



## *Entrance of the Gladiators, Op. 68* Julius Fučík

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# ENTRANCE OF THE GLADIATORS

Julius Fučík was a Czech composer and conductor, well-known for his work with military brass bands for whom he composed many marches. His most famous piece is 'Entrance of the Gladiators', also known as 'Thunder and Blazes', composed in 1899. Although intended to evoke Roman history, the work is now associated with the circus, in particular with clowns.

JULIUS FUČÍK  
(1872–1916)  
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## Tempo di marcia

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a measure number at the beginning of the first staff:

- System 1: Measures 1-5. Starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The right hand has a rhythmic melody with slurs and accents, while the left hand provides a steady bass line.
- System 2: Measures 6-10. Continues the melodic and harmonic development.
- System 3: Measures 11-15. Further melodic and harmonic progression.
- System 4: Measures 16-20. Final system on the page, concluding the excerpt.