MODEST PETROVITCH MUSSORGSKY

(1839-1881)

Who was Mussorgsky? He was a Russian composer.

Where was he born? He was born in Russia.

When was he born? He was born in 1839 (eighteen thirty-nine).

When did he die? He died in 1881 (eighteen eighty-one).

How was his music? His music was nationalist music, based on Russian folksongs[1] and Russian culture and tradition.

How was his life? He grew up[2] in a rich and noble family and he started piano lessons with his mother (a pianist) and then he studied at the elite Peterschule. He went[3] to the military school but he preferred to be a musician. When he lost[4] the family wealth[5], he suffered of depression and isolation. So he had problems with alcohols.

Why did he die at the age of 42? Because of an epileptic attack (caused by alcohol).

Why is he famous? He was an innovator of Russian music. He was an extremely creative, original and bold piano composer.



Well-Known Works by Modest Mussorgsky:

- ✓ **Night on Bald Mountain (1867)**
- ✓ **The Nursery (1868)**
- ✓ **Pictures at an Exhibition (1874)**
- ✓ **Songs and Dances of Death (1875)**

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[1] canzoni popolari
[2] crebbe
[3] andò (frequentò), è la forma passata di "GO"
[4] perse
[5] benessere, ricchezza

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