## **Eine Kleine Nachtmusik**



Classical period composer and virtuoso musician Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was born in Salzburg, Austria. When he was just five years old he played concerts throughout Europe and wrote his own music. He could play both keyboard and violin amazingly well for a child and was considered a child genius. His father, Leopold Mozart, was his music teacher during his early years, forcing him to practice, compose and perform for many hours each day. At age seventeen, Mozart accepted a position as court musician in Salzburg then later moved to Vienna, Austria where he wrote many of his most important works. Mozart was a funny and quirky individual. He often composed while playing billiards or other games, he loved playing practical jokes and even bought a pet bird which he taught to sing his music. Mozart composed over 600 pieces of music during his short life time. He died when he was thirty-five.



## Words to Play By:

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more luck I have."

- Thomas Jefferson