



Course: UNIV 100 – Section H23 **Theme:** Art & Music

Course Topic: *Classical Music of World Wars*

Description: This course explores a rich catalogue of classical works that was impacted by the World Wars. The World Wars destroyed lives, societies, countries, and civilizations. Their destruction and disruption witnessed the largest immigration of population within and from Europe since the Napoleonic Wars. Refugees included great thinkers, artists of the century, as well as some notable villains. The exchange resulted in a period of tremendous creativity where painters, sculptors, poets, writers, architects, and musicians gathered in new social circles in which they influenced each other. We will learn to appreciate the diverse selections of classical musical works that ranges from works composed during the war years to newly commissioned works that pay tribute to the devastation of wars as well as their heroes. The featured works include pieces for solo instruments, chamber and orchestral works, as well as instrumental and vocal compositions. (No music background is required.)