

Frederic Chopin: 1810-1849

■ **Mar 1, 1810:** Born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland, to French father and Polish mother

■ **1817:** Aged seven, Chopin publishes his first piece, ***Polonaise in G minor***

■ **1826-29:** Studies music theory with **Jozef Elsner** at Warsaw Conservatory

■ **1831:** Settles in Paris where he achieves fame as salon pianist and inspired teacher. His compositions, epitomising Romantic style, include etudes, nocturnes and mazurkas

■ **1838:** Starts affair with married novelist **George Sand**, composing ***Preludes, Opus 28*** in Majorca, where cold winter worsens his tuberculosis

■ **1839-45:** Chopin divides time between Paris and Sand's home in Nohant. Composes many works, including famous ***Polonaise in A flat major, Op. 53***

■ **1847:** Sand's novel ***Lucrezia Floriani*** reflects disintegration of relationship. Couple separates as differences in temperament prove impossible to reconcile

■ **1849:** Chopin dies from tuberculosis in Paris. His funeral is attended by 3,000 people, and he is buried in Pere Lachaise cemetery – with his heart interred in Warsaw's Holy Cross Church

Chopin, by
Delacroix,
1838



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Chopin
monument
in Warsaw

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