

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

(nee-koh-lie RIM-skee KOR-suh-kawf)

1844 – 1908



- Young Nikolai was from a musically talented naval family.
- He began piano lessons at six, but his heart was drawn to his family's tradition of naval service.
- He entered the College of Naval Cadets at 12 where he was also able to continue music studies.
- When he was 18 he began a military tour that lasted 2 ½ years.
- Rimsky-Korsakov eventually left the military and became a full-time musician.
- His study of all the musical instruments and the different sounds they could make, gave him a reputation as an excellent orchestrator.
- Rimsky-Korsakov composed 17 operas, 16 choral works, 31 orchestral pieces, 27 song collections, 15 chamber works, 14 piano pieces, and edited/completed works by others.



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