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Aristide Bruant (May 6, 1851 / February 10, 1925)

A French cabaret singer, comedian, and nightclub owner who is best recognized as the man in the red scarf and black cape on the famous posters by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.

In 1885, Bruant opened his own Montmartre club, a place he called "Le-Mirliton."

Although he hired other acts, Bruant put on a singing performance of his own. As the master of ceremonies for the various acts, he used the comedy of the insult to poke fun at the club's upper-crust guests who were out "slumming" in Montmartre.