Comprehension Test

1. In which city was Vivaldi born?

2. What great advantage did Stradivarius have as a violin maker, other than his genius?

3. What is being restored in Cremona?

4. Why, for centuries, was the human voice the preferred musical instrument?

5. Which evolved first, the compositions made by innovative composers or the improvements of the instruments that inspired composers to create new works of art employing the new capabilities of the improved instruments?

6. Why, in the years before 1926 was Vivaldi not well-known as a composer and what happened to change that?

7. Why is Vivaldi such an important influence on classical music today?

8. Vivaldi wanted his music to celebrate and touch what?

9. Vivaldi was not only a musician, composer, and opera impresario, he was also a . . . ?

10. Where is the original manuscript of the Four Seasons as it is played by orchestra’s today?