

# Nordic Composers and Selected Works

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## Norway

### - **Edvard Grieg** (1843-1907)

- Trauermarsch in a minor
- Lyric Pieces, opp. 12, 38, 43, 47, 54, 57, 62, 65, 68, 71
- Poetic Tone Pictures, op. 3
- 19 Norwegian Folk Melodies, op. 66
- 25 Norwegian Dances/Folktunes, op. 17
- Stimmungen, op. 73
- Humoresques, op. 6
- Holberg Suite, op. 40
- Sonata, op. 7
- Ballade, op. 24
- Album Leaves

### - **Agatha Backer-Grøndahl** (1847-1907)

- 6 Concert-Etuder, op. 11
- 3 Morceaux, op. 15
- 4 Skizzer, op. 19
- Suite, op. 20
- 3 études, op. 22

- 6 Idylles, op. 24
- 3 klaverstykker, op. 25
- Norske folkeviser og folkedanse, op. 30
- 3 études de concert, op. 32
- Norske folkeviser og folkedanse, op. 33
- 3 klaverstykker, op. 35
- Fantasiestykker, op. 36
- Serenade, op. 37
- 3 ungarske studier, op. 38
- Fantasiestykker, op. 39
- In the Blue Mountain, fairytale suite, op. 44
- Fantasiestykker, op. 45
- Etudes de concert, op. 47
- 3 klaverstykker, op. 53
- Smaa fantasistykker, op. 55
- Etudes de concert, op. 57
- Concert-études, op. 58
- 6 klaverstykker, op. 59
- Prélude, op. 61 no. 1
- Grand menuet, op. 61 no. 2

- Lettere fantasistykker, op. 63
- Danse burlesque, op. 64 no. 1
- Valse caprice, op. 64, no. 2
- Barnlige Billeder (Children's Pictures), 6 fantasias, op. 66
- 2 klaverstykker, op. 68
- 3 klaverstykker, op. 69
- **Christian Sinding** (1856-1941)
  - Rustle of Spring (Frühlingsrauschen)
  - Large number of other works for solo piano, including a two sonatas, character pieces, a suite, and some etudes.
  - Also wrote for four-hands piano and two pianos.
- **Trygve Torjussen** (1885-1977)
  - To the Rising Sun, op. 4 no. 1
- **Harald Sæverud** (1897-1992)
  - Slåtter og Stev fra "Siljustøl" (Siljustol Suites)
  - Sonatinas
  - Peer Gynt Suites
- **Geirr Tveitt** (1908-1991)
  - Inventions (2-part, 3-part, 4-part)
  - Numerous piano sonatas
  - 5 piano concertos

- Fifty Folk Tunes from Hardanger

## **Denmark**

- **Dieterich Buxtehude** (1637/9-1707)
  - 19 harpsichord suites
  - Several variation sets
  - *La Capricciosa*
  - Preludes and Toccatas
- **Niels Gade** (1817-1890)
  - Boy's Round Dance, op. 36 no. 2
  - Aquarelles opp. 19 and 57
- **Friedrich Kuhlau** (1786-1832)
  - Scotch Dance no. 1
  - Sonatinas opp. 20, 55, 59, 60, 88
  - Variations on Austrian Folk Song, Op. 42 no. 1
- **Carl Nielsen** (1865-1931)
  - Piano Music for Young and Old
  - Six Little Pieces, Op. 11
- **Ludvig Schytte** (1848-1909)
  - Etude in C, op. 108 no. 2
  - Hymn in e minor

- 25 Short Melodious Studies, Op. 18
- Little Prelude in a minor

## **Finland**

### - **Jean Sibelius** (1865-1957)

- Chanson sans Paroles in e minor
- Pensees lyriques, op. 40
- Valsette, op. 40 no. 1
- Thirteen Pieces, op. 76
- Ten Pieces, op. 24

### - **Oskar Merikanto** (1868-1924)

- Idylle, op. 73 no. 1
- Valse lente
- Scherzo, op. 6 no. 4

### - **Erkki Melartin** (1875-1937)

- Sonatina in g minor

### - **Selim Palmgren** (1878-1951)

- Twenty-five Preludes, op. 17
- May Night, op. 27 no. 4

### - **Toivo Kuula** (1883-1918)

- Lampaanpolska (The Sheep's Polska)
- Häämarssi (Wedding March), op. 3 no. 2
- **Heino Kaski** (1885-1957)
  - Prélude, op. 7 no. 1
  - Vanha muisto (An Old Memory), op. 31 no. 4
  - Legenda (Legend), op. 34 no. 3
- **Ilmari Hannikainen** (1892-1955)
  - Ilta (Evening)
  - Valse, op. 17 no. 1
- **Einojuhani Rautavaara** (1928-2016)
  - Three Symmetrical Preludes (1949–50)
  - The Fiddlers (1952)
  - The Icons (1955)
  - Seven Preludes (1956)
  - Partita (1956–8)
  - Étude (1969)
  - Sonata No. 1: Christus und die Fischer (1969)
  - Sonata No. 2: The Fire Sermon (1970)
  - Music for Upright Piano No. 1 (1976)
  - Music for Upright Piano No. 2 (1976)
  - Narcissus (2001)
  - Passionale (2003)
  - Fuoco (2007)
  - Mirroring (2014)

## Sweden

- **Johan Agrell** (1701-1765)

- 6 Keyboard Sonatas, op. 2
- **Johan Helmich Roman** (1694-1758)
  - 12 harpsichord sonatas
- **Hugo Alfvén** (1872-1960)
  - Menuet, op. 2
  - Skärgårdsbilder, op. 17 (Archipelago Pictures)
- **Erland von Koch** (1910-2009)
  - Vallarelåt
  - Soldatvisa
- **Gunnar de Frumerie** (1908-1987)
  - Två pianostycken
- **Hilding Hallnäs** (1903-1984)
  - “En vintersaga”
- **Ture Rangström** (1884-1947)
  - Sonatine in C Major
- **Bengt Franzén** (1914-1969)
  - Bagatell

## **Iceland**

- **Snorri Sigfús Birgisson** (b. 1954)  
 (<http://www.snorrisigfusbirgisson.com/piano.html>)

- 23 Icelandic Folk Songs
- 7 Portraits
- Piano Pieces for Beginners
- **Leifur Thórarinnsson** (1934-1998)
  - Barnalagaflokkur (Children's Pieces)
- **Elias Davidsson** (b. 1941)
  - Fimmur: 15 stutt píanólög (Fivers: 15 short piano pieces)
- **Thorkell Sigurbjörnsson** (1938-2013)
  - Sjö lög frá Apaspil (Seven Pieces from Monkey Play)
  - Lagstúfur fyrir Vigdísi (Arietta for Vigdís)

Other Resources:

- ♦ Frederick Key Smith, *Nordic Art Music: From the Middle Ages to the Third Millennium* (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2002)
- ♦ Norwegian music is housed at National Library of Norway:  
<http://asp.bibits.no/nb/wsSearchAdv.Asp?DocGrp=2&language=Eng>
- ♦ Swedish Music Information Centre:  
<https://www.svenskmusik.org/en>
- ♦ Danish Centre for Music Editing (housed at National Library of Denmark):  
<http://www.kb.dk/en/nb/dcm/>
- ♦ Music Finland:  
<https://musicfinland.com/>



- ♦ Iceland Music Information Centre:  
<https://mic.is/en/>
- ♦ Association of Faroese Composers:  
<https://composers.fo/>