

# LET'S MEET EDVARD GRIEG

**Born: June 15, 1843 Died: September 4, 1907**

**Edvard Grieg** was born in Bergen, Norway. His first teacher was his mother. She was a wonderful pianist. Because Edvard was also a very good musician, at the age of 15 he was sent to study at the Leipzig Conservatory in Germany. After that, he traveled to Denmark. There, Grieg met another Norwegian composer who taught him about Norwegian folk music.

Grieg began performing as a pianist all over Europe, but every summer he went home to his cottage in Norway to compose. Grieg soon became the leader of a group of artists who wanted Norwegian music, art and theater to become more popular. Many of his songs are written to sound like folk songs from his home country. He also wrote a lot of music for the piano.

Grieg is best known for the incidental music he wrote for Henrik Ibsen's play, *Peer Gynt*. Incidental music provides background or atmosphere for the action in a play. *Peer Gynt* is a tale about one man's epic journey to the four corners of the globe. Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" describes *Peer Gynt*'s adventure in the underground Kingdom of the Trolls. Can you hear the trolls creeping up on *Peer*? They are coming faster and faster! Whew...luckily, *Peer Gynt* gets away from the trolls by the skin of his teeth.

## Let's PLAY!

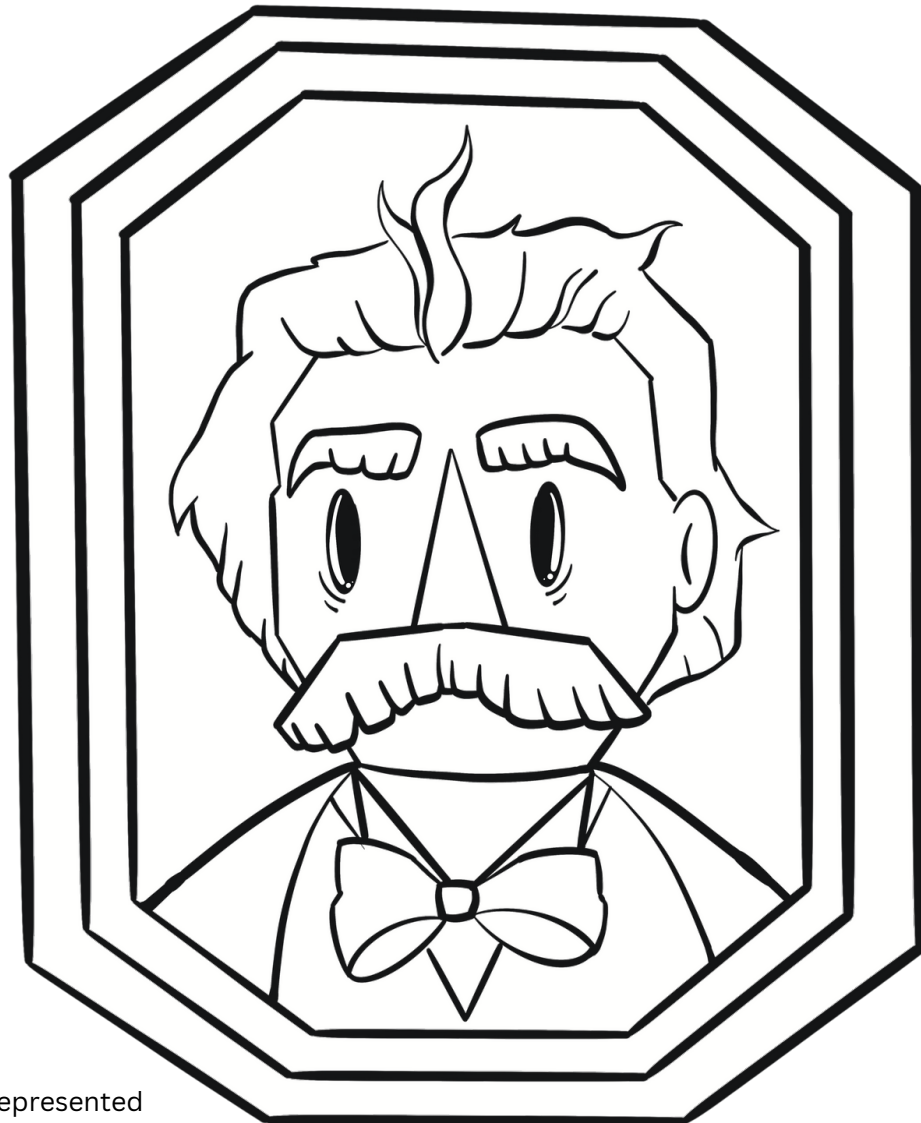
Grab a friend or family member, listen to a musical piece and let's play!

### HOW TO PLAY

#### YOU WILL NEED

- Print the Board Game on the next page.
- 1 dice
- 2 - 4 players
- 2 - 4 different coloured counters

- All players roll the dice. The highest number goes first.
- Begin on the 'start' square.
- Roll the dice and move the number of places represented on the dice.
- The player will answer the question or make the action of the space they landed.
- If a player lands on a space and can't complete the question will have to move his piece one step back.



Mention a string instrument you hear on this piece.	Go back two spaces.	What's your favorite color?	Where was the composer born?	How many languages can you speak?	What's the tempo?	How does the piece make you feel?	
What's your favorite musical piece?	 <p><b>classics for kids</b><sup>®</sup></p> <p><b>BOARD GAME</b></p>					Go forward three spaces.	
What instruments do you hear?						High five each player.	
Show us your best conductor pose.						What's your favorite instrument?	
Who is the composer?						What piece did we listen to?	Mention a wind instrument you hear.
						<b>START</b>	<b>FINISH</b>



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