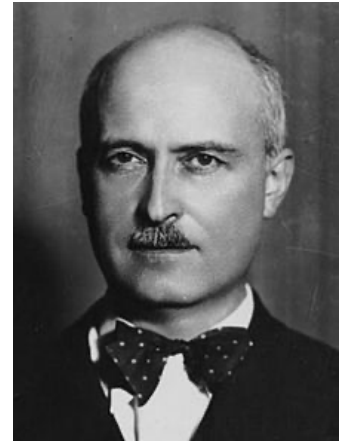


Jacques Ibert

- Born in Paris, France on August 15, 1890
Died in Paris, France on February 5, 1962



Who is He?

Jacques Ibert is a well-known French composer of classical music. During his life he composed many musical works. Here are some:

- Operas
- Ballets
- Symphonies
- Film music
- Musical theater (play) music
- Choir music
- Chamber music

What is “chamber” music?

Chamber music is just a term used for a *small* group of instruments. This could be as small as 3 instruments!

About Ibert

- Ibert began studying music at the age of four.
- He later attended the important music school, The Paris Conservatoire.
- At the Paris Conservatoire, he won a very competitive competition on his first try! He was very good at writing music!

His Music

- Ibert wrote music for many types of ensembles.
- In particular, Ibert seemed to favor *woodwind* instruments and wrote much solo and chamber music for winds.
- He enjoyed experimenting with different music styles. He wrote music that could sound many different ways.
- His music still had “French” character. It sounded light, humorous, and playful.

Can you name the five woodwind instruments?

Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone

About this Piece

Cinq Pièces en Trio was composed in 1935. The title means “five pieces for trio.” The five pieces are very short and written in a neoclassical style. Neoclassical means its written like older classical music, but with “new/neo” harmonies. Listen. Can you hear the old and new??