Fanny Mendelssohn

NOTES (ANSWERS)

- Fanny Mendelssohn was born in 1805 in Hamburg, Germany.
- Fanny was a composer of the Romantic Era.
- She was the older sister of Felix Mendelssohn.
- Fanny was greatly influenced by Mozart and Beethoven.
- Fanny’s mother began giving her music lessons when she was very young.
- By age 13, she was a very talented pianist.
- Fanny rarely performed in public concerts.
- By age 14, she composed her first song.
- Fanny’s father began a tradition of Sunday afternoon concerts in their house.
- In 1827, the first two of her songs were published with her brother Felix listed as the composer.
- Fanny married an artist named Wilhelm Hensel in 1829.
- When Fanny was alive, women were discouraged from writing music.
- Fanny’s father and brother discouraged her from writing music.
- Her husband encouraged her to publish her music.
- Fanny was a big supporter of her brother’s music and spent a lot of time promoting his music.
- Fanny died young and her brother was so upset, that he became sick and died just 6 months after her.
- Fanny is best known for her songs and piano compositions.
- Fanny composed more than 500 pieces of music but most are not published.