

250 years of Mozart



WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

- ▶ Born: January 27, 1756 in ***Salzburg, Austria***
- ▶ Musical genius apparent early – by age three he plays keyboard, writes first work aged five, and composes first symphony at eight
- ▶ Father ***Leopold*** nurtures son's talent, taking him on series of tours to royal courts across Europe in 1761
- ▶ First serious opera, ***Idomeneo***, commissioned in 1780
- ▶ Writes three last great symphonies, nos. 39, 40 and 41, in just six weeks
- ▶ Dies in Vienna in December 1791, aged 35, with last great work, ***Requiem***, unfinished
- ▶ Buried in unmarked plot in line with prevailing custom, but not, as often stated, in pauper's grave
- ▶ Legacy comprises over 600 works, including 41 symphonies, 27 piano concertos, and 19 operas