



# Johann STRAUSS I

## *Radetzky March, Op. 228*

**Johann Strauss I** also **Johann Baptist Strauss, Johann Strauss Sr., the Elder, the Father** (14 March 1804 – 25 September 1849) was an Austrian Romantic composer. He was famous for his waltzes, and he popularized them alongside Joseph Lanner, thereby setting the foundations for his sons to carry on his musical dynasty. His most famous piece is the *Radetzky March* (named after Joseph Radetzky von Radetz).

**Radetzky March**, Op. 228, is a march composed by Johann Strauss Sr. and dedicated to Field Marshal Joseph Radetzky von Radetz. First performed on 31 August 1848 in Vienna, it soon became quite popular among regimented marching soldiers. It has been remarked that its tone is more celebratory than martial; Strauss was commissioned to write the piece to commemorate Radetzky's victory at the Battle of Custoza.