



Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 – 1921) was a popular French composer writing music in the Romantic period. He was also fascinated by animals. He listened carefully to the sounds they made.

He noticed exactly how they moved.

Saint-Saëns composed The Carnival of the Animals for Mardi Gras, a French festival celebrated on Pancake Day - Lent begins the day after.

*The Carnival of the Animals* (*Le carnaval des animaux*) is a musical suite of fourteen movements. Each movement represents different animals.













