

Ernesto Camillo Sivori 1815-1895

ERNESTO CAMILLO SIVORI, born at Genoa, October 25th, 1815, showed a wonderfully remarkable mentality from an early age. After working with Costa, Paganini became his teacher, and one can say Sivori is the only pupil of the "Master of the Masters." The virtuosity found in Sivori made him famous throughout the world!; he knew no difficulty, and his tone quality was clear and majestic. Though small in size, his arms were very long and permitted him to the most bold technical feats.

He traveled with Paganini for a time and visited England and France. In 1839, he toured Europe, and came to America in 1846; in 1850 he went back to Italy. He gained a big fortune which He squandered in a failure caused by one of his brothers. He began his travels again and met with an accident in 1853 in which his arm was broken. After being cured, he again took up his travels and did not rest until about 1886 He died at Genoa, almost eighty years of age. Sivori composed many fantasies on the operas, two concertos, Fantasy-Caprice; two concertant duos and caprices for violin alone.