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Everything I know about music I owe to my great master, George Enescu. (Yehudi Menuhin, renowned violinist and conductor)

About the Author

Pascal Bentoiu is a highly respected composer, an erudite scholar, and an acknowledged authority on the creative output of George Enescu. He authored the George Enescu article in the German encyclopedia *Die Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart*.

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