

Theme from Swan Lake

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky



Swan Lake (Ballet Suite),

Op. 20: I. Scene (Swan Theme)

by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

What we will learn in our SQUILT LIVE lesson:

- Brief Tchaikovsky biographical information (for more, see the Nutcracker lessons in the SQUILT LIVE! archives - December, 2017)
- Background behind *Swan Lake* - story synopsis
- Follow a listening map for the Swan Theme: identify instruments and their families, dynamic levels, and the concept of **CRESCENDO** and **DECRESCENDO** in the piece.



Before the Lesson:

Having a variety of activities for your children will keep them engaged during the lesson. Different printables will work for different ages, etc... Choose what your child might enjoy.

- Print the Swan Theme listening map
- Print the Draw What You Hear Sheet
- Print the Zentangle Swan Coloring Sheet
- If your students have the Meet the Instrument flashcards or matching cards, we will be using them during our lesson. (They aren't necessary, but they could be helpful.)
- Print the 4 Box SQUILT Notebooking Sheet - older children may want to use this as an extra challenge - I will touch on a few of the elements on this sheet briefly in the lesson. If your children are familiar with the Elements of Music, this sheet will get easier with each lesson!

Oboe



Oboe



Oboe



Oboe



Horn



Horn



Violin



Violin



Violin & Brass



Full Orchestra



Flute & Oboe



Double Bass



Theme from Swan Lake

Concept: Crescendo/Decrescendo

SQUILT Music Appreciation

Draw What You Hear

Theme from Swan Lake





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Super **Q**uiet **U**nInterrupted Listening **T**ime

Dynamics

(Louds and Softs in Music)

Rhythm/Tempo

(Patterns of Sound &
Speed of the Beat)

Instrumentation

(What instruments do you hear?
Which families?)

Mood

(How does the music make you feel?)

Title: **Theme from Swan Lake**

Composer: **Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky**



Zentangle Swan

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Additional Learning/ Listening:

[Story Nory](#) —> listen to the Swan Lake story (beautifully done!)

[Swan Lake Resource Guide from the Pittsburgh Ballet](#) —> good resource if you want to dive deeper into the ballet

[The entire Swan Lake Ballet](#) —> if you're feeling quite ambitious!

[Swan Lake/Main Theme](#) —> ask your children how the choreography goes with the dancing?

[Swan Lake/Main Theme](#) —> video of an orchestra... have your children identify the instruments while following the map from our lesson

To learn more about other Romantic Era composers in [SQUILT Volume 3](#). This volume includes two additional pieces by Tchaikovsky.

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