

The Composer

Sergei Prokofiev was born in 1891, and died in 1953 at the age of 61 after several months of illness. He is considered one of the finest composers of the 20th century. In addition to Peter and the Wolf, he composed 7 operas, 7 symphonies, 8 ballets, 5 piano concertos, 2 violin concertos, a cello concerto, and 9 piano sonatas. He was married and had two sons. Though Prokofiev spent some time traveling to America and Europe, he spent most of his life in his native Russia, where he was widely popular.

