

François A. BOIELDIEU (1775-1834) was a French organist and composer whose first opera was performed when he was 18. He studied in Paris with **Cherubini**, and was made director of the Royal Opera in St. Petersburg. He returned to Paris, where he wrote his most famous opera, *La Dame Blanche*. His son **Adrien Louis Victor Boieldieu** taught *O Canada* composer Calixa Lavallée.

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