

# Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*



Tchaikovsky's ballet *Swan Lake* was first performed in Moscow in 1877. It tells the story of Prince Siegfried, who sees a swan on a lake deep in the forest. The swan is really a beautiful girl, Princess Odette. She and her friends have been turned into swans by a magician who cast a spell over them.

The prince vows his love and promises to marry her. The magician tricks Prince Siegfried into breaking his promise.

The spell is broken at last when Siegfried goes back to the lake and asks Odette to forgive him.

Listen to an excerpt of music from *Swan Lake*.

1. Can you hear the oboe, as well as stringed and brass instruments?
2. Listen again and color the picture of Prince Siegfried and Princess Odette by the lake.

