

## **Music Appreciation, Literature, and History With Mike**

This class is designed to give students a basic understanding of music, and to inspire an appreciation for music from a variety of genres and time periods.

What is commonly referred to as “classical “ music represents many different styles from many different time periods. We will listen to and study music from each of the following periods:

- Renaissance • Baroque
- Classical
- Early Romantic
- Late Romantic
- Modern

and yes, even a little opera.

Along the way will look at the lives and works of the major composers of each period, and see what made each one truly great. We will also look at how each composer fit into, and often expressed the major political and social changes that took place during their lives.

I will give students an “inside out” tour of the piano, and will demonstrate how to tune and regulate this fine instrument.

Students will be given the opportunity to play a virtual organ which represents an amazing combination computer technology.

Students who play instruments are invited to play their favorite pieces for the class as examples.

I am an organist who rather enjoys playing and rebuilding pianos. I write mostly in the Baroque and early classical styles.