

THE COMPOSERS



Jacques Offenbach (bottom right) and Charles Lecocq (top right) were French composers (though Offenbach was of German origin) in the 19th century.

They are mostly famous for the **opérettas** (a type of light theatre music) that they have composed.

More on Offenbach at https://kids.kiddle.co/Jacques_Offenbach

For Charles Gounod (bottom left), see:

https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Charles_Gounod

For Pauline Viardot, see : https://kids.kiddle.co/Pauline_Viardot

A composer and pedagogue herself, Pauline Viardot has composed extensively for developing musicians. Those children who follow the ABRSM syllabus for singing will be familiar with her name and music. She was fluent in French, Spanish, German and Russian and composed music on texts in all these languages.

Extracts : Offenbach, Barcarolle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-K8JFIhxs>

Gounod, Ave Maria (sung by Leontyne Price)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30eNxYjmeqU>

The children may find that they recognize some of this music, possibly from adverts.

Here is somewhere to follow up with this idea:

<https://eno.org/discover-opera/offenbachs-can-can-music-in-film-and-tv/>