MEET THE COMPOSERS!

Answer the questions below with full, complete sentences.

The full name of the composer that I selected is:

He/she was born on this date in this town, state (if an American composer) and country:

This composer is... (circle one) Alive Dead

If your composer died, when and where did he die?

All composers start out learning several instruments before they start to write music. What instruments does/did your composer study before they started writing music?

Most composers had to study the art of writing music at a university or conservatory. Did your composer have formal lessons and if so, where did they study?
Did your composer study with a famous teacher? If so, who was their teacher or teachers?

Every composer is well known for a certain type of music. What type of music is your composer most known for? Please list all types of music as they may be known for writing more than one type of music.

List the instruments (or vocals) that your composer wrote for.

All composers are known for certain pieces of music. As you research your composer, do you see the title of a composition or song that may be considered to be their signature piece of music? Modern examples are One Direction’s “What Makes You Beautiful” and Pharrell’s “Happy”.
Some of the newer composers have won major awards such as a Grammy, Oscar, Tony, Emmy, etc. Has your composer won an award and if so, what award(s) have they won? What was the composition that won the award for them?

Please answer the question like this: In 1994, he won the Oscar for Best Original Song for “Can You Feel the Love Tonight”, and in 1997, he won the Grammy for the Best Male Pop Vocal Performance for “Candle in the Wind”.

Did your composer always work in music, or did they enter into a music career later in life? If so, what was their other career?

Does this composer have any family members who are also very well known in the music world? If so, what are their names, what is their relationship (father? brother?), and what do they do in music?

Is there any unusual information that you found out about your composer? For example, were they just as good at sports as they were at music? Were they child prodigies?