

Giachino Rossini

(jaw-ahk-KEE-naw roh-SEE-nee)

1792 – 1868



- He was born in Pesaro, Italy to musician parents. His father was a trumpeter and his mother was a singer.
- Rossini began to compose by the age of 12 and went to music school in Bologna.
- His first opera was performed in Venice when he was 18 years old.
- At 23, he was writing operas and managing theatres in Naples. He stayed for 7 years, composed 19 operas and gained a lot of popularity in this time.
- He then embarked on a European tour and he was warmly received everywhere. He settled in Paris 2 years later and took the position of music director at Théâtre Italien.
- Rossini retired from opera after writing, 'Guillaume Tell' at age 37. He spent the rest of his life writing sacred music and delectable miniatures for both piano and voice.
- Rossini composed 61 operas, 18 cantatas, 24 instrumental pieces, 10 sacred works, 6 chamber pieces, 38 vocal pieces, and Péchés de vieillesse, a collection of 150 vocal, chamber and solo piano pieces.



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