

# MODEST MUSSORGSKY



## *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Bass Version

Mussorgsky wrote his Pictures at an Exhibition in honor of a friend - a painter called Vladimir Hartmann who had died at the peak of his career, aged just 39.

The loss of not just a close friend but also an artistic inspiration had a profound effect on the composer and the wider artistic community in Moscow. By way of a tribute, the critic Vladimir Stasov organized a memorial exhibition of Hartmann's work in February 1874. Inspired by the show, Mussorgsky decided to compose a set of piano pieces, Pictures at an Exhibition.

**Maestoso**

Here is the main theme from the first movement:



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