

Bonjour!



Bozza. It's pronounced "boat-suh"

Chamber music is music written for a small group of instruments

## Eugene Bozza

Born April 4, 1905 in France  
Died Sept. 28, 1991 in France

### *Who is He?*

Eugene Bozza was a French composer and violinist. Today he is recognized as one of the most prolific composers of chamber music for wind instruments.

### *Facts about Eugene Bozza:*

- He was a student at one of the world's most famous music schools: The Paris Conservatory.
- At the Paris Conservatory he won many competitions for his composing, conducting, and violin playing!
- Bozza worked at the conductor of several music ensembles across France.
- Although he is best known for chamber music, he also wrote music for large ensembles such as:
  - Symphonies
  - Operas
  - Ballets
  - Band music
  - Choir music

#### *Idiomatic:*

*In the music world this means that the music is written in a way that is good for that instrument. Not overly difficult.*

- One of the reasons Bozza's chamber music became so popular is that he was good at writing *idiomatically*.

### What Does His Music Sound Like?

It is tricky to describe Bozza's music in a single way because he wrote in many styles. Sometimes his music sounds jazzy. Other times it sounds "classical." It may even sound odd and modern to you. One thing that stays the same through his works, however, is his attention to melody. Listen. Can you hear Bozza's elegant melodies?