Has you got rhythm. George Gershwin, writer of the song "I got Rhythm," did! Known for wonderful melody's like "Strike Up the Band," this American composer also wrote the opera *Porgy and Bess*. Born on September 26, 1898, in Brooklyn New York, George often collaborated with his older brother, Ira. After a success on Broadway, George move to California and rote material for famous performers like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.