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THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ART IN OUR SCHOOLS.

NO WONDER PEOPLE SAY
"GESUNDHEIT" WHEN YOU SAY
"TCHAIKOVSKY."

If one were to make a quick list of the world's favorite composers, despite his relatively recent vintage Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky would be on it. After all, he did compose *Swan Lake*, which is perhaps the



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Causes watery eyes. Much like Tchaikovsky's composition "Romeo and Juliet"

most famous ballet of all time. And there can't be more than just a handful of

ballet companies that don't perform *The Nutcracker* every Christmas.

Indeed, this great Romantic composer should be so immortalized. As a young man, he pursued a career in music at enormous personal risk and against his own father's advice. His mild temperament combined with his tendency to work too hard left him with insomnia, debilitating headaches and hallucinations. On top of that, Tchaikovsky's composition teacher never liked his work,



Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky endured many setbacks, not the least of which was a blind barber.

even after he became world-famous.

Setbacks like these could have finished a lesser man. Instead, they informed his work, which remains some of the best loved in history. Yet some kids will still confuse Tchaikovsky with a nasal spasm.

Why? Because the arts are slowly but surely being eliminated from today's schools, even though a

majority of the parents believe music and drama and dance and art make their children better students and better people.

To help reverse this disturbing trend, or for more information about all the many benefits of arts education, visit us at AmericansForTheArts.org. Or else Tchaikovsky could seem like just another casualty of allergy season.



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