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Claude Debussy, Hector Berlioz, Pierre Boulez, Pierre Henry, Maurice Ravel, Erik Satie - these are just a few of the French musicians who have set rather than followed trends. Many French musicians and composers are recognized abroad for their unique musical mark, among them Michel Petrucciani, Pierre Boulez, Daft Punk, Christine and the Queens, Indila, Woodkid, Matthieu Chédid and Clovis Nicolas. Over the past 20 years, France’s Export Bureau has launched and supported the international careers of more than 300 French artists and professionals.

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