

WHY BEETHOVEN THREW THE STEW

And Lots More Stories about the Lives of Great Composers

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Wig stealing, sword fighting, egg throwing and drunkenness in front of presidents... just a few examples of the astonishing behaviour that some of our favourite composers indulged in, as revealed by Steven Isserlis in *Why Beethoven Threw the Stew*.

Why Beethoven Threw the Stew was written to bring to life six of Steven's favourite composers and he provides young readers with not only their life stories, but the best music to listen to in order to get a taste for their music. Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms and Stravinsky are all brought alive in a way that can't fail to catch the imagination of any child, or anyone entering the world of classical music for the first time.

This is the first book of its kind and is fully illustrated with black and white drawings.

Steven Isserlis is one of the world's most renowned cellists. He will be performing at a Children's Concert at Wigmore Hall on 20 October to tie-in with publication. Steven will be available for interview.