

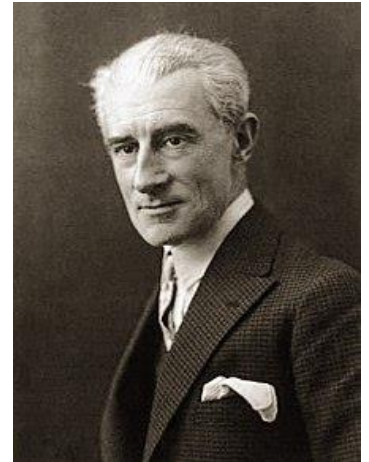
Ravel: Bolero

LISTEN Maurice Ravel's Bolero played by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yq7zpEucyVk>

Be careful not to turn your volume up at the beginning! It starts very quietly and gets much louder.

Things to listen for:

- The snare drum part – would you like to be the one playing this part?
- Does the theme (main melody) change?
- What changes as the song progresses?
- What feelings does the music invoke?



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PLAY Attached is a score of an easy version of the theme for piano

LEARN

Here's some information about what a bolero is: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolero>

Here's some background information about the writing of the music from NPR: <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5473894>

Here's some more in depth information about the music: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bol%C3%A9ro>

Here's some background information about Ravel: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_Ravel

FURTHER LISTENING

Here's a version of the ballet La Valse by Ravel performed by the Royal Ballet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kV-yer3syv8>

MORE Ravel The Toronto Public Library has over 2000 e-resources on Ravel. Here's a link <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=37910&Ntt=maurice+ravel>