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<b>Born</b>	1 January 1943 <a href="#">Annaba, French Algeria</a>
<b>Died</b>	21 September 2020 (aged 77) Annaba, <a href="#">Algeria</a>
<b>Nationality</b>	<a href="#">Algerian</a>
<b>Occupation(s)</b>	Singer Musician

**Hamdi Benani** (Arabic: حمدي بناني; 1 January 1943 – 21 September 2020) was an Algerian singer and musician.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Career

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He was known for his 1963 song *Ya Bahi El Djamel*, which drove him to pursue a career in singing and violin. He brought new life to the Malouf genre of music with the tracks *Mahbounati* and *Adala Ya Adala*, which earned him great public success.<sup>[3]</sup> This helped him be noticed by senior members of the Malouf singing community, such as Hassen El Annabi, [Mohamed Tahar Fergani](#), and Abdelmoumène Bentobal.

Benani was nicknamed "l'ange blanc" (The White Angel) because he was always seen in a white suit with his white violin.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Personal life

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Benani was born in [Annaba](#).<sup>[5]</sup>

Benani died of [COVID-19](#) in Annaba on 21 September 2020 at the age of 77.<sup>[6]</sup>

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