

The World of Music

Skating Over Thin Ice is full of musical references to actual compositions and composers, concert halls and performers. This may be an unfamiliar world for many readers, but classical music plays a huge part in Imogen's story. Why not explore this world more deeply?

ACTIVITY:

Choose one or two suggestions from the following list and find out more through research – books, online, recordings, etc. When you have learned about your selection, find a way to present your research to the class. You could create a slide show, write a first-person introduction (e.g. "My name is Angela Hewitt, and I..."), create a visual representation through drawing, collage or other medium, write a poem – be creative!

1. Angela Hewitt
2. Jamie Parker
3. Marc-André Hamelin
4. Quartet for the End of Time and Jules Messiaen
5. St. Martin-in-the-Fields as a concert venue
6. Sergei Rachmaninoff
7. Chopin "Tristesse" Etude
8. James Ehnes
9. Stephen Chatman
10. Samuel Barber

OR --

11. Choose any other musical reference in the book and explore through research.