

MUSIC

Howard Goodall's BIG BANGS

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The story of five discoveries that changed musical history



Looking back down the corridor of a thousand years, composer and broadcaster

Howard Goodall guides us through the stories of five seismic developments in the history of Western music.



Howard Goodall has the gift of making these complicated musical advances both clear and utterly fascinating. His vivid presentation is full of colourful characters and graphic illustrations of technical processes. *Big Bangs* opens a window on the crucial moments in our musical culture—discoveries that made possible everything from Bach to The Beatles.



Duration: 5 x 60 minute programs

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Howard Goodall

Directed by Rupert Edwards
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HOWARD GOODALL'S BIG BANGS Notation

Imagine a world with no Beethoven or Beatles. Without a particular stroke of genius from a little-known Italian monk in the 11th century, we would still be listening to the solemn tones of Gregorian chant, if anything at all. Armed with a refreshing dose of wit and charm, Howard Goodall charts the crucial turning points in musical history, the Big Bangs, starting with the inspired invention of a thin red line. (60 minutes)

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**HOWARD GOODALL'S BIG BANGS
Opera**

Of all music's forms, opera is the one that generates the most excitement, rage and passion – love it or hate it, opera wouldn't even exist today if it hadn't been for the unique presence of mind of a certain visionary, Monteverdi. Without this momentous Big Bang, there would be no Madame Butterfly, no Marriage of Figaro and no fat men singing in the park. (60 minutes)
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Equal Temperament**

Ever wondered why that jangling music in the local tandoori sounds quite so tuneless? Believe it or not, all Western music obeys one mathematical formula which took centuries and centuries to develop. Without this magic formula, the world of music would be dramatically different – no orchestras for a start. Howard Goodall steps back in time to investigate the origins of this musical Big Bang, starting in the workshop of Greek mathematician Pythagoras where the seed for this all-powerful tuning system was known – a system we now take so much for granted that anything else positively grates on our ears. (60 minutes)
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Piano**

It is probably no exaggeration to say that there is no other musical instrument in the world quite as influential and ubiquitous as the piano. Without the dedication and skill of yet another Italian musical genius back in the 1700s, a vast proportion of Western musical heritage simply wouldn't exist. Howard Goodall investigates one of Western music's most spectacular inventions. (60 minutes)
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