

## Oscar Straus

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![Oscar Strauss](images/stories/bilder/oscars1.jpg "Oscar Straus 1870-1954")

**Straus, Oscar** (born in Vienna, 1870; died in Bad Ischl, 1954). Austrian-born composer (French citizen in 1939). Conducted th. orchestras. in Germany from 1893-1899, his first opera being performed in Bratislava 1894. Pianist from 1900 on for Wolzogen's Erbbrettel in Berlin, for which he composed many songs. Returned to Vienna in 1904, composing operettas yearly and achieving major success in 1907 with Ein Walzertraum. In 1908 he wrote Der tapfere Soldat, based on Shaw's Arms and the Man (1894). This was first played in Vienna 1908, and in New York in 1909 and in London in 1910 as The Chocolate Soldier. Many other operettas followed, but none had much success until Der letzte Walzer (The Last Waltz), Vienna 1920, composed for Fritz Massary, who sang in several of his works. Oscar left Europe in 1937, living in Paris until 1940 and Hollywood until settling in Bad Ischl 1948. His last success was with theme-tune for the film La Ronde, 1950. He also composed 2 ballets, chamber music, many film scores and nearly 500 songs. His name spelt Strauss on birth certificate, but he deleted one of final s to differentiate himself from other composers with the name.