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## Music Information for Parents

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The recommendations below pair a child's age and maturity with music. The idea for this page came during a walk on the beach after our daughter shared that she would be having twins!

We appreciate that every family has its own music which reflects the family's heritage and values. Our recommendations are not meant to displace that music. We provide these suggestions simply because we have had successful experiences with them as part of our musical offerings.

We have limited our music suggestions to five for each maturity level. We have provided resources for obtaining the music: in general, iTunes, Amazon, or contacting the artist directly. An iPod dedicated to this music library would be an ideal way of collecting the music in one place. It could then be played through a large number of devices ranging from a home entertainment center to an iHome portable system.

## Music for the Newborn

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
<u>Celtic Meditations</u> CD	Peaceful relaxing music performed by master hammered dulcimer musician Maggie Sansone	<a href="http://www.maggiesmusic.com">www.maggiesmusic.com</a>
<u>Lullaby, A Collection</u> CD	Lullabies from around the world	ISBN 1-56628-054-0. iTunes or Amazon
<u>The Airs of Wales</u> CD	Gentle harp music from the British Isles	KOCH Corp. iTunes or Amazon
<u>Under the Green Corn Moon: Native American Lullabies</u> CD	Native American Lullabies	Silver Wave Records CD available at The Indian Store in Escondido, CA., or iTunes
<u>Cave of Gold: Celtic Lullabies</u> CD	Recording of gentle beautiful Scottish sleep songs and more by Lynn Morrison	Greentraxx Recordings, iTunes or amazon.com



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## Music for the First Twelve Months

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
<u>HAPA</u> CD	Beautiful Hawaiian songs in Hawaiian with guitar accompaniment	Coconut Grove Recording Co, Inc.
<u>Reminisce</u> CD	Old easy listening favorites by master hammered dulcimer musician and builder Russell Cook	<a href="http://www.russellcook.com">www.russellcook.com</a>
<u>Carolan's Cottage Volume 2</u> CD	Irish harp music by Joemy Wilson on hammered dulcimer with flute, harp, violin, etc. accompaniment	amazon.com
"Venus, the Bringer of Peace" by Gustav Holst	Serene musical painting of "a place of peace"	Part of "The Planets" by Holst iTunes or amazon.com
Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 23"	One recording is by Naxos Recording with Jenö Jando on piano, with an orchestra	iTunes or amazon.com



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## Music for the First Twenty-Four Months

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
<u>Bach at Bedtime</u> CD	Relaxing classical music collection	Phillips Classics. <a href="http://www.deccaclassics.com">www.deccaclassics.com</a>
<u>Celtic Lovers</u> CD	Beautiful Celtic music	<a href="http://www.mairebreatnach.com">www.mairebreatnach.com</a>
<u>Happenstance Dance</u> CD	Delightful collection of original compositions from San Diego harpist Melissa Morgan and friends	<a href="http://www.mmmharp.com">www.mmmharp.com</a>
"Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart	Gentle piano music	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>Sounds of Wood &amp; Steel 1</u> CD	Guitar instrumentals featuring Taylor guitars	Windham Hill Collection. Available from Taylor Guitars in El Cajon, CA or from Windham Hill



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## Music for the Three-Year Old

<b>Music</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Where to Obtain</b>
<u>Front Porch Waltz</u> CD	Old time folk music played by master hammered dulcimer musician and builder Rick Thum	<a href="http://www.rthum.com">www.rthum.com</a>
<u>Greensleeves</u> CD	Renaissance to Russian Romantic period classical selections. Michaela Petri on recorder (wooden renaissance instrument precursor to the modern flute) with harpsichord (predecessor to the piano) and cello accompaniment	Available from Phillips Classics or iTunes
<u>Maggie's Music Sampler</u> <u>CD 1</u>	Beautiful selection of instrumental music from Maggie Sansone and artists of her recording company; a great value at \$5.00 that offers many outstanding acoustic recording artists	<a href="http://www.maggiesmusic.com">www.maggiesmusic.com</a>
<u>Scottish Tranquility</u> CD	Scottish classics beautifully recorded with piano and orchestra by Phil Coulter	Available from Shanachie Records, iTunes or amazon.com
"The Lark Ascending" by Ralph Vaughn Williams	Beautiful and serene classical music	iTunes or amazon.com



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## Music for the Four-Year Old

<b>Music</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Where to Obtain</b>
<u>Early American Roots</u> CD	Authentic and spirited music from the era of America's birth	<a href="http://www.maggiesmusic.com">www.maggiesmusic.com</a>
<u>Fragments of a Dream</u> CD	Andean folk group Inti-Illimani celebrating the beauty and majesty of the Andes	CBS Recordings and iTunes
<u>Puccini Without Words</u> CD	Puccini operas in instrumental orchestrations by Andre Kostelanetz	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>The Dawning of the Day</u> CD	Celtic and original melodies on harp, cello, and flute by Laurie Rasmussen	<a href="http://www.laurierasmussen.com">www.laurierasmussen.com</a> or <a href="http://www.maggiesmusic.com">www.maggiesmusic.com</a>
"Water Music" by Handel	Splendid and regal classical music from 1700 Great Britain commissioned by King George 1 <sup>st</sup>	iTunes and amazon.com



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## Music for the Five-Year Old

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
<u>Classical Journeys: Going Home</u> CD	Relaxing classical favorites by master hammered dulcimer player Russell Cook	<a href="http://www.woodnstrings.com">www.woodnstrings.com</a> or <a href="http://www.russellcook.com">www.russellcook.com</a>
<u>Cottage in the Glen</u> CD	Celtic-inspired music by Jody Marshall on hammered dulcimers and piano	<a href="http://www.maggiesmusic.com">www.maggiesmusic.com</a>
“Greensleeves” and “Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis”	Master English composer Vaughn Williams’ re-interpretation and orchestration of music from England’s Elizabethan folk traditions	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>Song of the Hills</u> CD	Instrumental impressions of American Appalachian music performed by a variety of American music masters	<a href="http://www.shanachie.com">www.shanachie.com</a>
<u>The Four Seasons</u> CD	Vivaldi’s classical baroque paintings of Europe in spring, summer, fall, and winter	iTunes or amazon.com





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## Music for the First Grader

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"Brandenburg Concerto No. 5"	One of the 5 concertos written by Bach	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>Heartdance</u> CD	Jerry Read Smith on hammered dulcimer	<u><a href="http://www.songofthewood.com">www.songofthewood.com</a></u>
<u>Journey to the Heart: Hammer Dulcimer Expressions</u> CD	Diverse and beautiful music featuring many top dulcimer recording artists	Deep Path Music or iTunes
"The Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens	Fun classical music written with musical impressions of lions, elephants, aquarium fish, fossils and more	iTunes or amazon.com
"The Wasps" (Overture)	Nine minutes of sublime orchestral music	iTunes or <u><a href="http://www.amazon.com">www.amazon.com</a></u>





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## Music for the Second Grader

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
"Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copland	American heroic music	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>Homecoming</u> CD	Third and final CD of the hammered dulcimer Strayaway Child Trilogy	<a href="http://www.songofthewood.com">www.songofthewood.com</a>
"Peter and the Wolf"	Classical musical story by Prokofiev, with each character represented by an instrument	iTunes or amazon.com
"The Moldau" by Smetana	Musical painting of the River Vltava, or Moldau, from its source in the mountains, through the countryside, meadows, castles, waterfalls, and finally the Ocean (North Sea)	iTunes or amazon.com
"The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" by Benjamin Britten	This captivating musical introduces the instruments in an orchestra, without words, by moving the melody and variations through the various instruments	iTunes or amazon.com



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## Music for the Third Grader

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
<p>“In the Hall of the Mountain King”</p> <p>“Wedding Day at Troldhaugen”</p> <p>“Norwegian Bridal Procession”</p> <p>by Edward Grieg</p>	<p>Orchestral thematic music from Norway with castles, trolls, and a wedding</p>	<p>iTunes or amazon.com</p>
<p><u>Monteverdi’s Contemporaries</u> CD by David Monrow</p>	<p>Ceremonial, dance, and sacred music from Italy and late Renaissance creative period</p>	<p>iTunes or amazon.com</p>
<p>“Overture of 1812” by Tchaikovsky</p>	<p>A highly patriotic Russian musical masterpiece that follows Napoleon’s ill-fated decision to invade Russia and his crushing defeat outside Moscow; cannons and glory abound</p>	<p>iTunes or amazon.com</p>
<p>“The Planets” by Gustav Holst</p>	<p>Fabulous musical paintings of each planet. Science and music come together in this exceptional composition that is often used in film music</p>	<p>iTunes or amazon.com</p>
<p><u>Wynton Marsalis Standard Time Vol. 3: The Resolution of Romance</u></p>	<p>Classic jazz from Marsalis (trumpet) and his father Ellis (piano), with excellent bass and percussion support</p>	<p>Columbia Records or iTunes.</p>



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Native American Music <u>Sacred Spirit, Chants and Dances</u> <u>Footprints of Our Ancestors</u> (flute) <u>The Sound of Indian America</u>	Very important indigenous musical traditions; emphasis on chants, bird songs, ceremonial pow-wow music, flute, and contemporary Native American compositions	The Indian Store in Escondido, CA (760-746-1303) or iTunes
“Symphony No. 6, Pastoral Symphony” “Fur Elise” “Minuet in G” “Turkish March” by Ludwig von Beethoven	Amazing music from one of the most important composers in history, who gloriously succeeded in spite of his mother’s early death, an abusive father, and becoming deaf	iTunes or amazon.com
“Billy the Kid” “Appalachian Spring” by Aaron Copland	The American West, is magnificently sketched, complete with gun fights, sunsets, and mountain meadows	iTunes or amazon.com
“Mount Saint Helens Symphony” by Alan Hovhaness	The divine beauty and explosive power of the natural world put to music	iTunes or amazon.com



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## Music for the Fourth Grader (cont.)

<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
Classical Jazz  <u>Hot House Flowers</u> by Wynton Marsalis  "So What" by Miles Davis  "Take Five" by the Dave Brubeck Quartet  "Lullaby of the Leaves" by the Benny Goodman Sextet  "Beale Street Blues" by Louis Armstrong	Jazz is an American invention and these are some of the most influential jazz musicians	iTunes or amazon.com



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<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
“And God Created the Great Whales” “Mysterious Mountain” by Alan Hovhaness	Contemporary classical songs of nature integrated into original compositions	iTunes or amazon.com
“Clarinet Concerto In A Major” by Mozart	Three brilliant movements and 29 minutes of divine music. The Second movement was used very effectively in the movie <u>Out of Africa</u>	iTunes or amazon.com
Renaissance Music <u>Spain in the New World</u> (very historical)  <u>Music in the Great Hall</u> (Celtic tunes with hammered dulcimer)  <u>Renaissonics</u> (dance music)	Music from the Age of Discovery and Exploration	iTunes or amazon.com  Music in the Great Hall: <a href="http://www.maggiesmusic.com">www.maggiesmusic.com</a>  Renaissonics: Titanic Records
“Rhapsody in Blue” “An American in Paris” by George Gershwin	This brilliant American composer integrated jazz into flashy and dazzling symphonic compositions	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>Summon the Heroes</u> by John Williams	Collection of heroic music with an Olympics emphasis; Williams also composed NBC’s Olympic theme music and movie music for “Star Wars”, “ET,” and “Raiders of the Lost Ark” etc.	iTunes or amazon.com



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Movie Soundtracks <u>Chariots of Fire</u> <u>Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon</u> <u>Dances with Wolves</u> <u>Harry Potter</u> <u>Jurassic Park</u> <u>Last of the Mohicans</u> <u>Pirates at the Caribbean</u> <u>Star Wars</u> <u>The Classic Spielberg Scores</u> (Williams conducting the Boston Pops Orchestra) <u>Titanic</u>	Engaging orchestrated music with a lot of drama	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>The Music of John Williams: 40 Years of Film Music</u>	Exciting orchestral music	iTunes or amazon.com



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<i>Music</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to Obtain</i>
Broadway Musicals  <u>Phantom of the Opera</u> <u>Cats</u> <u>Jesus Christ Superstar</u> by Andrew Lloyd Weber  <u>West Side Story</u> by Arthur Bernstein  <u>Oklahoma</u> <u>The King and I</u> by Rogers and Hammerstein	Romantic American musicals	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>Romeo and Juliet</u> "Overture"  <u>Swan Lake</u> "Dance of the Swans"  <u>The Nutcracker</u> "Miniature Overture" "Character Dances" "Waltz of the Flowers"  by Peter Tchaikovsky	Romantic masterpieces	iTunes or amazon.com
"Scheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov	One of the finest examples of romantic symphonic music ever composed; related to the story of The Arabian Nights: the Sultan, Scheherazade, betrayal, and found love	iTunes or amazon.com





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"Pictures at the Exhibition" by Modest Mussorgsky as arranged by Ravel	Dramatic, exciting musical portraits of paintings	iTunes or amazon.com
<u>The Strayaway Child</u> CD by Jerry Read Smith	First of the trilogy, beautiful hammered dulcimer music	<u><a href="http://www.songofthewood.com">www.songofthewood.com</a></u>