P. Valentin Rathgeber (1682-1750) is probably the most important and well known composer of Frankonia. He is considered as the most ingenious and prolific petite master of the Baroque era among the numerous monastic composers.

On the following pages you could find much information about **life** and **oeuvre** of Valentin Rathgeber.

You could also get further information in the **Rathgeber room** located in the **First German Tobacco Museum** Oberelsbach. There you could consult a multimedia-PC with the [complete compilation](#) of the printed works of Rathgeber.