

**Antonio Lucio Vivaldi (1678-1741)** was an Italian Baroque composer, violinist, and teacher. He was also a Roman Catholic priest. Born in Venice, he is regarded as one of the greatest Baroque composers and his work was widespread throughout Europe. He mostly composed instrumental concertos for violin but also was known for his choral works and created over forty operas. He is best known for his composition *The Four Seasons* - the performance featured for this activity is part of that work. Many of his works were written for an all female music ensemble *Ospedale della Pieta*, which was a home for abandoned children.