Maurice Ravel was a noted French composer of Swiss-Basque descent. He was often associated with impressionism along with his elder contemporary Claude Debussy. He was born on March 7, 1875 in Ciboure, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France as Joseph-Maurice Ravel. He died on December 28, 1937 in Paris, France. Maurice Ravel is known for his works like Boléro, the Pavane for a Dead Infanta and a piano concerto. He was one of the great orchestrators in French music. He used his original harmonic language to create beautiful, perfectly-crafted impressionist music. His works like Boléro, Pavane, and a piano concerto have been performed by many orchestras around the world. Maurice Ravel was very influenced by his mother's Spanish heritage and love for flamenco music. His music is still performed and enjoyed by music lovers today.