

Music for Listeners: Joseph Haydn



Music for Listeners is a series of short courses for high school students and adults presenting the works of composers from a listening enjoyment rather than a music theory perspective. Our second course in 2026 will feature the life and music of Austrian composer Joseph Haydn, presented chronologically. The Haydn course will be taught by lifelong classical music enthusiast David Oesper and consists of seven weekly 90-minute in-person classes.

The Haydn course will be offered on consecutive Saturdays (with a mid-term break on July 4) from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at the Donna R. Liggins Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave., beginning June 6, 2026. If you are interested in attending or for more information, please contact the instructor at doesper@icloud.com.

Class 1, June 6

1732-1772 From Rohrau to Hainburg to Vienna to Eisenstadt and Eszterháza

Class 2, June 13

1772-1782 Growing Fame and Isolation at Eszterháza

Class 3, June 20

1783-1788 Haydn and Mozart

Class 4, June 27

1789-1792 First Residency in England

Class 5, July 11

1792-1795 Second Residency in England

Class 6, July 18

1795-1797 Haydn and Beethoven

Class 7, July 25

1797-1809 Final Years in Vienna

