Robert Schumann

1810-56

Important Things to Remember

Music
- Piano
  - Character Pieces
    - Carnaval (ASCH)
  - Concert Works
    - Symphonic Etudes
    - Concerto
  - 3 Sonatas
- 100+ Lieder in 1840 alone
  - Frauenliebe und Leben
  - Dichterliebe

- Symphonies after 1841
  - 1, 3, 4, 2
- Chamber Music
  - 3 String Quartets
  - 1 Piano Quintet
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Robert Schumann

- Born in Zwichau
  - Father was author/publisher
- Dual Interest in writing and music
- Contracted Syphilis
- Leipzig University
  - Law (left in 1830)
  - Music w/ Fredrich Wieck
    - Daughter Clara
- Difficulty with Piano (1830)

- Married Clara (1840)
  - Legal Permission
- Concert Tours
- Irregular Bursts of Activity
- Musical Director of Düsseldorf (1850)
- Insane Asylum (1854)
Important Things to Remember

Literary
- Began writing as early as 1830
- Neue Zeitschrift für Musik (1834)
- Fictitious Names for himself and friends
  - Musical Motives
  - Promoted Careers of: Chopin, Berlioz, Brahms

Style
- Programmatic Emphasis
- Introverted

Clara Schumann
(1819-96)

Important Things to Remember

Musical Training structured by Father
- Relationship with Robert as early as 1828
- Began Composing by 1830
- Had 8 Children with Robert
- One of the first solo concert artists
- Concertized until she was 70
- 40 piano works
- 26 Lieder