A Masquerade Ball!

*A Recital Listening Guide for Children*

Sunday, October 19 at 2:300 p.m.

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 2, No. 1 by Ludwig Van Beethoven

**Did you know?**

Beethoven wrote his first composition at age 12. A set of 9 variations that is very difficult to play!

**Did you hear music that sounded like these “Halloween” themes?**

* Footsteps
* A creaking door
* A dark night
* Running Feet
* Howling Wind

Which movement was the loudest? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ softest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which movement was the fastest? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slowest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What did you think this music sounded like? Write or draw a picture to describe your answer.**

**Trivia: What are the names of Beethoven’s most famous piano sonatas?**

**Ghost Rags by William Bolcom**

**William Bolcom is an American composer and pianist who lives in Michigan and has written many compositions for the piano. These pieces depict ghosts. Can you draw a picture of the type of ghost you imagine when hearing the pieces:**

**Graceful Ghost The Poltergeist**

**Solve this puzzle to learn a fun fact about William Bolcom**

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**Key:**

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**What is YOUR Halloween Costume?**

**Robert Schumann composed Carnaval, Op. 9 to show a group of different people showing up to a ball. In the piece, he hid the identities of many of his friends, as well as his own name! Use this table below to follow along:**

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| **Movement:** | **Listen For:** | **Descriptive Words or Pictures:** |
| Préambule | **A Schubert Theme** |  |
| Pierrot | **A Sad Clown** |  |
| Arlequin | **Mischief** |  |
| Valse Noble | **A Grand Waltz** |  |
| Eusebius | **Schumann’s calm, quiet side** |  |
| Florestan | **Schumann’s fiery, impetuous side** |  |
| Coquette | **A flirtatious sound** |  |
| Réplique | **A “reply” to Coquette** |  |
| Papillons | **Fast Staccato notes** |  |
| A.S.C.H.-S.C.H.A.: Lettres Dansantes | **Do you hear another pat of the piece?** |  |

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| Chiarina | **Written For Schumann’s wife** |  |
| Chopin | **Written For Frederic Chopin** |  |
| Estrella | **Beautiful phrases** |  |
| Reconnaissance | **Two people meeting at the ball** |  |
| Pantalon et Colombine | **Listen for “tricky” sounds** |  |
| Valse allamande | **A Waltz** |  |
| Aveu | **Love** |  |
| Promenade | **The Dance** |  |
| Pause | **Have you heard this music before?** |  |
| Marche des “Davidsbündler” contre les Phillistins | **A March** |  |