

# Storytelling with Music!



At the Family Musical Mornings concert on February 9th, you will hear about the fascinating story of **Scheherazade** (pronounced Sha-hair-a-zad) and the story of 1,001 Arabian Nights. When Russian composer **Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov** (pronounced Nik-o-lay Rim-skee-Kor-sa-kof) heard the story of the queen who told her husband, the King, 1,001 stories, he decided to write music to retell the story. See if you can learn to tell a story though music you make up...

There are many stories that have inspired composers to write music. Click on the story name to learn more...

**Peter and the Wolf**

**The Sorcerer's Apprentice**

**Swan Lake**



Here is a quick little story:

- **Once upon a time there was a fox.**
- **The fox went for a walk one day.**
- **On his walk, the fox saw beautiful butterflies dancing from flower to flower.**
- **So, the fox decided to dance too.**
- **After dancing and dancing, the fox got tired.**
- **So, he slowly walked all the way home.**

Now, read this story again, but after you read one line, make up a little sing-able melody that reminds you of what you just read. You don't need to use words in your melody - you can hum or just sing 'la, la, la'.

Then, instead of actually reading the story out loud, just sing a little melody for each line of the story. Congratulations!! You've just composed music based on a story you read.

Southern California's own Classical KUSC 91.5fm radio station has created an interactive website to teach listeners all about **Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade** and the story of A Thousand and One Arabian Nights. Click on the mouse to go to the Scheherazade website.



Click on the color palette to download a Persian miniature art coloring page.

