# HT4 Macabre Danse Music, $\infty$ Year

### **PROGRAMME MUSIC - Music that tells a story**



Harp

**Xylophone** 

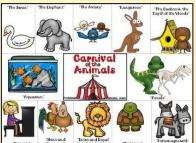
### **Camille Saint-Saëns - French Composer**

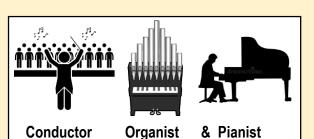


Born: 1835, Paris, France Died: 1921, Algiers, Africa

#### **Compositions:**

Orchestral music including The Organ symphony Piano music Melodies (French songs) Carnival of the Animals





Learnt the piano and church organ as a child. Studied at the Paris Conservatoire. Worked mainly in Paris.

Teacher at Paris School of Music

## **Danse Macabre**

Based on a poem by Henri Cazalis

- Midnight
- Halloween
- French graveyard



The winter wind whistles and the night is dark.

The winter wind whistles and the lime tree moan.

Weird white skeletons streak across the shadows

Running and leaping wrapped in their shrouds.

Zig-a-zig-a-zig the dance grows even wilder

You can hear the eerie clatter of the dancers' bones

But wait! Suddenly they all stop dancing.

They scatter, they vanish

For the cockerel has crowed.







