

Georges Bizet

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1838 – 1875



- Bizet was born in Paris, France.
- He came from a musical family and got his first music lessons at home.
- When he was just 10 years old, he went to the Paris Conservatoire – a famous music college in France.

- When he was 19, he won a very special prize that paid him to study music and compose for three years in Italy.

- Bizet was especially well known for the operas he wrote.

- The *Farandole* was written with other music to be performed during a play.

- Bizet composed 30 operas, 70+ vocal songs, 20 orchestral works, and many piano and chamber pieces.



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