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PRESENTATION

On the model of other events that focus on a specific area of study (the Medieval and Renaissance Music Conference, the Baroque Music Conference etc.), the Transnational Opera Studies Conference will be a periodic meeting devoted to opera and music theatre of any period and in any form, as an opportunity for scholars from different countries to come together, and to foster interest in opera and music-theatre studies in the younger generation of musicologists.

The location of the conference will change from one meeting to the next, in order to encourage the presence of scholars from different host countries, and to widen the pool of participants. The papers can be either given in English or in the language of the country in which the conference will take place.

All are invited to take part, regardless of professional status. As with other events of this kind, participants and spectators will be required to pay for themselves; registration fees and other costs, however, will be kept as low as possible.

The name of the conference is designed as an acronym: Transnational Opera Studies Conference, with the final word leading to the host city.

The first Transnational Opera Studies Conference is kindly hosted by the University of Bologna, at the Dipartimento delle Arti: its name is therefore tosc@bologna.2015.

The Dipartimento delle Arti has generously offered to provide meeting rooms and technical support, under the auspices of the Centro di Promozione Teatrale “La Soffitta”, and with the collaboration of the Archivio del Canto.

The call for papers of tosc@bologna.2015 received 211 proposals from 27 countries: Australia (1), Austria (5), Belgium (2), Brazil (5), Canada (5), China (4), Czech Republic (3), Denmark (1), Finland (2), France (8), Germany (15), Hungary (1), Israel (5), Italy (50), Japan (2), Norway (2), Poland (3), Portugal (4), Russia (3), Slovakia (2), Spain (6), Sweden (6), Switzerland (3), Turkey (1), United Kingdom (19), United States (52), Uruguay (1).

The topics proposed spanned all historical periods, as well as touching on various issues related to opera in its widest sense: 17th century (8%), 18th century (12%), 19th century (32%), 20th century (18%), 21st century (5%), performers & performance (12%), opera & media (6%), other (7%).

Sixty-nine papers have been accepted.

We hope you enjoy the Conference!

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Benjamin Walton is Senior Lecturer in Music at the University of Cambridge and editor, with Stefanie Tcharos, of Cambridge Opera Journal. His research focuses on the social and cultural history of opera during the nineteenth century; on networks of operatic transmission outside Europe, and on operatic technologies. Publications include Rossini in Restoration Paris: The Sound of Modern Life (2007), and The Invention of Beethoven and Rossini (2012, co-edited with Nicholas Mathew). He is currently editing a collection of essays on opera and science in the 19th century, with David Trippett, and completing a book on the first opera troupe to go around the world. Favourite opera: Eugene Onegin. <bw283@cam.ac.uk>

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Nicola Usula completed his PhD in 2014 at the University of Bologna with a dissertation about the connection between Florentine opera at the end of the seventeenth century and contemporary prose theatre in Spain and France. He currently collaborates with the University of Bologna, the Museo internazionale e Biblioteca della musica in Bologna, and the Istituto Italiano Antonio Vivaldi of the Fondazione Giorgio Cini in Venice. His main interests are Dramaturgy and Philology of Baroque Italian opera, as documented by his recent publications of Il novello Giasone (1649/1671) with music by F. Cavalli and A. Stradella (facsimile edition, Milan, Ricordi, 2014) and L’Orione (1654) by F. Cavalli (critical edition with D. Daolmi, Kassel, Bärenreiter, 2015). Favourite opera: L’incoronazione di Poppea. <nicolausula@gmail.com>
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**Opening Address**

The Dipartimento delle Arti of the University of Bologna is devoted to the study of the arts in the widest sense of the word: visual arts in all their expressions, theatre, dance, music, cinema and new media. It was created in 2012 by the fusion of two previous departments, “Visual Arts” and “Music and Performance Studies”, and gathers the vast majority of scholars teaching and researching the arts at the University of Bologna.

**Chair** Marco Beghelli (see p. 4)

**Giuseppina La Face** is Professor of Music Pedagogy at Bologna University, where she directs the Department of the Arts. Since 1994 she has directed the periodical Il Saggiatore musicale (Firenze: Olschki), and since 2011 Musica Docta, an online journal of music pedagogy and didactics. She has coordinated the IMS Study Group on “Transmission of Knowledge as a Primary Aim in Music Education” since 2012. She published research on music pedagogy, Serafino Aquilano, Sylvano Bussotti, Schubert’s Lieder, and edited the strambotti in the MS Modena, Bibl. Estense, α.F.9.9 (Florence: Olschki, 1990). Her monograph on Die schöne Müllerin was published in Italian (La casa del mugnaio; Florence: Olschki, 2003) and German (Das Haus des Müllers; Vienna: Praesens, 2013). On a desert island she would take with her Verdi’s Macbeth and Otello. <giuseppina.laface@unibo.it>

**Opening Keynote Lecture**

**Axel Körner** is Professor of Modern History at University College London and Director of the UCL Centre for Transnational History. His publications include Das Lied von einer anderen Welt (1997) and Politics of Culture in Liberal Italy (2009), as well as articles and chapters on European music theatre. For Princeton University Press he currently completes America in Italy. The United States in the Political Thought and the Cultural Imagination of the Risorgimento, 1763-1865. He gained a PhD from the EUI in Florence (1995), and has had visiting positions at NYU, the ENS Paris and the IAS, Princeton. <a.korner@ucl.ac.uk>

From transnational history to transnational opera. Questioning national categories of analysis. – Transnational history is concerned with the travelling of ideas, goods and people across national borders and mental maps. Understood as a flexible category, nationality here includes loosely defined national communities as well as modern nation states. Ideas and artefacts change their meaning when they are received in new cultural contexts. However, the potential of transnational history goes beyond asserting the importance of reception in different national settings. It helps us to recover the hybridity of nationality and to question the validity of national categories of analysis to the point that attaching nationality to music and opera becomes increasingly difficult.
Vocal Performance

**Chair** Cormac Newark (see p. 53)

Paul Corneilson is managing editor of *Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach: The Complete Works*, published by The Packard Humanities Institute with editorial offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has published extensively on Mozart’s singers, including a short book on Ludwig Fischer, and articles on Franziska Danzi-Lebrun, Josefa Dušková, Josefa Hofer, and Dorothea Wendling. In addition to editing music by C.P.E. Bach, he has published a critical edition of Gian Francesco de Majo’s *Ifigenia in Tauride*, and has prepared performing editions of J.C. Bach’s *Zannda* (for the 2011 Bachfest, Leipzig) and *Lucio Silla* (for the 2013 Mozartwoche, Salzburg). Favourite opera: *Idomeneo*. <pcorneilson@packhum.org>

J.C. Bach’s favorite tenor, Anton Raaff (1714-1797). – There are occasions in music history when two lives intertwine in fruitful collaboration. Such is the case with Anton Raaff and Johann Christian Bach. Raaff created the title roles in four of Bach’s operas: *Catone in Utica* (1761) and *Alessandro nell’Indie* (1762) in Naples, and *Temistocle* (1772) and *Lucio Silla* (1775) in Mannheim. Through a study of the dozen arias Bach wrote for Raaff, including his signature aria “Non so donde viene”, I demonstrate how Bach was able to showcase the tenor’s voice to its best advantage and also how Raaff helped shape Bach’s operas.

Livio Marcaletti (Bergamo, 1984) studied musicology and Italian philology in Cremona (University of Pavia, Italy). He is PhD student in musicology at the University of Bern, with a thesis about Gesangsmanner and written vocal didactics (1600-1900). In his conference papers and articles he deals with baroque vocal and instrumental music, ornamentation and performance practice of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Besides his research activity, he has prepared CD booklets, programme notes and critical editions for Italian and Swiss Baroque ensembles (La Risonanza, Stile Galante, Les Passions de l’âme) and has given a workshop for singers at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis. <livio.marchaletti@musik.unibe.ch>

German operatic repertoire and performance in nineteenth-century vocal treatises. – According to performance practice of 18th- and early 19th-century Italian opera, vocal scores were often a mere draft singers had to integrate with ornaments and other nuances. Does such a difference between the written part and performance represent a distinctive trait of Italian belcanto? Should German and French coeval operatic repertoire be performed through a strict adherence to the score? On the contrary, performance instructions included in some of the most relevant 19th-century German treatises reveal the extent to which the singer should also add appoggiaturas, portamenti, articulation and dynamics in operas by Gluck, Méhul, Weber or Wagner.
**Joshua Neumann** is a PhD candidate in historical musicology at the University of Florida. His dissertation, *Towards Defining Tradition: Statistical Analysis, Performance, and Puccini’s “Turandot” at the Met*, treats individual performances as texts, adapting computer-aided analysis across nearly fifty years of performances, to demonstrate how performance traditions emerge. His publications include work on music and gender roles in Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, conducting pedagogy, and 18th-century vocal profiling. His additional research interests include technology, film, pedagogy, sociology, and philosophy, and he remains an active conductor and performer. Favourite opera: *Turandot*. <joshuaoneumann@ufl.edu>

Performance tradition over time: Computer-aided statistical analysis and Puccini’s *Turandot* at the Met. — Performance traditions occupy a central role in the life of canonical operatic works. How these differ among various times and locations can reveal much about the cultural aesthetics underpinning each performance, thus providing a window into the expectations or audiences and critics. This paper addresses two significant impediments for opera researchers: the lack of access to recordings of live performance, and the lack of a method for precisely tracing the behaviors constituting a tradition. Utilizing augmented listening and statistical analysis, this paper proposes a methodology for deeper examination into performances as cultural products.

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**Chair** **Annegret Fauser** is Cary C. Bosshamer Distinguished Professor of Music at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Her research focuses on music of the 19th and 20th centuries, especially that of France and the United States. She is the author of *Musical Encounters at the 1889 Paris World’s Fair* (2005), *Sounds of War: Music in the United States during World War II* (2013), and *The Politics of Musical Identity* (2015). Favourite opera: *Don Giovanni*. <fauser@email.unc.edu>

**Daveide Ceriani**’s two main areas of research are music in Italy during the interwar period and the reception of Italian opera in the U.S. from 1880 until 1940. His two most recent publications are “Opera as Social Agent: Fostering Italian Identity at the Metropolitan Opera House During the Early Years of Giulio Gatti-Casazza’s Management, 1908-1910”, in Magdalena Waligorska (ed.), *Music, Longing, and Belonging*, and “The Reception of Alberto Franchetti’s Work in the U.S.”, in Richard Erkens and Paolo Giorgi (eds.), *Alberto Franchetti* (1860-1942). He was recently granted the Adrienne Fried Block Fellowship offered by the Society for American Music.

Toscanini, Mussolini, and the Teatro Reale dell’Opera in Rome during the fascist period. — In 1926, Mussolini ordered that the old Teatro Costanzi in Rome should be renovated and renamed Teatro Reale dell’Opera. I argue that two elements played a key role in Mussolini’s decision. Politically, the dictator wanted to utilize the Teatro Reale to counterbalance La Scala’s and Toscanini’s status as antifascist symbols. Moreover, Mussolini planned to make the Teatro Reale a manifestation of the cult of Romanità — a key term in fascist ideology. Mussolini’s plans were unsuccessful but demonstrate that he tried to enforce a strong musical policy as part of the Italian fascist project as early as the mid-1920s.

**Laura Tunbridge** joined the University of Oxford as Associate Professor of Music in 2014, having previously taught at Reading and Manchester. Her publications include *Schumann’s Late Style* (2007), *The Song Cycle* (2010), and the co-edited volume *Rethinking Schumann* (2011). She is now completing a book on singers in New York and London between the world wars, research for which has been supported by grants from the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Leverhulme Trust. Associated articles have appeared in the *Journal of the American Musicological Society* and *Representations*. Laura is currently editor of the *Journal of the Royal Musical Association*.

Nordic nights in New York: Wagner, war, and Hollywood. — The faltering fortunes of the Metropolitan Opera House in the 1930s were transformed by the rise to prominence of two Scandinavian singers, Danish tenor Lauritz Melchior (1890-1973) and Norwegian soprano Kirsten Flagstad (1895-1962). Their appearances together in productions of Wagner — especially as Tristan and Isolde — counted as some of the Met’s greatest musical and commercial successes of the mid-century. Beyond this, the careers of both singers reflected some fundamental changes in American attitudes towards opera. Flagstad’s postwar reception can be taken as symptomatic of efforts to depoliticise high art. Melchior’s Hollywood career, meanwhile, demonstrated how opera became both more accessible and something beyond the everyday.

**Emily Richmond Pollock** holds the Class of 1947 Career Development Professorship as an Assistant Professor in the Music and Theater Arts Section at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her current book project, *Opera after the Zero Hour*, addresses the problem of opera in West Germany from 1945-1965. Her first article, on Bernd Alois Zimmermann’s 1965 opera *Die Soldaten*, was published in *Opera Quarterly* in 2014. Favourite opera: *Lulu*. <pollock@mit.edu>

Rank and file: Everyday autobiographies of German opera after World War 2. — Following the collapse of the Third Reich, members of the opera community — displaced singers, orphaned rehearsal pianists, resettled fans — recorded their personal histories in letters, creating an informal autobiographical discourse that was diverse in purpose and richly expressive. In my paper, I integrate these stories of ordinary artists and opera lovers into a larger historical narrative about the denazification of musical life and the practicalities of career continuity. ‘Everyday’ autobiographies provide a
more diversified picture of a post-war musical culture populated by individuals whose experiences were characterized both by an enduring commitment to opera and by violence and material contingency.

Crossing Social Boundaries

Chair Benjamin Walton (see p. 4)

Nell Cloutier is a PhD candidate at the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation centers on the social life surrounding Italian opera in Paris and London during the 1830s and 40s. The ‘Puritani Quartet’, a group of Italian opera singers, traveled consistently between Paris and London during these years. Her first two chapters focus on Parisian reactions to repetition and novelty on stage and in literature and on the variety of ways fans could interact with celebrity singers in London. Her current chapter, from which this paper is derived, is her first foray into the digital humanities. Favourite opera: Le nozze di Figaro. <ncloutier@berkeley.edu>

Mapping desire: Aesthetic community at the Théâtre Italien during the July Monarchy. – The collection of letters from subscribers to the management of the Théâtre Italien held at the Archives Nationales in Paris provides tantalizing clues as to the identities and connections between patrons. This paper explores the networks that can be drawn out of these letters, as subscribers referred each other to the management for better seats, asked if friends could pick up their tickets, and shared bankers. Visualizations of the connections between subscribers across neighborhoods and seating tiers help in a reassessment of the physical and spatial aspects of social life during the July Monarchy, in the city and in the theater.

Joanne Cormac is a Lecturer in Music. She studied Music at the University of Nottingham (BA) and at the University of Birmingham (MMus and PhD). She has recently completed a monograph entitled The Unlikely Kapellmeister, which examines Liszt’s work in the Weimar Court Theatre and its influence on the theatricality of the symphonic poems. The research is based on her AHRC-funded doctoral thesis and the monograph is currently going through the review process with CUP. Her publications on Liszt are available in 19th-Century Music and 19th-Century Music Review. New areas of research interest include composer biography, and (more recently) maligned popular theatre genres, including melodrama and burlesque. <jcormac@brookes.ac.uk>

Opera burlesqued: Victorian popular theatre and society. – Victorian London is widely associated with upheaval. In a relatively short period a considerable change affected all aspects of life. The popular theatre of the day bears witness to contemporary responses to these profound shifts. Nowhere are the concerns of nineteenth-century Londoners more easily accessible than in the performances and works that were popular at the time: those products that would be considered to have ‘low’ cultural value. This paper will focus on a genre that reveals fascinating tensions between ‘high’ and ‘low’ culture: burlesque. It will examine the role of burlesque in conditioning social attitudes towards opera, in making it more widely accessible and comprehensible, and in negotiating boundaries: between classes, geographical areas, progress and tradition, and between censorship and freedom of expression.

Alexandra Wilson is Reader in Music at Oxford Brookes University, where she runs the OBERTO opera research unit (www.obertobrookes.com) and leads the MA in Music. She is the author of The Puccini Problem: Opera, Nationalism, and Modernity (Cambridge University Press), which won the American Musicological Society’s Lewis Lockwood Award in 2008, and her work has also appeared in Music & Letters, Cambridge Opera Journal, The Opera Quarterly, 19th-Century Music Review and various edited collections. She holds a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship for the academic year 2014-15, and is writing a book on operatic politics in 1920s Britain. <alexandra.wilson@brookes.ac.uk>

Opera, cultural categorization, and national identity in 1920s Britain. – The 1920s was a decisive moment in the British conceptualisation of cultural hierarchies. As mass culture expanded and pre-1914 social strata began to blur, cultural elites strove to defend their position by developing a stricter codification of the terms ‘high’ and ‘low’. The place of opera in such debates, however, was far from straightforward: it was considered too ‘highbrow’ for some commentators and not ‘highbrow’ enough for others. This paper discusses the complex ways in which opera’s place within the new cultural categories was negotiated, and how such debates contributed to a broader conceptualisation of Britain’s twentieth-century cultural identity.
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Technology before. – A time-honoured way of approaching the issue of technology in mid-nineteenth-century opera is via a Jules-Verne argument. Composers are assumed to ‘dream’ about technologies of amplification, transmission and other modes of sensory extension; and then, spurred by creative impulse, they are imagined to translate these dreams into musical effects. While there are evident comforts and attractions in such formulations, the picture that emerges has many questionable Romantic legacies. As an alternative, we will sketch a different account of opera’s engagement with technology: one that regards such engagement as a form of ‘artisan epistemology’.

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“Il faut avoir égard que ce sont des acteurs chantants”: Sarti’s observations on Italian opera in Copenhagen, 1762. – In a letter recently discovered in the National Archives of Copenhagen, Giuseppe Sarti explains to the board of the Royal Theater how to perform Italian opera. He discusses many aspects relevant to the spectacle: from the translation of the libretto to the music rehearsals, actors, extras, scenery, machines and especially costumes. This letter represents an
extremely important testimony on the issues of opera in migration. Sarti’s fascinating comments make explicit matters of staging and aesthetics that would have been implicit in Italy, or even in countries with a longer tradition of staging this genre.

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Regietheater and disenchantment: The case of Rusalka. – Regietheater or so-called director’s theater has often engaged in demystification and distancing effects. This work has often been described as contrapuntal, located in the opera’s visual elements while the score remains static. In this paper I will examine how Regietheater practices disenchantment and particularly how the more flexible signification of music intersects with these radical directorial interventions. My two examples will be productions of Antonin Dvořák’s Rusalka, directed by Stefan Herheim and Martin Kusej. Using different methods, both productions interrogate the opera’s fairy tale libretto, and repurpose the score’s enchantment to articulate a realm beyond the visible.

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In the Spirit of the Original: Adaptations That Work. – The restaging of operas is a familiar phenomenon; whether a production’s choices are appropriate is often debated. This paper addresses two restagings: the 1997 Eröffnung aus dem Serail in Salzburg and the 2004 Herzogin von Chicago in Vienna. These adapted versions work well because the original operas focus on cultural conflicts, as Europeans encounter the Middle East or America, and they acknowledge both perspectives as valid. This opens the possibility of importing elements from the non-European culture. By adding Middle Eastern music in one case, American cartoon style in the other, these productions modernize the originals while retaining their integrity.

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Sed vixta Rossini? Guerra e clemenza nell’ìtalia napoleonica. – The mise-en-scène of Aureliano in Palmira (Pesaro, 2014) raises some questions that only history and a larger view on Primo Ottocento opera can answer. The impact of Napoleonic feats on this repertoire still awaits broader discovery, especially in the years between the crisis of the Empire and the beginning of the Restoration (1810-1815). The paper aims at highlighting the images of clemency and war which permeate many (almost) unknown operas and at showing the distinctive features of Napoleonic ideology in Italian operatic context, providing at the end a brief reading of the early Rossinian work.

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Berg’s Wozzeck: First World War and operatic voices of male hysteria. – This paper examines Berg’s Wozzeck as a WW1 piece through characterisation of the male voices, specifically the unstable ‘hysterical’ voice of the protagonist Wozzeck as a victim of war. Combining historically informed hermeneutic, cultural critique, and close analysis of the opera subjects’ voices (i.e. contrasting Wozzeck’s sprechstimme to the lyrical tenor voice of the disdainful Drum Major), this paper offers a reading of Wozzeck that sits at the intersection of voice studies, social history, and the composer’s biography.

Steven Huebner’s research has focused on French music from 1850 to 1950, as well as the operas of Verdi. Recent essays include “Baudelaire à la fin de siècle: Un cycle
Faith and ideology in Francis Poulenc’s *Dialogues des Carmélites*. – As he was composing *Dialogues des Carmélites*, based on a screenplay by Georges Bernanos, Poulenc revealed to the music critic Henri Hell that “I would never have believed myself capable of writing a work in this register. I thank God, despite what this has meant in terms of suffering. And, after all this, people will still say ‘Poulenc the charmer’”. Poulenc was manifestly concerned about being typecast as lightweight. To counter this, he implicitly encouraged examination of how his music might be understood in light of Bernanos’s Catholic ideology, a line of critical reflection that deserves more attention than it has so far received in the secondary literature.

Mitchell Morris teaches at UCLA, where he specializes in music of the fin-de-siècle, opera, American popular song, LGBT studies, and ecomusicology. He has published in an assortment of scholarly journals, and is the author of *The Persistence of Sentiment: Studies in Display and Feeling in Popular Music of the Seventies*, as well as a co-editor of *The Oxford Handbook of the American Musical*. A long-term collaborator with the Los Angeles Opera, he has given several hundred talks on their behalf. In addition to his scholarly work, Morris is also an opera librettist; *La Paloma y el Ruiseñor*, based on the life of 19th-century Mexican soprano Ángela Peralta de Castera, premiered in Mazatlán in November 2014. <mmorris@humnet.ucla.edu>

*Ubi Communitas*: Sonority, collectivity, and politics in *Dialogues des Carmélites*. – Although Poulenc’s *Dialogues des Carmélites* (1957) sits firmly in the modern repertory, critical discussions of the opera have been sparse and even then, rather restricted in intellectual scope. Most interpretations have centered around the complex of theological notions that find expression in the conversations of the soon-to-be Martyrs of Compiègne; but a closer attention to both the political and sonic features of the opera shows its theological and affective work to be richer than usually acknowledged. My analysis will explore the ways that voices, especially collective, are presented as a means of transcending – or at least, evading – the excess of political propositions.

**Parodies**

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*Bellérophon in vaudevilles*: Appropriation of street culture by the Comédie-Italienne. – The Opéra-Comique popularized the use of *vaudevilles*, popular melodies used as vehicles upon which new texts were grafted, as building blocks to construct spectacle in the eighteenth century. However the seventeenth-century origin of this practice remains poorly understood. Important to this historiography is Dufresny’s *Le Départ des comédiens* from 1694, which was the earliest play that employed multiple *vaudevilles* stitched together to create a coherent and spectacular concluding *divertissement*. In the final scene of this one-act play Dufresny parodies Jean-Baptiste Lully’s *Bellérophon* by having his *commedia dell’arte* characters sing text from the *livret* adapted to airs ‘from the Pont-Neuf’.

Hedy Law is Assistant Professor of Musicology at the University of British Columbia. She obtained her PhD in music history and theory at the University of Chicago, and was a recipient of the Howard Mayer Brown Fellowship of the American Musical Society. She has published in *Cambridge Opera Journal, Musique et Geste en France, Oxford Handbook of Music Censorship, Oxford Handbook of Music and Disabilities Studies, CENTER: Architecture and Design in America; and Noise, Audition, Aesthesis: Histories of the Sonic Worlds in Europe: 1500-1918*. She is currently working on a book on music, pantomime, and freedom in the Enlightenment France. <ed.y.law@ubc.ca>

Refashioning difference: The castrato in France and his hero nonsense in Salieri’s *Tarare* (1787). – Castrati were depicted in standard musicological accounts as victims of the French Enlightenment. *This paper examines Salieri’s opera Tarare* (1787) as a case study by showing how a castrato’s difference was refashioned in the French opera. The librettist Beaumarchais designed for the plot a castrato Calpigi as head eunuch of the seraglio. My analyses of Beaumarchais’s libretto and Salieri’s music, considered together with censored materials, parodies, reviews, pamphlets, and iconographic sources, demonstrate how Calpigi schemes to dethrone the tyrant. In *Tarare*, therefore, the infertile castrato could ‘generate’ dramatic opportunities that promoted political renewal not despite, but because of his difference.
### Hygiene of the Singer. Bodies, Medicine and Prophylaxis in Nineteenth-Century Opera

How are we to understand the importance accorded to opera singers in nineteenth-century medical literature? What kind of advice did hygienists give to men and women who sang on stage, and how did some singers themselves contribute to this new understanding of the body and its various expressions? Beyond the question of the voice, an entire approach to the body is here at stake, both as a tool of production – a musical and gestural instrument – and a singer’s ‘œuvre’, which must be developed like an athlete’s, and be cared for in the context of ageing or ill-health.

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“Mi lusinga il dolce affetto”: The operatic voice as a gateway of otherness. – “A heretofore unknown blend of physical effects, to take power over the souls of the listeners with the speed of a lightning flash”: when Stendhal tried to explain his fascination with Giuditta Pasta’s voice, he ascribed it to laws of nature – the power of the operatic voice as a scientific fact. Nearly 200 years later, how do we account for enduring descriptions of opera singing, both on the singers’ and on the listener’s side, as transformative? And if a classically trained voice can transport us where to and by what means? Is it still the same experience Stendhal talked about?

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Reshaping the drama: Liszt, Rigoletto paraphrase.

— Liszt’s Rigoletto paraphrase is more than a brilliant transcription. Using Verdi’s materials, and changing only a few notes, Liszt both reshapes the scene and alters the deep nature of the characters. Verdi’s balance between joy and despair gives way to a breathtaking, dreamlike sequence of scenes, moving from horror to idyll, culminating in a final apotheosis of love. A new world, where the Duke of Mantova becomes a faithful lover, Maddalena is turned into a heavenly creature, Gilda sings happily and Rigoletto graciously blesses the whole scene.

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When opera met film: Casa Ricordi and the emergence of cinema. – Although the intersection of opera and cinema has recently become a popular topic, the earliest decades of their relationship are seldom studied. Moreover, even though opera’s influence on the development of the filmic medium has long been acknowledged, inquiries rarely—if ever—turn to how the emergence and development of cinema during the silent era may have impacted opera. Focusing on Casa Ricordi around 1905, this paper considers how the opera industry initially reacted to the new audio-visual medium at the turn of the twentieth century and how the foremost Italian music publisher answered the question: “cinema: threat or opportunity?”

**Paulo M. Kühl** is Associate Professor at the Arts Institute, University of Campinas (São Paulo, Brazil), where he teaches history of opera since 1993. He obtained his Masters (UNICAMP) with a dissertation on Monteverdi and his PhD (University of São Paulo), on Gaetano Martinelli’s librettos for the Portuguese Court. He was a visiting scholar at NYU (2007-2008), doing research on the comparative reception of Rossini’s operas in New York and in Rio de Janeiro. His main interests are the history of Italian opera in Portugal and Brazil, the theory of opera and cultural transference between Europe and the Americas. <paulokuhl@iar.unicamp.br>

Visions of opera in the Tropics. – This paper examines paradigms that are constantly used in a traditional view of opera in Brazil, through the analysis of two films: *Orphée Noir* (Marcel Camus, 1959) and *Fitzcarraldo* (Werner Herzog, 1982). A
series of oppositions can be found in them: nature and civilization, the countryside and the city, ‘local’ and ‘foreign’ elements (music, themes, ethnic groups), etc. The analysis may help to clarify how specific visions of opera in the ‘tropics’ have been consolidated; pointing out the foundations of those visions may contribute to establish different approaches and new ways of studying opera outside European centers.

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Voiceless passions: Operatic music in Mario Martone’s Noi credovamo.
– The soundtrack of Mario Martone’s film Noi credovamo (2010) displays an unusual and distinctive choice. The film covers the crucial decades of Italy’s Risorgimento through the individual vicissitudes of three fictional characters, and the soundtrack, quite pertinently, consists mainly of short extracts from 19th-century Italian operas. Astonishingly, though, there is no operatic singing, no arias or duets, none of Verdi’s celebrated choruses often connected with the Risorgimento, but only fragments of instrumental music! What are the reasons and the effects of such a choice? Do Verdi’s instrumental portions of his opera function effectively as film music? And how?

**Opera and Philosophy**

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Kierkegaard’s struggle with Don Giovanni: A study in the tortuous interaction of performance and reception history. – Søren Kierkegaard’s essay “The Immediate Erotic Stages of the Musical Erotic” (1843) has exerted major influence on the performance and reception history of Mozart’s Don Giovanni. However, the philosopher had studied neither Lorenzo Da Ponte’s libretto nor Mozart’s score, but relied entirely on a free Danish singspiel adaptation and on his impressions of the Copenhagen production, the singers in which were coached by Italian tenor Giuseppe Siboni who had sung in the original Prague production 1800-05. The paper offers a contextualized, performance-oriented reassessment of Kierkegaard’s essay as an attempt to find meaning in a production characterized by profound dramaturgical paradoxes.

Francesco Del Bravo studied at the University of Siena with Fabrizio Della Setta. Currently he is accomplishing his PhD with Jürgen Maehder and Christine Siegert in Berlin, writing a dissertation on the reception of Bellini’s operatic works among German-speaking opera houses during the 19th century. Recently he presented papers on the Rossinian and Bellinian musical languages for ‘unseeable’ voices (The University of Hong Kong, 2012) and on the ‘Mediterranean turn’ in Nietzsche’s philosophy and life (Cambridge, St John’s College, 2014). His study on the relationships between Bellinian and Sicilian song has been published in the *Journal of Mediterranean Studies* 2012/2, while his essay on the ethnomusical work of Alberto Favara about Sicilian folk song is forthcoming on *Mousikos Logos*. Favourite opera: *Le nozze di Figaro*. <francescodeibravo@yahoo.it>

The periodical return of the same: Nietzsche, *Carmen*, and entrainment. – Despite the emblematic role it assumed in Nietzsche’s thought and in his operagoer-life, *Carmen* was analysed by him only through some vague references in his writings and some naive remarks on the vocal score, becoming basically a rhetorical tool in his discussion of Wagnerian music: a metaphor for musical forms clear perceivable in their structure and for an ‘orientalised’ Mediterranean world opposed to a Northern world marked by illness and decadence. In Nietzsche’s complex web of concepts and words involving music – which exists in a space between metaphysics and physiology – a certain attention is dedicated to the synchronization of organisms to external rhythm through a beat induction based on recurring pulse, a phenomenon today known as ‘entrainment’ and which could be helpful in comprehending his interest in Bizet’s opera.

John Sienicki studied philosophy with Stanley Cavell, Dieter Henrich, and Martha Nussbaum before turning to cultural studies. His work focuses on points where high-
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Lady Kundry’s secret: Sensation novels and Wagner’s intellectual anxieties in Parsifal. – Wagner’s operas are now firmly in the ‘high art’ category, but some contemporary critics saw the Ring cycle as a story of bigamy and murders, just like an English ‘sensation novel’, unfit for polite audiences. Parsifal presents itself as a solemn work – but Kundry is drugged and confined in an institution, like Wilkie Collins’ Woman in White. Recent scholarship tends to interpret Kundry as one of the Others despised by Wagner – but the ambivalences and questions in Parsifal perhaps reflect Wagner’s dawning realization of the importance of the sensation novelists’ project of understanding the point of view of Others.

**Divas**

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**Melina Esse** is Associate Professor of Musicology at the Eastman School of Music. She has published widely on the emotive body in opera as well as on opera and technological mediation. Her forthcoming book Saffo’s Lyre: Improvising Italy’s Past in Nineteenth-Century Opera (Indiana University Press) explores how discourses of improvisation were used to carve out a new authority for opera composers just as improvisatory practices were falling into decline. Esse’s article “Encountering the improvisatrice in Italian Opera” received the 2014 Einstein Award from the American Musicological Society, and her work on this topic was supported by an NEH Summer Stipend. Favourite opera: Le nozze di Figaro. <messe@esm.rochester.edu>

A Sapphic Orpheus: Pauline Viardot as composer-performer. – This paper considers Pauline Viardot as both muse and creator within the context of the era’s shifting perspectives on artistic collaboration. Though she was famous for her Orpheus, she had earlier created the role of another lyre-toting poet in Gounod’s Sapho. Viardot’s biography overlaps suggestively with the Sappho myth, particularly in the way her life was understood to swing between the twin poles of creative work and romantic attachment. I suggest that Viardot’s self-fashioning as performer and composer demanded a canny negotiation of both the vagaries of compositional collaboration and the emerging taste for sexualized images of Sappho as courtesan.

**Cristina Scuderi** is a post-doctoral researcher and journalist. She graduated in organ, harpsichord and electronic music and after her PhD she has worked for the Universities of Fribourg, Stuttgart and Graz, collaborating with the Universities of Udine, Padua and Bratislava and the Teatro La Fenice in Venice. Her current project is focused on tracing Italian opera in the Eastern Adriatic theatres, namely those of the Slovenian and Croatian coast from the post unitarian period to the first world war.

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA |

**Mia Tootill**
Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

**Anna Parkitna**
State University of New York at Stony Brook, USA

**Jessica Peritz**
University of Chicago, USA

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**Mia Tootill**
The Devil’s handiwork: Faustian spectacle in Second Empire Paris

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Eighteenth-century Warsaw premieres of Mozart’s *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* and the rise of German opera

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The tale of the castrato and the cantimbanco: Language, narrative, and authenticity in the late Settecento singing voice

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**Danielle Simon**
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**Bianca De Mario**
Close-up on pocket opera: Redefinition of operatic spaces in the digital age

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**Robert Crowe**
Squirming in their seats: The physicalized reaction to the singing voice of the castrato in 1820s London

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**13:00**

Buffet Lunch

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**Opera Crossing Media**

Chair **Guglielmo Pescatore** is Full Professor of Film and Media Studies at the University of Bologna. His work is characterized by the attention to the phenomena of mutation, both for what concerns the textual forms, as well as the social valences of audiovisual media. This vision led him to adopt an interdisciplinary approach that ranges from studies in media economics and marketing to those related to information technologies, up to an emerging discipline such as information architecture. This field of research can also be connected to his investigations on popular cinema and Italian ‘Film Opera’ genre. His favourite opera is *Norma*.

**Mia Tootill** is a PhD candidate in musicology at Cornell, where she currently holds a Don M. Randel Teaching and Research Fellowship. She has presented at conferences in the US and Europe, including the Biennial International Conference on 19th-Century Music. Her dissertation examines the use of the devil as a media effect in French musical stage works, and illuminates the interactions between theatrical culture, musico-visual spectacle, and technological innovation in mid-nineteenth-century Paris. Her research has been supported by grants from Cornell and the American Musicological Society’s 2014 William Holmes/Frank D’Accone Award for travel and research in the history of opera.

The Devil’s handiwork: Faustian spectacle in Second Empire Paris.

At the turn of the twentieth century, George Méliès appeared as Mephistopheles in a number of his own films, contributing to a growing body of cinematic adaptions of Gounod’s *Faust*. Following the model of a variety of boulevard works that adapted Goethe’s play in the 1850s, the opera had appealed to audiences through elaborate musical and visual spectacle, largely seen as a by-product of the conjuring devil. This paper explores depictions of Mephistopheles in this Faustian repertoire, and examines the shared exploitation of new stage technologies in both popular theater and grand opera as a precursor to the new medium of film.

**Danielle Simon** is a graduate student at UC Berkeley, working with Mary Ann Smart and James Davies. She received her BA from the University of Puget Sound in 2009 and her MA from the University of Chicago in 2011. This paper is based on her thesis from the University of Chicago, where her advisor was Steven Rings. Her current scholarly interests include opera and radio in Italy during the first half of the twentieth century. In addition to her studies, she is an active performer in the San Francisco Choral Area, most recently appearing with San Francisco Choral Artists.

From page to stage: The musical adaptation of comic strips. – What happens when comic strip characters take the stage? This paper engages Victor...
Herbert’s operetta *Little Nemo in Slumberland* in conversation with the comic by Winsor McCay from which it is adapted. I examine comics and opera as multimedia in their own right and as texts in dialogue with one another through internal references in each work to its counterpart in the other medium. The operatic stage offers an arena for exploring this fluid relationship between text and music, fantasy and reality, allowing Herbert to draw attention to processes of adaptation and negotiation that occur on both page and stage.

**Bianca De Mario** is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Milan. She received her PhD in Comparative Studies at the University of Siena, with a dissertation about eighteenth-century opera seria between dramaturgy and direction. She has recently published articles about operatic performances and castratos (“The modern imagery of castratos in contemporary performance”, Molino, 2014; “ Salvietti and us, or, The tragic happy ending” in *Philology and Performing Arts*, 2014); one of her latest research concerns the spread of quartet societies in Italy: “Appunti sulla nascita e la diffusione delle Società del Quartetto in Italia” (in *La musica borghese*, 2014). Her current project research focuses on “Opera and Media”. <bianca.demario@hotmail.it>

Close-up on pocket opera. Redefinition of operatic spaces in the digital age. – A coiling stairwell as a virtual vanishing point. A glass wall as partition, ceiling, even lake’s surface. TV sets and secret services’ labs as multiple ways to conceive reality. In the digital age direction is a fundamental step throughout the mediatisation process but it is only the first link in the chain which leads to present-day operatic spectаторship. The ‘performance space’ is rapidly changing and while on stage it tries to expand, bringing the fourth wall down and including the theatrical public, on screen, where it may really destroy the distance, it struggles to maintain its immediacy, its *live* status and materiality.

**Transnational Opera I**

Chair: Axel Körner (see p. 9)

**Anna Parkitna** is a PhD candidate in the Music Department at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. In her dissertation *Opera in Warsaw, 1765-1830: Operatic Migration, Adaptation, and Reception in the Enlightenment* she explores cosmopolitan and national currents in Warsaw’s operatic culture within the context of international circulation of repertory and performers. Anna also studied harpsichord in London and New York, and holds the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts. <anna.parkitna@stonybrook.edu>

Eighteenth-century Warsaw premieres of Mozart’s *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* and the rise of German opera. – The Warsaw premiere of Mozart’s *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* on May 8, 1783 followed just ten months after the first performance in Vienna and was the third European production. The opera was almost immediately adapted into Polish, which indicates its appreciation by the public. An analysis of available sources and of the dynamics of rivalry between the international operatic troupes employed at the Warsaw public theater in the second half of the 18th century reveals that the original premiere was an event that, for the first time, elevated the status of German opera.

**Matthieu Cailliez**, junior lecturer at the University Paris-Sorbonne, obtained his PhD on November 18, 2014, as a member of the Trinational Graduate College “European Founding Myths in Literature, Arts and Music”, which is jointly organized by the Universities of Bonn, Florence and Paris-Sorbonne (codiplomation). His doctoral thesis bears the title *La Diffusion du comique en Europe à travers les productions d’opere buffe, d’opéras-comiques et de komische Opern* (France - Allemagne - Italie, 1800-1850). <matthieu.cailliez@yahoo.fr>

Le tournée di compagnie liriche italiane nelle province francesi durante la Monarchia di Luglio (1830-1848). – Even if the Théâtre-Italien in Paris is the only one French opera theatre which can financially afford to employ a permanent company of Italian singers during the July Monarchy, provincial theatres are not always limited to the performance of Italian operas in the form of translations. On the occasion of the passage of itinerant Italian companies through France, ten cities are in a position to offer their public, mostly for a brief period, the performance of some works in Dante’s language: Marseille, Lyon, Montpellier, Strasbourg, Avignon, Toulon, Bordeaux, Rouen, Toulouse, and Chambéry.

**Claudio Vellutini** received his PhD in Music History and Theory from the University of Chicago (2015). In August he will join the Musicology Department at the Jacobs School of Music of Indiana University (Bloomington) as a Post-doctoral Resident Scholar. He is a recipient of an Ernst-Mach Fellowship from the Österreichisches Austauschdienst, and of an Alvin H. Johnson AMS 50 Dissertation Fellowship from the American Musicological Society. His research interests focus on the cultural and reception history of Italian opera in Vienna and on contemporary opera staging. His publications have appeared in *19th-Century Music* (2014) and *Cambridge Opera Journal* (2013). <claudiovellutini@hotmail.com>

Donizetti and Viennese cosmopolitanism. – How did Donizetti’s involvement in Viennese musical life beginning in 1842 change local critics’ approach to his operas and personality? This paper aims to answer this question by tracing the reception of Donizetti to the construction of a Viennese operatic identity that increasingly transcended national discourses. Focusing on critics’ reactions to *Linda di Chamounix* (1842) and *Maria di Rohan* (1843), I will discuss how changing views on cultural cosmopolitanism in Vienna helped define Donizetti’s position in the city as an arbiter between different operatic traditions and national aesthetics.
**Castratos**

**Chair: Tim Carter** (see p. 51)

Jessica Peritz has just completed her third year of the PhD program in Music History at the University of Chicago. Her dissertation research explores the intersection of voice and lyric in late eighteenth-century Italian culture. She holds a BA in History and Literature from Harvard University, as well as a Masters of Music in opera performance. A mezzo-soprano, Jessica has performed in the US and Europe, specializing in Italian and French repertoire of the 18th and 19th centuries. She has presented her work at Harvard, the Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies in Chicago, and the American Musicological Society Midwest. <peritz@uchicago.edu>

The tale of the castrato and the cantimbanco: Language, narrative, and authenticity in the late Settecento singing voice. – In reading the myriad essays and treatises proposing opera reform in the mid-eighteenth century, one major problem emerges: that of the voice. Opera seria, so the critics complained, relied too heavily on the virtuosity of its singers, at the expense of truly moving expression. But how could the voice become authentically expressive – or, at least, convincingly express authenticity? This paper explores some of the anxieties surrounding the problem of voice in the context of the Illuminismo, considering how figures from the Verri to the castrato Millico engaged with these tensions and, explicitly or implicitly, attempted to remake the voice accordingly.

### Robert Crowe

Robert Crowe is a PhD candidate in Historical Musicology at Boston University, writing a dissertation on the life and times of Giambattista Velluti. He has also been a male soprano for more than twenty years, the first of this voice type to be a national winner of Metropolitan Opera Competition, and has sung well over 70 operatic roles in Europe, the United States and India. He has released two solo recordings of solo motets of Carissimi, Strozzi, Monteverdi and Grandi with the Bayerischer Rundfunk and Hänsler Profil, for which he also authored booklets. He is a book reviewer for Early Music America. <crowe.rw@gmail.com>

Squirming in their seats: The physicalized reaction to the singing voice of the castrato in 1820s London. – When Giambattista Velluti came to London in 1825, castrati had not been heard there for a quarter century, and with few exceptions the sound of the voice had passed from living memory. English critical reaction immediately fixated upon his physical condition – castration, that “second baptism, bloody and profane” (Hunt) – and often could not erase an empathetic physical pain intrinsic in the eunuch’s voice. Proceeding from John Keats’ awareness of the voice as a communicator of bodily condition, and his mentor Leigh Hunt’s blood-soaked, prosopopoeic “Velluti to his Revilers”, I will explore the pain, real or imagined, in the London press.

### Brianna Robertson-Kirkland

Brianna Robertson-Kirkland graduated with 1st class honours from The University of Glasgow, Bachelor of Music degree. She was granted the Edward Caird Award to allow her to continue her studies in a joint degree course between the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the University of Glasgow studying for a Masters of Historically Informed Performance. She is currently undergoing PhD research on the 18th-century castrato singer Venanzio Rauzzini and his students funded by the University of Glasgow College of Arts Internship scholarship. Favourite opera: Le nozze di Figaro. <b.robertson.2@research.gla.ac.uk>

Venanzio Rauzzini (1746-1810): The father of a new style of English singing and a new race of singers. – Venanzio Rauzzini, an Italian castrato, was described by The Monthly Mirror in 1807 as “the father of a new style of English singing and a new race of singers”, and lists a number of the most esteemed opera singers of the period as his students. Rauzzini did not restrict his teaching to voice type or gender, though he predominantly taught female students. My paper will investigate how Rauzzini was training these students, contextualising what we know of his tuition from his treatise within the wider vocal tradition of the period.
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**Metaphor and Topoi in Seventeenth-Century Opera**

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*Il Reno sacrificante* di Ridolfo Campeggi (1617): allegoria baroca del fiume portatore di pace. – In 1617, Ridolfo Campeggi composed an “attione drammatica” focused on the pivotal figure of Reno river; the piece was set to music by Girolamo Giacobbi. It was dedicated to cardinals Capponi and Ludovisi in order to pay homage to their political success, family names and reputation. This drama set to music reveals its prominence by letting Reno talk – and sing –, describing the beauties of Bologna. If Baroque waves and sea usually depict the instability of reality (Bosco 2001), in the case of this text, this paper aims at highlighting original, ‘fluid’ metaphors and images used by the author so as to create a peaceful universe thanks to the river’s power, a natural element utterly different from the topical, stormy Baroque sea.

**Maria Anne Purciello** is Assistant Professor at the University of Delaware whose research focuses on the development of the operatic genre, with particular emphasis on the musical and dramatic manifestation of comedy. Drawing on a host of classical and contemporary sources in intellectual history, literature, and theater, she examines the literary and dramatic ideas commonly utilized by librettists and composers in order to better understand how comedy has historically functioned within opera. She has presented her research in the US and Europe and is currently working on a book entitled *Artificio o Naturalezza? Comedy and Verisimilitude in Seventeenth-Century Opera.* <mpurciel@udel.edu>
Opera fit for a Pope? Allegory and the manifestation of virtue in Barberini Rome. – Giulio Rospigliosi’s revised libretto for Chi affre spirt (1639) opens with a prologue in which Sensuality and Virtue quarrel over who wields more power over mankind. Unlike its operatic predecessors, Rospigliosi’s prologue operates as an extended poetic conceit, effectively redefining the role of allegory on the operatic stage. This paper situates Rospigliosi’s literary and artistic activities during the 1630s within the sphere of the Barberini court, and proposes that the confluence of ideas about literature, music, drama, and visual imagery in this rich intellectual environment provided a unique opportunity for Rospigliosi to explore the moral and dramatic potential of allegory.

Davide Daolmi teaches History of ancient music and Theory of music at the University of Milan. He obtained a diploma in Composition (Conservatory of Milan), a PhD in Musicology (“La Sapienza”, Rome), and a Postdoctoral fellowship at Yale University. His main research interests concern cultural history, philology, Italian opera and Medieval music. He has published several critical editions, among them Rossini’s Petite messe solennelle (Ricordi); his edition of Cavalli’s L’Orione (with N. Usula) is forthcoming (Bärenreiter). Combining musical philology and cultural history, his most recent book, entitled Truvatore amante spia (LIM, 2015) analyses some aspects of the nineteenth-century ‘invention’ of the Middle Ages. <daolmi@fastwebnet.it>

Reassessing tragedy through horror experiments in late seventeenth-century Venetian opera. – Girolamo Frigimelica Roberti’s Rastinonda, a ‘tragedia’ set by Carlo Francesco Pollarolo in Venice in 1695, challenges the canonical ‘drama per musica’ with ‘finale lieto’ informed by the ideas of the Arcadia. Indeed, Frigimelica’s opera shows elements peculiar to the ‘gothic’ revival that will be theorized only in the late eighteenth century. By building on the audience’s unconfessed fascination with horror, the author combines the model of French tragic theatre with horror themes peculiar to popular literature, and echoes the theoretical debate on terror and the sublime stemmed from Boileau’s 1674 translation of pseudo-Longinus.

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Enchanting songs: The voice of the sirens in seventeenth-century opera. – Enchantresses have enjoyed a steady success in musical theatre far beyond the Baroque period, thus contributing – as argued by Jean Starobinski – to the development of the modern operatic imagery. However, the pristine relation of enchantresses to sirens, charming voices par excellence, has been overlooked by scholars. Moving from Tasso’s reflections on the sirens (which are crucial, by the way, to the poet’s portrayal of the sorceress Armida), this paper explores the various ways in which the wondrous creatures were brought on stage in seventeenth-century opera. Special attention will be given to Marco Marazzoli’s L’Amor trionfante dello Sdegno (1641).

Arnold Jacobshagen is Professor of Musicology at the University of Music and Dance Cologne (since 2006). He studied musicology, modern history and philosophy in Berlin, Vienna and Paris. After his PhD at the Freie Universität Berlin (1996), he was Lecturer at Bayreuth University, Forschungsinstitut für Musiktheater Thurnau (1997-2006). He is editor of the journal Die Musikforschung and author of five books: Gioachino Rossini und seine Zeit (2015), Händel im Pantheon (2009), Opera semiseria: Gattungskonvergenz und Kulturtransfer im Musiktheater (2005), Strukturwandel der Orchesterlandschaft (2000), and Der Chor in der französischen Oper des späten Ancien Régime (1997). Favourite opera: Il turco in Italia. <arnold.jacobshagen@fhmt-koeln.de>

From revolution to reform: Shifting paradigms in nineteenth-century reception of Gluck’s operas. – In the preface to the printed score of Alceste, Gluck claimed to have embarked on “the reform of this noble spectacle, in which all fine arts take part”. This notwithstanding, the concept of ‘reform’ is virtually absent in all critical writing on Gluck’s operas until the second third of the 19th century, in France as well as in Germany. Instead, Parisian discussions focused on “la révolution opérée dans la musique par M. le Chevalier Gluck”. Examining the evolution of Gluck reception from the late 18th to mid-19th century, the emergence of the master narrative of ‘operatic reform’ will be reconsidered.

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conference proceeding *Between Nostalgia, Utopia, and Realities* (2012), and “Rudolf Dittrich’s Nippon Gakufu and Giacomo Puccini’s *Madama Butterfly*” that appeared in *Music Research Forum* (2004). He is currently working on a book project on nostalgia in Puccini’s operas. <khara@mozart.sc.edu>

Nostalgia and the American reception of Puccini’s *La fanciulla del West*. – This paper explores the impact of the sentimental song “Che faranno i vecchi miei” by the wandering camp minstrel Jake Wallace in Puccini’s opera *La fanciulla del West* (1910) on the audience members who witnessed the première of the opera in New York. As some modern American critics point out, the episode involving Jake contradicts our current notions about the codes of conduct befitting to the rugged pioneers who populate the mythical landscape of the American ‘Wild West’. Yet an examination of the early reception of the opera, especially within New York’s Italian-American community, suggests otherwise.

**Opera and Musical Theatre**

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**Broadway and idea of opera: The strange cases of Gershw in and Sondheim.** – I give focus to the observation that Sondheim’s musicals approach the operatic by connecting it to Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess*. While much of what seems ‘operatic’ in Sondheim is better understood as based in operetta or film music, Broadway’s opera project nevertheless means something fairly specific for Sondheim, who substitutes, for Gershwin’s constant flow of music, a complex, multivalent musical unfolding that carries over into its non-musical scenes. I demonstrate these processes through considering key numbers and scenes in *A Little Night Music*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, and *Into the Woods*.

**Opera Between Realism and Verism**

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**Ital’yanshchina, ma non troppo: The ‘Russian Cavalleria rusticana’.** New dramaturgical perspectives on Rachmaninov’s *Aleko*. – Often debased as a late offspring of the Italianate number opera tradition, though harmonically and melodically indebted to Tchaikovsky and the ‘Russian School’, Rachmaninov’s first

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 Anything but Broadway oriented?” Interpreting Junior in Leonard Bernstein’s *A Quiet Place*. – In interviews preceding the premiere of *A Quiet Place* in 1983, composer Leonard Bernstein insisted it was “anything but Broadway oriented. There’s not a couplet, not a strophe, hardly a rhythm of that kind. The libretto will be the American language as she is spoken”. Indeed much of the libretto for *A Quiet Place* deploys a naturalistic speech pattern. However there is one striking exception – the song, “Hey, Big Daddy”. Drawing on archival resources, in this paper I provide a close reading of this song, teasing out issues that give us a deeper understanding of the character who sings it, Junior.
opera was partially redeemed in the eyes of the critics by a misleading comparison with Mascagni’s *Cavalleria rusticana*. Far from being the Russian equivalent of the Italian Veristic opera *par excellence*, *Aleko* is in fact a late Romantic drama, in which a pseudo-byronic hero is unmasked, when confronted to the unconditioned freedom of Gypsy life, whose burden he is not able to bear, thus revealing himself the ‘barbarous’ product of a self-proclaiming ‘civilized’ society.

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*Beyond Verismo: Massenet’s *La Navarraise*, Emma Calvé and the ‘spectacular realities’ of the *fin de siècle*. – It should come as no surprise that modern attempts to classify Massenet’s *La Navarraise* (1894) as a *verismo* opera run into difficulty; the nature of the opera’s realism split critics from the start. Indeed, they were united only in their admiration for the work’s first soprano, Emma Calvé. Calvé’s fame in this period was legendary: captured on stage and off by the latest media technologies, she lays claim to being one of the first celebrities of an age of mass culture. This paper therefore reassesses *La Navarraise*’s realism by arguing for Calvé’s role in its creation and reception.*

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*Lost in transfer: Tchaikovsky’s *Yevgeny Onegin* as realist *drame lyrique* in France, 1895. – In the build up to the French premiere of Tchaikovsky’s *Onegin* in Nice in 1895, orators and writers on music were declaring the opera a masterpiece of psychological realism. Some even suggested that the opera might form the lyric equivalent of the Russian realist novel and, in so doing, offer a morally and politically superior alternative to the so-called *verismo* operas of the new Italian school. In order to better understand this brief period in which Tchaikovsky was hailed as a modern, realist composer, I explore the reception of *Onegin* and its staging in the context of mounting pro-Russian feeling surrounding the signing of the Franco-Russian alliance, and the new networks this entente afforded.*
**Wednesday 1 July – Evening**

**Basilica di San Petronio**
(Piazza Maggiore)

**Chair**
LARS MAGNUS HVASSPUJOL
Università di Bologna, I

**19:00**
Concert in the apse
*Music by the Maestri di Cappella of San Petronio*

**Ouverture d’orgue**
Organ by Lorenzo di Giacomo da Prato (1475) *in cornu Epistulae*
Organ by Baldassarre Malamini (1596) *in cornu Evangelii*

**MAURIZIO CAZZATI (1616-1678)**

*Salve caput*
Mottetto al capo di S. Petronio
for two choirs and continuo
*(from Mottetti a otto voci op. LII, Bologna 1669)*

*Tace turba nobilis*
Mottetto per lo Spirito Santo e per ogni tempo al molto reverendo Padre Maestro Gio. Battista Parisi dell’Ordine dei Servi, tenore celeberrimo in S. Petronio di Bologna
for tenor and continuo
*(from Il quinto libro dei mottetti a voce sola op. XXXIX, Bologna 1666)*

**GIOVANNI PAOLO COLONNA (1637-1695)**

*Magnificat*
Cancio della Beata Vergine
for two choirs and continuo
*(from Psalmi octo vocibus op. XI, Bologna 1694)*

*Benedictam Dominum*
Mottetto per ogni Tempo
for two sopranos and bass
*(from Mottetti a due e tre voci op. III, Bologna, 1681)*

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**GIACOMO ANTONIO PERTI (1661-1756)**

*Dixit Dominus*
Salmo CIX
for two choirs and continuo
*(from a manuscript of the Archivio Musicale della Basilica di San Petronio)*

**FRANCESCA SANTI & MARIA DALLA ALBERTINI, soprano**
**ALBERTO ALLEGREZZA, tenor**
**GIACOMO CONTRO, bass**

**ENSEMBLE VOCALE “COLOR TEMPORIS”**
**MICHELE VANNELLI, Maestro di Cappella**
Università di Bologna, I

**FRANCESCO TASINI, organ**
*in cornu Epistulae*
Conservatorio di musica “G. Frescobaldi” di Ferrara

**SARA DIECI, organ**
*in cornu Evangelii*
Conservatorio di musica “B. Maderna” di Cesena

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**20:00**
*Dinner suggestion: piadine, crescentine & salumi (reservation in advance)*

Osteria BoccaBuona
via degli Usberti 5

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The Gothic Basilica di San Petronio is the main church of Bologna, the fifteenth largest church in the world (132 metres long, 66 metres wide; the vault reaches 45 metres inside and 51 metres along the facade). It is dedicated to the patron saint of the city, Saint Petronius, who was the bishop of Bologna in the fifth century. The construction (the first stone was laid on 7 June 1390) was a project of the communal council of Bologna, not of the bishops: the property was a symbol of communal power that was not transferred from the city to the diocese until 1929. Works lasted for several centuries but the Basilica was never finished: the plan in the form of a Latin cross (with the intent to outdo even Saint Peter’s Basilica of Rome, the greatest church of the Western Christian world even in its ancient version) was obstructed by Pope Pius IV,
San Petronio formed the first orchestra with period instruments in Italy, collaborating in performance practice: under the direction of Sergio Vartolo, the Cappella Musicale di Bongiovanni, Dynamic, Harmonia Mundi France, Naxos and Tactus. etc.). The Cappella has given concerts all over Europe and has made recordings with Monteverdi, Cazzati, Colonna, Perti, Caldara, etc.). He has also edited several critical revisions and published musicological articles on seventeenth-century music. He teaches Canto figurato, Gregorian Chant and Harpsichord tuning and maintenance at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and is currently a graduate student of Musicology at the University of Bologna and undergraduate student of harpsichord at the Conservatorio “G. B. Martini” in Bologna. He is chapel singer at the Basilica di San Petronio and member of the Schola Cantorum of the Cattedrale di San Pietro in Bologna. He is responsible for the historical musical archive of the Congregazione dell’Oratorio di S. Filippo Neri and is cataloguing the musical archive of the Capitolo della Cattedrale di S. Pietro and the historical archive of the Congregazione dell’Oratorio di S. Filippo Neri in Venice. He is passionate about opera and follows the main opera seasons of northern Italy’s theatres. In 2012 season and was engaged for a Rigoletto production as a member of the Sacramento Opera House Choir. His favourite opera is (sometimes) Quinault and Lully’s Aīta. <lars_hvass_pujol@hotmail.com>

The Cappella Musicale Arcivescovile della Basilica di San Petronio in Bologna was founded in 1436 at the request of Pope Eugene IV (the first regularly significant music institutions in Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Important forms of sacred vocal and instrumental music (polyphonal concerted Mass and Vespers, church sonata, solo concert, concerto grosso, trumpet and cello repertoire) were developed within it by such outstanding musicians as Cazzati, Colonna, Perti, Vitali, Gabrielli, Torelli and Jacchini. The Cappella was revived in the 1980s, seeking to rediscover and enhance in a systematic manner the repertoire of the Bolognese school, conserved in abundant quantities in the Basilica’s music archive. The rebirth came about in the light of recent studies of musical philology and of performance practice: under the direction of Sergio Vartolo, the Cappella Musicale di San Petronio formed the first orchestra with period instruments in Italy, collaborating with important musicians active in the field of ‘early music’ (Marc Minkowski, Fabio Biondi, Alessandro Carmignani, Gloria Banditelli, Cristina Miatti, Claudio Cavina, etc.). The Cappella has given concerts all over Europe and has made recordings with Bongiovanni, Dynamic, Harmonia Mundi France, Naxos and Tactus. <http://www.cappella-san-petronio.it>
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**Chair** Lorenzo Bianconi (see p. 64)

Tim Carter has published monographs on Monteverdi’s operas, on Mozart’s *Le nozze di Figaro*, and on Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Oklahoma!* plus a new critical edition of Kurt Weill’s first musical play written in the United States, *Johnny Johnson* (1936). His latest book, co-authored with the economic historian Richard Goldthwaite, is *Orpheus in the Marketplace: Jacopo Peri and the Economy of Late Renaissance Florence*, which appeared in 2013. His next monograph, *Understanding Italian Opera*, will be published by Oxford University Press in 2015. He is David G. Frey Distinguished Professor of Music at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. <cartert@email.unc.edu>

The staging of Peri’s *Euridice* (1600) – Jacopo Peri and Ottavio Rinuccini’s *Euridice*, the first ‘opera’ to survive complete, was performed on 6 October 1600 as part of the festivities in Florence celebrating the marriage of Maria de’ Medici and King Henri IV of France. But newly examined archival documents reveal that this was not the first performance (which took place on 28 May 1600). They also provide detailed information on the design of the original sets and other production matters that permit an accurate reconstruction of the staging. This, in turn, suggests new ways of thinking about the function of these courtly entertainments.

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Giambattista Marino’s *L’Adone*: A drama of madrigals – Giambattista Marino’s *L’Adone* (Paris, 1623) is the longest poem written in the Italian language. The quintessential example for Italian baroque excess, *L’Adone* was censured by Marino’s severest critic, Tomaso Stigliani, for being a poem composed entirely of “a succession of madrigals”. In the face of such censure, Adone inspired several operatic interpretations despite its fragmented narrative, most notably by Domenico Mazzocchi, *La catena d’Adone* 1626 (libretto by Ottavio Tronsoni). Using Mazzocchi’s opera as a case study, this paper explores the relationship between madrigal and opera in the early seventeenth century, proposing that occasionally the requirements of dramatic verisimilitude were secondary to the artificial aesthetic of the Marinist madrigal.
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The re-discovered score of La finta pazza on the Isola Bella: Study of a witness of the travelling opera’s origins. – The music for La finta pazza by Giulio Strozzi and Francesco Sacratì (Teatro Novissimo, Venice, 1641) survives in only one complete score, which is held in the Archive Borromeo on Isola Bella, Lago Maggiore (in the very North of Italy, at the border with Switzerland). By analyzing the manuscript’s structure, watermarks and handwritings, this paper will delineate for the first time the geographical and chronological frame in which the score has been copied, tracing its hypothetical rout to Isola Bella by linking it to the path that Febiarmonici troupes took at the same time in the days when touring opera was still a new genre.

**Recitative and Narrative**

Chair Steven Huebner (see p. 19)

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“Touching and dissolving”: Haydn’s Arianna, recitative and the widening of audience access. – A 1791 review of Haydn's dramatic cantata Arianna a Naxos reported that the “Composition […] produced effects bordering on all that Poets used to feign of ancient lyre […] [I]t is so exquisitely captivating in its larmoyant passages, that it touched and dissolved the audience”. Why did the appearance of the 50-year old male castrato Gasparo Pacchierotti in the heart-wrenching role of the young Ariadne not inhibit the audience's response? Was it perhaps partly because “his recitative was inimitably fine, so that even those who did not understand the language could not fail to comprehend, from his countenance, voice and action, every sentiment he expressed”?\[52\]

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“Poetic reflection” and “Fleeting emotions”: The dramaturgical functions of nineteenth-century recitative. – Recitative constitutes one of the most neglected areas of opera research. According to a vague notion transmitted throughout the centuries, recitative was considered the locus of dramatic ‘action’ in opera in contrast to the expression of ‘sentiments’ which occurred within lyrical numbers. However a closer examination of theoretical and compositional sources reveals a spectrum of dramaturgical functions reaching far beyond this schematic dichotomy. In this paper, I will discuss the music-dramatic functions of declamatory sections in nineteenth-century Italian, German and French opera, finding ways to describe and analyse the broad palette of dramatic events and emotions conveyed through recitative.

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Rovani, opera, Manzoni. – Musicologists are used to attempts to enlist Italian opera in discourse about Italian national history and identity, whether by their own colleagues, opportunistic politicians, or other artists. Mutti’s now-notorious address to the audience at Nabucco in 2011 is only the most widely reported recent example. Objections to such attempts are usually on the grounds that they represent historical elisions, untenable in the face of the evidence of works’ contemporary reception (not to mention unashamedly romanticised). This paper tests those objections in the case of a major early example: Giuseppe Rovani’s Cento anni, a novel serialised in the Gazzetta di Milano 1856-63.\[53\]
Chair Sarah Hibberd is Associate Professor in Music at the University of Nottingham. Her research focuses on opera in Paris and London in the first half of the nineteenth century. Her publications include French Grand Opera and the Historical Imagination (Cambridge, 2009) and edited volumes on melodrama (2011) and music, theatre and art in France (2013). She is currently guest editing a special issue of 19th-Century Music on music and science, and preparing a book entitled French Opera and the Revolutionary Sublime, which examines the cataclysmic tableaux of a series of works between 1789 and 1830 in a broader political and technological contexts. Favourite opera: La Muette de Portici. <sarah.hibberd@nottingham.ac.uk>

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The ballet pantomime Didone abbandonata inspired by Metastasio. – My paper will explore the connections between the opera Didone abbandonata and its ballet version La partenza d’Enea, o sia Didone, choreographed by Gaspare Angiolini in 1766 in Saint Petersburg. By comparing Metastasio’s libretto and Galuppi’s version of the opera (performed in 1763 in Saint Petersburg) to Angiolini’s score with its detailed stage directions it is possible to follow how a complex dramatic story might be translated into gestures and other forms of visual expression. Which elements of the story did Angiolini preserve in his short ballet? How does the musical expression in Angiolini’s score correspond to equivalent passages in the opera? And how can the characters in the ballet be compared with their ‘operatic siblings’? The comparison of the two versions also reveal on a broader scale how changed the view of the classical Virgilian characters between 1724 and 1766 and how strong was the musical inspiration between the opera and ballet pantomime.

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Bathing beauties, languid wasps, and Turkish odalisques: The parallel lives of Meyerbeer’s Chœur des baigneuses in Parisian vaudeville. – The bathers’ chorus and ballet in Meyerbeer’s Les Huguenots is one of the most infamous scenes of French grand opéra, epitomizing the blatant voyeurism of nineteenth-century Parisian theatre culture. Given that Les Huguenots was performed over a thousand times by 1914, its Act II bathing scene was also one of the Paris Opéra’s most frequently staged representations of female community over the course of the long nineteenth century. Meyerbeer’s chœur des baigneuses even appeared in Parisian boulevard theatres as an air connue; the following paper examines various reworkings of this musical number in three vaudevilles of the July Monarchy era.

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The role of baroque topoi in Pelléas et Mélisande by Claude Debussy. – In this paper I will propose a comparative examination of narrative structures and structures of meaning in French baroque opera and in Debussy’s “drame lyrique” Pelléas et Mélisande (1892-1902). The level of meaning, as well as narrative and dramatic levels of Pelléas et Mélisande lean, to a significant degree, upon topoi of French tragédie lyrique, which follow overall development of this genre in 17th and 18th centuries and permeate its whole symbolic field. The paper places, through comparative examples, Debussy’s drame lyrique in relationship towards some of the key topoi of French tragédie lyrique.

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**Reception II: The Audience**

**Chair:** Melina Esse (see p. 31)

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“The house was kept in continual laughter”: Understanding Rossinian humour in London, 1818-1830. – What counts as funny operatically? When and why do we burst out laughing? Who gets the joke? And who decides what is amusing in opera? That Rossini’s music elicits laughter has typically been treated as self-evident, thanks to the popularity of works like Il barbiere di Siviglia. But how was the humour of these works experienced by Rossini’s original audiences, before this expectation was established? London offers an intriguing case: Rossini’s operas arrived in 1818, and their reception between 1818-1830 was ambivalent, not least by comparison with Mozart’s comic operas, which premiered shortly before. Through close attention to contemporary reviews, this paper explores the different roles played by plot, performance and musical content in the comic experience of Rossinian operas. 

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“This scene of mingled order and confusion”: 1847 London and Jenny Lind. – London’s identity during the mid-nineteenth century vacillated between partly as the result of major urban developments. Following the opening in 1847 of the Royal Italian Opera (the company that was to unsettle the monopoly of Her Majesty’s Theatre), a reconfiguration of the city’s operatic scene took place. This paper addresses some of these metropolitan tensions by focusing on accounts of Jenny Lind’s 1847 season at Her Majesty’s Theatre, as well as on broader traces, both verbal and visual, of contemporary Lind mania.
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Silent tickets: Emotions, habitus, and bourgeois musical values of the operatic public in nineteenth-century Berlin, Milan, Paris, London, and Vienna. — The rise of a new order of feelings reshaped the display of emotions among the public of opera in Europe. This is connected to the European middle-classes and their ideas of refinement and self-discipline. This paper analyses primary sources, namely, gazettes, memoirs, rules of attendance. The transnational perspective provides a vivid narrative of reception in selected nineteenth-century operatic venues, and allows for the identification of a common European civic culture.

Transnational Opera II

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Between production and consumption: The opera genre in Uruguay. — The paper proposes a reflection on the contrast between the intense reception of the opera genre in Uruguay and the scarce domestic production. The analysis is based on research developed in the archives of several theaters and also included specialized press and interviews with composers, performers, and managers. In Uruguay, Opera marked the inauguration of most theatres in the 19th century. Its audience included not only social and economic elites, but also the population of Italian immigrants and their descendants. Italian opera dominates the repertoire since the mid-19th century to the present time. The challenge of our research is to explain some of the dynamics of production and consumption that remain until today, when the country is no longer proud to be “the most european” of Latin America.

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Operatic giallo: On hearing Englishness in Britten’s The Turn of the Screw (1954). — This paper looks at what it meant to witness Britten’s The Turn of the Screw at its premiere in Venice in 1954. Whereas Anglo-American commentators foreground the opera’s intellectual rather than its visceral appeal, Italian critics struggled to move beyond visceral responses. The gothic modernism was seen as a peculiarly English trait, one that jarred with their own cultural climate. Rehearing Screw within this context thus prompts a reconsideration of the relationship between opera and transnationalism, as well as illuminating a surprising moment when beleaguered Italian operatic culture was being defined in relation to an English operatic modernism.

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Reframing a Western-style opera with Chinese literati practice: Transcultural hybridity in Zhou Long’s Madame White Snake (2010). — Zhou Long’s opera Madame White Snake, which premiered in Boston and Beijing in 2010 and won him the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 2011, is a Western-style opera framed with the Chinese literati practice of poem-painting. The composer re-conceptualizes the Chinese framing device of poetic inscription and creates cross-medium hybridity in
the opera. The seemingly incompatible aesthetics of the two high cultures, Chinese
poem-painting and Western opera, are integrated through sonic means. The centuries-
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life in Western operatic language.

Voices Across Media

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Celluloid diva: Staging Leoncavallo’s Zazà in the cinematic age.
– Geraldine Farrar’s performances in Leoncavallo’s Zazà (1900) at the Metropolitan
Opera in the 1920s were acclaimed as a particular triumph for the soprano: a moment
when the singer’s own complex iconography overtook the opera she appeared in, and
a tawdry musical mummy was miraculously reanimated by a multimedia diva. This
paper will explore the staging of Zazà within the wider reception of Italian opera in
New York, and examine the shifting forms of agency with which performers were
imbued at a time when new works were increasingly failing, and opera was shadowed
by the rise of cinema.
Closing Session

The Museo internazionale e Biblioteca della musica di Bologna is housed in the Palazzo Aldini Sanguinetti, an historic building in which the IMET (Istituto di Studi Musicali e Teatrali founded by Giuseppe Vecchi), and the Dipartimento di Musica e Spettacolo of the Università di Bologna were previously housed. The rooms of the exhibit were formerly the apartment of the celebrated Rossinian tenor Domenico Donzelli (also the first Pollione in Bellini’s Norma). Rossini, who did not like to live in his own palace (placed only few meters away, in the same street), spent a lot of time with his second wife in Donzelli’s house, till the last night of his stay in Bologna (27 April 1848), when appearing on the balcony he was insulted by a handful of Sicilian revolutionaries passing through Bologna. The Museum is connected with the Library (I-Bc) that inherited Padre Martini’s prestigious collections of music manuscripts and prints, as well as portraits of musicians. Saved from the Napoleonic confiscations due to the intervention of Stanislao Mattei (Martini’s disciple and the teacher of Rossini, Donizetti, Morlacchi, and Pacini), the valuable bibliographic patrimony was donated to the Liceo musicale di Bologna in 1816. The Liceo had been founded in 1804 at the former convent of the Agostinians near the church of San Giacomo Maggiore (nowadays Piazza Rossini), having as students the above-mentioned opera composers and Respighi among the others, and famous directors like Rossini, Mancinelli, Martucci, and Busoni. The library grew considerably throughout the 19th century because of the valuable items and rare volumes acquired by Gaetano Gaspari, who was appointed librarian by Rossini in 1855. After many years of hard work, he was able to organize and card-catalogue all the library material (the so called “Catalogo Gaspari”). In 1942, when the Liceo musicale was transformed into a state institution (the Regio Conservatorio di Musica), the Comune di Bologna chose to maintain ownership of Padre Martini’s bibliographic patrimony and the attached picture gallery. The Civico Museo Bibliografico Musicale was founded in 1959 in order to preserve the bibliographic patrimony and portrait gallery. In 2004 it was converted into the present International Museum and Library of Music of Bologna.

<http://www.museibologna.it/musica>

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Musical dramaturgy and History of the Opera. – Due to the very nature of its subject, musical dramaturgy is a multi-faceted discipline, and cannot certainly be reduced to Musicology alone. It is a historical-critical discipline in that it expresses opinions about works of art and historically determined theatrical events. It does not, however, coincide with the history of opera as such, which takes into account many extra-dramatic factors, from production systems to Formenlehre. In an age where the sense of history is on the wane, musical dramaturgy scholars carry a special burden of responsibility: more than actualizing texts from the past, they should strive to emphasize their distance, while filling it with meaning.
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