

A portrait of Richard Wagner, an elderly man with white hair and a beard, wearing a black beret and a dark coat with a white collar. He is looking slightly to the right.

Today in History

May 22, 1813

▲ **Richard Wagner, influential German composer whose works include the Ring cycle and Lohengrin, was born. His music was admired by Adolf Hitler**

1888: Edgar Rice Burroughs chose this day as the birth date of his fictional character, Tarzan

1981: British serial killer Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was jailed for life on 13 counts of murder

1996: Japan settled lawsuits after hundreds died in Minamata from eating mercury-tainted seafood from 1953-60

2003: A manuscript of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with handwritten revisions, sold for £2.133m