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1600-1750

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- The Classical period wanted **balance** and **contrast**. This was achieved using **form**. Music was not to be too loud or too soft, too fast or too **slow**. Nothing was done in the extreme. Control was more important than strong emotions.

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 - Organ, Violin
 - Choirs

BAROQUE ART AND LIFESTYLE

Baroque Art

- Art during this time copied life and created an earthy realism in their paintings.
- Artists paid special attention to form and figure, light and shadow.
- Art was dramatic, emotional, full of life and movement











Baroque Lifestyle

- Extreme class differences
- Wars
- Popular Themes during this time
 - Carpe Diem (Seize the day)
 - Memento Mori (Remember that you must die)











