

## What makes these lessons, courses and resources special?

1. They have been prepared by well-qualified people.
2. They are written in simple English, avoiding big words and long sentences, so people whose native tongue is not English can understand them easily.
3. They move step-by-step, so it is easy to see how each point leads to the next one – and there is advice about how to avoid common errors.
4. They are constantly updated, to keep abreast of modern scholarship, and to make them easier to understand, with extra resources to give students a wider understanding of what they are studying..
5. There is a sense of context – the world in which composers, artists and writers lived, and the places, events and ideas that shaped their work.
6. There are examples of from music, literature and art of the time in which a work was created.
7. Courses are based on sound research, not only book-knowledge but also visits to the places where artists, philosophers, authors and composers lived, and understanding of the music they wrote and the instruments they wrote for.

### How do they benefit you, the student?

- a) A wide range of topics are taught; so you choose what you want to learn.
- b) There are many model answers and [sound files](#) – so you can see what a good answer looks like and sounds like.
- c) You can work at your own speed, so you can fit your studies into other demands on your time.
- d) You deal with a real human being, who can provide advice and encouragement as needed.
- e) With every new point, there is a new exercise, which will help you see how well you have understood the point. You don't have to read a whole chapter first!

