Born in Germany in 1809, Felix Mendelssohn was a brilliant composer, remarkable pianist and gifted conductor. He began composing at a very early age, and his early works as a teenager are considered to be as masterful as his work as an adult. He was extremely close to his sister Fanny, who was also a fine composer. When she died in 1847, he became very sad, and his health deteriorated. He died soon after in that same year, at age 38.





