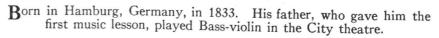
Johannes Brahms

(Pronounced Brahmz)



 $R^{
m ecognized}$ as one of the greatest masters. Schumann wrote praising him when he was twenty years old.

A model of patience, he worked ten years, off and on, in writing his first symphony, which was performed in 1877.

His choral works rank with Bach and Beethoven. He also wrote many cantatas, songs and piano pieces.

Mingling with the simple people of his country, he learned their quaint customs, their folk-songs and dance-rhythms. These he used freely in his compositions.

