

Beethoven's Belated Birthday Ball

The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia
Invites all area school children to view a digital version
of our 2021 Youth Concert

Available January 4, 2022 through January 31, 2022

Music Director and Narrator: Benjamin Rous

Dancers: Emily Hartka and Abigail Brent

Musicians: Principal Members of the Charlottesville Symphony

Born in 1770, Ludwig van Beethoven would have turned 250 years old on December 16, 2020...if he were still alive! The Charlottesville Symphony hoped to invite students to UVA's Old Cabell Hall to celebrate. Due to the pandemic, we waited and waited for a safe date, but finally decided to throw a ball in his honor instead – and we recorded it for you to enjoy!

Join us online during the month of January, 2022 for *Beethoven's Belated Birthday Ball* where you will hear dance-like works by Beethoven and other more modern composers: William Grant Still, Valerie Coleman and Paquito D'Rivera. Meet the instruments of the orchestra and learn about Beethoven's life, his music, his challenges and his victories! Compare Beethoven's means of expressing himself through music to the other composers' musical languages – and try dancing a waltz and minuet, guided by our friends Emily Hartka and Abigail Brent of the Charlottesville Ballet!

While our annual concerts are designed for students in fourth and fifth grades, we are certain that music teachers can share the video with students of all ages in meaningful ways, and we encourage them to do so. Watch for more details and access information in an email later this week, and visit our website where you will find the Study Guide and YouTube links to the music.

<https://cvillesymphony.org/education-community/youth-concerts/>

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