Paul Dukas was a Frenchman who lived in Paris all his life.

He didn’t blossom as a musician until he was about 13. He played timpani in the orchestra of the Paris Conservatoire while he studied music.

His mother died when he was quite young and he was very close to the rest of his family all his life.

Dukas was very critical of all of his musical work and often didn’t allow music he wrote to be published.

He is most famous for The Sorcerer’s Apprentice. You might be familiar with this piece which was a fun part of Disney’s movie Fantasia. Remember Mickey Mouse getting all mixed up with his magic spells and the brooms? That music was by Dukas.

Dukas wrote over 40 compositions; operas, works for orchestra, piano solos, ballets, and vocal solos.

Listen to The Sorcerer’s Apprentice
What does it remind you of?