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Claude Debussy

FRENCH COMPOSER OF THE 20TH CENTURY

**BORN**  
August 22, 1862 near Paris France

**DIED**  
March 25, 1918 in Paris

**FAMOUS WORKS INCLUDE:**
- Claire de Lune, 1890
- Prélude à l’après-midi d’un faune, 1894
- Nocturnes for Orchestra, 1899
- La mer, 1905
- Two sets of piano Préludes, 1910 and 1913
- Images, 1912
- Jeux, 1913

**INTERESTING FACTS:**

Debussy did not come from a musical family, but found he was a talented pianist around his 10th birthday.

In 1872 he enrolled in the world-famous Paris Conservatory of Music. While very talented, he was not an ideal student. Often skipping classes, and refusing to follow the rules of composing that his teachers insisted he follow.

Debussy insisted that his La Mer was NOT a symphony. Even though it contains three symphonic movements. Debussy preferred to call it a set of “symphonic sketches.”