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Midterm: Contrasting Baroque and Classical Style

While the Baroque and the Classical music are both genres of instrumental music back in the day, they have quite many differences. Baroque music uses the fugue technique and it is very ornamented. It has the uses of trills and leaps in the melody and focuses on dynamic of a piece. It also has the same tone from the beginning through the end. For example, Bach's Brandenburg No.3, 1<sup>st</sup> movement has many leaps and change in the dynamic and had the same powerful tone from the beginning to the end.

In contrast classical music is less free and is simpler than Baroque. It is neat and is vary mapped out. It has scalic pattern and the tone change in the piece. For example, Mozart's Symphony 40's tone was sometimes mysterious, but then sometimes changed to a powerful melody. It also didn't have as much leap as Brandenburg.

The styles of music were also reflected in the architecture in their era. The baroque's architecture was very complex and fancy while the classical architecture was straight and less fancy.

The two styles are greatly different but both had at least some if not more impacts on today's instrument music.