

# Robert Nicolas Charles Bochsa



- 1789 – 1856  
(born in Montmédy, France, died in Sydney, Australia)
- His father was a musician and gave him music lessons
- As a child, Bochsa played many instruments and also composed
  - Studied harp at the Paris Conservatoire
- Led a flamboyant life, which included being appointed the harpist for Napoleon, teaching harp at the Royal Academy of Music, and performing for and teaching the aristocracy in both France and England
- However, was also involved in many scandals throughout his life and was convicted of forgeries in 1817
- Had to flee France as a result of these forgeries and never returned
- Towards the end of his life, toured the world and gave many performances
  - Wrote many compositions for the harp, including multiple volumes of etudes and the *Universal Method for the Harp*

