

*The Classical Connection* is a cross-genre musical celebration, exploring the many relationships between progressive rock and classical music. Although it is a musically diverse and loosely defined genre, most would agree that progressive rock music goes beyond the traditional constraints of rock music to employ more advanced compositional techniques typically found in classical and jazz. In many cases progressive rock musicians have some degree of formal music training; many will cite classical composers among their chief musical influences and listening tastes. But in all cases they share a love of music for music's sake, and make it a matter of personal study and development. The result is music that defies the current consumerist pop music industry and seeks to connect to listeners on a much deeper, more meaningful level.

I created *The Classical Connection* as a means to express my love of "good music" in my two favorite genres, and in the hope that I would be able to encourage listeners to expand their horizons and develop a taste for music that they might not have otherwise been exposed to.

What began as a weekly hour-long Internet broadcast has become a growing, dedicated Internet community. The new website features an embedded player that allows visitors to listen to every episode, and the new blog provides both a venue for me to share my musical discoveries and for fans to discuss aspects of the show.

So if you love music, I invite you over for an online visit! Your company and input is welcome.

Sincerely,

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This truly one-of-a-kind project has led to the creation over 30 hour-long episodes, each focusing on a particular theme that ties progressive rock to related works of classical music. To date, over 150 composers and progressive rock musicians have been featured on the show, accompanied by informational dialog and occasional musician interviews.

## Official Site:

[www.ClassicalProg.com](http://www.ClassicalProg.com)

The newly updated website now has its own dedicated domain. You will find detailed information about each hour-long episode, including:

- Streaming playback of the entire episode
- Full playlist
- Detailed program notes featuring historical and analytical commentary
- Links to band pages and other online resources

## Blog & Discussion:

[ClassicalProg.blogspot.com](http://ClassicalProg.blogspot.com)

- Frequent music related posts, including many great music videos.
- Moderated discussion, with no registration necessary to post.
- Online gathering place for lovers of progressive rock, classical, and all great music!

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