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### **MUSIC - Opera**

The history of opera was known for more than 400 years. During the Renaissance period in Italy where a group of musicians, known as Florentine Camerata, decided to revive the Greek tradition of melodrama and the theatre, telling a story with musical accompaniment.

Composers in the Baroque period saw opera as a medium for many art forms and put in one for the audience. Opera relies on music and drama enhanced with emotion, character. Opera became more and more popular and was developed until the 18th century. Operatic productions became more and more elaborated. Singers are categorized by their voice type and trained accordingly. The speciality was that women could not sing on the stage for a long time so there was the tradition for castrato soprano voices. Singers to prepare for the opera performance they have to master their singing technique for quite a long time.