
Marcello- a painter
Musetta- a singer
Schaunard- a musician
Coline- a philosopher
Benoit- the landlord

Major Arias:

Che gelida manina
Quando me 'n vo
Addio senza rancor

Madame Butterfly

Major Characters:

Cio-Cio San- Madame Butterfly. (Chocho means butterfly in Japanese) Falls in love with Pinkerton and bears his child
Pinkerton- an American Lieutenant, he leads Madame Butterfly on but marries an American woman
Sharpless-
Goro- the matchmaker
Kate- eventual wife of Pinkerton
Sorrow- Pinkerton and Cio-Cio's baby

Major Arias:

The Flower Duet
Un bel di
Dovunque al mondo (quotes the Star Spangled banner)

Turandot

Major Characters:

Princess Turandot- cold Chinese princess that has a fondness for executions
Calaf- Prince of Tartary that falls in love with Turandot
Timur- Calaf's father, the deposed King of Tartary
Liu- a slave girl who loves Calaf
Ping, Pang, and Pong- assistants to Turandot
Prince of Persia- the last person that tried to woo Turandot

Major Arias:

Nessun dorma
In questa reggia
Vincero, vincerò

Tosca

Major Characters:

Tosca- a singer that falls in love with Mario Cavaradossi- a painter that bases his painting of Mary Magdalene on Tosca
Baron Scarpia
Angelotti

Major Arias:

Vissi d'arte
Te Deum chorus
E lucevan le stele

William Tell

Major Characters:

William Tell- main character, an expert marksman
Gesler- the evil Austrian governor
Jemmy- William's son

Major Arias:

Sois immobile
The William Tell Overture

The Barber of Seville

Major Characters:

Figaro- barber and servant to the Count
Count Almaviva- young count in love with Rosina
Bartolo- a doctor and guardian of Rosina
Rosina- young love of Almaviva

Major Arias:

Largo al Factotum
Una Voce Poco Fa

The Marriage of Figaro

Count Almaviva
Figaro
Cherubino
Countess Rosina
Cherubino
Marcellina
"Voi che Sapete"
A droit du seigneur is stopped
Cherubino jumps out of a window

- **L'Orfeo- Monteverdi**
- **Lucia di Lammermoor- Donizetti**
- **I Pagliacci- Leoncavallo**
- **Cavalleria Rusticana- Mascagni**
- **Fidelio- Beethoven**
- **Fledermaus- Strauss II**
- **Dido and Aeneas- Purcell**
- **Tales of Hoffman- Offenbach**
- **Orfeo Ed Euridice- Gluck**
- **Der Rosenkavalier- Richard Strauss**
- **Wozzeck- Berg**
- **Salome- Richard Strauss**