

Giuseppe Verdi

(joo-ZEP-pe VAIR-dee)

1813 – 1901



- Born near Busseto, Italy to a poor family, Verdi received a musical education with the help of a local patron.
- He showed a great interest in music as a young child. He began organ lessons at age 6 and at age 8, Verdi became the official paid organist.
- Verdi got his start in Italy's music industry at age 20, when he was hired as a conductor at the Philharmonic Society in Busseto. He also worked on composing, and worked as an organist.
- His first few operas success varied, but after a few years he gained a lot of success and became well known for his great compositions.
- By his 30s, he had become one of the pre-eminent opera composers in history. Now he is one of the opera greats.
- Over the course of his life, Verdi composed 26 operas with multiple revisions sometimes, 13 sacred works, 2 piano pieces, 3 symphonies and 3 chamber works and 19 songs.



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