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Josquin Des Pres (1450-1521) was a Flemish composer who, although his career was somewhat erratic, was revered by his peers as the pre-eminent composer of his time. His work stands out as having not only contrapuntal ingenuity but also expressive power.

Pierre De La Rue (d. 1518) had a reputation among his peers which was second only to that of Josquin's. He spent most of his working life in Austria and the Netherlands, although records place him in Spain, as well as the Burgundian court. Although he was comfortable writing secular music, it was his sacred works that secured his reputation; his output included at least thirty six masses and thirty-eight motets.

Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517), was a prolific and versatile musician who left a large amount of music, in all forms both sacred and secular, which were common to this period. He was Flemish by birth but spent most of his working life in Italy, where he was composer to the court of the de Medici family in Florence.

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