

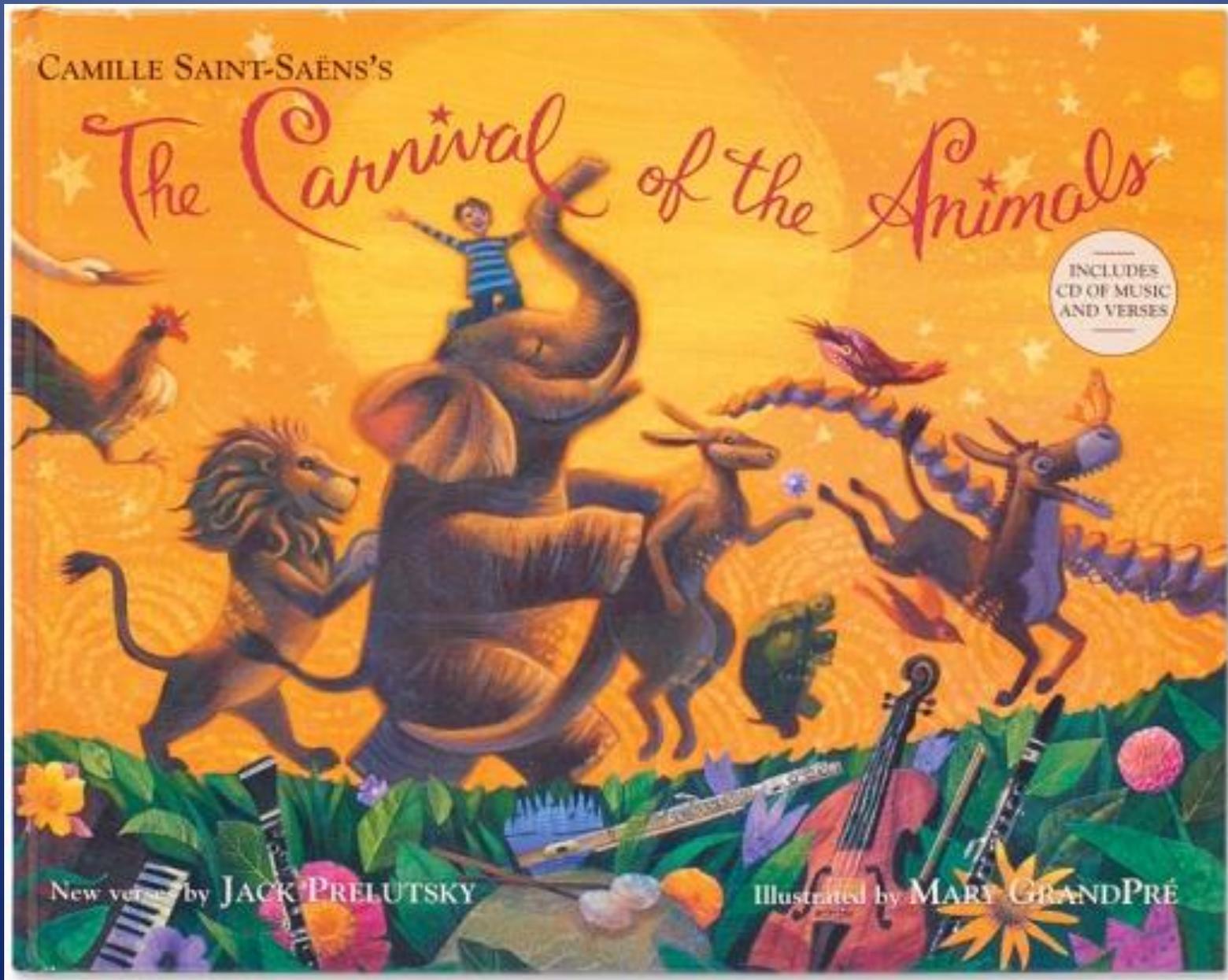
CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS'S

The Carnival of the Animals

INCLUDES
CD OF MUSIC
AND VERSES

New verses by JACK PRELUTSKY

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Camille Saint-Saëns
(pronounced Camee Sain
Sans was born in 1835 in
France and was a
composer (music writer,
organ player, conductor,
and pianist. He is famous
for his music piece for
children, *The Carnival of
the Animals*.)



He was raised by his mother, Clémence, with the help of her aunt, Charlotte, who moved in with them. His aunt taught Camille to play the piano and gave him lessons, starting when he was just 2 years old!



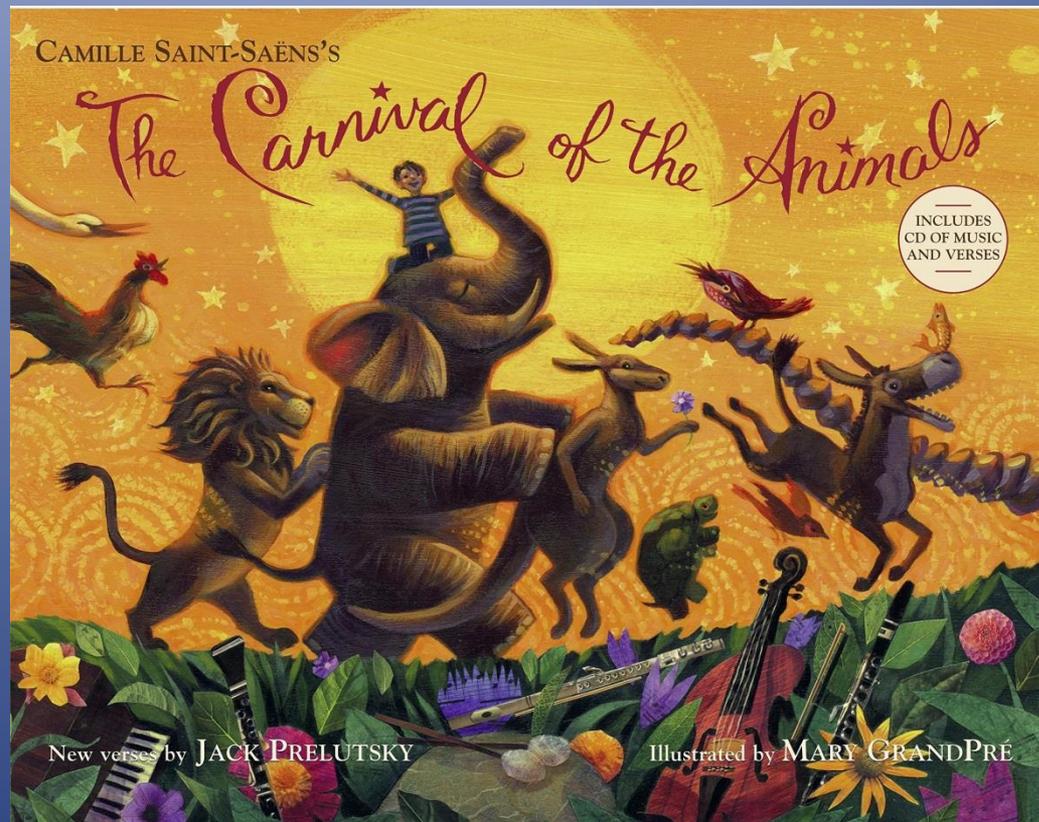
Clémence
Saint-Saëns

Saint-Saëns was a very clever man.

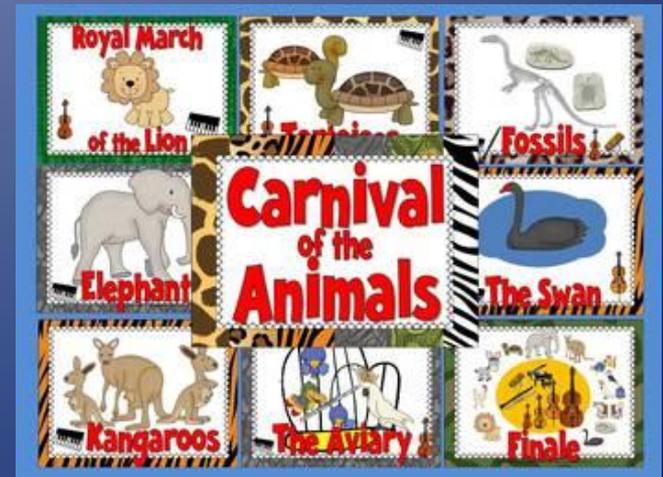
From an early age, he studied geology (all about the Earth), archaeology (digging up things from history), biology (especially plants, butterflies and moths) and was an expert in maths.



In 1886 - nearly 150 years ago -
Saint-Saëns wrote his most famous
piece of music *The Carnival of the
Animals*.



- *The Carnival of the Animals* is actually 14 different pieces of music where each one represents a different animal. They are written to sound like these animals.
- They are:
- Lions, hens, tortoises, elephants, kangaroos, fish, birds and even fossils!



- Follow the link on the plan to Youtube and listen to the different animals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNbyZFHeuFA&list=PL5EDDC3CD0593C9E0&index=14>

- Can you think about why they make you think of those creatures?
- What instruments do they use and why?
- Are they fast or slow, smooth and calm or jerky and scary?
- Maybe you could have a guessing game where you guess which animal that piece of music is for. Turn to the next slide to see your options!
- Especially listen to the differences between the Swan and the Fossils.

Royal March



of the Lion



Tortoises



Fossils



Elephant

Carnival of the Animals



The Swan



Kangaroos



The Aviary



Finale

YOUR CHALLENGE

Choose your favourite animal and think about if it's big or small, fast or slow. How does it move?

What sort of sounds would you need to show this animal? High or low? Scraping or tapping?

Can you choose objects from around the house to use in a sound piece?

This might be some inspiration!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boAiVN8gSsQ>

If you think it will help you then draw or write things down so you can remember it.

If you like you could video it and send it to the school website! We'd love to hear your music and guess the animals that you've chosen!

