

MUSIC AND MORE



At the next Family Musical Mornings concert you will hear members of the Pacific Symphony play selections from **Modest Mussorgsky's** *Pictures at an Exhibition*. This large, famous musical work is a collection of 10 piano pieces. **Mussorgsky** wrote them about art works made by artist **Viktor Hartmann**, a famous Russian painter, sculptor and architect. Then, composer **Maurice Ravel** heard the piano composition, *Pictures at an Exhibition* and decided to change piano part into an entire symphony orchestra piece. Here's how it happened:

Late in the 1800's in Russia, there was an artist named **Viktor Hartmann**



Hartmann drew lots of paintings and sketches. This is his sketch of the Great Gate of Kiev.



Composer **Modest Mussorgsky** saw **Hartmann's** works of art at an art exhibition.



Mussorgsky saw **Hartmann's** pictures of Gates, Catacombs, Chicks, Men, Witches' Huts, a Marketplace, a garden, and more. He wrote beautiful piano pieces for each work of art. You will hear a pianist play some of the pieces.



So, **Ravel** took each piano piece that **Mussorgsky** had written about **Hartmann's** piece of art and he changed them into full symphony orchestra pieces. This is the way you'll hear the Pacific Symphony play them.



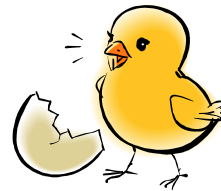
Composer **Maurice Ravel** loved the piano pieces of **Mussorgsky**.



Gnomes, Chicks, and Witches... “Oh My!!!”

Pictures at an Exhibition is an example of composers trying to tell a story about a picture using music. Here are some of the topics of the pictures:

- ❖ Gnomes
- ❖ Old castles
- ❖ An old cattle cart
- ❖ A ballet of chickens
- ❖ Two old jews
- ❖ A marketplace
- ❖ A garden full of children
- ❖ Baba Yaga – an old witch story
- ❖ The Great Gate of Kiev



Click here to see the titles and descriptions of the pieces in **Mussorgsky's** *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Click here to go to a website where you can hear samples of all the pieces in **Mussorgsky's** *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Mussorgsky's name is pronounced:

Moo-sawrg-skee

Be sure to come to our Musical Carnival (**before the concert!!!**) for a very special ***Pictures at an Exhibition*** carnival. And, as always, you will be able write a question that might be answered on stage by maestro Michael Hall and the Pacific Symphony members.