

Johann Nepomuk Hummel and his Trumpet Concerto

Johann Nepomuk Hummel, an Austrian composer and virtuoso pianist, was born on November 14, 1778, and died on October 17, 1837. His music reflects the transition from the Classical to the Romantic era. As a child prodigy Hummel so impressed WA Mozart, that the young boy was housed and given piano lessons by Mozart free of charge for two years.

Hummel wrote his trumpet concerto for trumpeter and inventor of the keyed trumpet, Anton Weidinger. Franz Joseph Haydn also composed his famous trumpet concerto at the request of Weidinger. Hummel's trumpet concerto was composed in December, 1803, and performed for the first time on New Year's Day, 1804. Today, the trumpet concerto is a standard in the classical trumpet repertoire.