



# COMPOSER SPOTLIGHT



## CORNELIUS GURLITT

1820-1901

Style: Romantic

### Early Life

Cornelius Gurlitt was a classmate of Carl Reinecke, another famous composer, whose father was the head of the Leipzig Conservatory. Gurlitt ended up studying with Reinecke's father for six years.



Leipzig Conservatory

### Further Training in Copenhagen

He continued his studies in Copenhagen where he studied organ, piano, and composition. While in Copenhagen, he met Danish composer Niels Gade, and they remained close friends until Gade's death.



Niels Gade

### Career

From 1842 to 1848, he was an organist and music teacher. For a time, he was a military bandmaster during the Schleswig-Holstein War of 1848. He later moved to Rome to be near his brother, Louis Gurlitt, who was a well-known painter. Rome noticed his talents and nominated him as an honorary member of the Academia di Santa Cecilia. While in Rome, he also studied painting and became quite accomplished!



### Music

Gurlitt's music output is quite large and ranges from songs and teaching pieces to operas, cantatas, and symphonies.

