

# Gabriel Fauré

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1854 – 1924



- Fauré was born in Pamiers in the south of France.
- At the age of 9 he was sent to the Paris Conservatoire to study to become a church organist and choirmaster.
- He did well in his studies of piano, organ and composition.
- He worked as an organist before serving in the army during the Franco-Prussian War.
- After his service, he returned to Paris and worked as an organist and piano teacher.
- The responsibilities of family and life and children meant he only had time to compose during summer holidays.
- Later in life, a growing deafness made it difficult for him to hear his own music.
- Fauré composed 49 piano pieces, 25 chamber works, 69 songs for voice and piano, 30 choral pieces, 11 orchestral works and 2 operas.



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