Julia Perry was born in Lexington Kentucky in 1924.

She was a composer of the modern era / 21st century.

Julia Perry began voice, violin, and piano lesson when she was 6 years old.

Julia Perry attended Westminster Choir College where she studied composition.

She studied in Italy with Luigi Dallapiccola, and in France with Nadia Boulanger.

In Italy, she was well known and widely loved as both a composer and performer.

Critics in Europe loved her music.

Julia Perry wrote choral, opera, chamber, and orchestral music.

Perry moved back to the United States in 1959.

Julia Perry wrote most of her orchestral pieces in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

Julia Perry developed many health problems and had a stroke in 1971 that paralyzed her right side.

Perry continued trying to conduct and compose music after her stroke with just her left hand.

Only a few recordings of Julia Perry's music exist.

One of her most remembered orchestra pieces is Study for Orchestra.

One of her most remembered vocal pieces is Stabat Mater.