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## soothing music

Posted by Eric M. Butterworth - 2008/11/19 00:35

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I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? Almost anything by Satie (consider the ballet Parades as well as piano music), and lots of music by Ravel and Debussy is soothing (one very beautiful movement which could be used as a bedtime piece is Clair de Lune from the Suite Bergamasque). If you want something long, get the opera L'enfant et les Sortilèges by Ravel. I'm sorry that, since I've only heard it live, I have no recommendations of recordings, but it's a lovely opera and really its plot is such that it's a children's opera. Get a video if one's available. Other composers with soothing compositions would include Mozart (e.g. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik), Johann Christian Bach, and Johann Sebastian Bach in many instances. Just a few thoughts. Michael

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: I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children : during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? A few off-the-top-of-head-suggestions: Dvorak, Serenade for Strings, Op. 44 (especially the first movement). Mozart, Clarinet Quintet. Beethoven, Violin sonatas #5 in F, Op. 24 ( Spring ) and #10 in G, Op. 96. Faure, Pavane, Op. 50.

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In <01be436d\$be39ae20\$1aa79bcf@default Eric M. Butterworth <e...@concentric.net writes: I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? Thanks! Even the most low-key, laid-back, classical music is never soothing when it is performed well. What about the Chopin sent as midi by Takeshi, though!

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Posted by John Gavin - 2008/11/19 00:35

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Almost anything by Frederico Mompou.

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I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? Are you looking for something you can actually listen to with your children or background music? Dave Cook

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<<I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? I would recommend Gluck's Dance of the Blessed Spirits from his Orfeo ed Euridice. Regards, Scott

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On 19 Jan 1999 21:54:03 GMT, free...@ix.netcom.com(Sara Freeman) wrote: Even the most low-key, laid-back, classical music is never soothing when it is performed well. Including Delius? What do you mean? Michael I love Delius, but he takes a lot of concentration and it wasn't until I learned this from hearing the Cleveland Orchestra perform the Irmelin Prelude at Carnegie Hall in 1989 that I really came to love Delius. To me, with Delius, the genius is in the details. If you do not pay attention to Delius you are doing him and yourself a big disfavor.

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I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? Thanks! A selection of baroque adagio's and andante's may be an idea. It seems to work pretty well in my profession: working with mentally troubled children

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If I remember correctly, it was in reference to her children. Quite right. Well, I would just say that I don't think it's required for a child to concentrate when listening to all the music YOU concentrate when listening to, if you get my drift. When I listen to Clair de Lune, for example, I am aware of all the harmonies - indeed, all the notes - the durations, the sequences, the changes in tempo, dynamics, etc. But it's very possible to just get swept up by the beauty of the music, and, in fact, my added ear training only helps in that regard. Growing up having a favorite classical piece to relax to is good, in my opinion, and we do disagree, perhaps, that good music can be soothing. Michael

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I am looking for some soothing classical music to play for my children during the evening for an hour or two before bedtime. Any suggestions? I have a CD of original compositions that have been compare to Debussy, and have been used in a hospital delivery room, as well as for lullaby music. There are realaudio samples (or wav files). Please visit and listen for yourself at <http://www.purepiano.com/listen.htm> All the best, Jeff Bjoerck

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