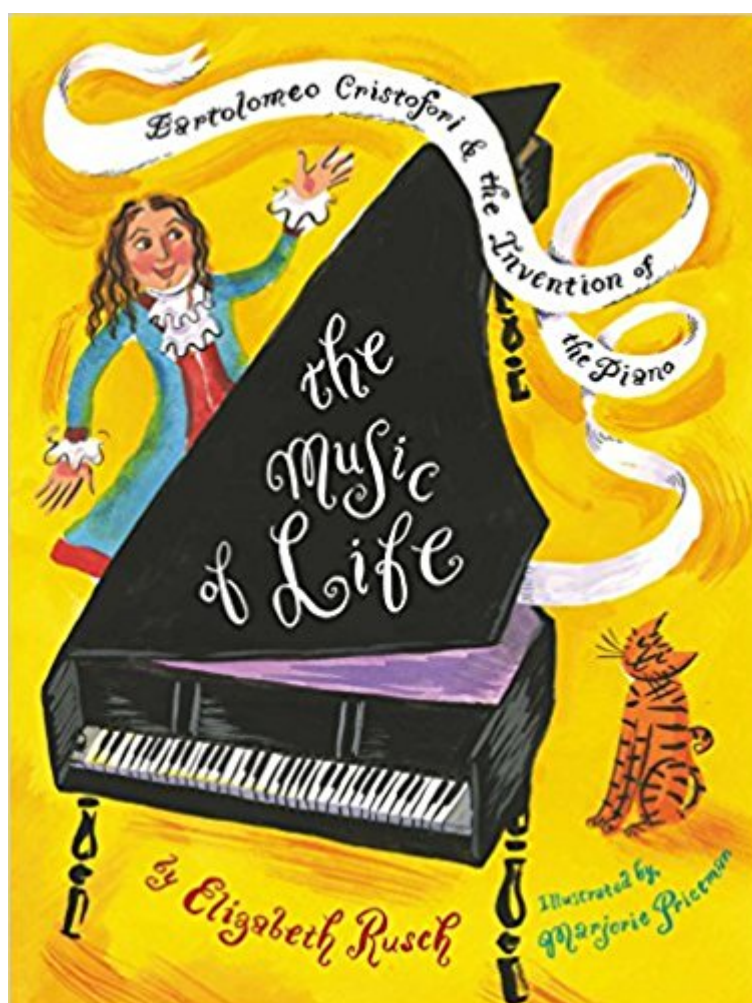


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The Music Of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori & The Invention Of The Piano



Synopsis

Award-winning biographer Elizabeth Rusch and two-time Caldecott Honor recipient Marjorie Priceman team up to tell the inspiring story of the invention of the world's most popular instrument: the piano. Bartolomeo Cristofori coaxes just the right sounds from the musical instruments he makes. Some of his keyboards can play piano, light and soft; others make forte notes ring out, strong and loud, but Cristofori longs to create an instrument that can be played both soft and loud. His talent has caught the attention of Prince Ferdinando de Medici, who wants his court to become the musical center of Italy. The prince brings Cristofori to the noisy city of Florence, where the goldsmiths' tiny hammers whisper tink, tink and the blacksmiths' big sledgehammers shout BANG, BANG! Could hammers be the key to the new instrument? At last Cristofori gets his creation just right. It is called the pianoforte, for what it can do. All around the world, people young and old can play the most intricate music of their lives, thanks to Bartolomeo Cristofori's marvelous creation: the piano.

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Elizabeth Rusch is an award-winning children's book author and magazine writer. Her books include *The Mighty Mars Rovers*, *For the Love of Music: The Remarkable Story of Maria Anna Mozart*, and *Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World*. She teaches nonfiction and children's literature at the Attic Institute in Portland, Oregon. Visit her online at ElizabethRusch.com. Marjorie Priceman, illustrator of many acclaimed picture books, has won Caldecott Honors for her illustrations in *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin!* by Lloyd Moss and *Hot Air: The*

(Mostly) True Story of the Frist Hot-Air Balloon Ride, which she also wrote. She lives in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Well-written story about Cristofori and the beginnings of the forte-piano, precursor to the piano. Beautiful watercolor illustrations! Great background for older children and adults of the research and discoveries of the author in creating the book!

Life lives on through music as Elizabeth Rusch inspires those new to music, professional musicians and we who appreciate the sustaining power of music with this "Life". Liz's symbolic use of composers' terms for volume for performance symbolize, too, the curiosity about the "the sound" of the pianoforte. When the musicians can't imagine the possibilities of new sound, the illustration (all so good) of the cat playing the piano says a lot. A frequent visitor to Florence and student of the Medici, I can smell and hear the streets of the city as well as hear the sounds. The bibliography and research of original sources, chronological notes are most admirable. Everyone will enjoy this great contribution to music and to life.

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