



June Musician of the Month



George Frederick Handel



Baroque Composer

Key Facts

Born: February 23, 1685 Died:
April 14, 1759

He was born in Germany but spent most of his life in England.

He wrote "Zadok the Priest" for the coronation of King George II in 1727. It has been sung at the coronation of every British monarch since then including our King.



His Dad didn't want him to be a musician so Handel hid his instrument in the loft to practise quietly.

He was made the Musical Director of the Royal Academy of Music in London.

He wrote the famous oratorio, Messiah. (An oratorio is a very big, complicated piece for orchestra and choir, based on Bible stories.)

Famous compositions:

"Zadok the Priest"

"Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's
"Messiah"

"Music for the Royal Fireworks"

