

Composer Series

# Camille Saint - Saens



- 1835 - 1921
- Born in Paris, France
- Composer, conductor, organist, pianist

## The Facts

- ★ He was a musical prodigy making his **first concert debut at the age of ten.**
- ★ He **influenced the development of French classical music** and worked successfully as a **freelance composer and pianist.**
- ★ He travelled and **worked in Europe, Britain and America.**
- ★ Saint- Saens composed **The Carnival of the Animals** as a piece of fun for his students to play. This has become one of his **best known works.**
- ★ The music is written for 2 pianos, 2 violins, viola, cello, double bass, flute, piccolo, clarinet, glass harmonica and xylophone.
- ★ There are fourteen movements, each representing a different animal or animals.

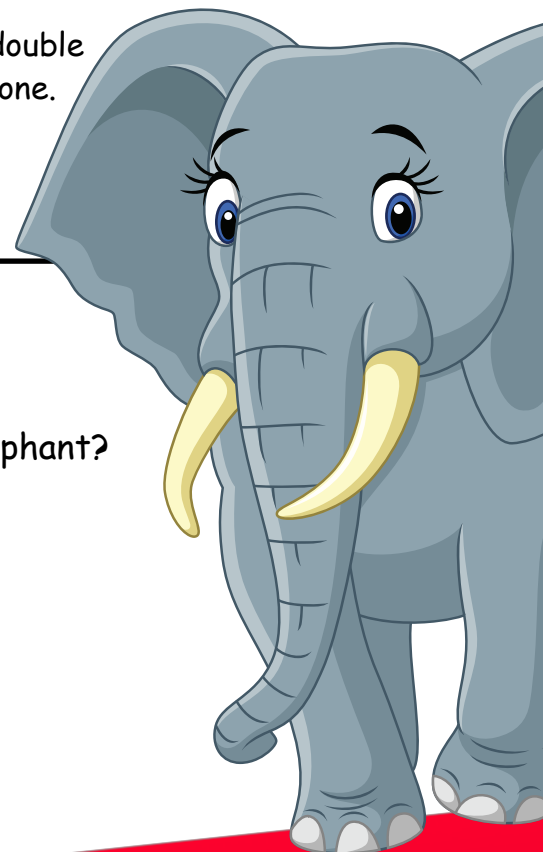
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## Listen to The Elephant

1. What animal do you think this piece is about?
2. What instrument is being played to represent an elephant?
3. Why did Saint-Saens choose this instrument?

## Listen to The Kangaroo

1. What animal do you think this piece is about?
2. Why?
3. Does the music sound like it is hopping or jumping?



The word for short, detached sound in music is **staccato**.

