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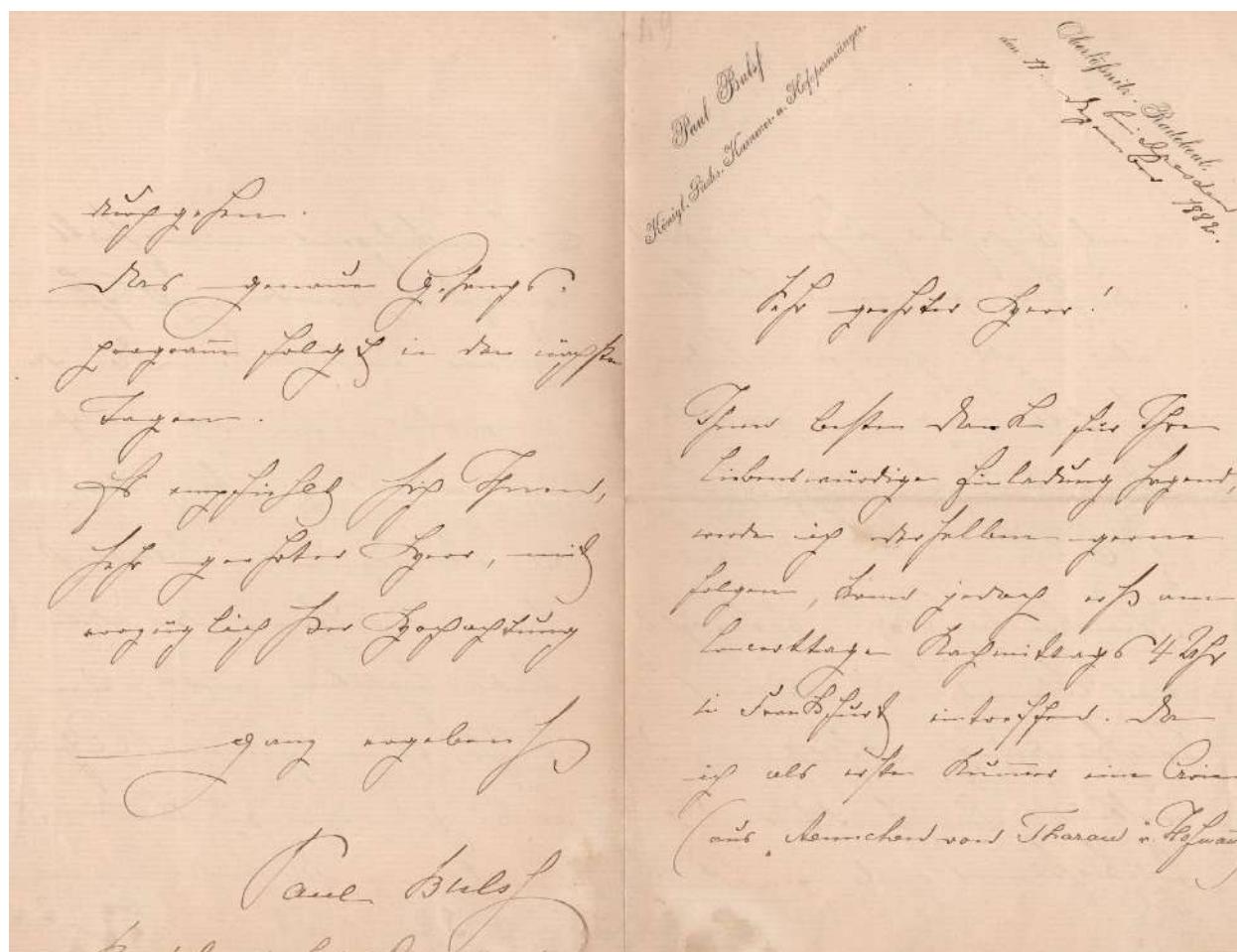
# Music autographs and photographs: composers, singers and instrumentalists

1. Paul Bulss (Neuruppin, 1847 - Temesvar, 1902)

Wilhelm Kienzl

Autograph letter signed, dated *Radebeul 11 Dezember 1882* by the German operatic baritone. He appeared in title roles such as Mozart's Don Giovanni, Marschner's Hans Heiling, Rossini's Barber and Wagner's Filigender Holländer. He created roles in several world premieres, such as in Kienzl's Der Evangelimann and Don Quixote. Bulss addresses a gentleman, thanking him for the invitation to take part in a concert and set some details for both the music to be sung and the related rehearsals. 4 pp. In-8.

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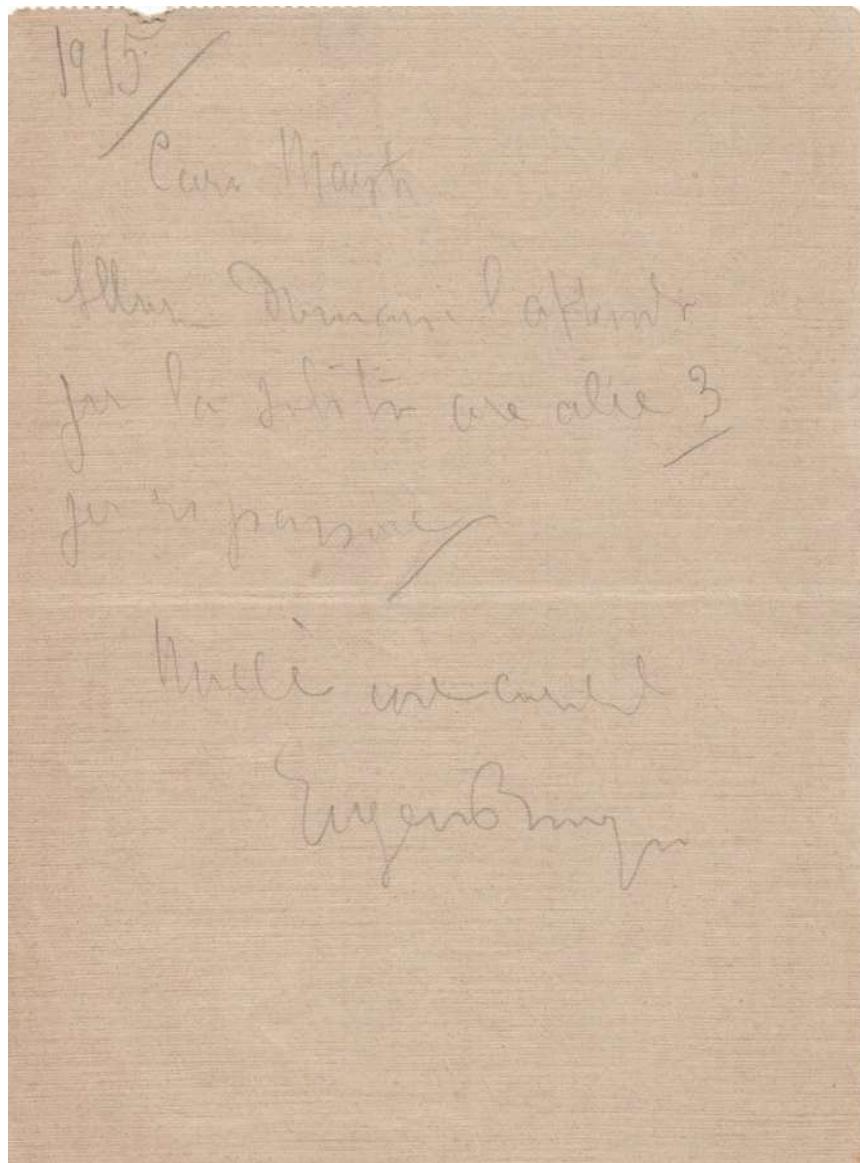


**2. Eugenia Burzio** (Poirino, 1872 - Milan, 1922)

*Angelo Bettinelli*

Autograph letter signed, in pencil, not dated [1915] by the Italian soprano. Addressed to the composer Angelo Bettinelli (1878-1953), concerning an upcoming meeting. 1 p. In-8.

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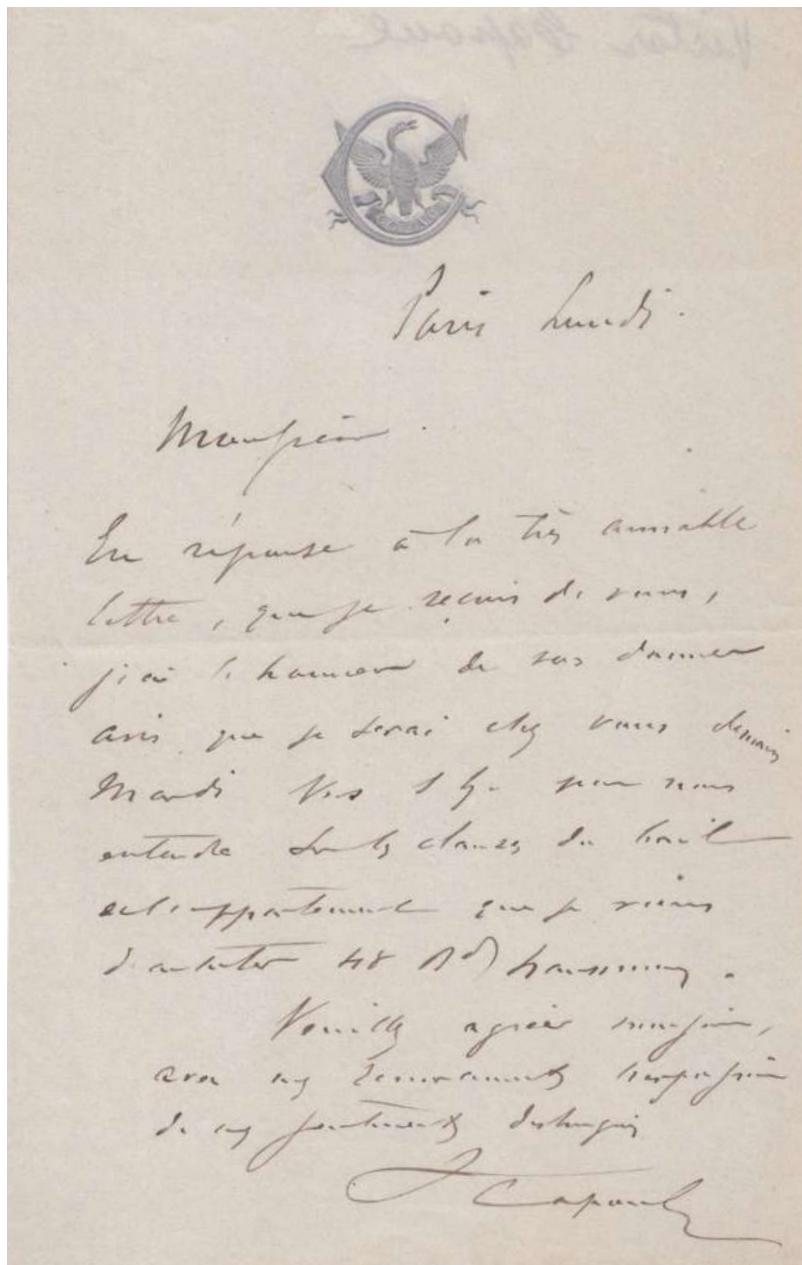


**3. Victor Capoul** (Toulouse, 1839 - Pujaudran, 1924)

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris lundi* by the French lyric tenor, he was pupil of Alphonse Révial, he created roles for Gounod, Offenbach, Lefébure-Wély and others. To a gentleman, arranging for a meeting. 1 p. In-8. With embossed letterhead.

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**4. Emanuel Carrión** (Seville, 1817 - Milan, 1876)

To Innocenzo Canedi

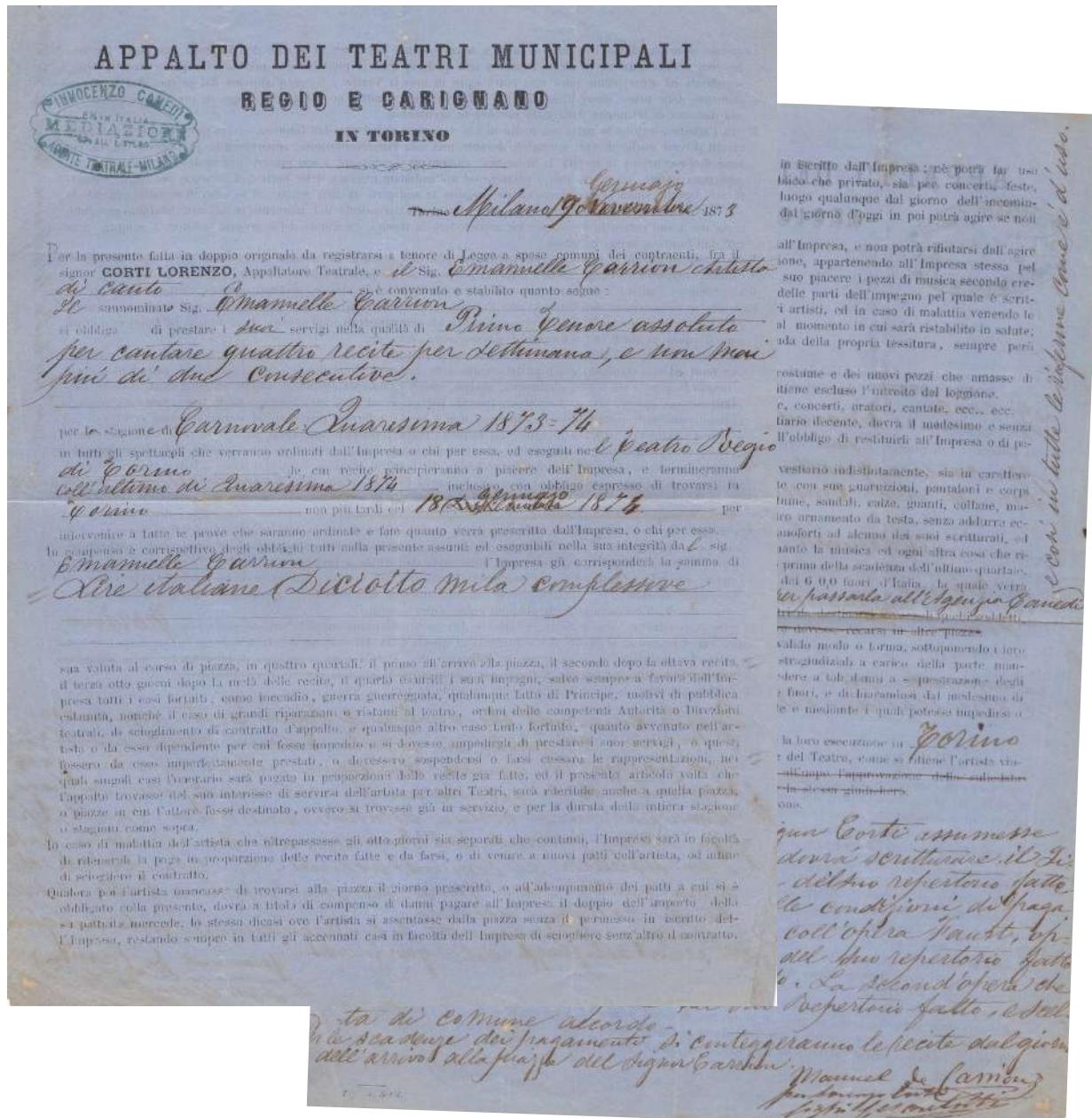
Two fine autograph letters signed by the Spanish tenor. He had a very brilliant career, especially in Italy, and was admired especially for his mastery of singing technique. There are also recorded outstanding performances by Carrión in Vienna, Moscow, Paris, where he debuted in 1855. In Barcelona, in November and December 1862, he sang at the Liceu, performing in the role of Sir Edgardo di Ravenswood in "Lucia di Lammermoor". **A.** Lemberg 13 Settembre 1873. To the impresario Canedi: "... Sono qui come vedi, e questa sera vado in scena con Lucia. Non parlai ancora con la [Teodosia] Friderici del noto affare perché attendo occasione propizia (...) Ai primi di ottobre sarò a Milano. Qui farò dieci recite, con le opere Traviata, Ebbrea, Lucia, Ugonotti, Roberto, Sonnambula, etc...". 2 pp. In-8. **B.** Not dated. To Canedi, reccomending the bariton Ignazio Priani. 2 pp. On visiting card. € 180



**5. Emanuel Carrión** (Seville, 1817 - Milan, 1876)

Torino - Teatro Regio

Partly printed contract, dated *Milano 19 Gennajo 1873* with autograph lines and signature by the Spanish tenor, who performed operas by Antonio Buzzi, Carlo Pedrotti, Errico Petrella. 2 pp. In-4. Defects. € 120

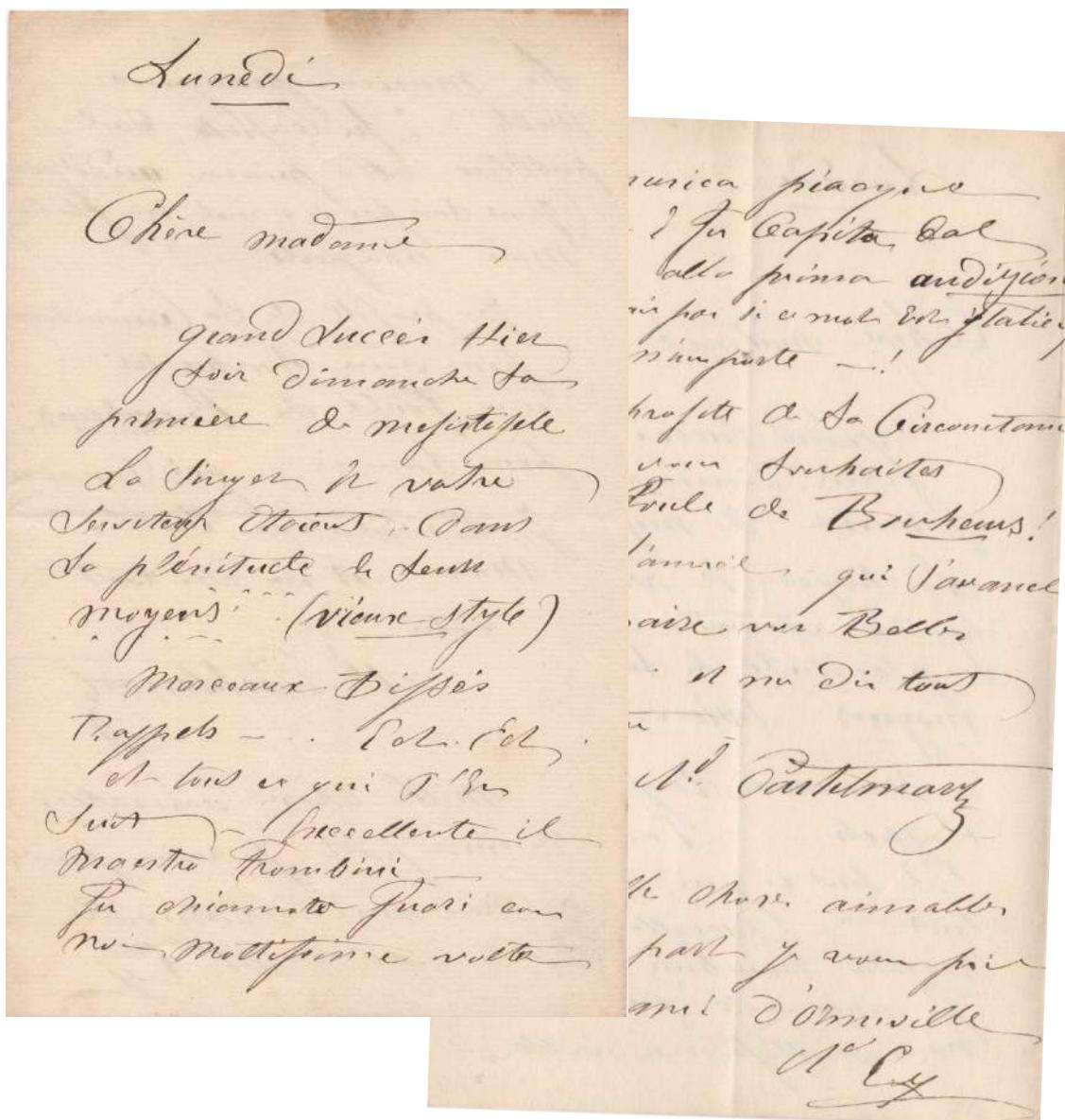


**6. Arman Castelmary** (Toulouse, 1834 - New York, 1897)

*Ambroise Thomas*

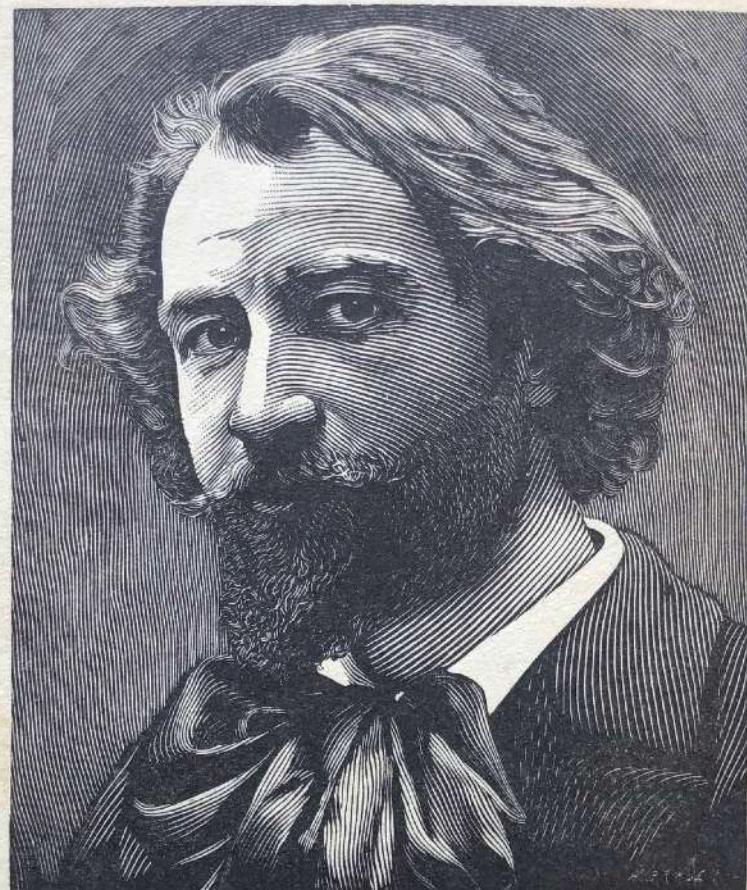
Autograph letter signed, dated *Lunedì* by the French operatic bass, he created roles in three major premieres at Paris Opera such as Don Diego in Meyerbeer's *L'Africaine* (1865), the Monk in Verdi's *Don Carlos* (1867) and Horatio in Thomas' *Hamlet* (1868). He died on stage at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York during a performance of *Martha* by Friedrich von Flotow. Castelmary addresses a lady: "...grand succès hier soir dimanche la première de Mefistofele. Le services de votre serviteur étaient dans la plénitude de deux moyens (vieux style) (...) Excellente il Maestro Trombini - fu chiamato fuori con noi moltissime volte. La musica piacque molto - fu capita dal pubblico alla prima audizione...". 2 pp. In-8.

€ 100



**7. Gustave Charpentier** (Moselle, 1860 - Paris, 1956)

Engraved portrait with autograph signature of the French composer and conductor, pupil of Jules Massenet at Paris Conservatory. 1 p. € 150



Gustave Charpentier

**8. Sophie Cruvelli** (Bielefeld, 1826 - Monte-Carlo, 1907)

Verdi

Autograph letter signed by the German dramatic soprano, she was pupil of Francesco Piermarini and Marco Bordogni. She was admired for her vocal powers and as a tragédienne both by Verdi and Meyerbeer. *Gênes le 12 Octobre [1850]*. To a gentleman: "...Je m'étonne beaucoup de la présomption que vous avez en que je me refasse à chanter dans la partition della *Louisa Miller*...". 2 pp. In-8.

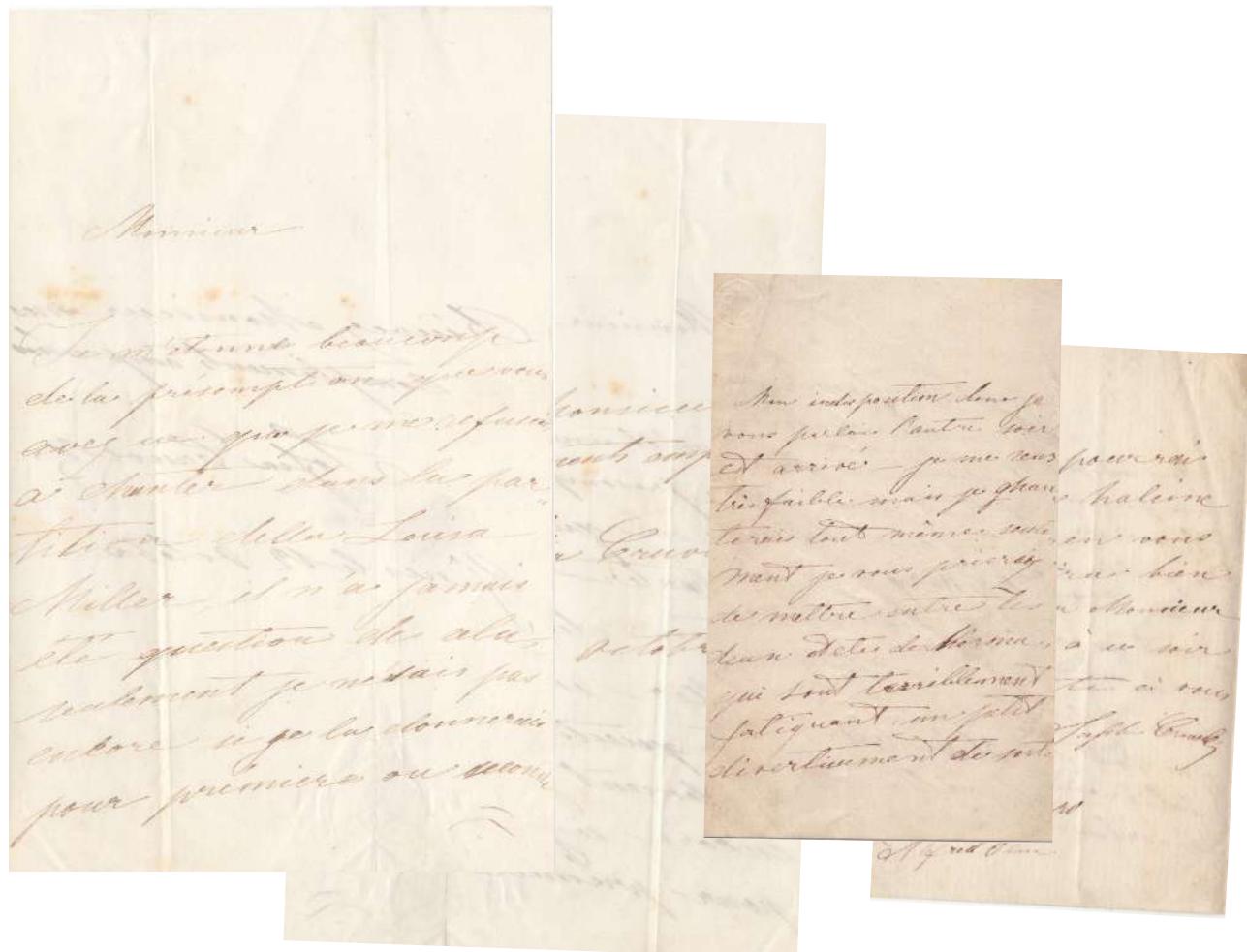
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**9. Sophie Cruvelli** (Bielefeld, 1826 - Monte-Carlo, 1907)

Bellini

Interesting autograph letter signed dated *31 Mai 1840*. To a composer: "...je vous prierai de mettre entre les deux actes de *Norma*, qui sont terriblement fatigant, un petit divertissement de sorte que je pourrai prendre haleine...". 2 pp. In-16.

€ 120



**10. Eugen D'Albert (1864 - 1932), Ossip Gabrilowtisch (1878-1936), Jan Blockx (1851-1912)**

Three autograph musical quotations signed by the three musicians. Gabrilowitsch pens four bars from a *Menuet* dating it *Genève 5. III. 98.* On the verso, D'Albert and Blockx pen five and six bars respectively from *Der Rubin* (1893), dated *Genf 17 Dec. 98*, and from *Princesse d'Auberge [De Herbergprinses]* (1897), dated on the Geneva premiere *Genève le 6 Février. 2 pp.* In-4. With one side decorated with floral motifs.

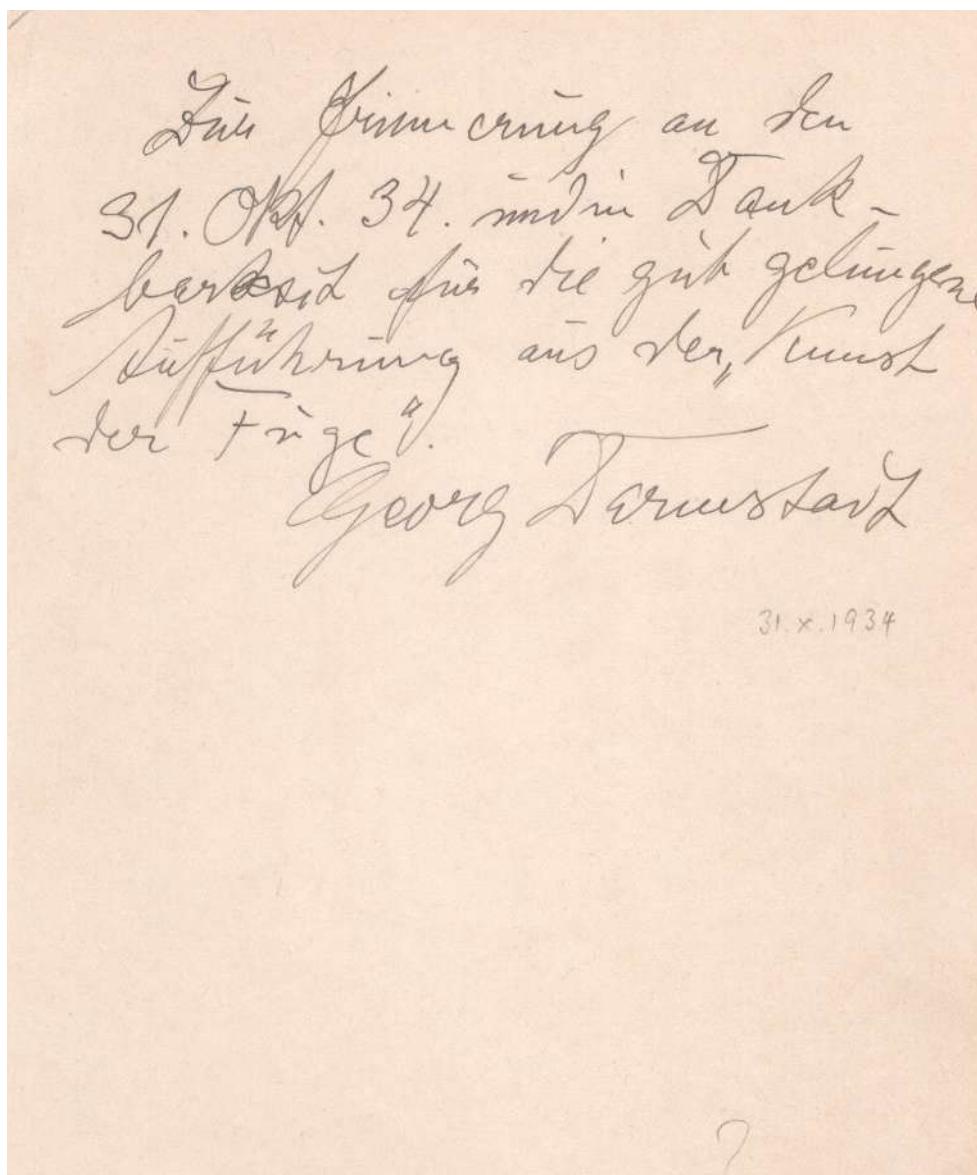
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**11. Georg Darmstadt** (Mainz, 1886 - 1952)*Einstein and music*

Autograph album sheet signed "Georg Darmstadt" dated "31. Okt. 34" by the German conductor. This sheet comes from the personal album of the Catalan violinist Joaquin Mestres, member of the Orchestre Pau Casals. 1 p. In fine condition. The New York Philharmonic received this note from t Albert Einstein two years after he immigrated to the US to avoid Nazism in Germany. He requested the Philharmonic perform an arrangement of J.S. Bach's The Art of the Fugue by German conductor Georg Darmstadt. Einstein was a music lover and known to attend Philharmonic concerts on occasion. The Philharmonic was able to program this piece for its New York Premiere in 1940, coincidentally the same year Einstein gained American citizenship.

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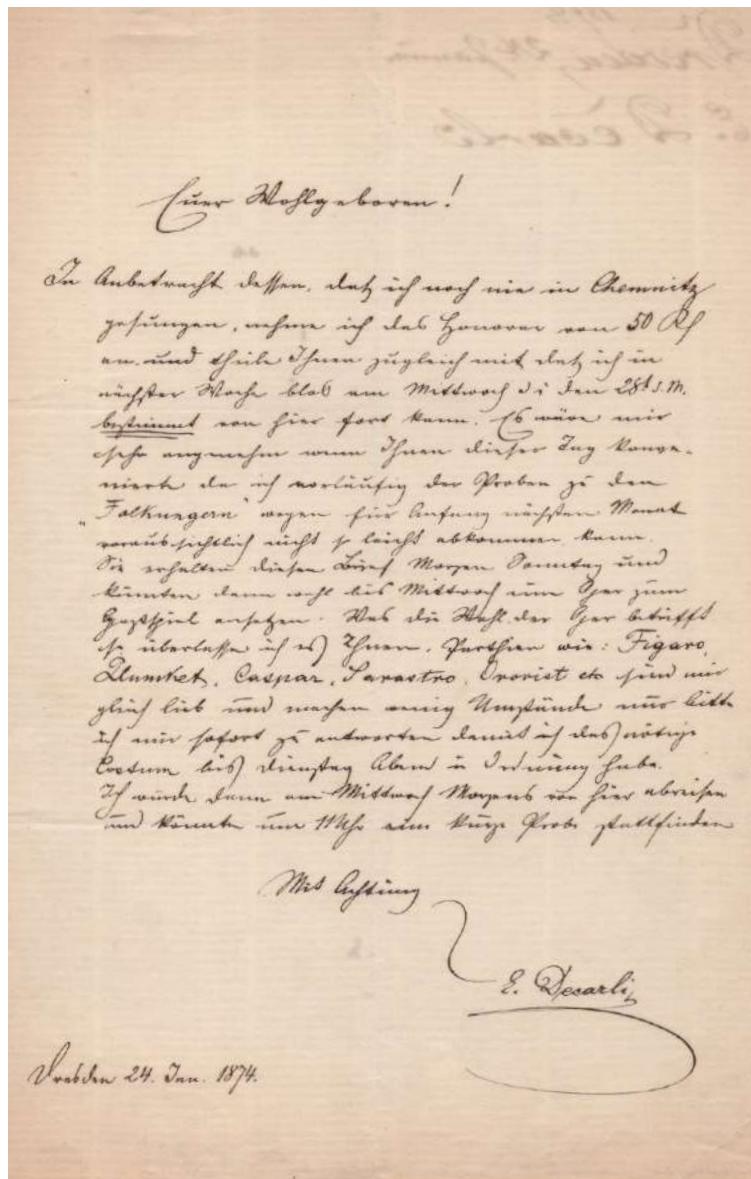


**12. Eduard Decarli** (Olmütz, 1846 - Radebeul, 1903)

Dresden Court Theater

Autograph letter signed, dated 24 Jan. 1874 by the German bass, he was pupil of Matteo Salvi and Giovanni Gentiluomo, he made his debut in 1868 at Frankfurt am Main Stadttheater. To a gentleman, concerning his repertoire. 1 p. In-4.

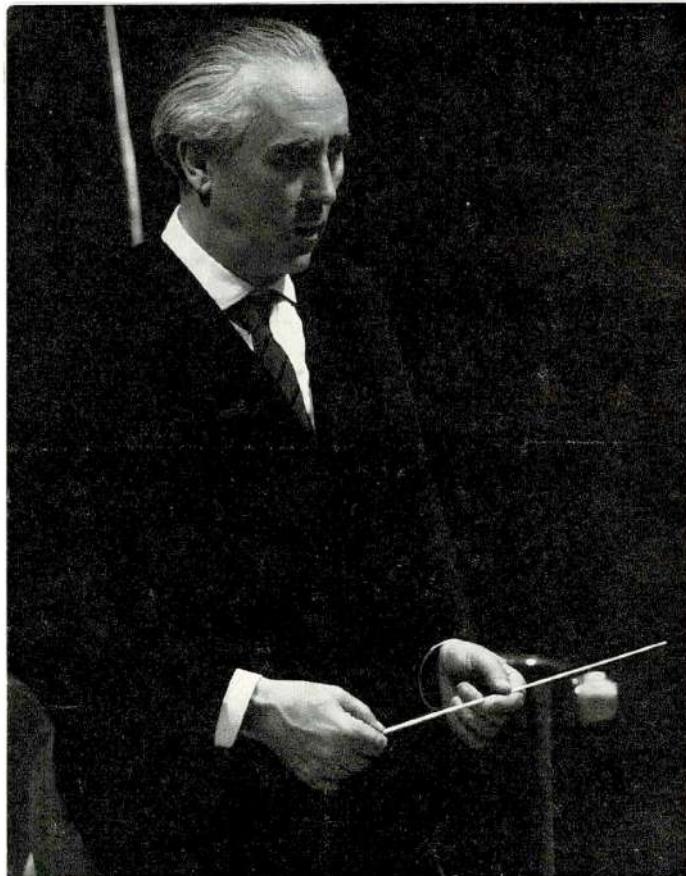
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**13. Werner Egk** (Donauwörth, 1901 - Inning am Ammersee, 1983)

Photographic portrait with autograph signature of the German composer. (15.5 x 22 cm).

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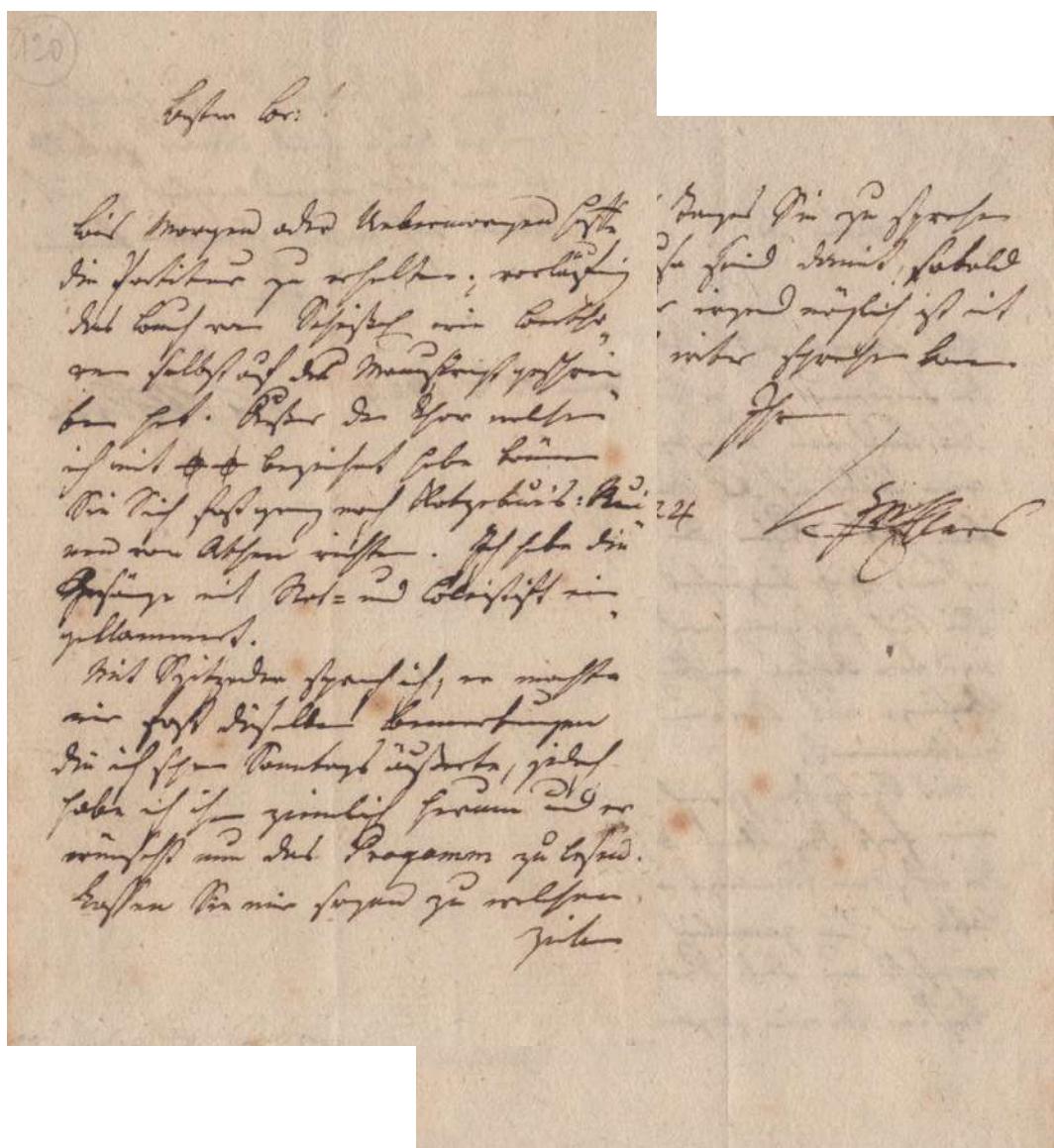


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Werner Egk".

**14. Wilhelm Ehlers** (Hanover, 1774 - Mainz, 1845)

*Goethe and Beethoven*

Autograph letter signed, dated 1824 by the German actor, theatre director and tenor. Ehlers addresses a gentleman, about musical matters. 1 p. 1/2. In-8. Ehlers was an autodidact and began his career in 1796. He was a close friend and collaborator of Goethe and Beethoven. From 1798/99 to December 31, 1800 he worked at the Hamburg Theater together with his wife, the actress Christiane Ehlers, née Knocke. From 1801 to 1805 the acting couple worked at the Weimar Court Theater under the direction of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, who, like Friedrich Schiller, held the actor Ehlers in high esteem. In 1804 he published his own compositions based on texts by Goethe entitled "Deutsche Gesänge" accompanied by the guitar or the clavier. On 1805 he made guest appearances in Berlin before making his debut at the Vienna Court Opera on November 8, 1805. He stayed there until 1811. On 1823 he traveled back and forth between Vienna and Pressburg several times, also visiting Beethoven in Vienna. After that he was at the Ständisches Theater in Graz until autumn 1823. From August 1824 he was engaged as an opera director and singing teacher at the newly founded Königsstadt Theater in Berlin. From August 1825 to May 1826 he was an opera director at the Magdeburg Theater; his daughter Louise was also working there at the time. On 1826 he traveled to Mannheim with his daughter and from July 1826 to June 1827 he was director and singing teacher at the Mannheim Theater. During this time, with Beethoven's consent, he reworked his music for the festival "Die Weihe des Hauses" into a one-act opera "Simson" and offered this work to the Schott publishing house in June 1827. € 280



15. Louise von Ehrenstein (Vienna, 1867 - ib., 1944)

Gustav Mahler

Partly printed telegram with autograph lines and signature by the Austrian soprano, she worked with Gustav Mahler at Vienna Court Opera. Ehrenstein addresses the impresario Calori, asking for the scheduled dates for the performance of Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*. 1 p. In-8.

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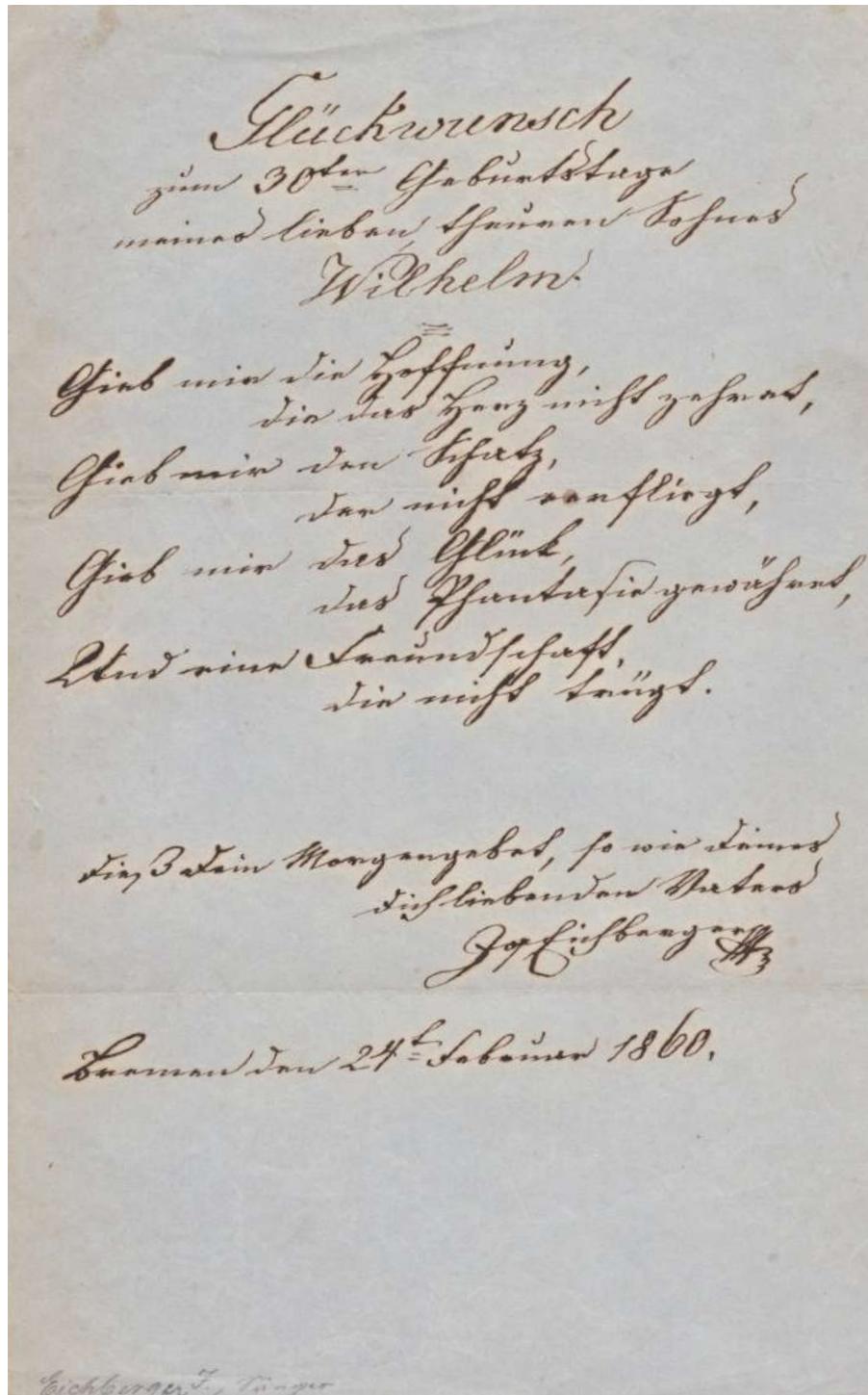


16. Josef Eichberger Sr. (Zbiroh, 1801 - Bremen, 1862)

Gaspare Spontini - Alcidor

Rare autograph letter signed as a poem for birthday wishes, dated *Bremen 24te Februar 1860* by the Bohemian tenor and opera director He had a very good reputation as a tenor in heroic and sometimes also in sentimental roles. In 1825 he created the role of Alcidor in the first performance of Spontini's eponymous opera. Having returned from Paris, where he made guest appearances with the Deutsche Oper and performed successfully alongside Wilhelmine Schröder-Devrient, he received an application from Florian Ringelhart to Leipzig. He worked there until 1835. 1 p. In-8.

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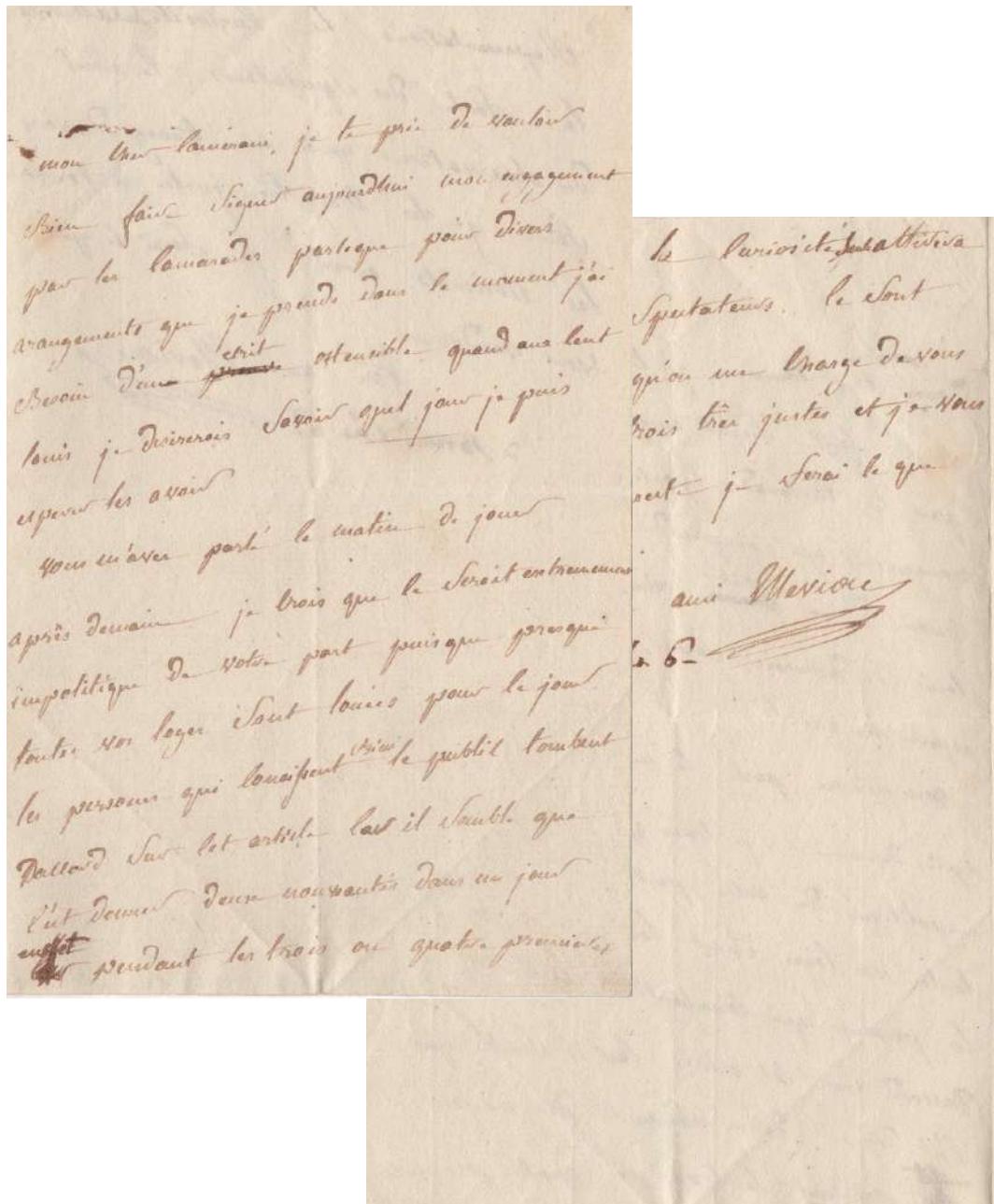


## 17. Jean Elleviou (Rennes, 1769 - Paris, 1842)

French revolution stage

Rare and interesting early autograph letter signed, dated *3 Bru.[maire] l'an 6* [24.10.1797] by the French celebrated tenor, who created many roles for operas by Grétry, Dalayrac, Boieldieu, Méhul and many others. Elleviou addresses the actor at the Théâtre des Italiens **Bartolomeo Camerani** (1735-1816): “...je te prie de vouloir bien faire signer aujourd’hui mon engagement par les camarades parce-que pour divers arrangements que je prends dans le moment j’ai besoin d’un écrit ostensible. Quand aux Cent louis je désirerais savoir quel jour je puis espérer les avoir...”. 1 p. 1/2. In.-8.

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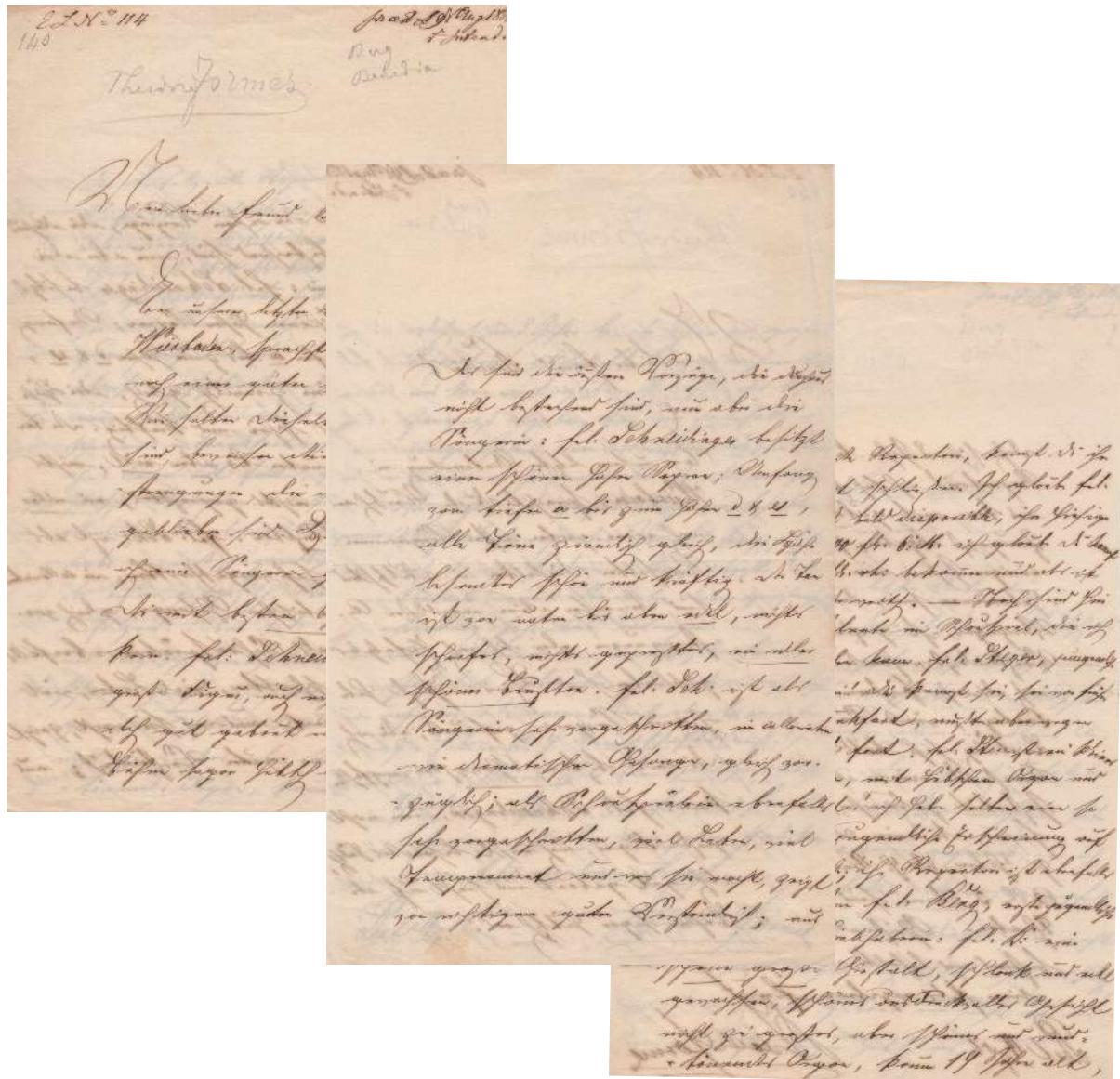


**18. Theodor Formes** (Mülheim an der Ruhr, 1826 - Enderich, 1874)

*Julius Benedict*

Autograph letter signed, dated 8 Aug 1858 by the German tenor, he made his debut as Edgardo in Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* in Budapest (1846). He was brother of Karl, with whom he toured America. Formes addresses the composer **Julius Benedict** (1804-1885), concerning performances and fees. 3 pp. In-8.

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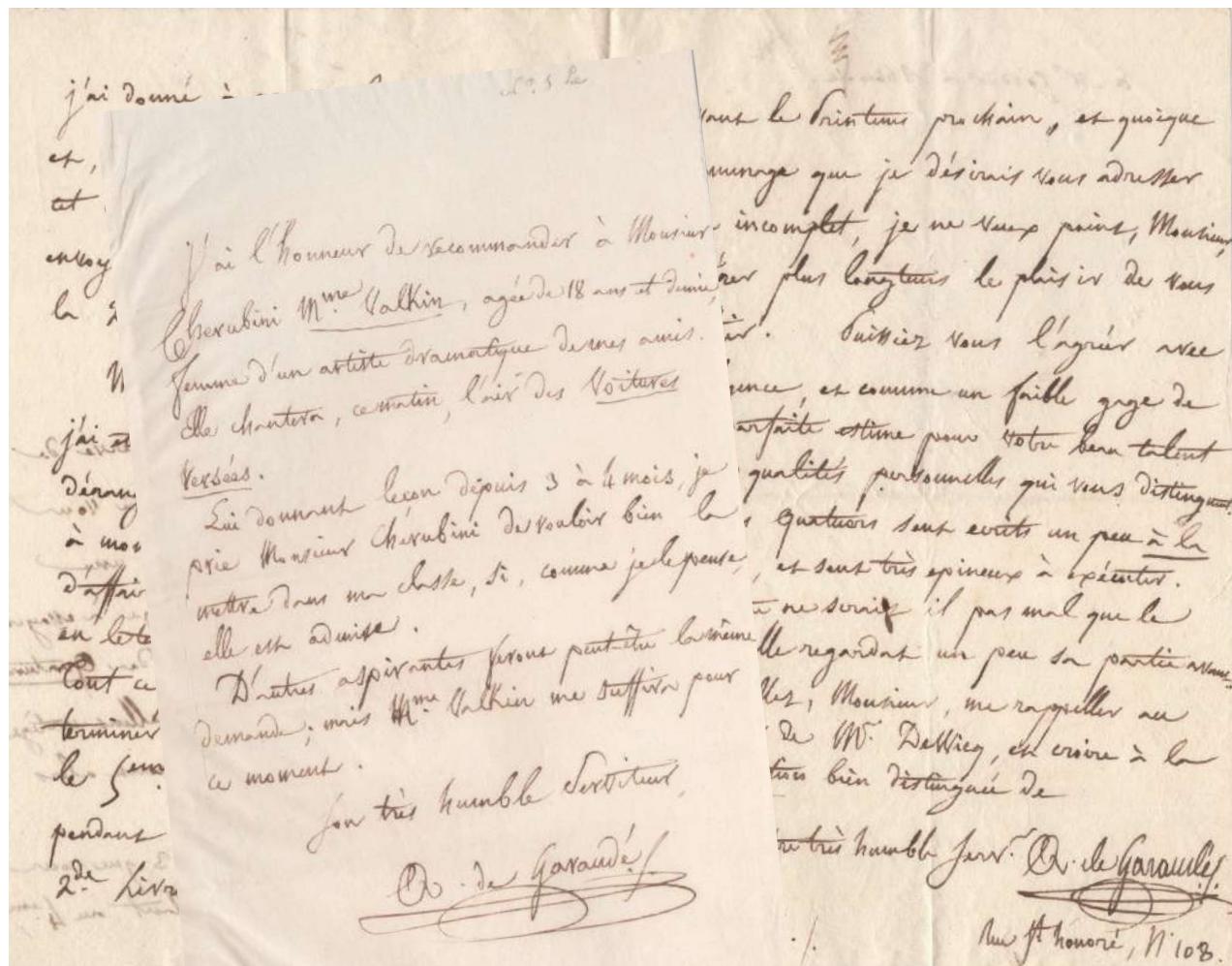
### 19. Alexis de Garaudé (Nancy, 1779 - Paris, 1852)

Autograph letter signed by the French singer, composer and singing teacher at the Conservatoire de Paris. Addressed to **Luigi Cherubini** (1760-1842): "J'ai l'honneur de recommander à Monsieur Cherubini M.me Valkin, âgée de 18 ans et demie, femme d'un artiste dramatique de mes amis. Elle chantera, ce matin, l'air des *Voitures versées* [François-Adrien Boieldieu, 1775-1834]. Lui donnant leçon depuis 3 à 4 mois, je prie Monsieur Cherubini de vouloir bien la mettre dans une classe, si, comme je le pense, elle est admise...". 1 p. In-8. € 140

### 20. Alexis de Garaudé (Nancy, 1779 - Paris, 1852)

Cordier in Abbeville - Flute

Fine autograph letter signed *Ce 22 Xbre 1821* by the French singer, composer and singing teacher at the Conservatoire de Paris. To Mr. Cordier in Abbeville: "...Le souvenir que j'ai conservé de votre talent sur la flûte, ou vous réunissez la grâce du style à une brillante execution, m'a engagé à Mayer de composer exprès pour vous de quatuors qui, joués par vous et l'excellent cortège musical de Mr. De Wicy, pourront alors obtenir quelques succès. J'ai composé, cet été, les 3 que vous trouverez ci joint. En travaillant au 4ème, j'ai donné à graver les trois premières et, espérant finir de suite les six de cet oeuvre 35, j'avais différé de vous envoyer le 1re livraison jusqu'à ce que la 2 soit aussi gravée (...) Ces quatuors sont écrits un peu à la Rossini, et sont très épineux à exécuter. Peut être ne serait il pas mal que le violoncelle regardait un peu sa partie avant...". 3 pp. In-8. € 160

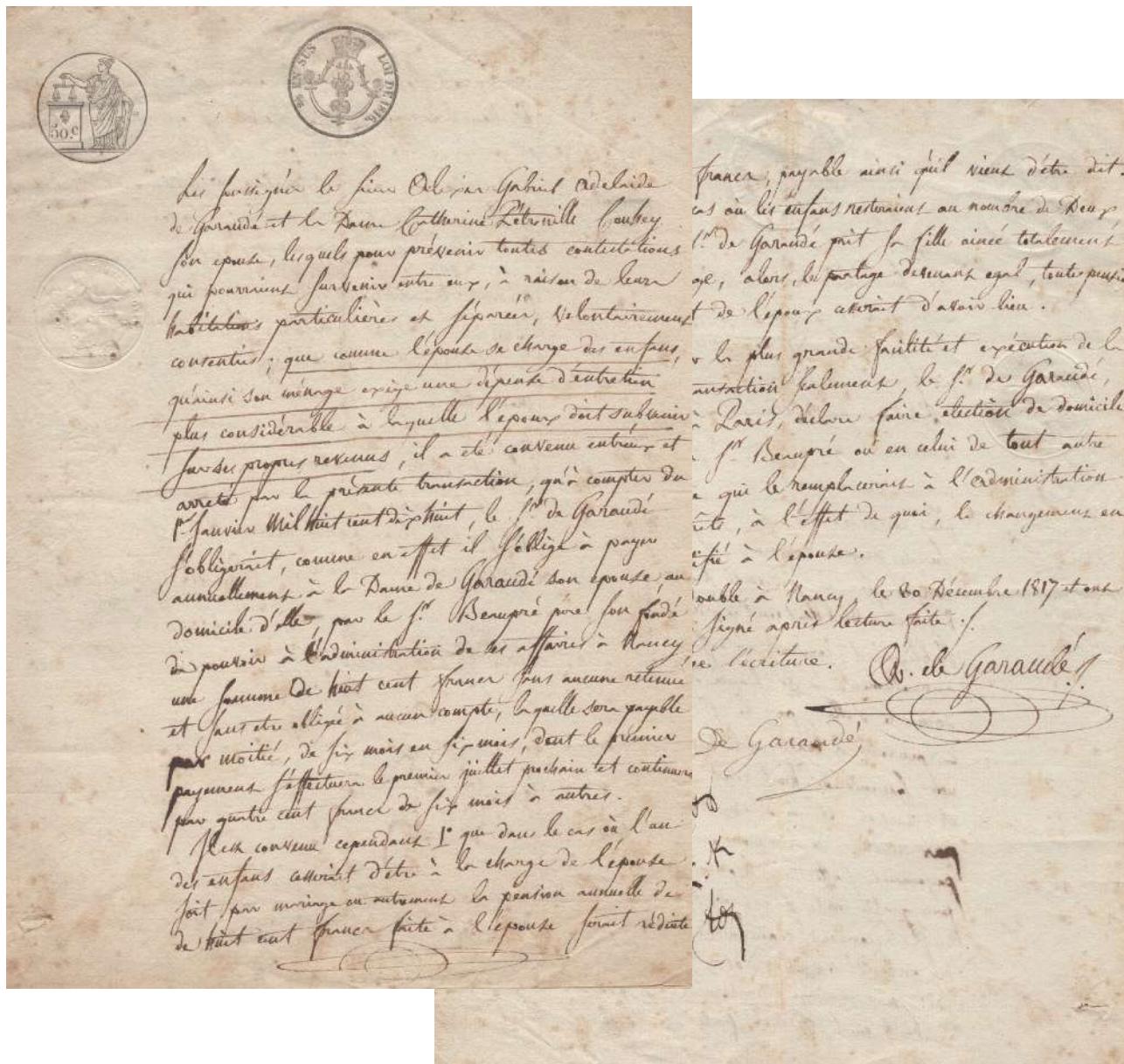


**21. Alexis de Garaudé** (Nancy, 1779 - Paris, 1852)

*The divorce of Alexis de Garaudé*

Document signed, dated 30 Décembre 1817, by the French composer stating the divorce and child support conditions between de Garaudé and Catherine Petrouille Caubey. We report an extract: "...pour prévenir toutes contestations qui pourraient survenir entre eux, à raison de leur habitation particulières et séparer, volontairement contentées; que comme l'épouse se charge des enfants qu'ainsi son ménage exige une dépense d'entretien plus considérable à laquelle l'époux doit subvenir pour ses propres revenus, il a été convenu entre eux et arrêté par la présente transaction qu'à compter du 1er Janvier mil huit cent dix huit, le Sr. de Garaudé s'obligerait, comme en effet il s'oblige à payer annuellement à la Dame de Garaudé son épouse, au domicile d'elle (...) une somme de huit cent francs...". 2 pp. In-4. With stamped paper.

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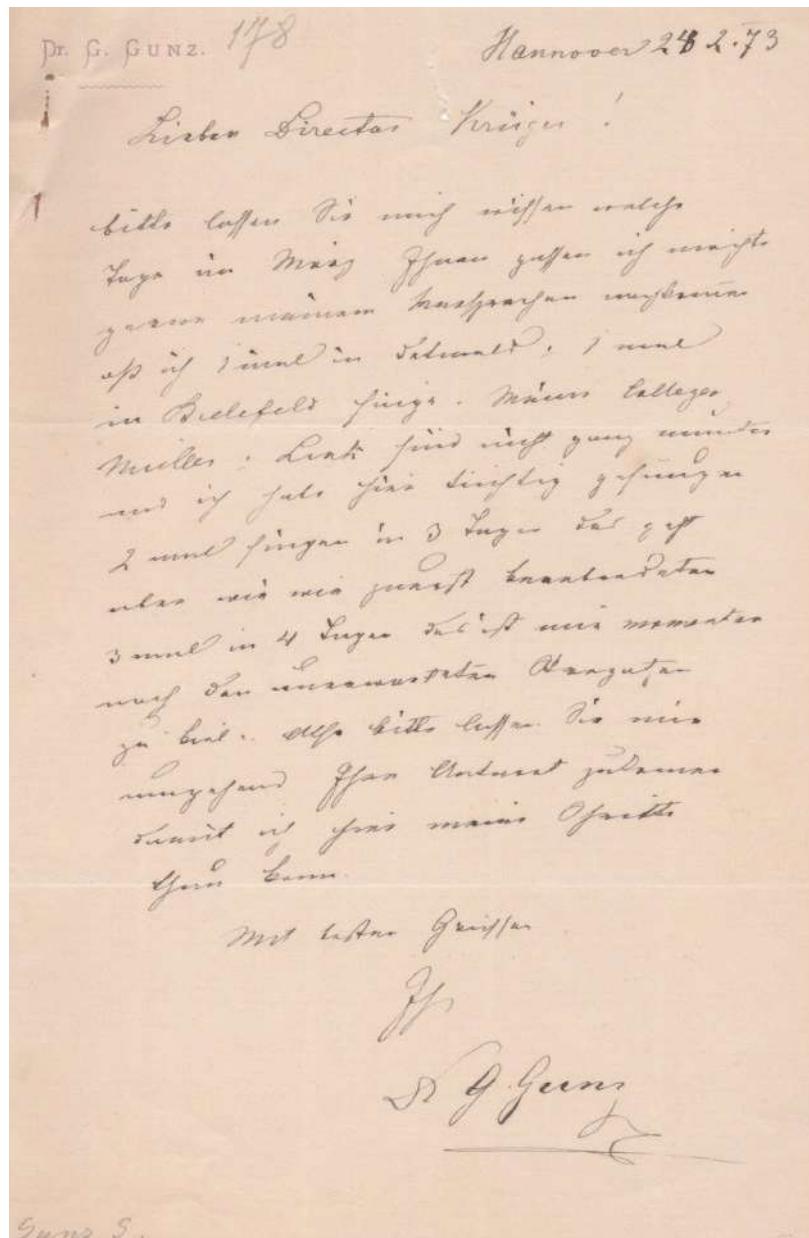


**22. Gustav Gunz** (Gaunersdorf, 1831 - Frankfurt a. M., 1894)

Franz Liszt

Autograph letter signed, dated Hannover 28.2.73 by the Austrian doctor and chamber opera singer. When Liszt performed his Missa Sollemnis for the first time and the accidental drowning of the tenor whose difficult part Gunz took over at the last hour, brought him his first success with a larger public. Through Liszt's employment he received an engagement request in Weimar. The letter is addressed to Mr. Krüger, asking him to schedule his performances in March. 1 p. In-8. With letterhead.

€ 150



23. Adolf Hacker (1832 - Gotha, 1883)

Franz Liszt

Autograph musical quotation signed, dated *Warnemünde d. 13 August 1875* by the German Court opera tenor, he was father of the painter and stage designer Georg Hacker (1863-1945). Hacker pens five bars of an *Ardente non troppo* from Franz Liszt's "Die Stille Wasserrose" with words by Emanuel Geibel. 1 p. In-8.

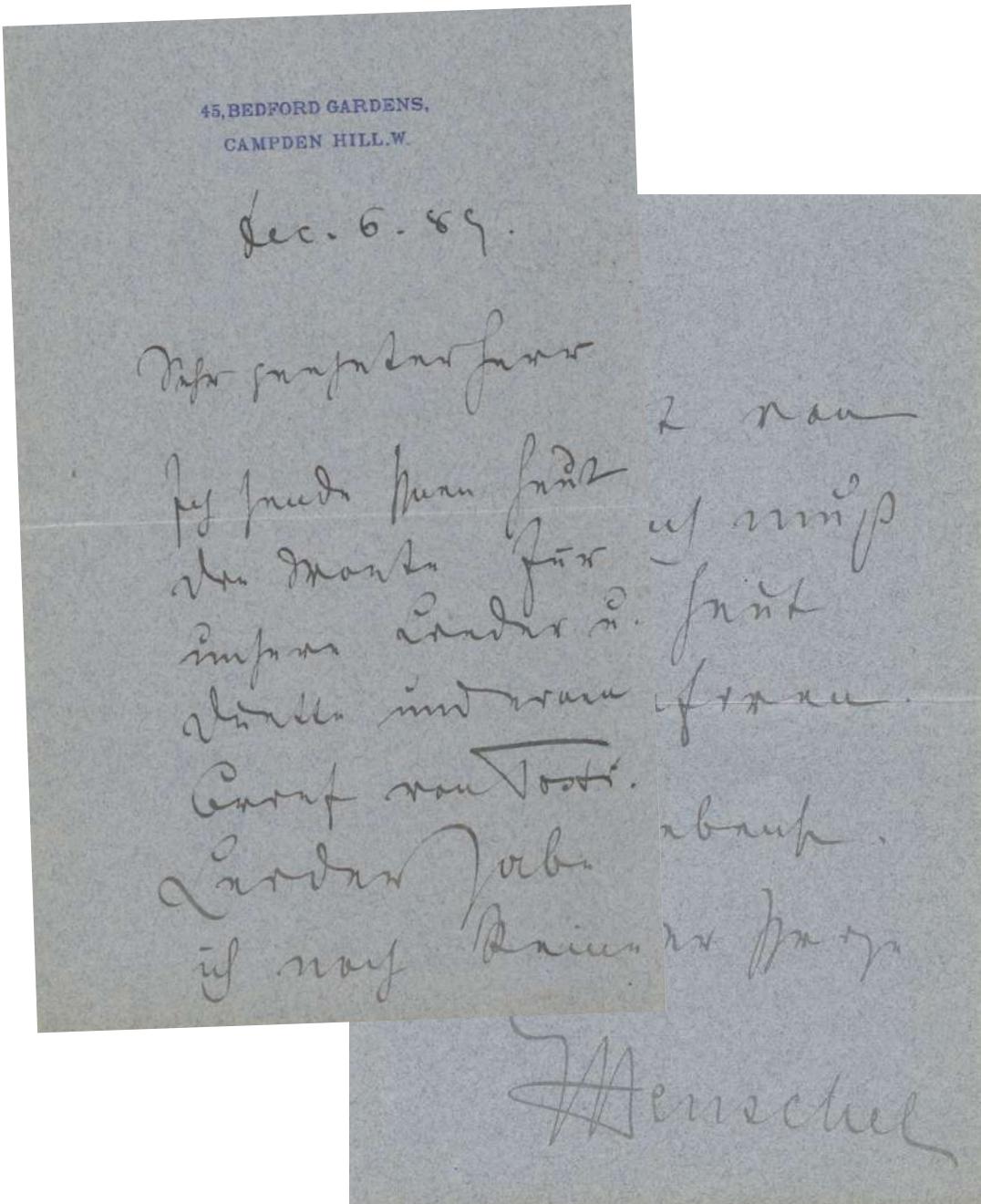
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**24. George Henschel** (Breslau, 1850 - Aviemore, 1934)

*Johannes Brahms*

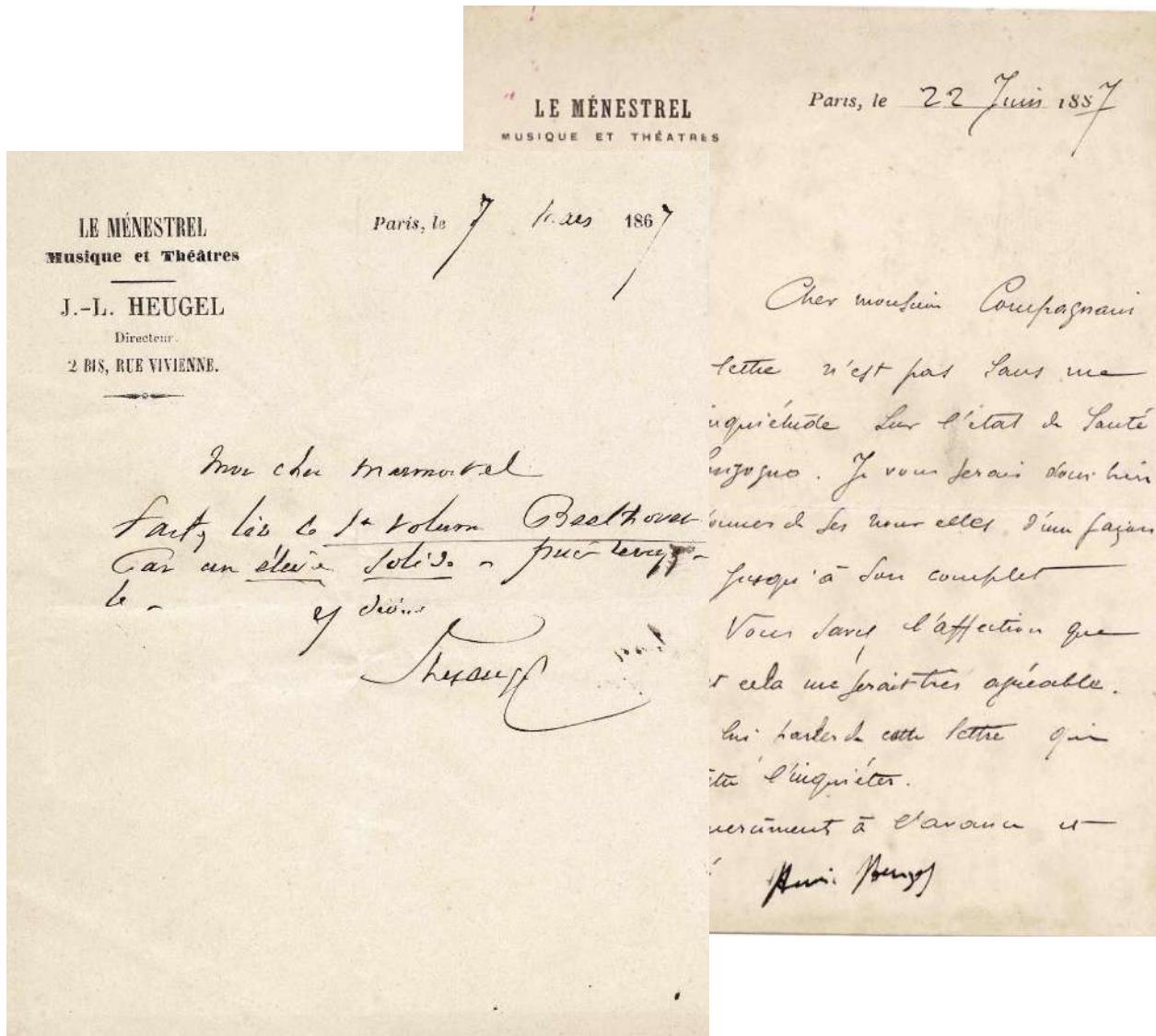
Autograph letter signed, dated Dec 6 89 by the German-born British baritone, pianist and conductor, he was a close friend of Johannes Brahms. He was the first conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (1881) and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (1893). To a gentleman, concerning a concert in London with the composer **Francesco Paolo Tosti** (1846-1916). 2 pp. In-8. With letterhead. € 120



**25. Henri Heugel** (Paris 1844 - ib 1916)

*Antoine-François Marmontel*

Two autograph letters by the founder of the renown music publishing house **Jacques-Léopold Heugel** (1815-1883) and his son **Henri Heugel** (1844-1916). **A.** "Paris, le 22 Juin 1887". To the contractor Francesco Compagnoni: "...Votre lettre n'est pas sans me donner quelque inquiétude sur l'état de santé de mon ami Sonzogno..." 1 p. In-16. **B.** Paris, le 7 Mars 1867". To the pianist **Antoine-François Marmontel** (1816-1898). The correspondent send enclosed "...ce 1er Volume Beethoven...". 1 p. In-16. € 80

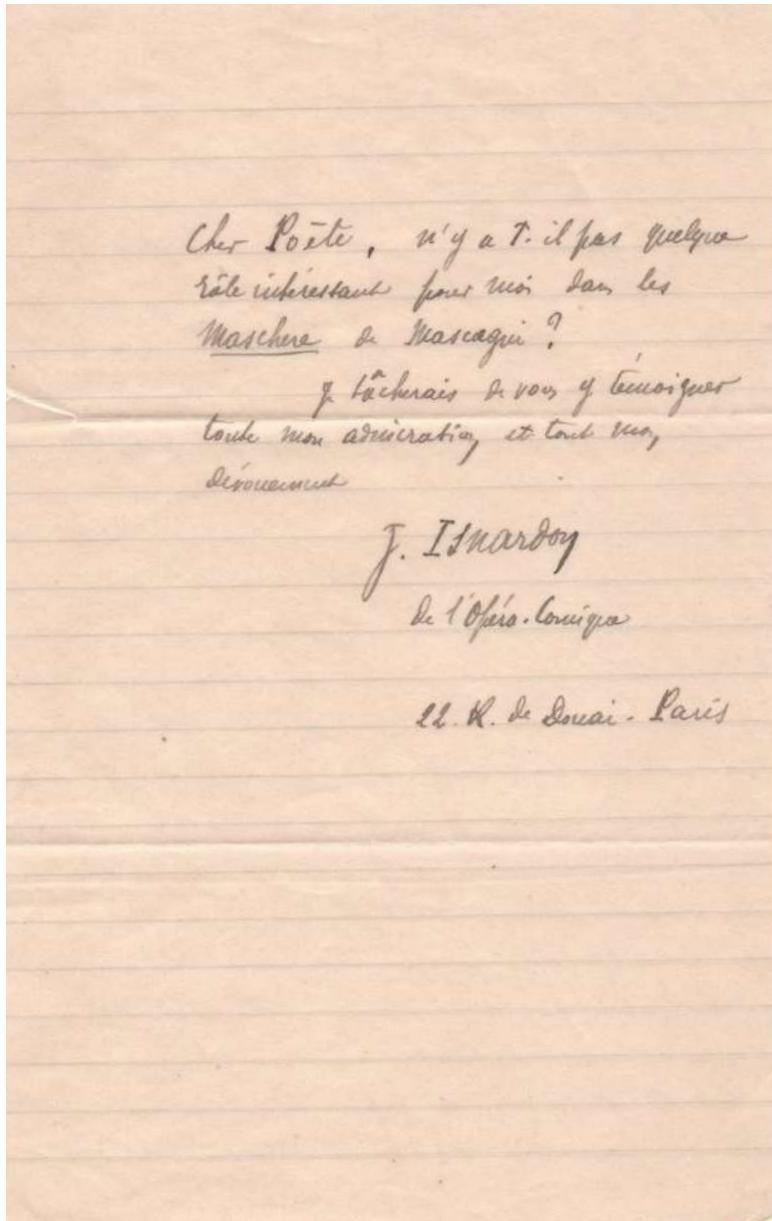


**26. Jacques Isnardon** (Marseille, 1860 - ib., 1930)

Pietro Mascagni

Autograph letter signed, not dated, by the French bass-baritone and singing teacher, he longly performed at La Monnaie in Brussels. Isnardon addresses a "Poète": "...n'y a t-il pas quelque rôle intéressant pour moi dans le Maschere de Mascagni?...". 1 p. In-8.

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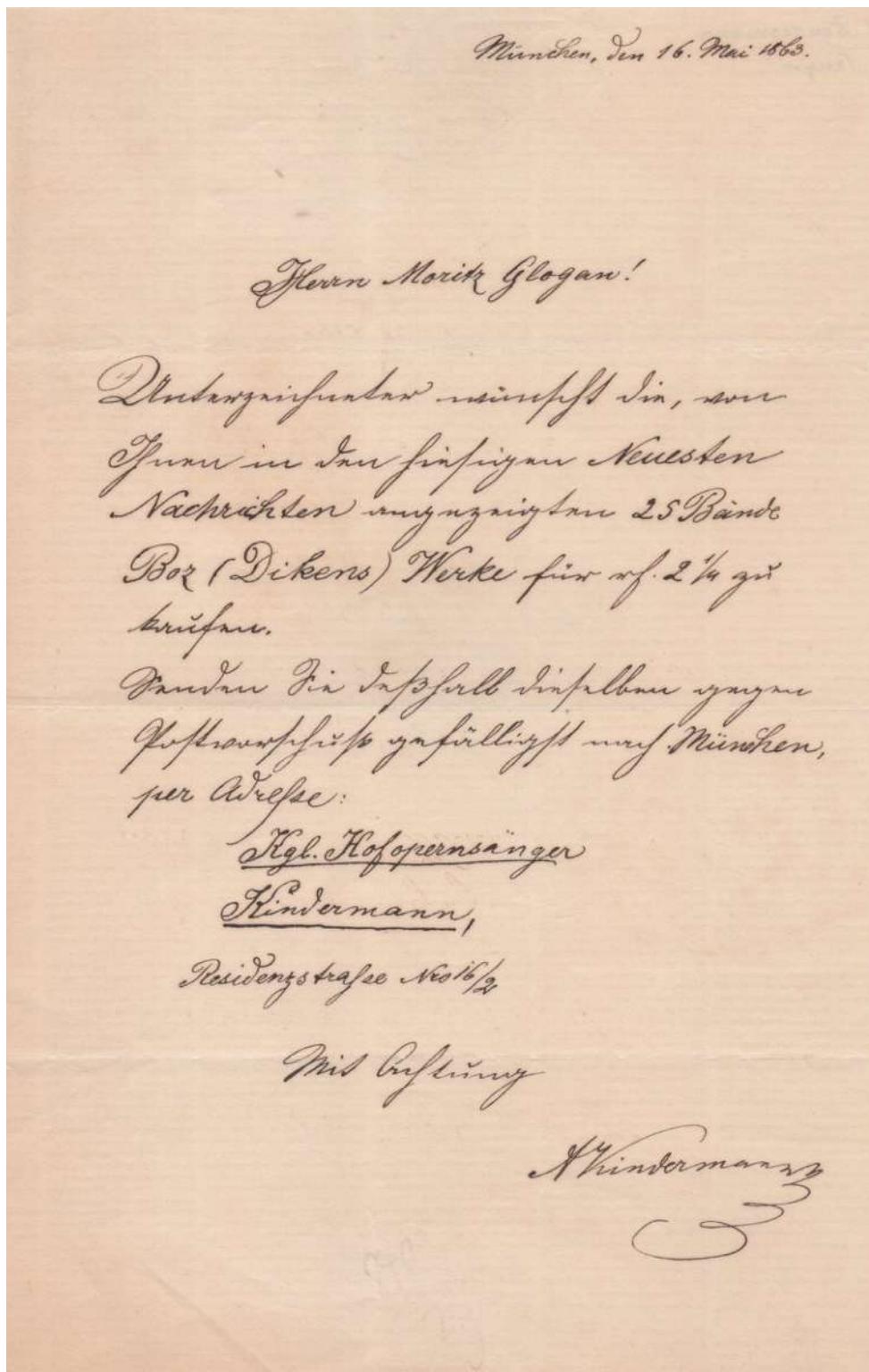


**27. August Kindermann** (Potsdam, 1817 - Munich, 1891)

*Wagneriana*

Autograph letter signed, dated *München, den 16 Mai 1863* by the German bass-baritone who sang the role of Gazna in the premiere of Robert Schumann's secular oratorio "Das Paradies und die Peri" (1843) and often remembered for his Wagnerian performances. To the bookseller Moritz Glogan, ordering a book by Charles Dickens. 1 p. In-4.

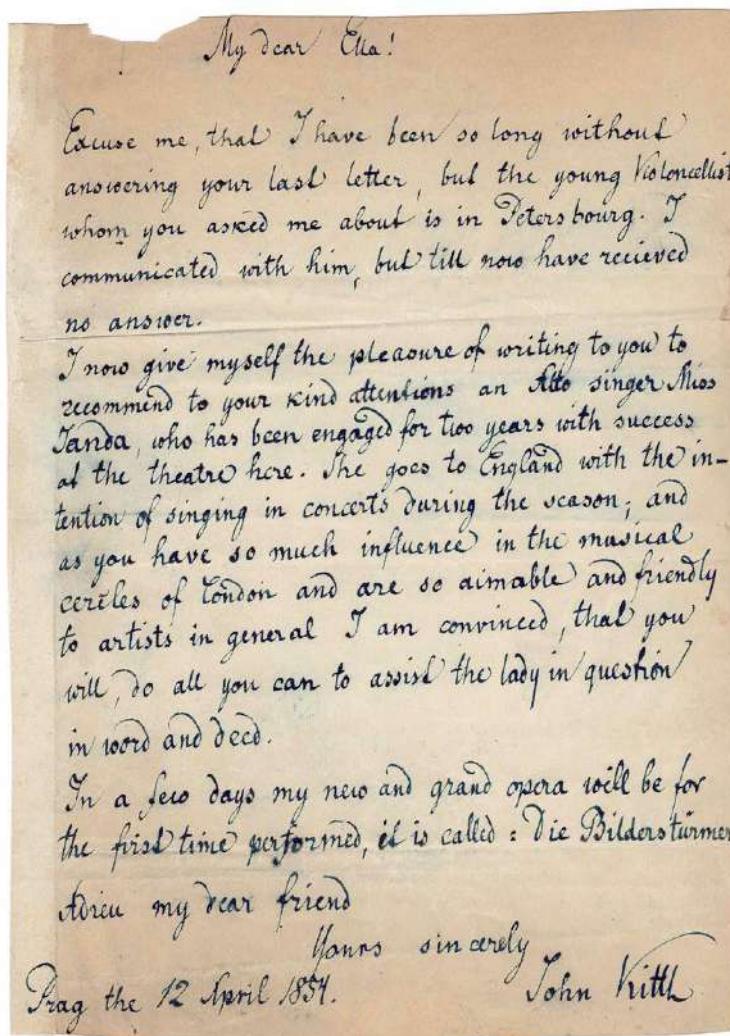
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**28. Johann Friedrich Kittl** (Orlik, 1806 - Leszno, 1868)

Therese Janda

Autograph letter signed, dated *Prag the 12 April 1854* by the Czech composer, head of the Prague Conservatory from 1843 to 1864). Kittl addresses a lady in London recommending to her the "... Alto singer [Therese] Janda, who has been engaged for two years with success at the theatre here. She goes to England with the intention of singing in concerts during the season; and as you have so much influence in the musical circles of London (...) I am convinced, that you will do all you can to assist the lady in question in words and deed...". 1 p. In-8. € 240



**29. Gieselher Klebe** (Mannheim, 1925 - Detmold, 2009)

*Amnesty International*

Autograph musical quotation signed, dated 22-2-92 by the German composer. Klebe pens 1 bar from his Oratorium "Warum Hat Die Sonne Einen Aschenrand" composed for the 30th Anniversary of Amnesty International. 1 p. with letterheaded card. Envelope included. € 100

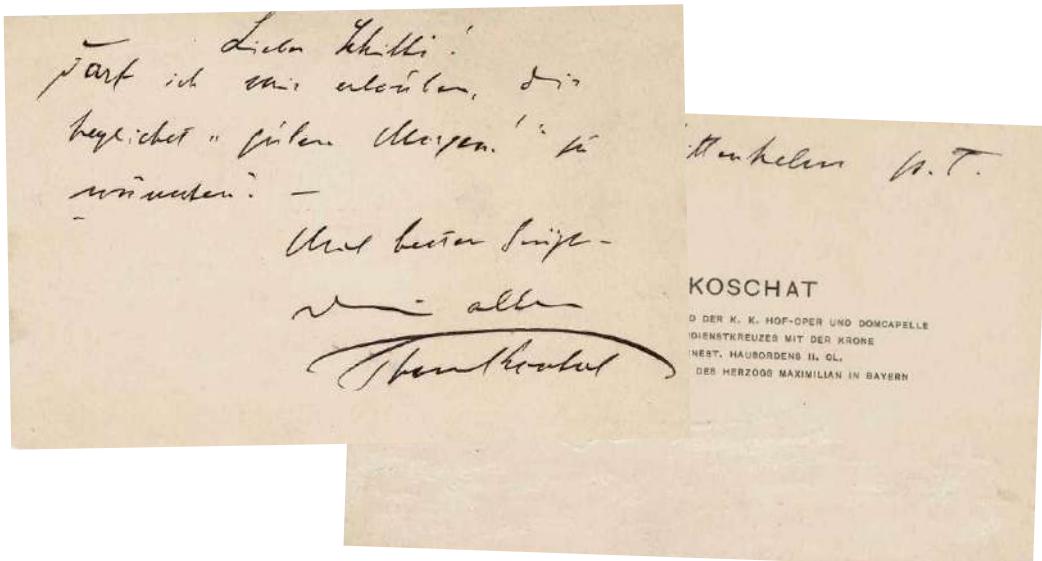


**30. Thomas Koschat** (Viktring, 1845 - Vienna, 1914)

*Mahler 5th Symphony*

Rare autograph letter signed in German by the Austrian composer and bass singer. Koschat addresses the singer Anton Schittenhelm, concerning a meeting. A melody by Carinthian folkloric composer it was used by Mahler in his Fifth Symphony: *Am Wörther See* (1880) 1 p. on visiting card. Included: photographic portrait of the composer. (8.5 x 13 cm). On postcard.

€ 100



**31. Gabrielle Krauss** (Vienna, 1842 - Paris, 1906)

*Gabrielle Krauss in Italy*

Lot of three autograph letters signed, one dated 1871 by the French operatic soprano, she created the role of Pauline in Gounod's *Polyeucte* (1878) and many other major roles for Saint-Saëns, Mermel, and local premieres of Verdi and Wagner operas. To the impresario Innocenzo Canedi, concerning newspaper articles and upcoming engagements. We report an extract as a sample: "...Mi fareste proprio piacere di tenermi informata della compagnia che canterà con me a San Carlo. Fermo che [Antonio, impresario] Musella non troverà qui un vero tenore di cartello...". For a total of 7 pp. In-8.

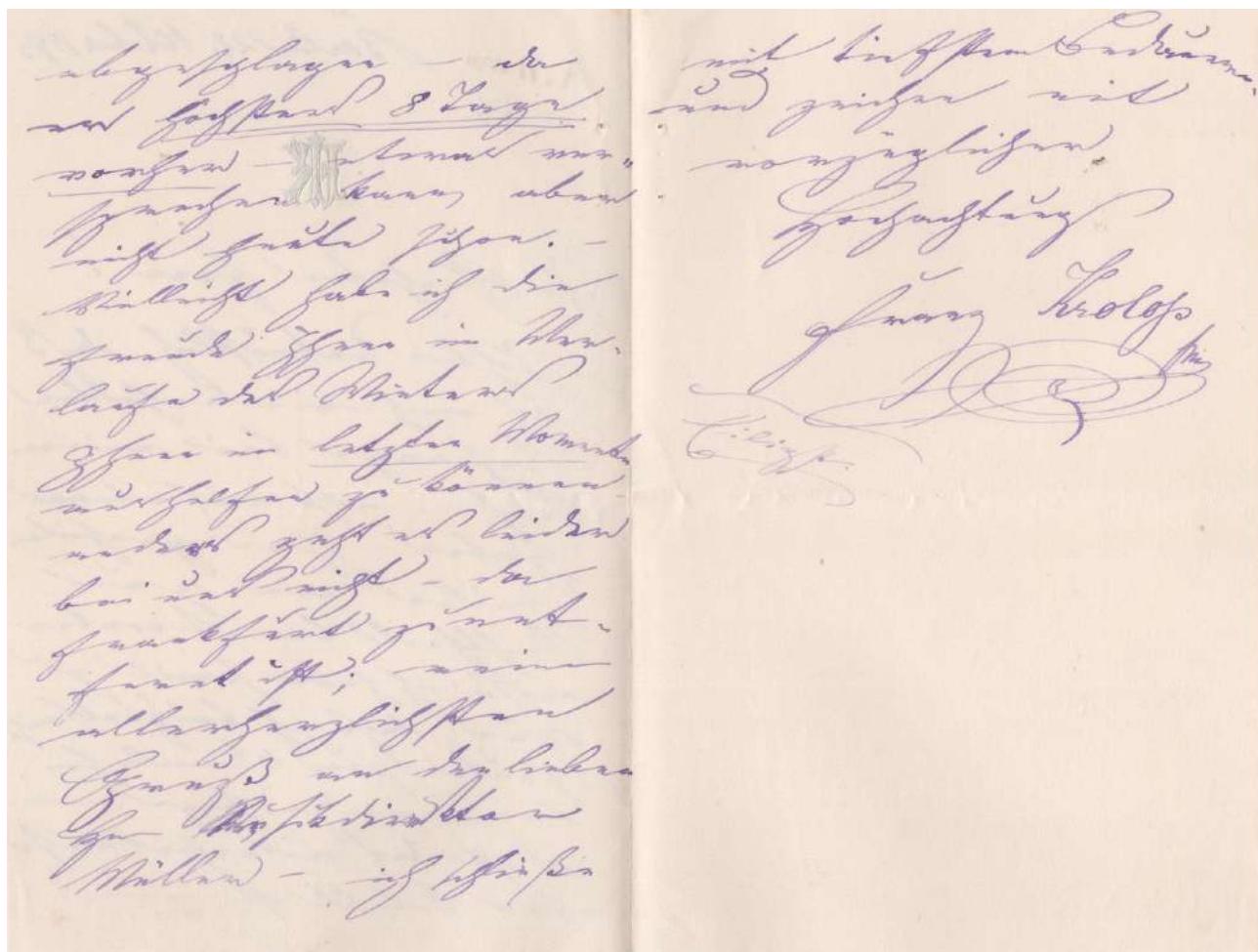
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**32. Franz Krolop** (Troja (Bohemia), 1839 - Berlin, 1897)

*Johannes Brahms - Ein Deutsches Requiem*

Autograph letter signed, dated *Berlin 22. October 1893* by the German bass singer. He debuted in 1863 and was engaged to Berlin Court Opera in 1872. He was married to the singer Vilma von Voggenhuber until 1871. Krolop addresses a gentleman regretting for not having obtained the permit to leave Berlin and says that they will have only brief meetings during the winter. 2 pp. 1/2. In-8. With letterhead. € 100

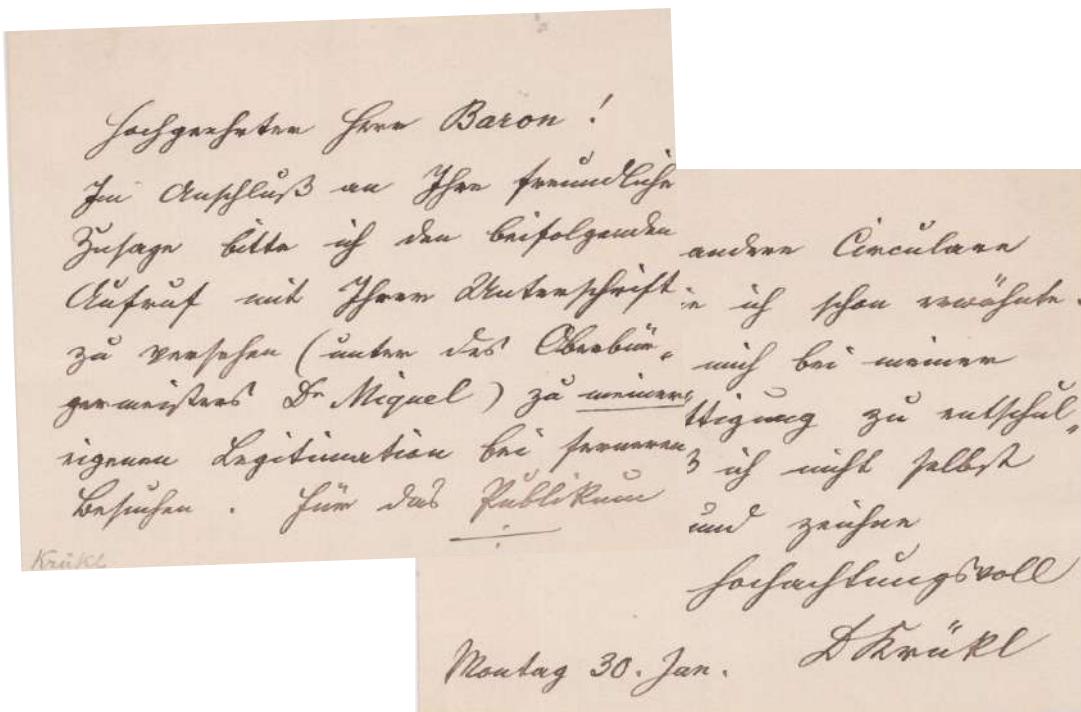


**33. Franz Krückl** (Nový Saldorf-Sedlesovice, 1841 - Strasbourg, 1899)

Johannes Brahms

Autograph letter signed, dated Montag 30 Jan by the Austrian operatic baritone and composer. To a Baron, concerning performances. He sang in the first performance in Leipzig of *Ein Deutsches Requiem* in 1869. 2 pp. On cardboard.

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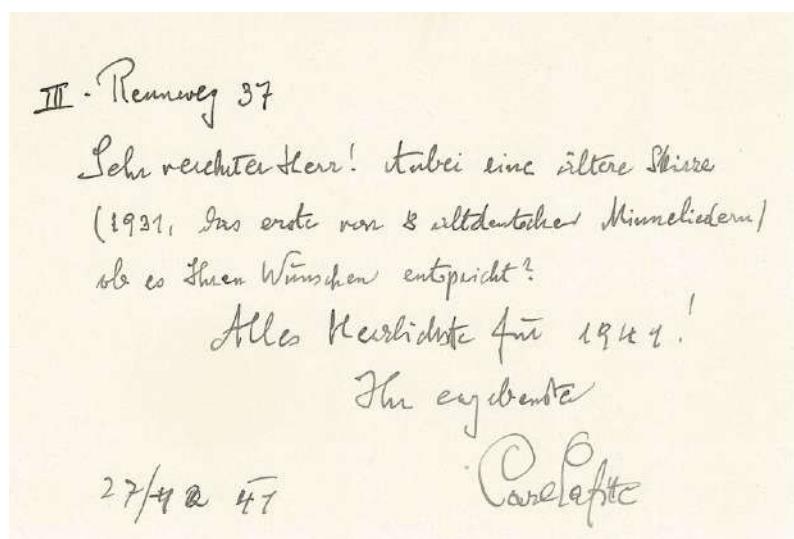


**34. Carl Lafite** (Wien, 1872 - Sankt Wolfgang im S., 1944)

Altdeutschen Minneliedern

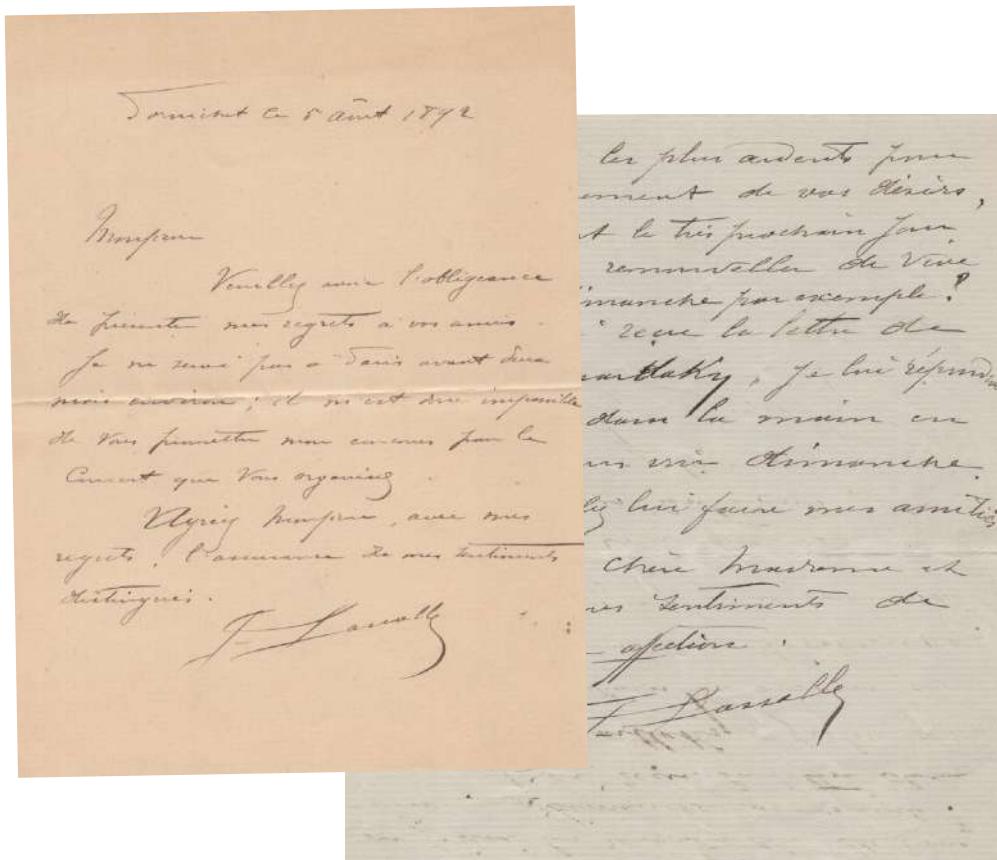
Autograph letter signed in German, dated 27/12 41 by the eclectic Austrian composer and organist. Lafite addresses a gentleman, concerning a find of old compositions: "...Dabei eine ältere Skizze (1931, das erste von 8 altdeutschen Minneliedern)...". 1 p. On cardboard.

€ 50



**35. Jean Louis Lassalle** (Lyon, 1847 - Paris, 1909)

Two autograph letters signed by the French baritone at Paris Opera, he created roles in several operas: Le Roi de Lahore, Le Tribut de Zamora, Polyeucte, Francesca da Rimini, Henry VIII, Samson et Dalila, Sigurd, Patrie and Ascanio. **A.** Pornichet ce 5 Août 1892. To a gentleman: "...je ne serai pas à Paris avant deux mois environ; il m'est donc impossible de vous promettre mon concours pour le concert que vous organisez...". 1 p. In-8. **B.** Ce 31 Xbre 1902. To a lady: "...Puisque vous m'offrez de changer le souvenir que vous m'envoyez, j'accepte cette proposition car j'ai déjà une parti musique tournant...". 2 pp. In-8. With letterhead. € 150

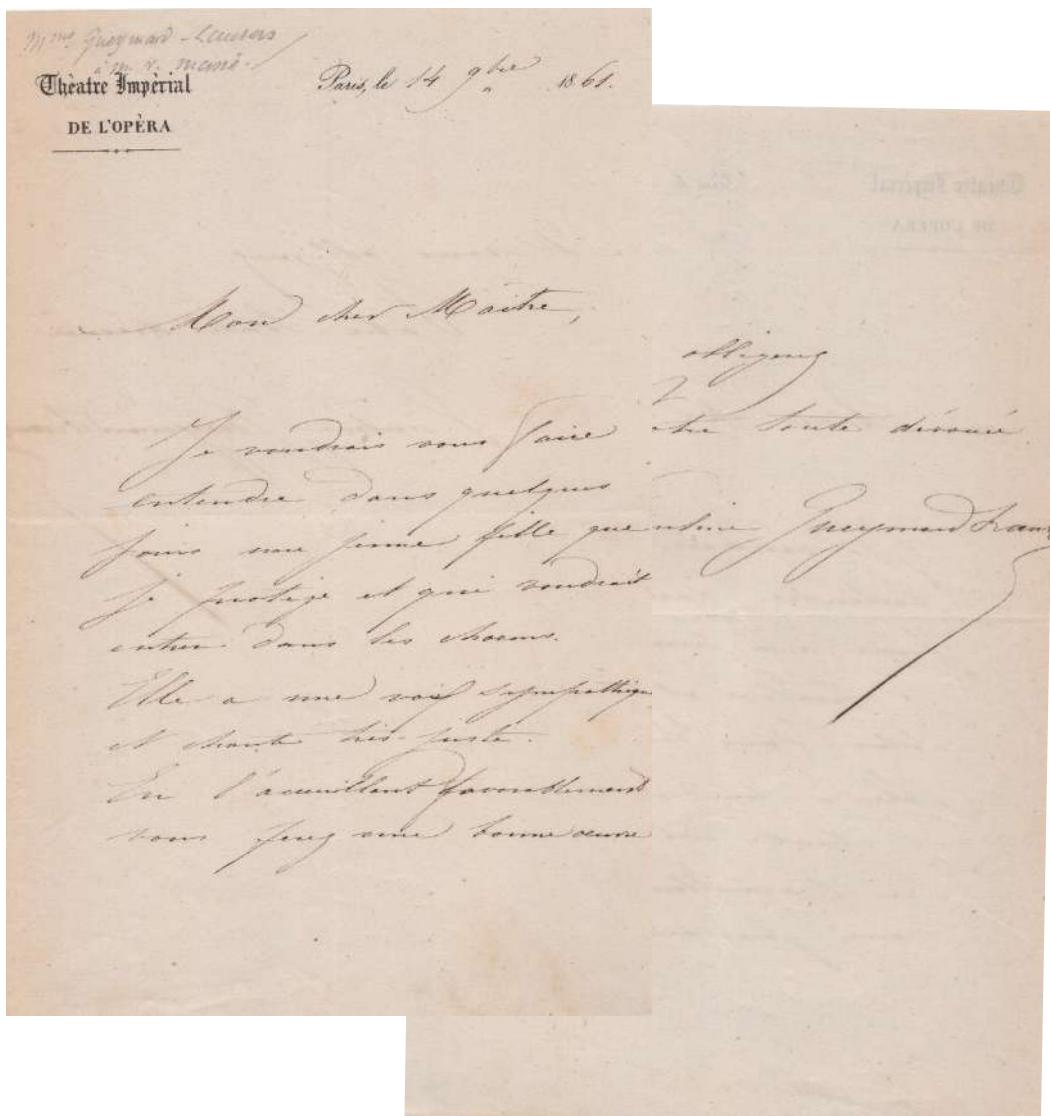


**36. Pauline Lauters-Gueymard** (Ixelles, 1834 - Paris, 1918)

*Don Carlos*

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris le 14 9bre 1861* by the Belgian mezzo-soprano, acclaimed for her brilliant career at Paris Opera from 1857. She was the wife of the tenor Louis Gueymard (1822-1880). Lauters created the role of Princess Eboli in *Don Carlos* on 11 March 1867 at the Paris Opera. The contralto Rosine Bloch had been the intended singer but Verdi was persuaded by Perrin to adapt and transpose the role for the older and higher singer, thus creating *tessitura* problems with which later singers have had to cope. To a Maître: "...je voudrais vous faire entendre dans quelques jours une jeune fille que je protège et qui voudrait entrer dans les choeurs..." 1 p. 1/2. In-8. With letterhead. **Included:** Printed copy of the magazine "L'Univers musicale" of 9th July 1863 with an article concerning the mezzo-soprano. 3 pp. In-4.

€ 170



**37. Lilli Lehmann** (Würzburg, 1848 - Berlin, 1929)

To Ákos László

Autograph letter signed, postmarked [4.12.09] by the German dramatic coloratura soprano, often remembered for her performances in Mozart operas. Lehmann addresses the Romanian composer Ákos László (1871-1946), on musical matters. 1 p. On illustrated postcard depicting the soprano in a rural setting.

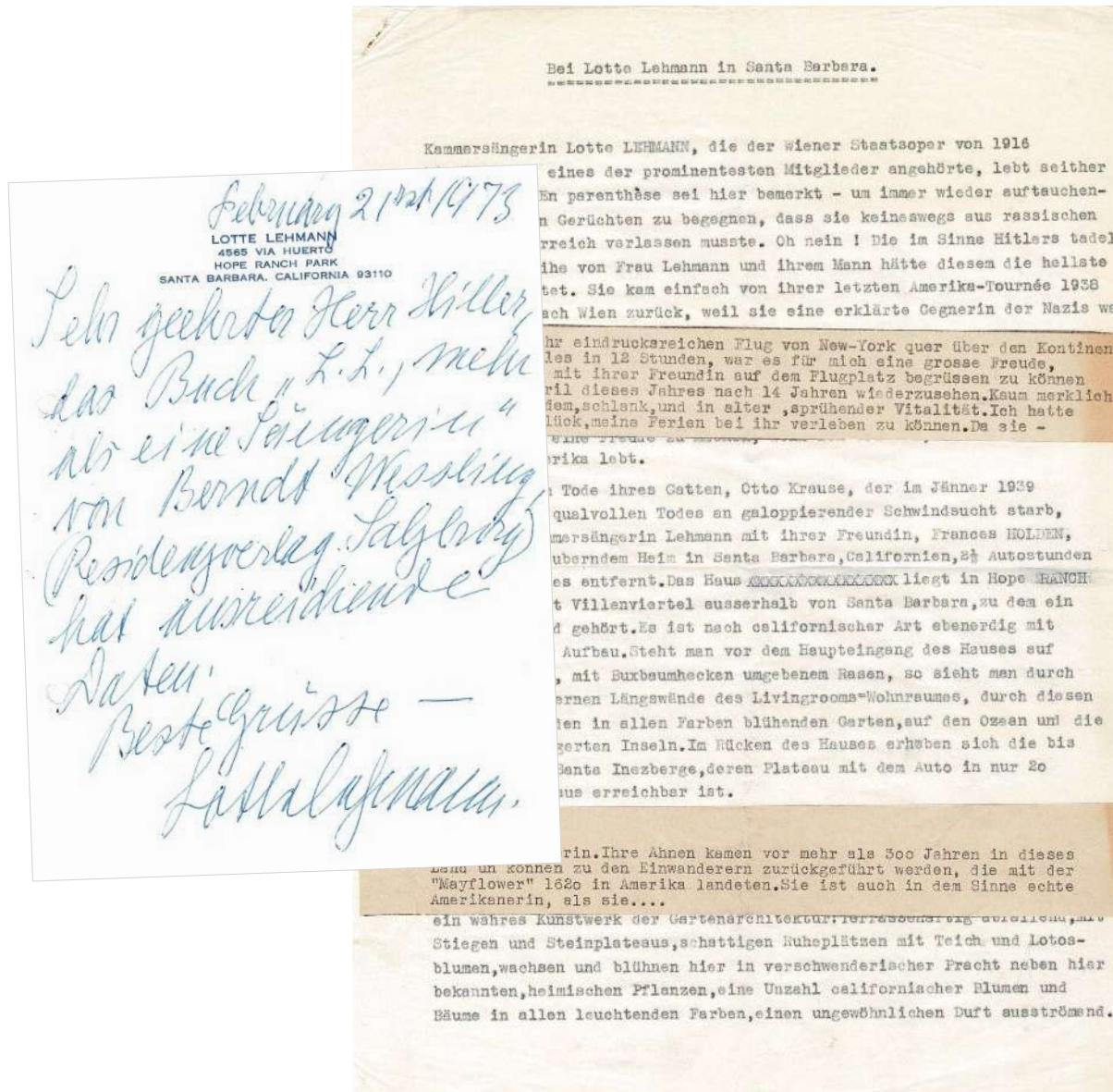
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**38. Lotte Lehmann** (Perleberg, 1888 - Santa Barbara, 1976)

*Lotte Lehmann in Santa Barbara*

Autograph letter signed in German, dated in English *February 21st 1973* by the German soprano. Lehmann addresses a Mr. Hiller, presumably a publisher, concerning a book about her: "...das Buch "L. L., mehr als eine Sängerin" von Berndt Wessling (Residenzverlag Salzburg) hat ausreichende daten...". Translation: "...the book "L. L., more than a singer" by Berndt Wessling (Residenzverlag Salzburg) has sufficient information...". 1 p. With letterhead. **Included:** typed draft of an article in German by Hella Müller, dated *Wien im August 1951*, with paper stripe applied as correction, about the singer in Santa Barbara, with typed letter accompanying the draft. € 130



**39. Fritz Leitermeyer** (Vienna, 1925 - ib., 2006)

*Alban Berg Quartett*

Autograph musical quotation and dedication signed, dated 17.2.85 by the Austrian composer, first violin of Wiener Philharmoniker (1946-1985) and co-founder of the Alban Berg Quartett. 1 p. on postcard.

€ 60



**40. Mark Lothar** (Berlin, 1902 - Munich, 1985).

*Music and the Holocaust*

Autograph letter signed in German dated 16. III 57 by the German composer. During the Nazi era he received various commissions from the Reich Office for Music Arrangements, which was under Goebbels' control. In August 1944, Adolf Hitler included Lothar in the list of the most important composers. Lothar addresses Mr. Treichlingen, concerning new Opera compositions. 1 p. on illustrated postcard.

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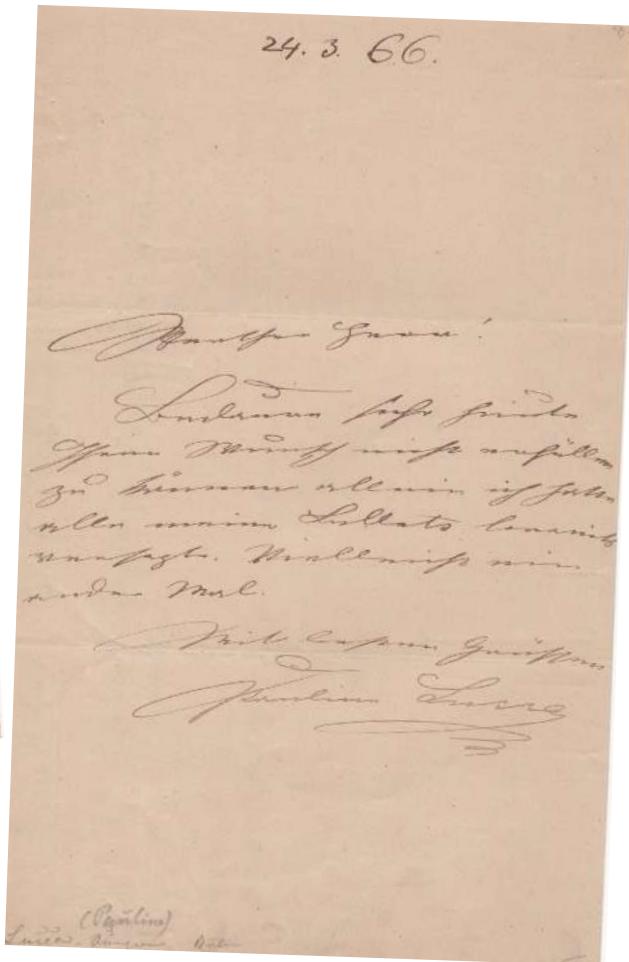
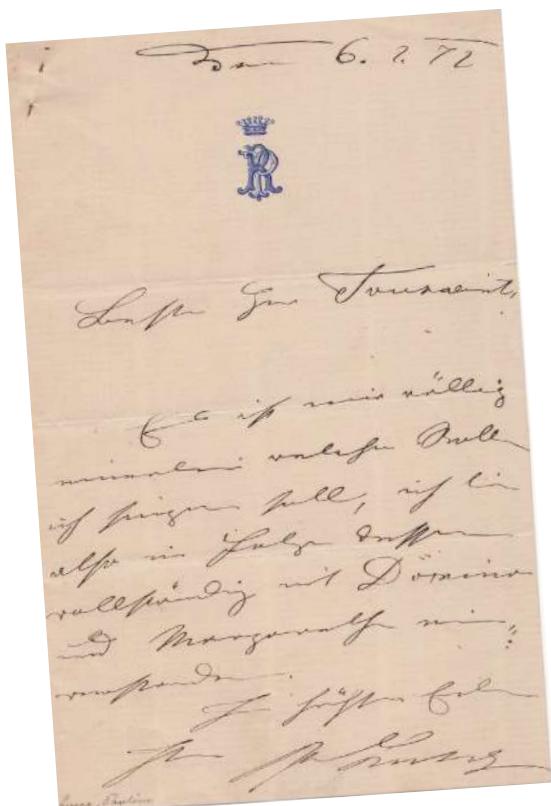


**41. Pauline Lucca** (Vienna, 1841 - Zurich, 1908)

Giacomo Meyerbeer

Lot of two autograph letters signed, dated 1866 and 1872 by the Austrian soprano, she was associated with the Wiener Staatsoper and she performed throughout Europe and the States. She was the daughter of Koppelman Lucka. In 1861 Giacomo Meyerbeer recommended her for permanent engagement at the Berlin Opera, where she remained until 1872, also undertaking guest appearances. After 1872 she toured in the United States and from 1874 to 1889 was an honorary member of the Vienna opera. She created the role of Selina in Meyerbeer's *L'Africaine*, and was considered one of the best Carmen of her time. A *prima donna assoluta* in the grand tradition, she had a voice range of 2½ octaves. Letters concern theater tickets and possible engagements. For a total of 2 pp. In-8.

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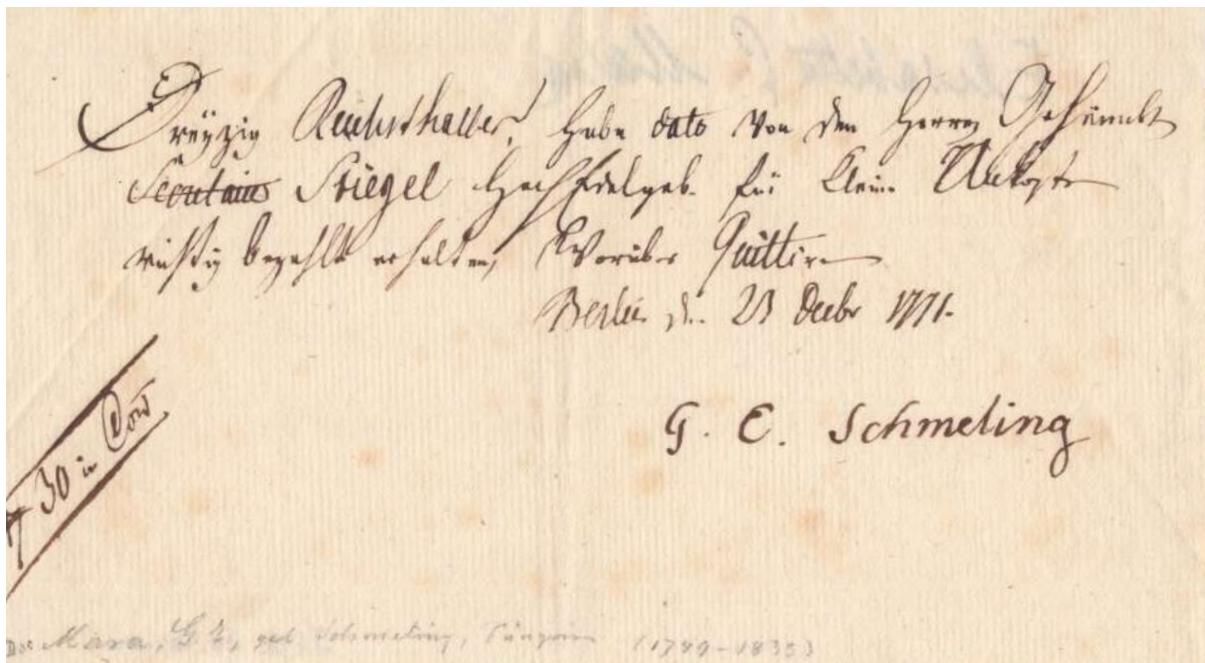


**42. Gertrude Elisabeth Mara, née Schmeling** (Kassel, 1749 - Reval, 1833)

*Haydn and Mozart*

Autograph receipt for "Dreizehn Rechsthaler". signed "G. E. Schmeling", dated Berlin d. 23 Decbr 1771 by the German soprano. A child prodigy, Schmeling gave violin recitals accompanied by her father, a luthier, in Vienna and London, where at the age of 10 she played for the Queen. On the advice of a court steward, he began studying singing with Pietro Paradisi in London. She sang in Johann Hiller's Leipzig concerts in 1766, performed with the Dresden Opera, then moved to Berlin, where, overcoming Frederick II's dislike of German singers, she was engaged in 1771 by the court opera. In 1774 she married a cellist, Johann Baptist Mara, and the couple, twice trying to escape the court of the despotic prince, finally managed to do so without punishment in 1779. In 1780 Mara toured the continent, failing to impress Mozart and engaging in a fierce rivalry with Luiza Todi in Paris (1783) before moving to London in 1784. In 1787 she had considerable success there as Cleopatra in George Frideric Handel's *Julius Caesar*. He sang in Venice and Turin in 1788, then returned to London. She has been praised for her performances in oratorios by Handel and Joseph Haydn. In 1803 he moved to Moscow, where he acquired considerable estates, only to lose them during the fire of the city in 1812. His last years were spent in Tallinn, where he gave music lessons.

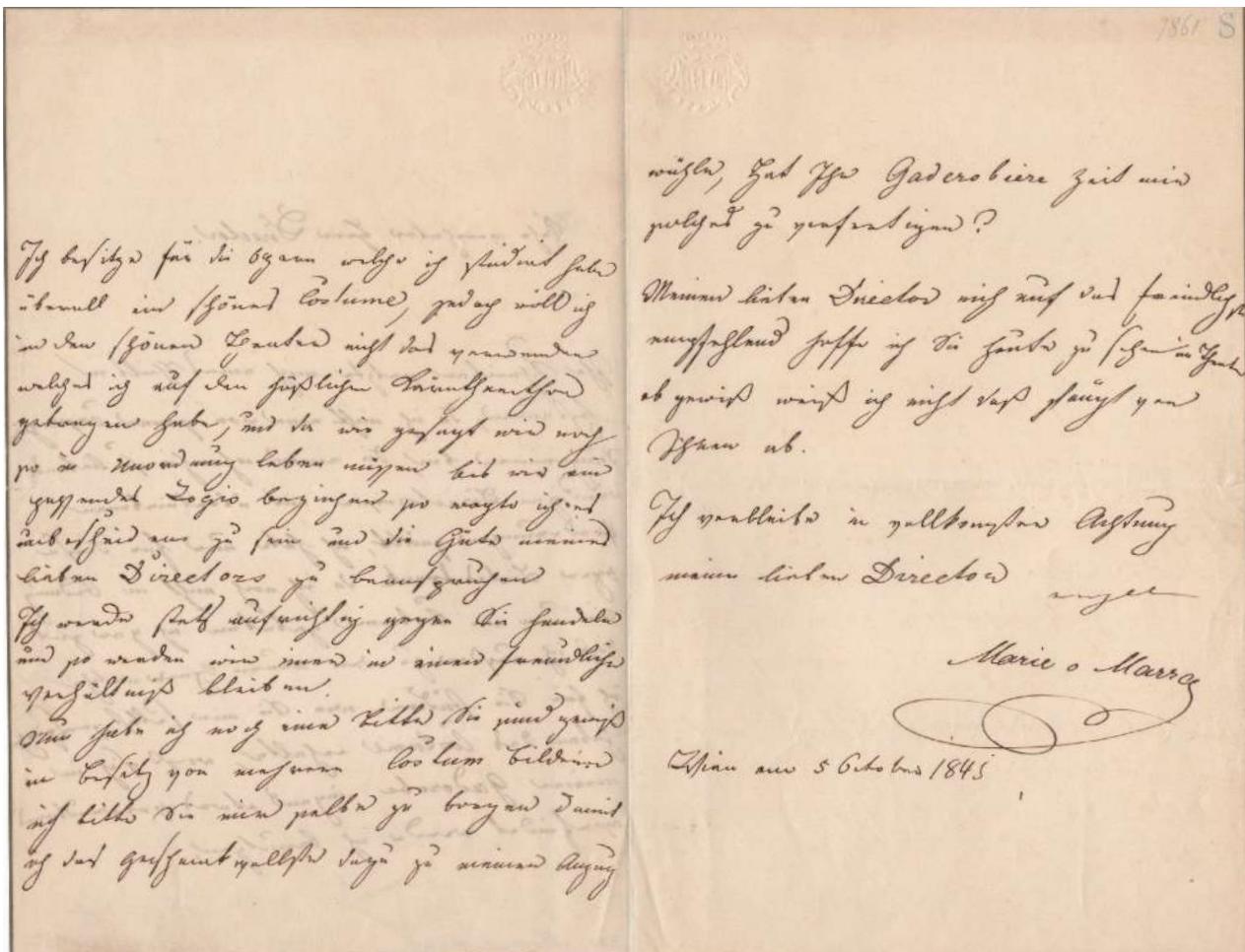
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## 43. Marie von Marra Vollmer (Linz, 1822 - Frankfurt am Main, 1878)

Gaetano Donizetti

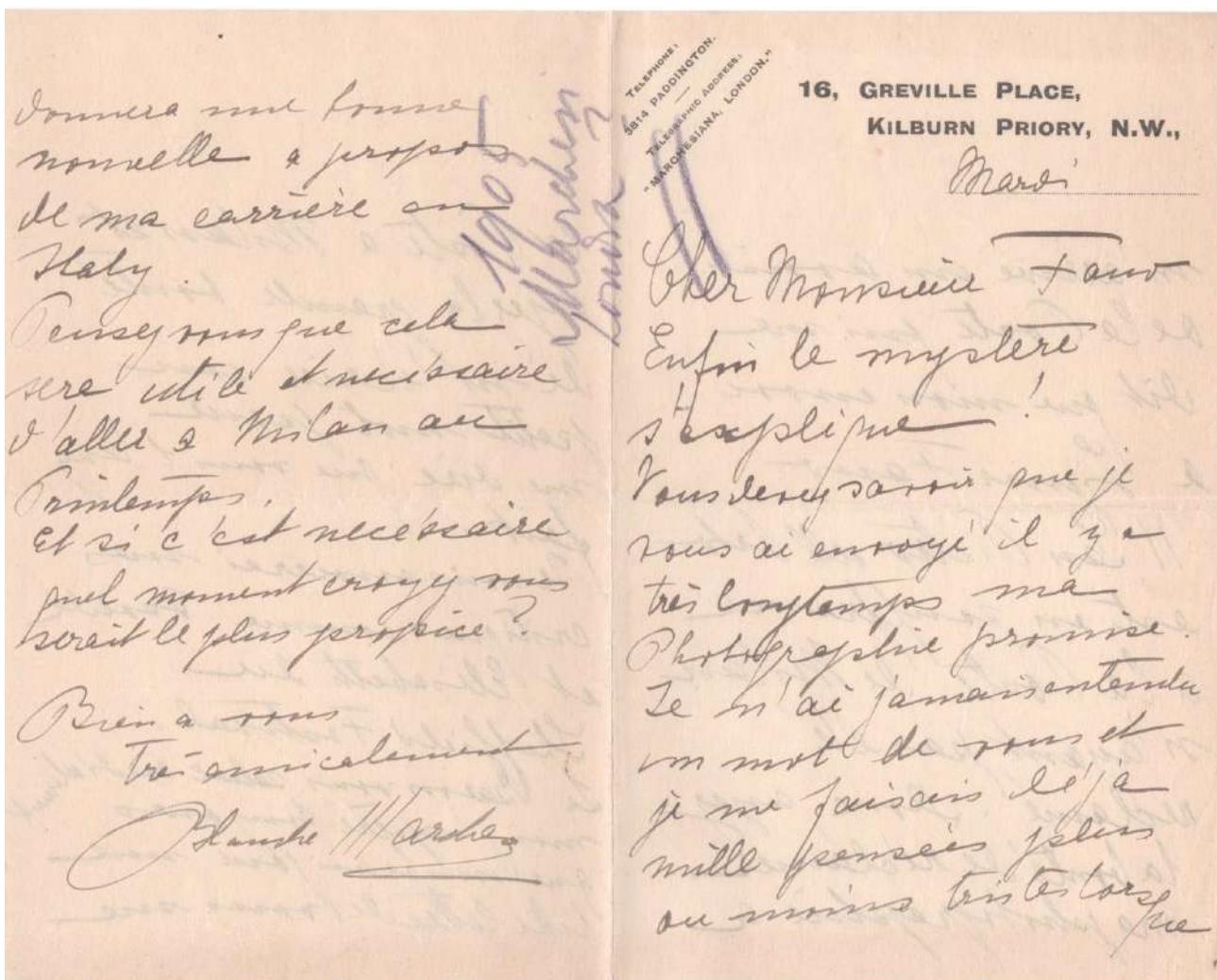
Seven fine autograph letters signed, dated between 1845 and 1850, by the Austrian-German operatic soprano, she took singing lessons with the composer Gaetano Donizetti. In 1845 she was one of the most important singers at the Vienna Court Opera. Letters concerns preparation for roles in Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore*, Meyerbeer's *Les Huguenots*, and other operas; she recommends the singer Maria Eiserich-Leonoff. Addressees are the writer Adolf Bäuerle (1786-1859), theater directors and colleagues. For a total of 18 pp. In-8. One letter misses a piece of paper at the center fold. € 350



**44. Blanche Marchesi** (Paris, 1863 - London, 1940)

Six autograph letters signed, dated between 1905 and 1913, by the French mezzo-soprano and singing teacher, often remembered for her Wagnerian performances. Letters are addressed to the journalist and impresario Fano and to a friend, relating mainly to her mother, the soprano and composer **Mathilde Marchesi** (1821-1913 and to theater engagements. We report an extract as a sample: "...la mia madre arriva questa settimana per rimanere in casa mia per sempre. La grande scuola di Mathilde Marchesi dunque lascia Parigi per Londra e le scuole di madre e figlia si uniscono...". For a total of 20 pp. in-8. Archive holes on two letters.

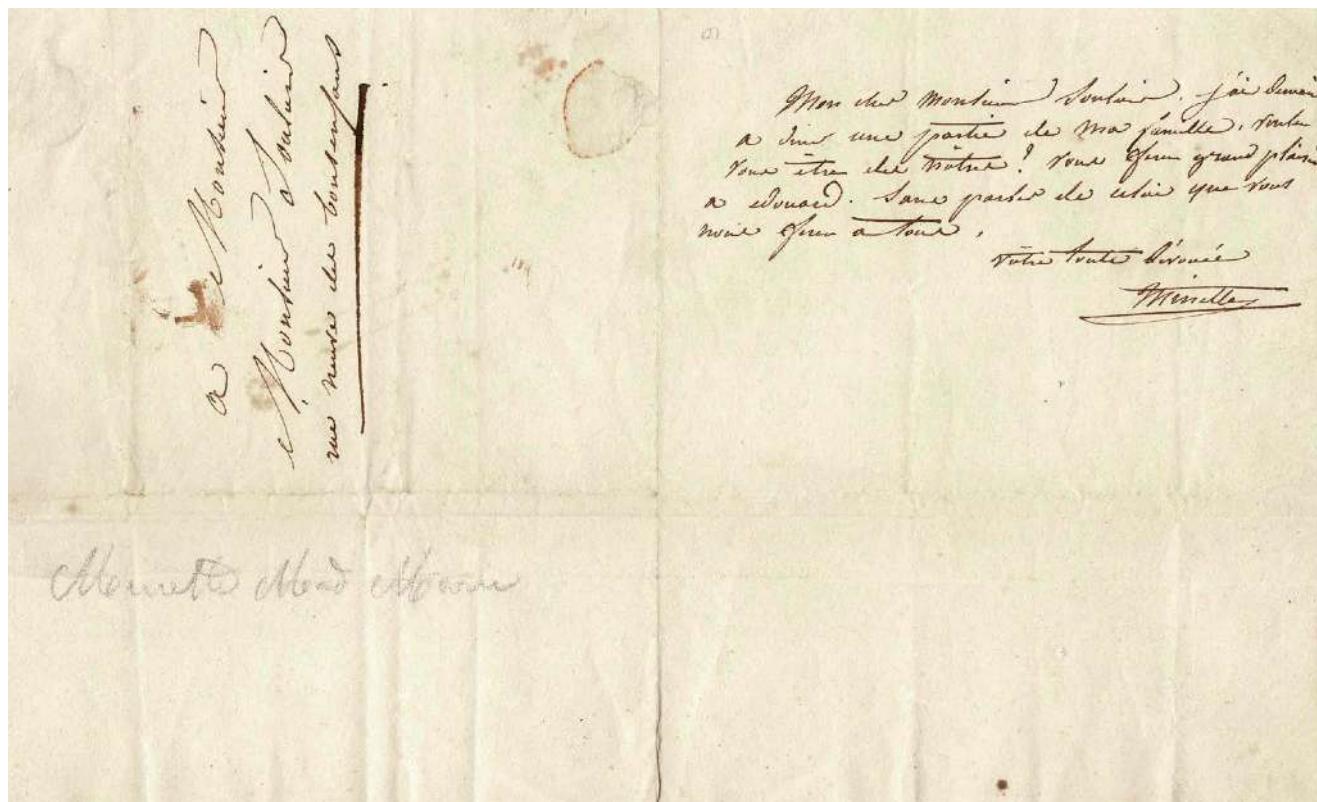
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**45. Marie Ambroisine Minette de Cussy - Potier** (Paris, 1817 - ib., 1870)

Opéra-Comique

Autograph letter signed, not dated, by the French singer. Minette addresses Mr. Soulain: "...j'ai demain à dîner une partie de ma famille, voulez vous être des nôtres? Vous ferez grand plaisir à Edouard...". 1/4 p. In-8. € 60



**46. Marie Caroline Miolan-Carvalho** (Marseille, 1827 - Château Puys, 1895)

*Robert le Diable*

Fine autograph letter signed, dated 10 Janvier 70 by the celebrated French coloratura soprano, she created the role of Marguerite in Gounod's *Faust* and many others. To a friend: "...vu la rentrée de la charmante Ophélie j'ai bien gagné cela après ma saison si bien remplie. Nous allons répéter Robert [le Diable] – je ne sais pas encore à quel moment nous pourrons jouer cet ouvrage mais M. Perrin est très mal disposé...". 4 pp. In-8. Traces of restoration.

€ 120

au palais l'heure  
je lit que que vous  
agit par mal  
et vous nous réservons  
du départ de notre  
Maurovi fini le  
jejet de la Seine  
je vous prie de  
préférer nos  
bonnes amitiés à  
tout le monde  
à moi aussi et  
de me laisser vous  
embrasser pour  
vous tout hâter une  
bonne année –  
comme on dit encore  
bonne année messieurs  
votre peuple bonheur  
depuis 48. Carvalho

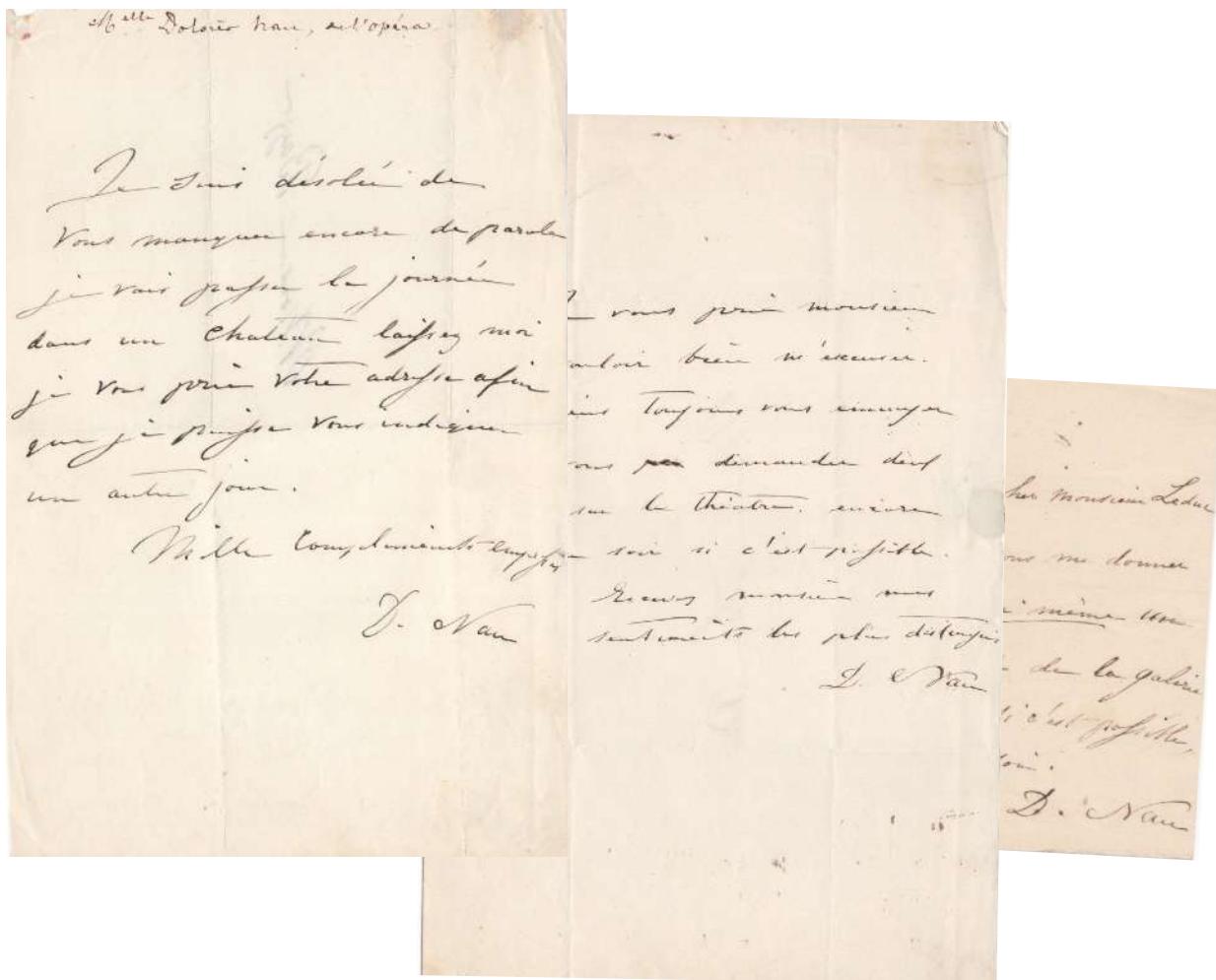
Miolan-Carvalho  
Janvier 1870.  
Mon cher ami  
Excusez mon dessous  
mais Je réponds de mon  
votre bonne et  
affectionnée Ophélie  
J'ai été en effet un  
peu griffée au nez  
tout le monde sait  
cela est fini et je  
le plaisir de vous pouvoi  
me reposer sur  
la rentrée de la  
charmante Ophélie  
J'ai bien gagné

**47. Maria Dolores Nau** (New York, 1818 - Levallois-Perret, 1891)

To Leon Pillet

Three autograph letters signed, dated around 1840, by the American soprano, she debuted at the Paris Opera in 1836. Nau, a soprano of American birth, trained and toured in Europe and won considerable critical acclaim before returning to New York to make her American debut. She created the role for the French version by Berlioz of Weber's *Freyschütz* (1841). **A.** To the composer **Giovanni Bazzoni** (1816-1871): "...Je suis désolée de vous manquer encore de parole je vais passer la journée dans un château...". 1 p. In-8. **B.** To Monsieur Leduc: "...Pouvez vous me donner pour moi-même une fauteuil de la galerie de côté si c'est possible...". 1 p. In-16. **C.** To the director of Opera de Paris **Leon Pillet** (1803-1868): "...je vous prie Monsieur de vouloir bien m'excuser. Je viens toujour vous ennuier pour vous démander deux places sur le théâtre...". 1 p. In-8.

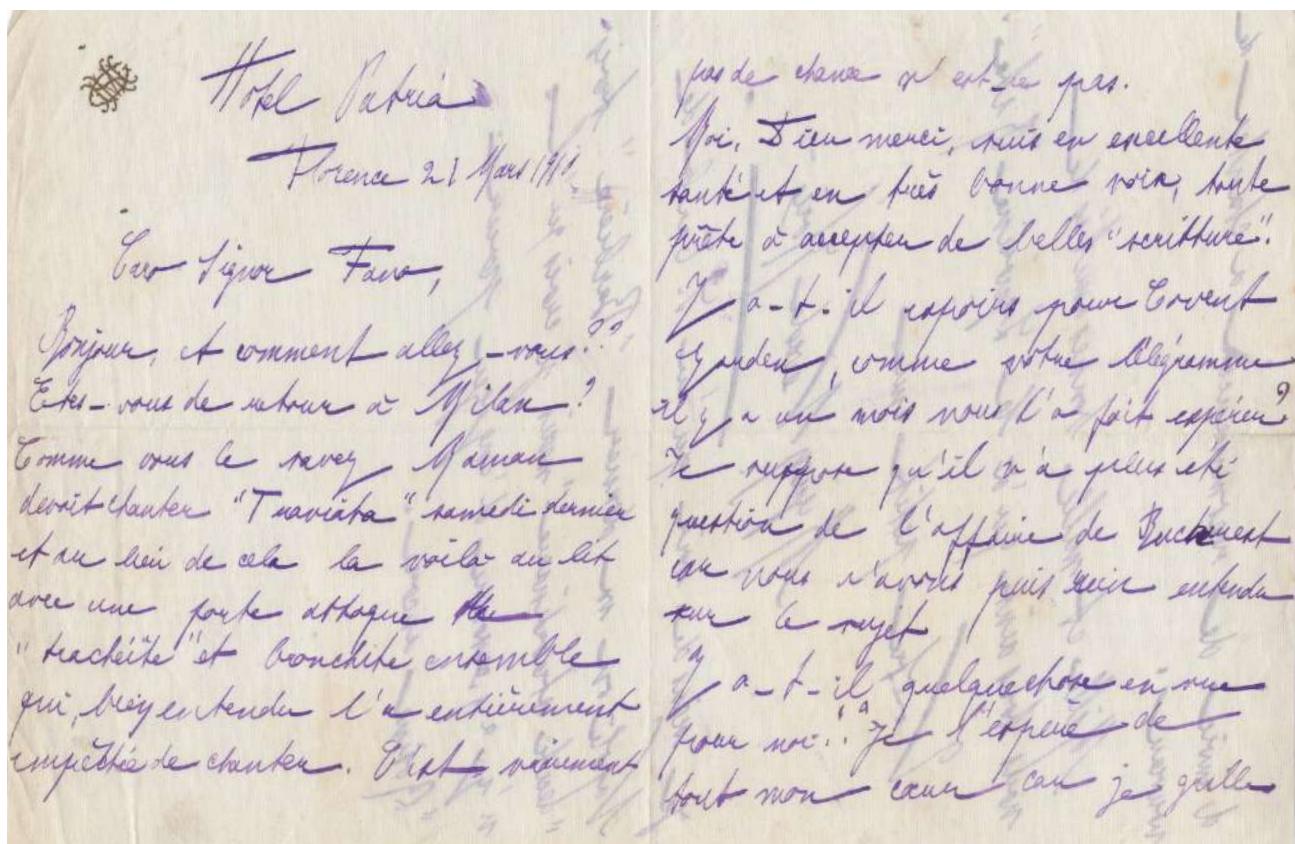
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**48. Mignon Nevada** (Paris, 1886 - Long Melford, 1971)

*Mignon sing Mignon*

Four documents, typed and autograph, with signature of the English operatic coloratura soprano, daughter of the American soprano Emma Nevada (1859-1940). She was named after the opera *Mignon* by her godfather, the French composer Ambroise Thomas. She sang in the title roles of Delibes' *Lakmé*, Desdemona in Verdi's *Otello* and many others. **A.** Partly printed contract with autograph signature of Nevada and **Raymond Palmer**, for six performances during season 1908-1909 at Real Teatro S. Carlos in Lisbon. 3 pp. In-4. **B.** Florence 21 Mars 1910. To the impresario Fano: "...Comme vous le savez Roman devait chanter "Traviata" samedi dernier et au lieu de cela le voilà au lit avec une forte attaque de trachéite et bronchite ensemble...". 3 pp. In-8. With letterhead. **C.** Paris 19 Mars 1913. To a gentleman: "...Ricero adesso il "Mondo artistico" e ho letto con molto piacere l'articolo dedicato a me. Merci beaucoup. Adesso sarei molto grata a Lei di annunciare la mia scrittura a Covent Garden dove sono scritturata per sei recite straordinarie di "Bohème" e di "Don Giovanni" (Zerlina)...". 3 pp. In-8. Archive holes. **D.** Postmarked 23.1.10. Fine letter not signed to the impresario Fano "Mignon ottenne ieri più grande trionfo sua carriera con Gilda fece piangere pubblico ultimo atto + fanatismo caro nome. - rivelazione accento drammatica atto terzo bissato...". 1 p. In-4. € 200



49. Jean Louis Nicodé (Poznan, 1853 - Langebrück, 1919)

Langebrück

Autograph letter signed, dated 20 Febr. 1915 by the Prussian pianist, composer and conductor. Nicodé addresses a colleague, on music matters. 1 p. In-4. With letterhead.

€ 60

LANGEBRÜCK (SACHSEN)

20. Febr. 1915

Lieber wohntes Freund!

Nach dem Ergebnis unserer jungen Begegnungen müssen  
Sie mir offen erläutern Sie mit welchen Praktiken erzielte! Wenn  
es Ihnen in eurer Dienstlinie Sie, euren treitenden Kreis, euren ausschließlich  
nur zur Rechte befürchtet fühlen mögliche unerwünschten Phänomene die zum  
Wagnis werden ob leichter oder "wie Gloria-Mark in Dresden zur Zeit  
wurde töpf! Und wenn ich Sie mir nicht erlaugen kann in meinem  
Appell an die kgl. Regierung, als einstiftende Oogen, ganz möglichst meine  
dankbare Absicht zu bringen, so seien Sie als Gruppe, füster der Oogen  
der so eins und keinerlei Misserfolgen genickt, hoffentlich in eurem  
Jugendkalender ist, Nur für die gleichzeitigen Deutschen Komponisten  
meine Freyheit zentral vertrag zu lassen. Der selten Collegialität  
ist nicht ohne Zweck und Hoffnung mir mit dem 16. u. 17. Febr. 1915  
in der Pfeiffer'schen Privatunterkunft meine Kompositionsschule!

Daher ist die bitte, wie Ihr Kriegs- und Friedensgeschäfts-Ge-  
fängnis zu besetzen - das ist die Max Brüderlichkeit von oben - da ich  
Ihre Dankbarkeit die jetzt nur blanke Hoffnung habe

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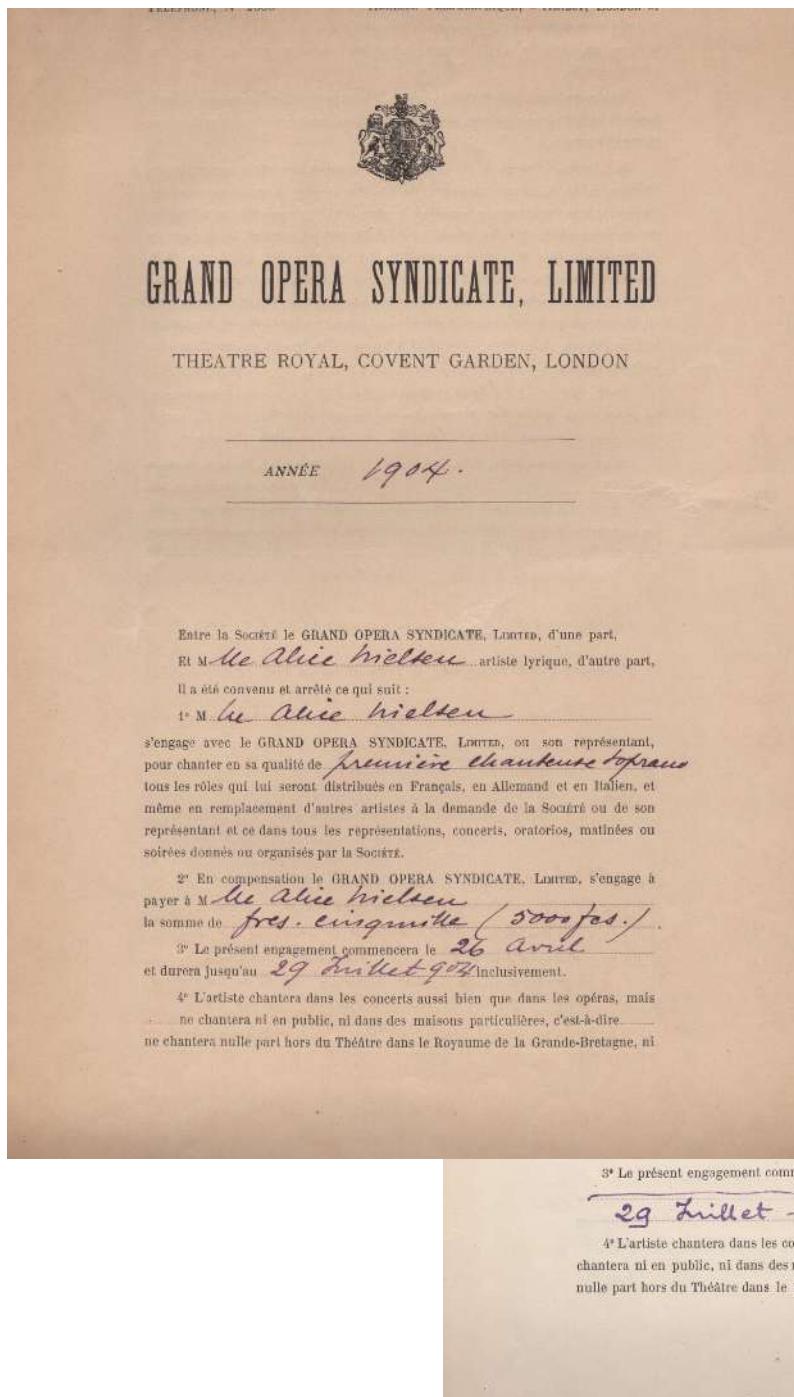
Jean Nicodé

**50. Alice Nielsen** (Nashville, 1872 - New York, 1943)

*Covent Garden*

Two partly printed contracts signed for the 1904 season at the Theatre Royal in Covent Garden, by the American soprano, she sang in Broadway. Nielsen sang several important roles with the Royal Opera at Covent Garden in London beginning in the spring of 1904, including Zerlina in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and Mimi in Puccini's *La Bohème*. In addition to these celebrated productions, she played Rosina in Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* and Norina in Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* for the New Waldorf Theater in London. Repertoire and fees are listed. For a total of 6 pp. In-4.

€ 180



**51. Clara Novello** (London, 1818 - Rome, 1908)

*Clara Novello in Fano*

Two autograph letters "Clara Gigliucci" by the English soprano, fourth daughter of the musician and music publisher Vincent Novello (1781-1861). In 1837, Felix Mendelssohn invited her to the Gewandhaus concerts in Leipzig, where she appeared on 2 November 1837, and several other times thereafter. She was well received and succeeded in making the German public appreciate Händel's solo parts. Schumann declared that nothing in previous years had given him as much pleasure as Miss Novello's voice, "*every note as clearly defined as on the keyboard*". Mendelssohn wrote that Clara Novello and Mary Shaw (who sang the following winter) "*are the best concert singers we have heard in Germany for a long time*". **A.** 12 Settembre 1868. To the singer Enrico Fagotti: "...Vedendo approssimarsi Mercoledì, il 16, mi preme sapere in quale giorno ed ora le recherebbe minor fastidio darmi un abboccamento per fissare, e passare assieme i pezzi che vorrà favorirmi. Se mai casa nostra le sembrasse troppo incomodamente lontana, ci potessimo incontrare in casa d'un comune amico - Cellini per esempio, o dal Sig. Carlo Mora..." 1 p. In-8. **B.** Fermo 29 Marzo 1870. To a Marquess, concerning an invitation to Montegiorgio. 1 p. 1/2. Letterhead cut out. € 240

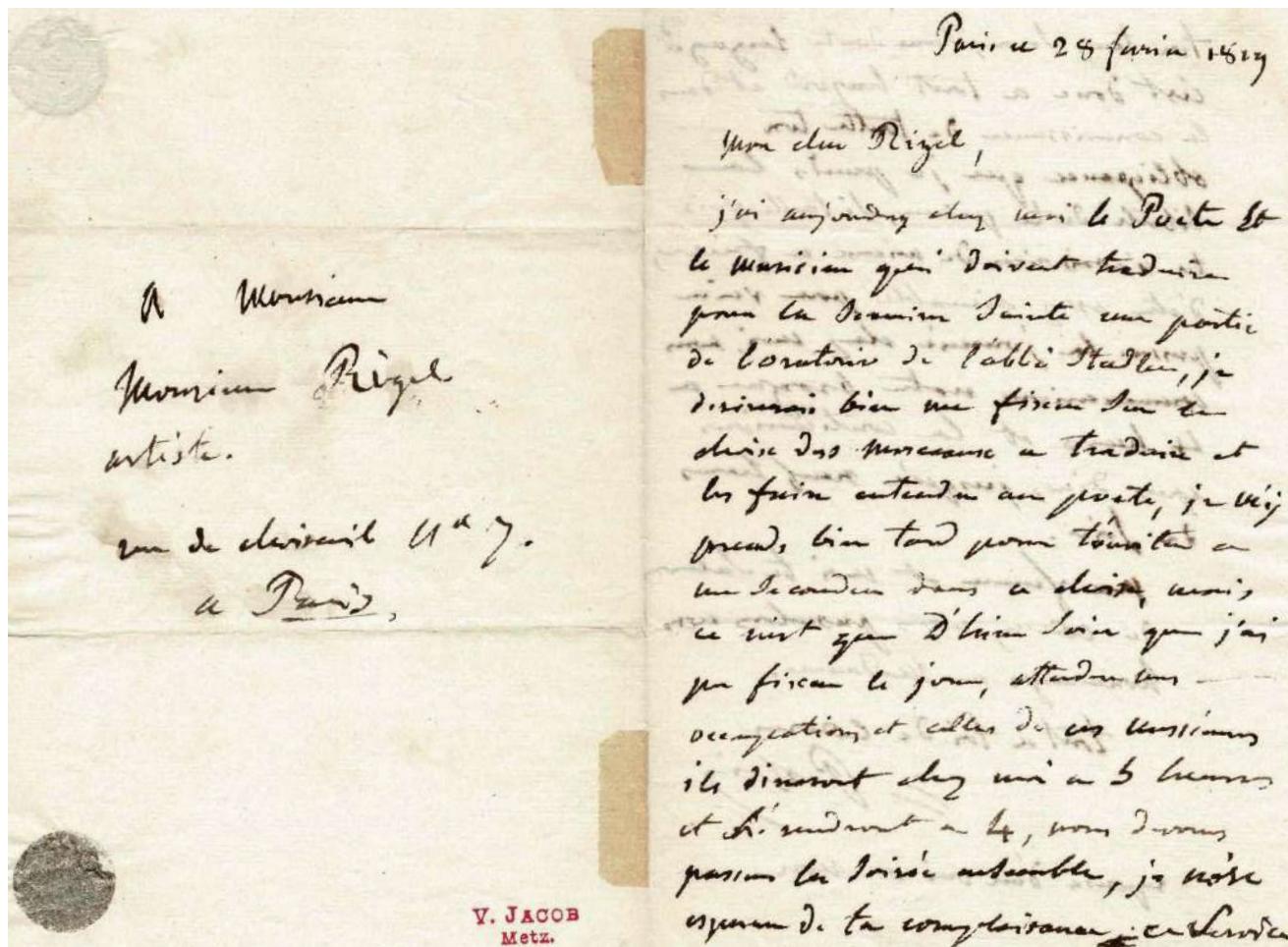


52. Louis-Luc Loiseau De Persuis (Metz 1769 - Paris 1819)

To Henri-Joseph Rigel

Autograph letter signed, dated Paris ce 28 février 1829 by the French composer, author with Le Sueur of the opera *Le triomphe de Trajan* (1807), addressed to the composer and conductor Henri-Joseph Rigel (1741-1799): "...J'ai aujourd'hui chez moi le Poete et le Musicien qui doivent traduire pour la Semaine Sainte une partie de l'oratorio de l'Abbé Italien...". 2 pp. in-8.

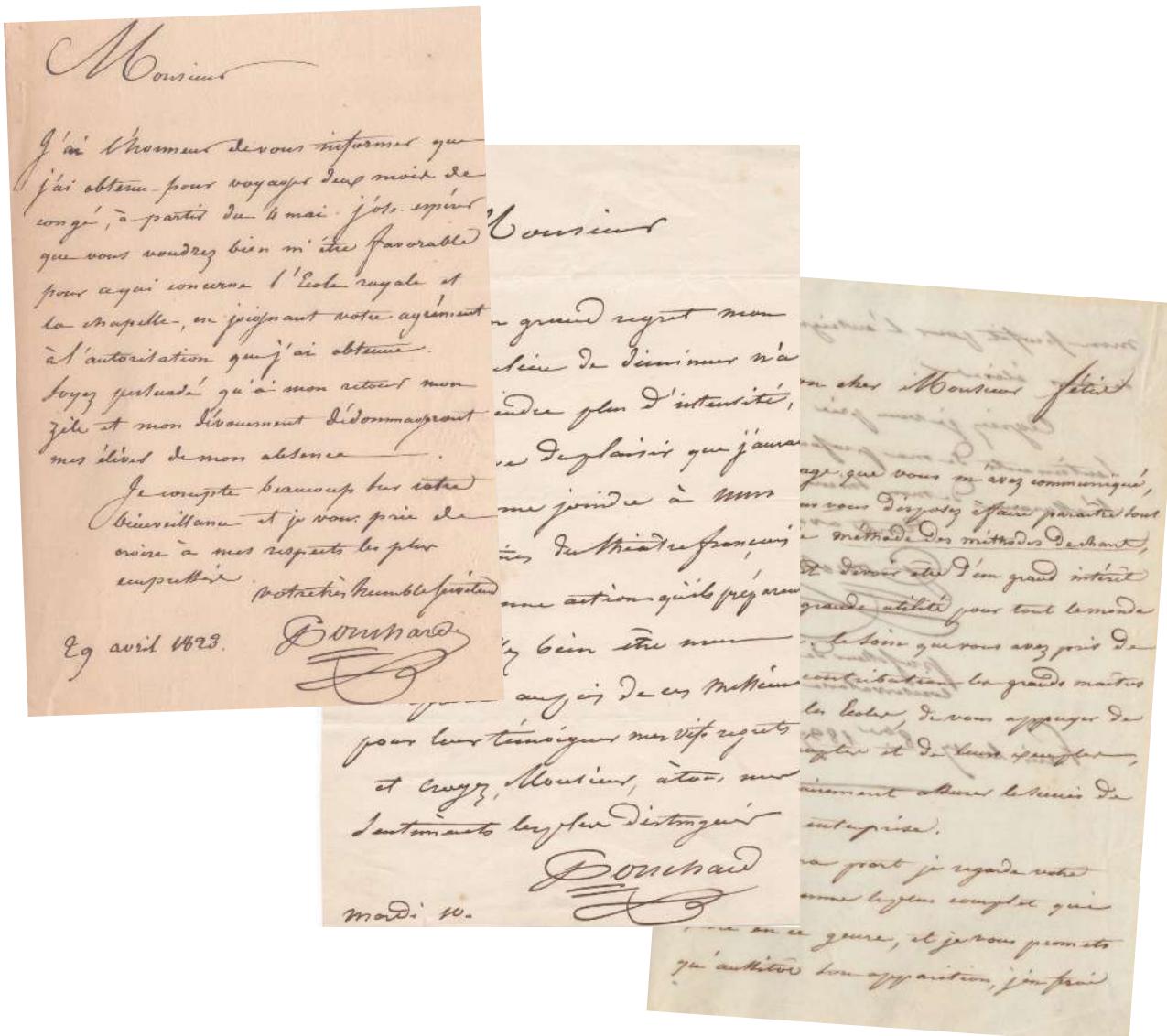
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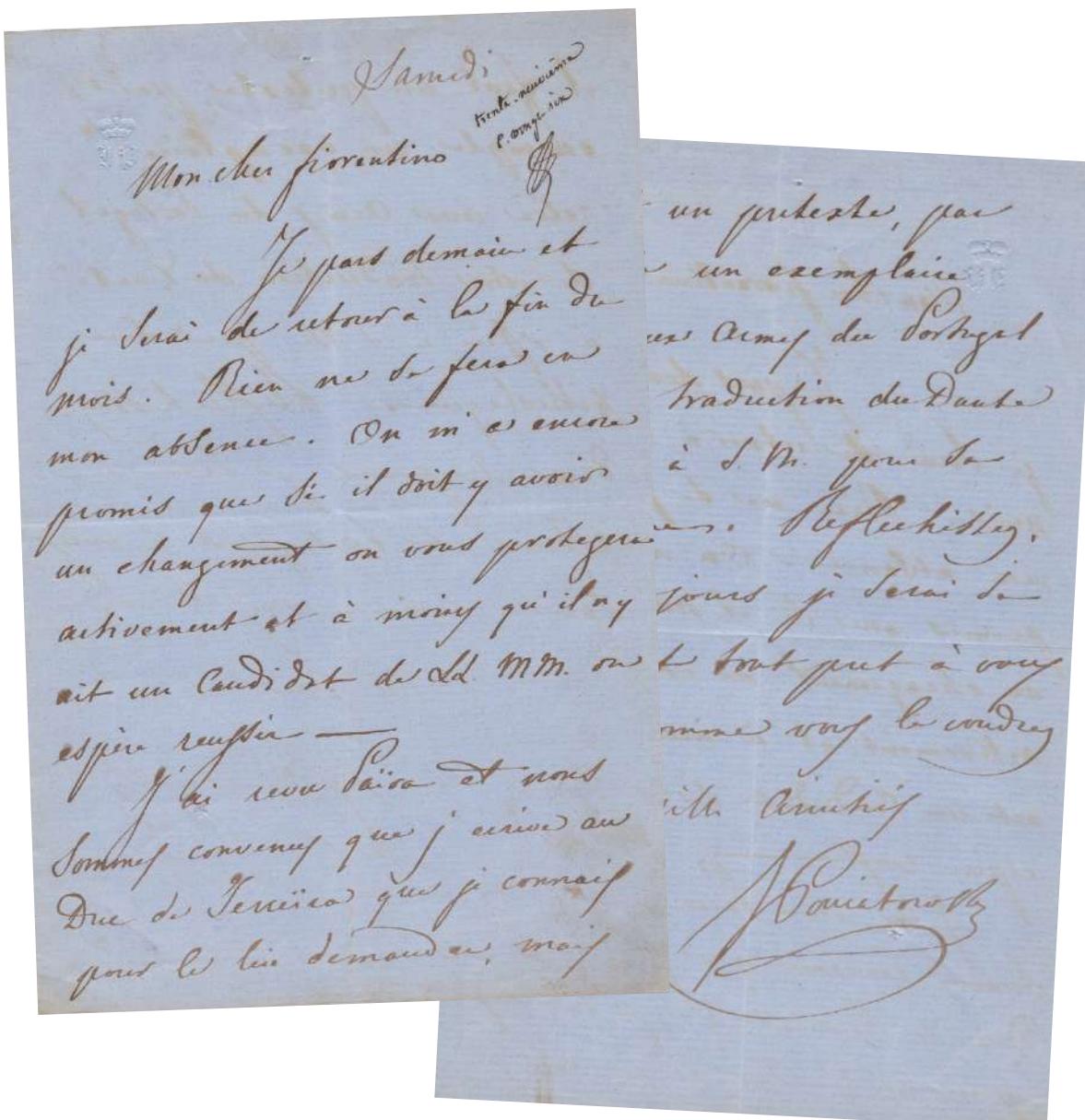
**53. Antoine Ponchard** (Paris, 1787 - ib., 1866)

To Luigi Cherubini and François-Joseph Fétis

Three autograph letters signed by the French operatic tenor, singing professor at the Conservatory, he sang the leading role of George brown at the premiere of Boieldieu's *La dame blanche* and operas by Isouard, Carafa and others. **A.** 29 Avril 1823. To the composer and director of Paris Conservatory **Luigi Cherubini** (1760-1842): "...J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que j'ai obtenu pour voyager deux mois de congé à partir du 4 mai. J'ose espérer que vous voudrez bien m'être favorable pour ce qui concerne l'Ecole royale et la chapelle, en joignant votre agrément à l'autorisation que j'ai obtenue...". 1 p. In-8. **B.** Paris le 17 8bre 1837. To the director of Brussels Conservatory **François-Joseph Fétis** (1784-1871): "...l'ouvrage que vous m'avez communiqué et que vous disposez à faire paraître sous le titre de méthode des méthodes de chant me parait devoir être d'un grand intérêt et d'une grande utilité pour tout le monde chantant...". 2 pp. In-8. **C.** Mardi 10. To a gentleman, apologizing for not being able to attend some rehearsal because of his cold. 1 p. In-8. € 280



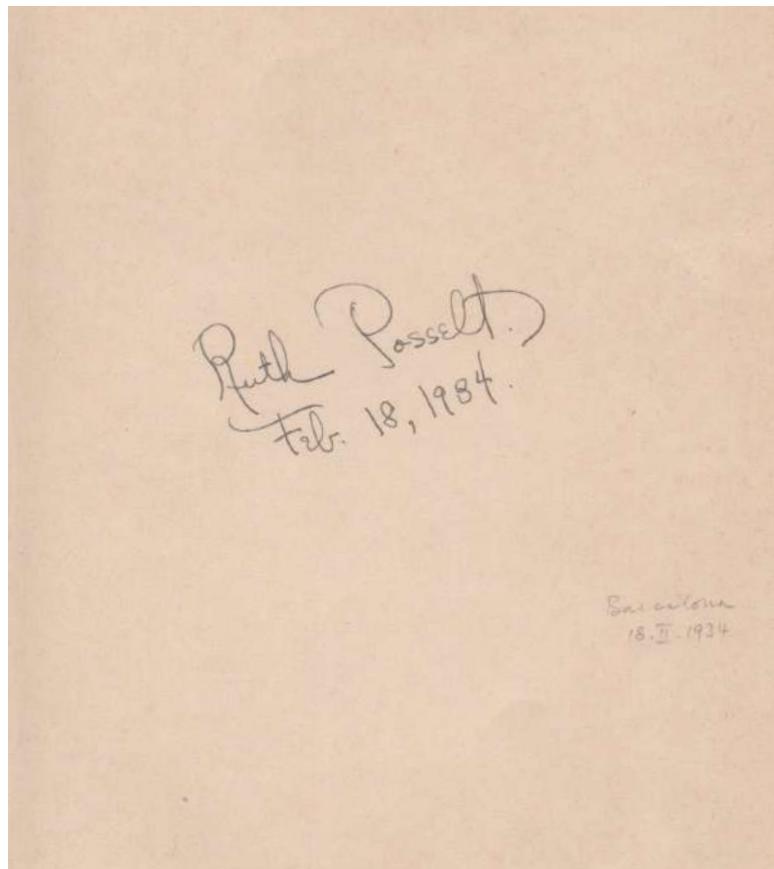
**54. Józef Michał Poniatowski**, a.k.a. G. Luci Poniatowski (Rome, 1814 - London, 1873) *Esther Lachmann*  
Autograph letter signed, dated *Samedi* by the Polish operatic tenor and composer, but also diplomat and  
politician. Son of prince Stanislas Poniatowski and Cassandra Luci, he studied music in Florence under  
Ferdinando Ceccherini and debuted as tenor in 1838 with his first composition *Giovanni da Procida*  
(1838). To the parisian critic Michelangelo Fiorentino della Rovere: "...j'ai revu Païva et nous sommes  
convenu que j'écrive au Duc de Janeiro que je connais pour le lui demander, mais il faut un prétexte, par exemple un  
exemplaire relié aux Armes de Portugal de votre traduction du Dante à offrir à S. M. pour sa bibliothèque...". 2 pp.  
In-8. € 140



**55. Ruth Posselt** (Medford, 1911 - Gulfport, 2007)

Autograph signature on album sheet dated "Feb. 18, 1984" by the American violinist. Pupil of Emanuel Ondricek, she won the Schubert Memorial Prize in 1929. She married the violinist and conductor Richard Burgin (1892-1981). 1 p. In-8.

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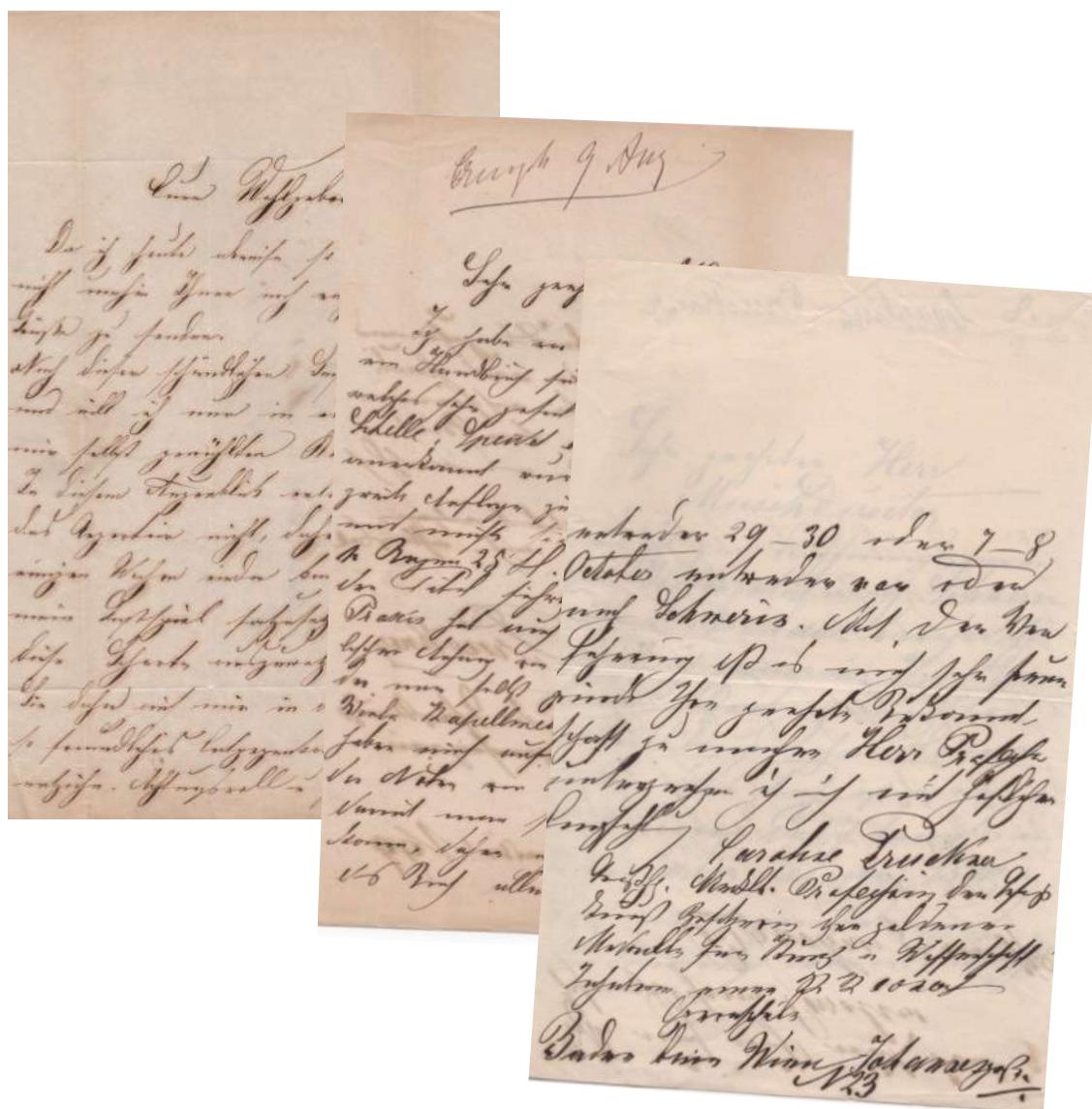


## 56. Caroline Pruckner (Vienna, 1825 - ib., 1908)

*Theorie und Praxis der Gesangskunst*

Three autograph letters signed by the Austrian soprano, pupil of Josephine Fröhlich and Julius Stockhausen. Letters are addressed to music directors and relate to music engagements. For a total of 7 pp. In-8. **Included:** printed autobiography of the soprano. She developed a powerful voice so early in life that, notwithstanding the counsels of prudence, she was heard in the part of Adalgisa when only 15. An engagement followed in 1850 at the Hanover Court Theatre, where she won much applause as Martha, Susanna, Leonora ('Stradella,') etc. Two years later similar success attended her performances, at Mannheim, of more arduous parts, such as Elvira and Valentine. Thus seemingly launched upon a brilliant career, Caroline Pruckner must have cruelly felt the total loss of her voice in 1855, when she was barely 24 years of age; and it speaks well for the courage and the temper of the budding prima donna that she at once resigned herself in the best possible way by devoting herself to teach the art she loved, especially that branch of it which is concerned with the nursing of the vocal organs (as a part of voice-training), and the healing of injuries done by forcing and other ill-usage. Fräulein Pruckner applied her newly acquired science to her own case; and to some extent her voice recovered its power. It was at Luib's Polyhymnia that she entered upon her professorial life; after two years, in 1870, she opened an independent School of Opera in the Feinfalter Strasse, whence a move was effected in 1887 to the Hohenstaufengasse. Her 'Theorie und Praxis der Gesangskuust' (Schlesinger 1872) has gained for the authoress a wide celebrity, and on the appearance of a second edition (1883), the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin decorated her with a gold medal for art and science. The production of new songs and cantatas is an important feature of the concerts and lectures given at the Schools of Song and Opera by Fräulein Pruckner and her pupils. 2 pp. In-4.

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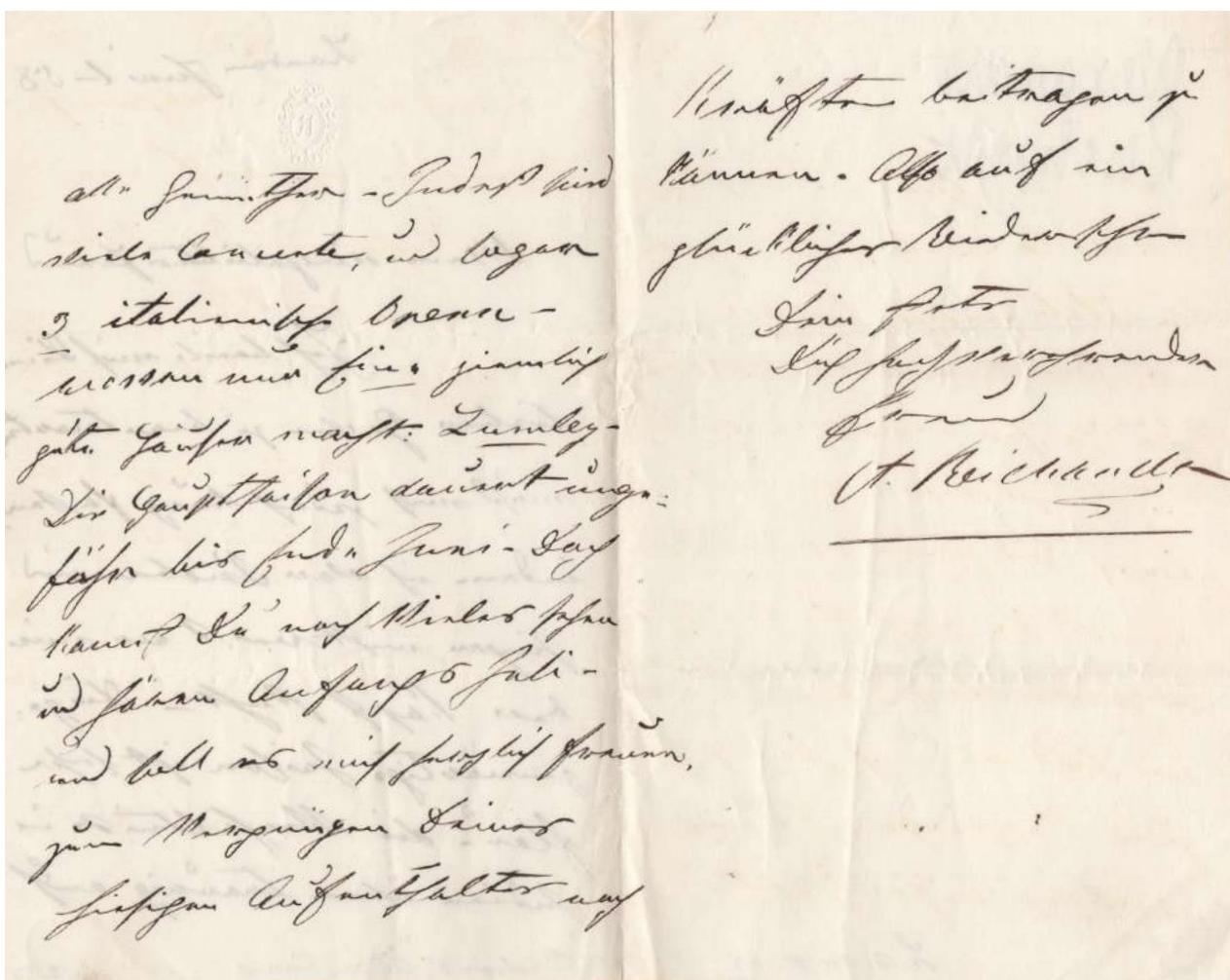


## 57. Alexander Reichardt (Paks, 1825 - Boulogne-sur-Mer, 1885)

Covent Garden

Autograph letter signed, dated London Juni 2 -58 by the Austrian tenor, he was pupil of Angelica Catalani and Giovanni Gentiluomo, he was member of the Vienna Court Opera from 1843 to 1851. He was considered an excellent singer of songs, above all as an interpreter of the songs by Beethoven and Schubert. In 1851 he made his first appearance in England, singing at the Musical Union and at the Philharmonic, at many other concerts and, finally, at His Majesty's. In the following season he returned and sang Berlioz's *Romeo and Juliet* in the new philharmonic concert, also in the Choral Symphony, Berlioz's *Faust* and "Walpurgisnight" and enjoyed great popularity both with songs as in more serious pieces. Reichardt addresses a lady, concerning rehearsals music engagements and concert in London with the impresario Benjamin Lumley. 2 pp. 1/2. In-8.

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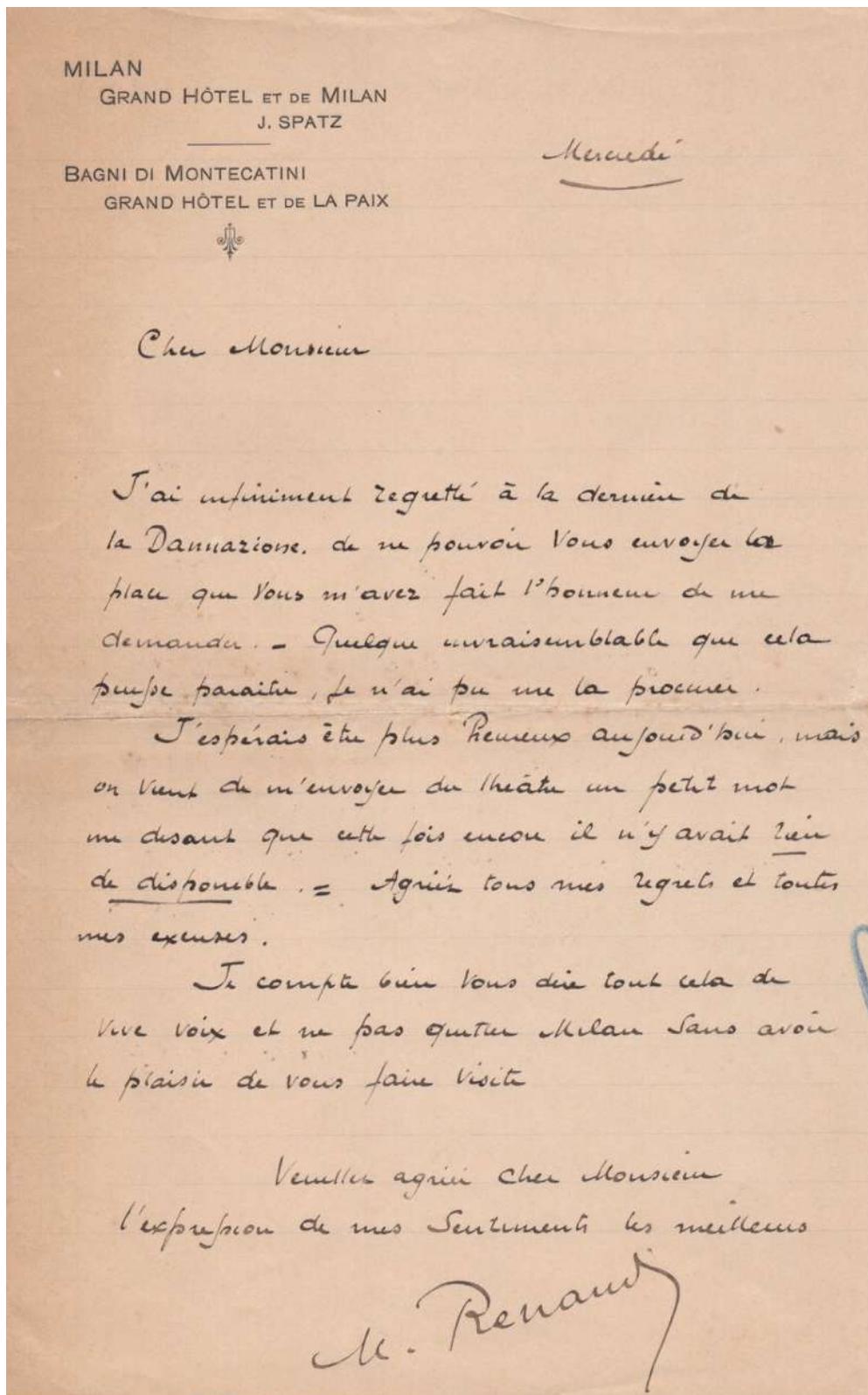


58. Maurice Renaud (Bordeaux, 1861 - Paris, 1933)

La Monnaie Theatre

Autograph letter signed, dated *Mercredi* [1903] by the French baritone, he debuted at La Monnaie and remained with the Brussels company until 1890, after which he toured Europe and America. To a gentleman, regretting for not being able to find theater seats for last evening performance of Berlioz's "La Damnation de Faust". 1 p. In-4. With letterhead.

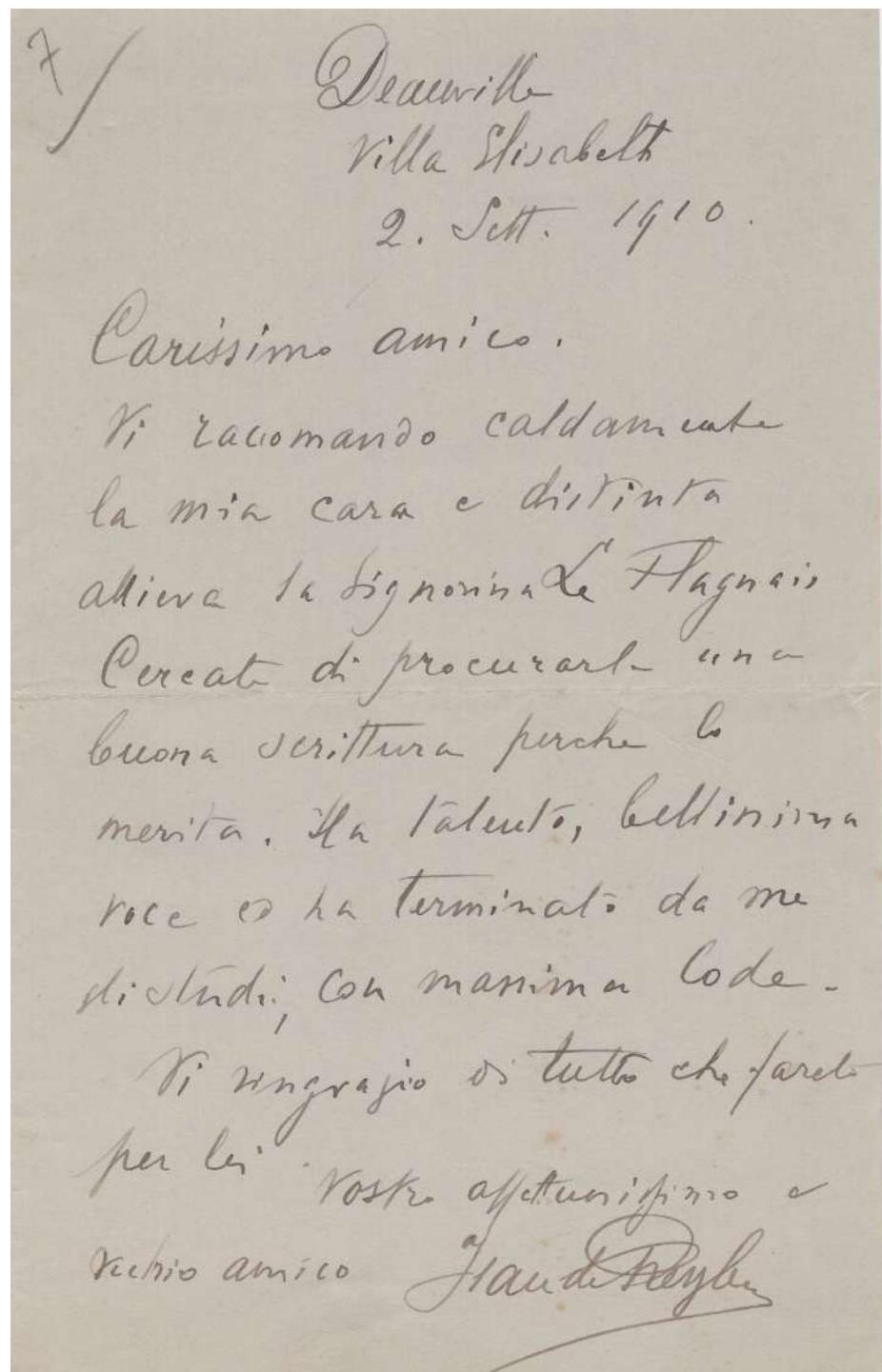
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**59. Jean de Reszke** (Warsaw, 1850 - Nice, 1925)

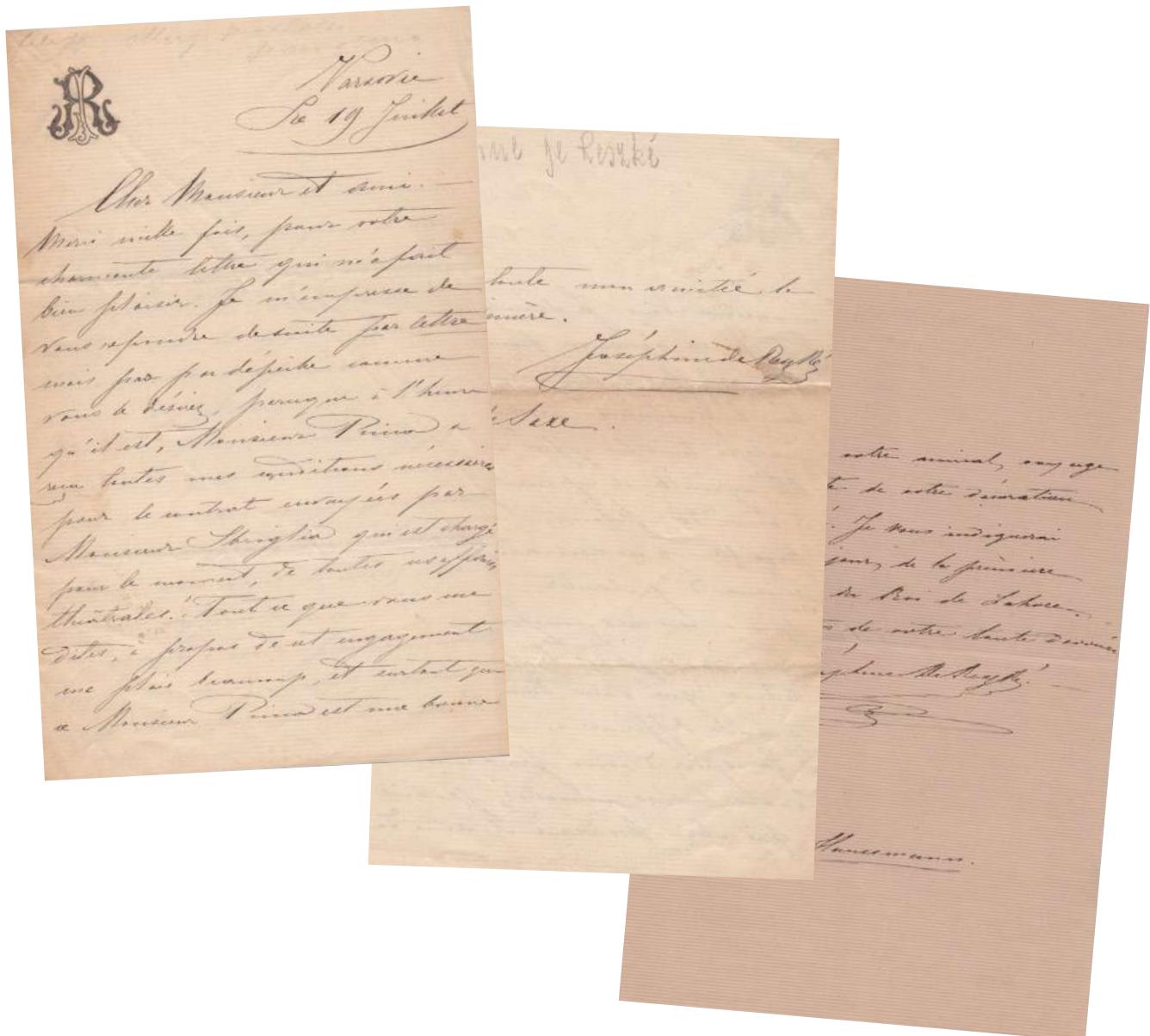
Autograph letter signed, dated *Deauville Villa Elisabeth 2 Sett 1910* by the Polish dramatic tenor, mostly remembered for his success in the title-role of Meyerbeer's *Robert le diable* (Madrid, 1879). To a friend, recommending a pupil: "...Vi raccomando caldamente la mia cara e distinta allieva la signorina Le Flaguais. Cercate di procurarle una buona scrittura perché la merita. Ha talento, bellissima voce ed ha terminato da me gli studi, con massima lode...". Odette Le Flaguais, a very popular singer in America, was born in Paris and raised in London, she was a descendant of Spanish Louisiana governor Francisco Bouligny, and her grandfather was congressman John Edward Bouligny. She studied in Italy and Spain, in her youth 1 p. In-8.

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**60. Joséphine de Reszke** (Warsaw, 1855 - ib., 1891)

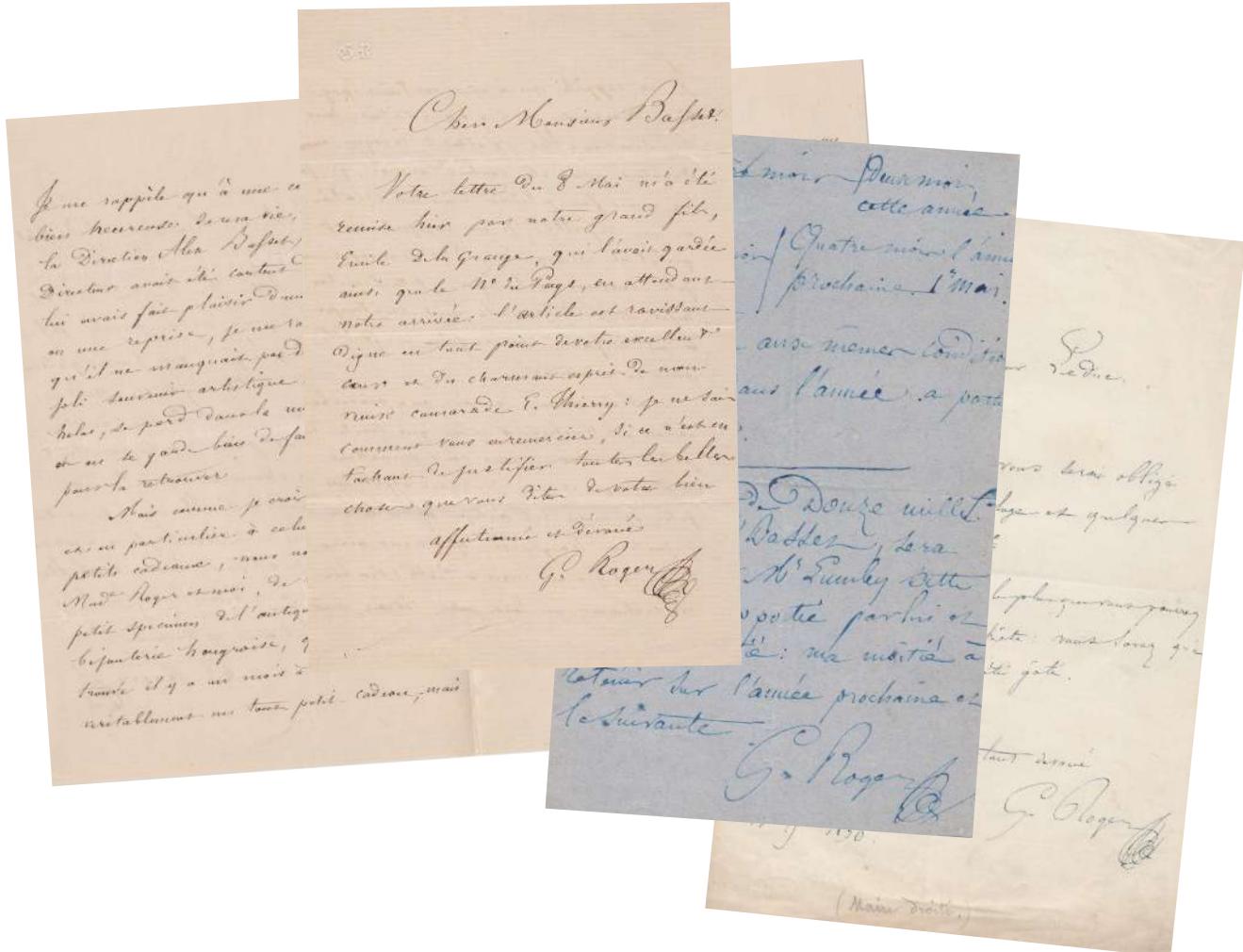
Two fine autograph letters signed, not dated, by the Polish soprano, sister of the singers Jean and Édouard, she performed at the Paris Opera for several years. While there, she created the role of Sita in Jules Massenet's *Le roi de Lahore* (1877). **A.** *Varsovie le 19 Juillet*. To a gentleman: "...à l'heure qu'il est, Monsieur P... a reçu toutes mes conditions nécessaires pour le contrat envoyées par Monsieur Sbriglia, qui est chargé pour le moment de toutes ces affaires théâtrales...". 2 pp. ½ In-8. With letterhead. **B.** *Paris le 13 Mars*. To a gentleman: "...je désirais vivement vous voir au premier rang des auditeurs du *Roi de Lahore*...". 2 pp. In-8. With letterhead. € 180



**61. Gustave-Hippolyte Roger** (Paris, 1815 - ib., 1868)

Four autograph letters signed, one dated 1856 by the French tenor. Pupil of Blès Martin, he created numerous leading roles in Daniel Auber and Ambroise Thomas operas. Letters concern performances, a theater lodge booking, a contract summing fees for engagements and are addressed to the tenor **Marius Audran** (1816-1887), father of the composer Edmond, the writer **Charles Basset**, a.k.a. Adrien Robert (1796-1870) and the publisher **Leduc**. For a total of 6 pp. In-8. With embossed letterhead.

€ 150



62. Ned Rorem (Richmond, 1923 - New York, 2022)

Autograph letter signed "Ma chère Valentine" dated 7 Juin '53. "...Si vous avez un moment dimanche prochain le 14 il y aura une émission de mes Melodies à la Radio Paris - Inter..." 1p. In-8 € 90

4 Ma chère Valentine —

7 juin 53

Si vous avez un  
moment dimanche prochain le 14  
il y aura une émission de  
mes mélodies à la Radio

PARIS-INTER entre 8 hrs. 30 et  
9 heures du soir. Et cela  
me ferait plaisir que vous  
les écouter... Si vous les  
aimez, je vous en donnerai!

Bien à vous

Ned Rorem

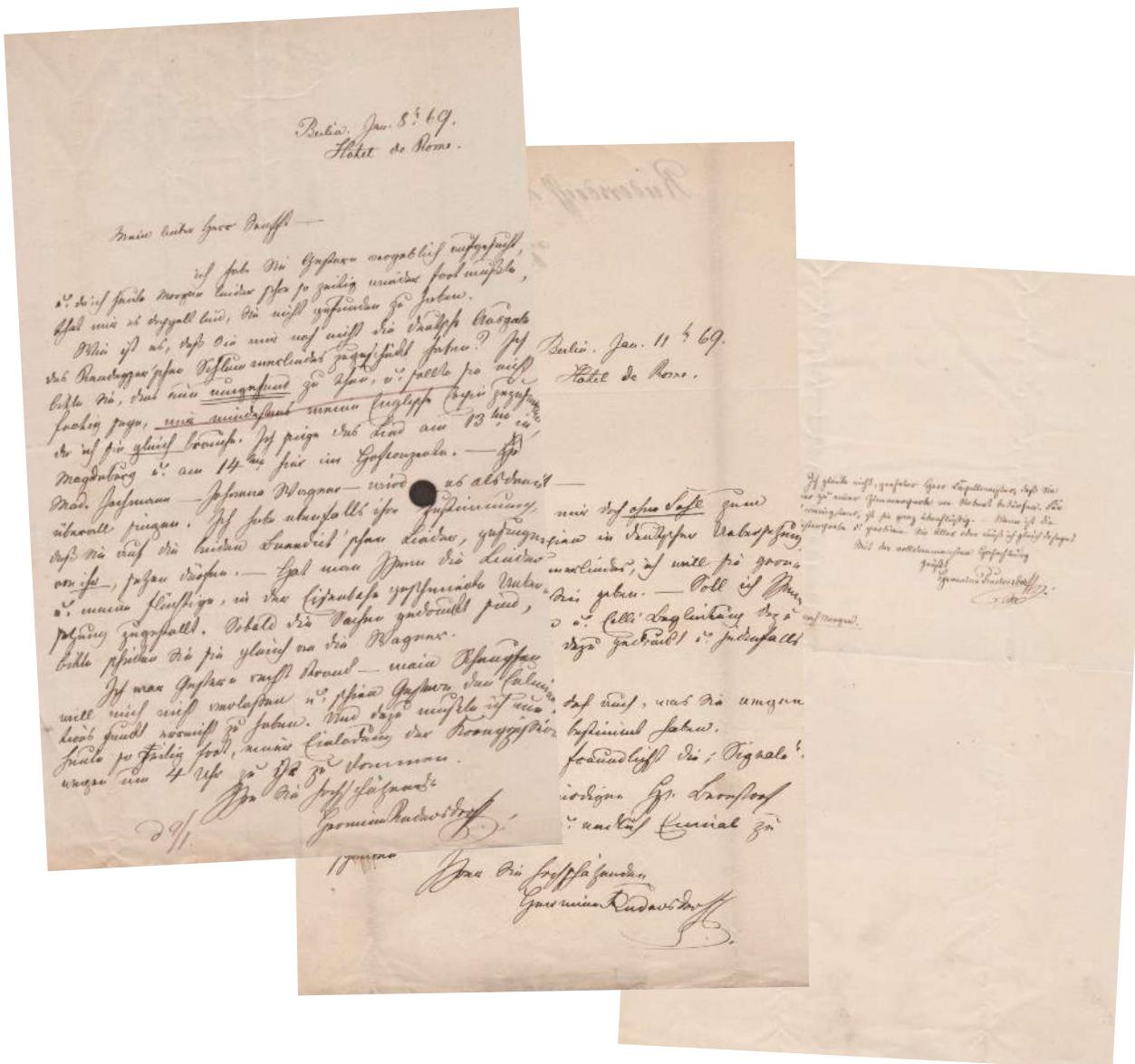
to Valentine  
Hugo

**63. Hermine Kücjenmeister-Rudersdorf** (Ivanovsky, 1822 - Boston, 1882)

Mendelssohn

Lot of three autograph letters signed, dated 1869 by the Ukrainian composer and soprano, she studied singing with Marco Bordogni. Her father was the violinist Joseph Rudersdorff. Rudersdorf debuted in Leipzig, Germany, when she was the soprano soloist in Felix Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang* (Lobgesang - Hymn of Praise, op. 52. Eine Symphonie-Kantate nach Worten der Heiligen Schrift) on June 25, 1840. Her English debut was on May 23, 1854, at Covent Garden's Theatre Royal on Drury Lane, where she sang in several operas. She appeared at the Royal Italian Opera in 1855. On private and music matters. 3 pp. In-4.

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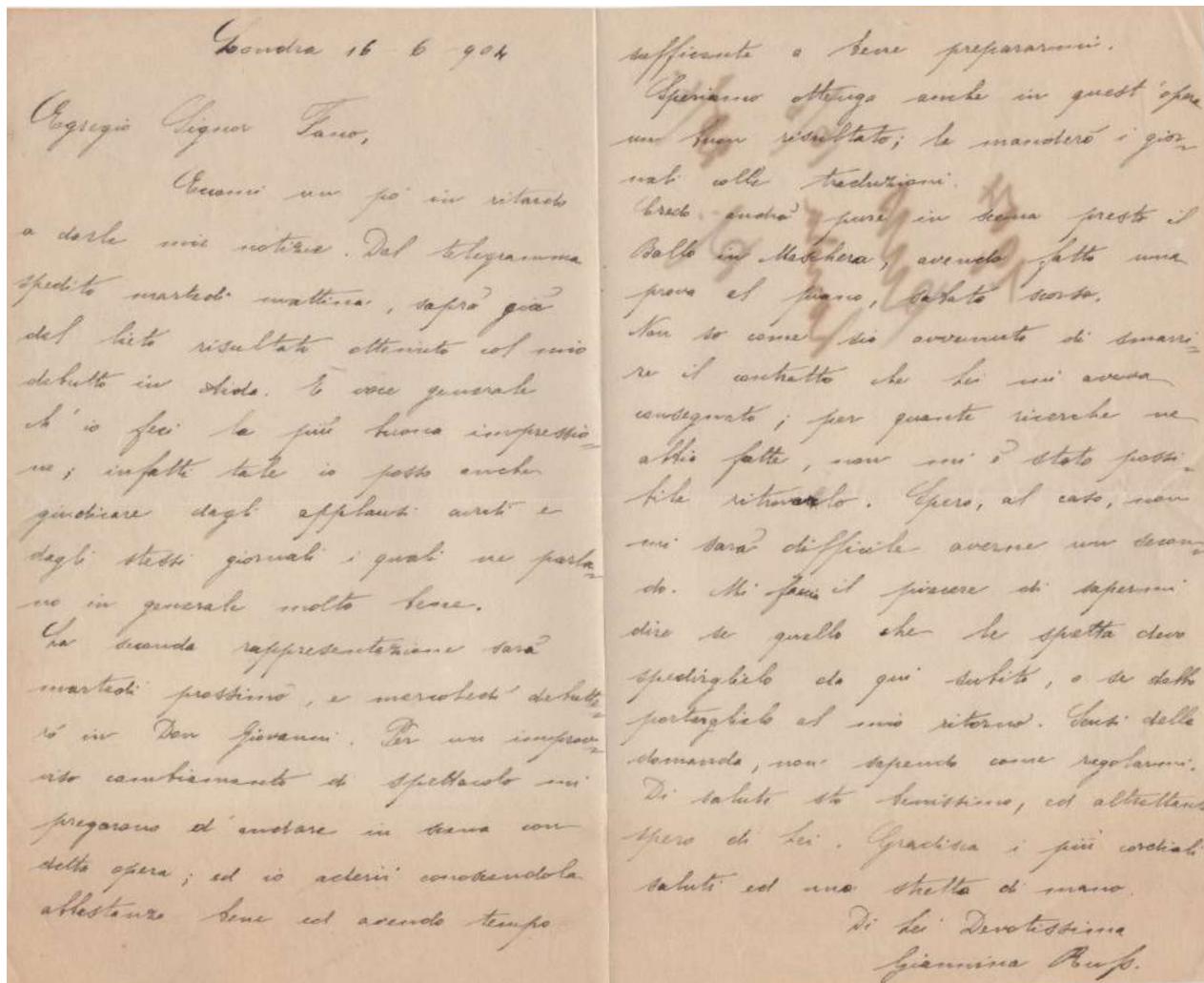


## 64. Giannina Russ (Lodi, 1873 - Milan, 1951)

Covent Garden

Fine autograph letter signed, dated Londra 16.6. 904 the day after the premiere of *Aida* with Caruso at Covent Garden. She was pupil of Alberto Leoni in Milan, she debuted in concerts at Circolo della Stampa in Milan in duo with Francesco Tamagno. To the impresario Fano: "...È voce generale ch'io feci la più buona impressione; infatti tale io posso anche giudicare dagli applausi avuti e dagli stessi giornali i quali ne parlano in generale molto bene. La seconda rappresentazione sarà martedì prossimo, e mercoledì debutterò in *Don Giovanni*...". 2 pp. In-8. Included: printed flyer with introducing the soprano on the occasion of Verdi's Centenary in 1913. 2 pp. In-4.

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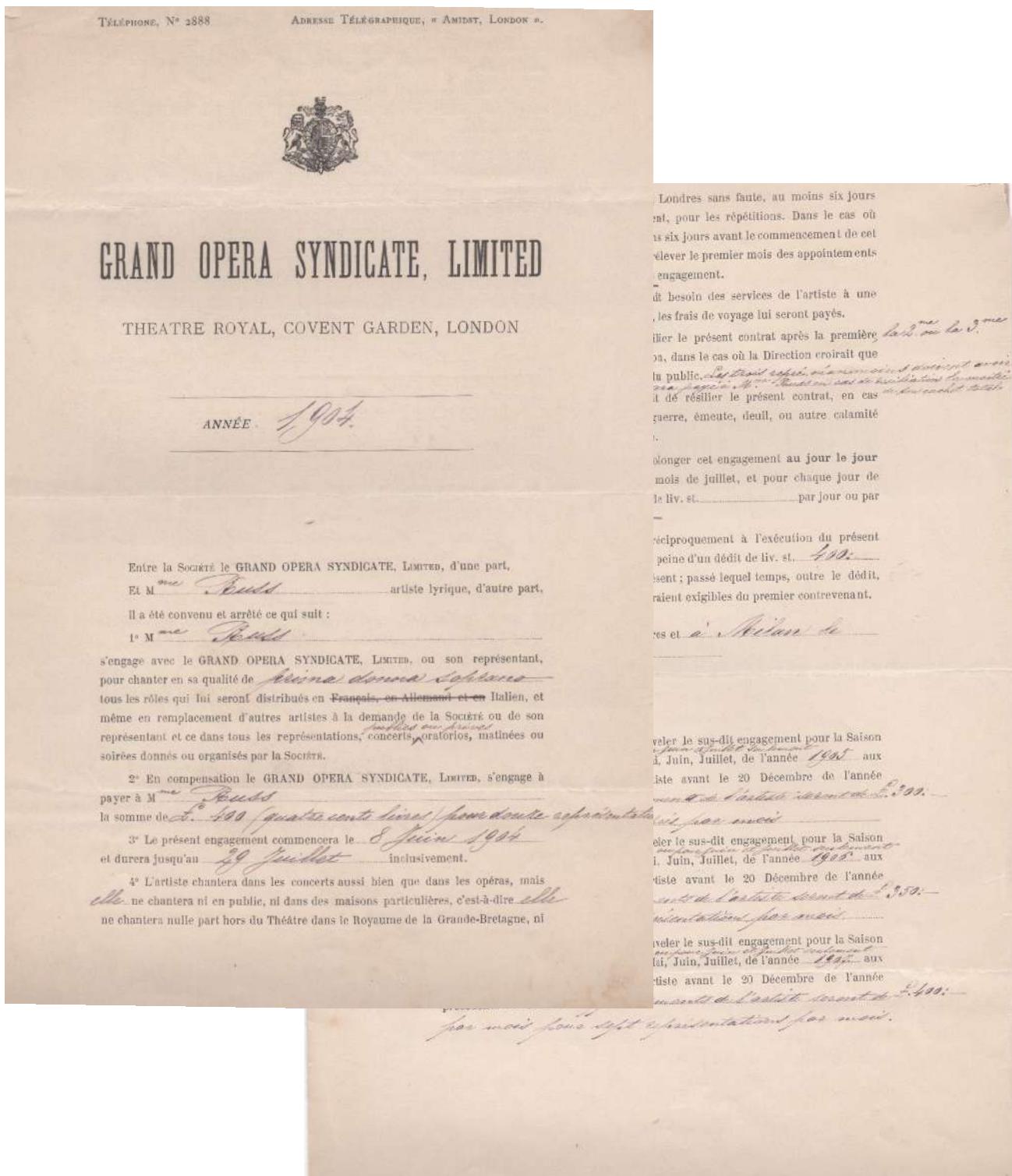


**65. Giannina Russ** (Lodi, 1873 - Milan, 1951)

*Covent Garden*

Partly printed contract with autograph lines and signature for the 1904 season at the Theatre Royal in Covent Garden by the Italian soprano, Repertoire and fees are listed. 3 pp. In-4.

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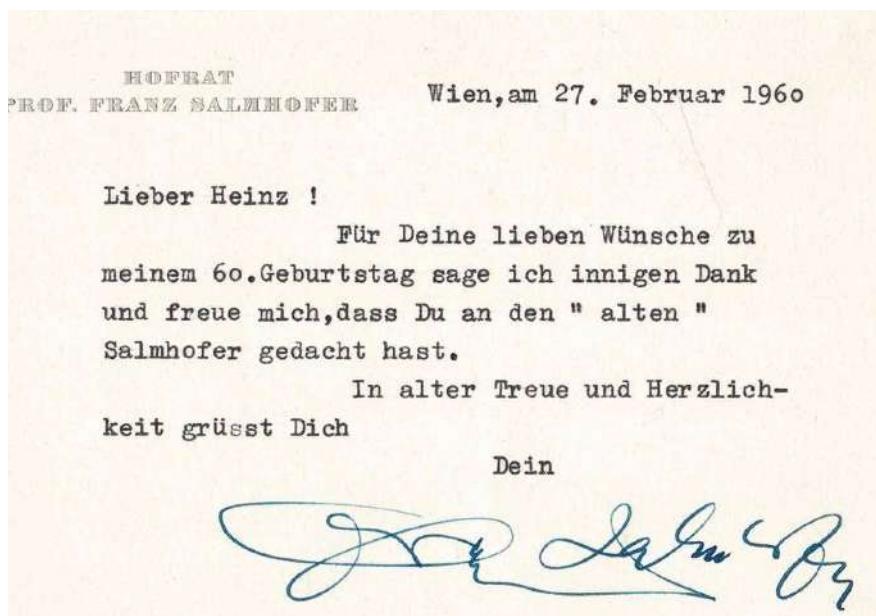


**66. Franz Salmhofer** (Vienna, 1900 - ib., 1975)

*Clarinet*

Typed letter signed in German, dated *Wien, am 27. Februar 1960* by the Austrian clarinetist, composer and conductor. Salmhofer answers back to a friend thanking him for his best wishes for his 60th birthday. 1 p. with letterhead.

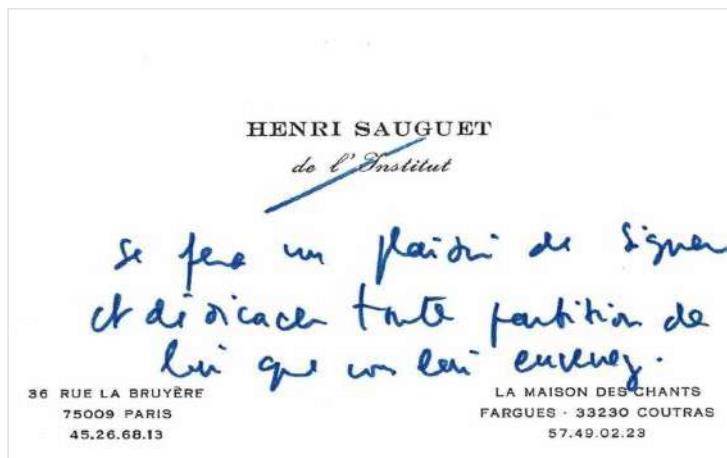
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**67. Henri Sauguet** (Bordeaux, 1901 - Paris, 1989)

Autograph letter by the French composer, engaging himself to sign and dedicating his partitions if sent to him. 1 p. On visiting card.

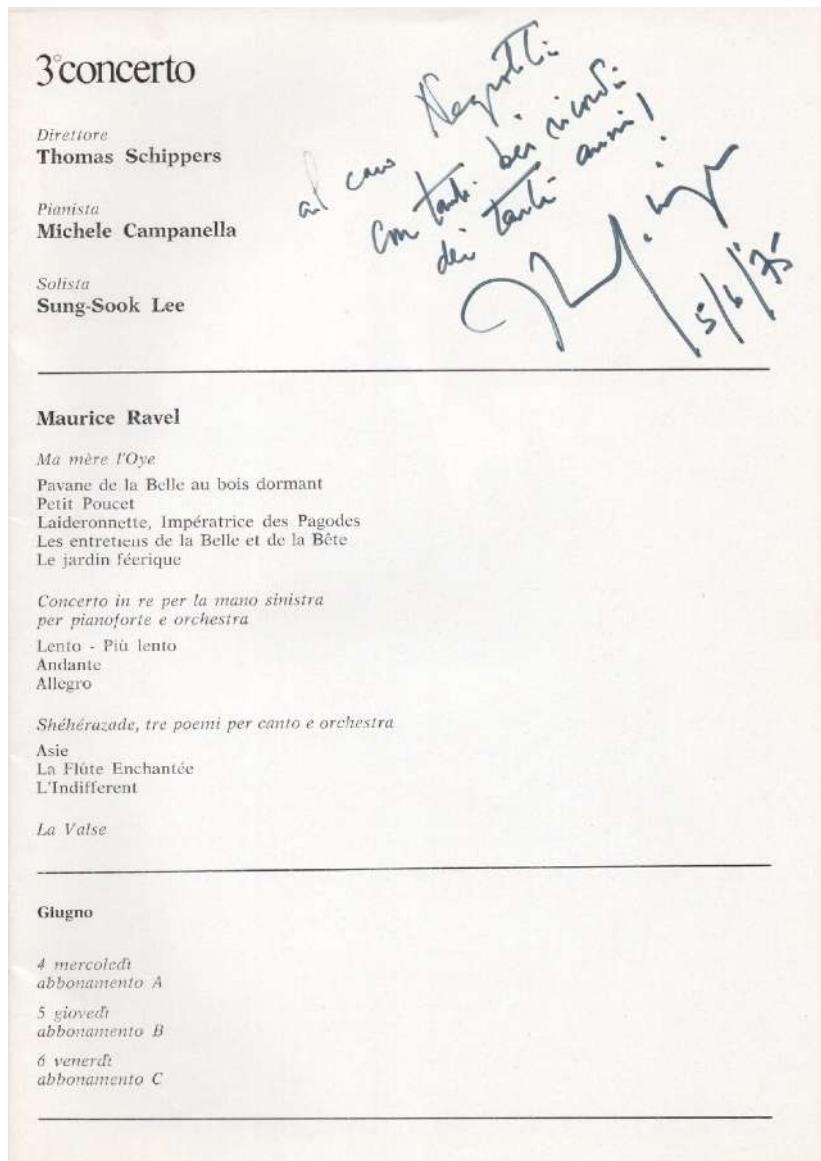
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**68. Thomas Schippers** (Portage, 1930 - New York, 1977)

*La Scala*

Autograph dedication signed, dated 5/6/75 by the American conductor on a booklet of the 3rd concert of the 1975 Symphonic season at Teatro alla Scala, featuring Italian pianist Michele Campanella and Korean soprano Sung Sook Lee in Maurice Ravel's *Ma mère l'Oye*. For a total of 35 pp. In-8. € 100

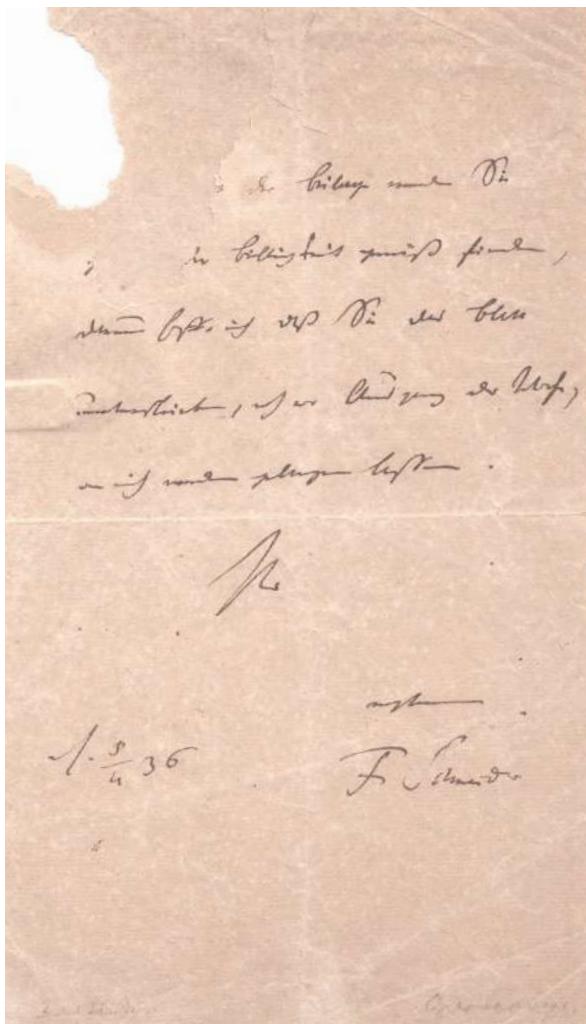


**69. Friedrich Schneider** (Waltersdorf, 1786 - Dessau, 1853)

*Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5*

Very rare autograph letter signed, dated 3/4 36 by the German pianist, composer and conductor. He became organist at St. Thomas Church, Leipzig in 1812, and was named conductor in Dessau in 1821. It is thought that Schneider premiered Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 in Leipzig on 28 November 1811. On music matters. 1 p. In-8. Damaged with loss of paper on the upper left margin.

€ 280



## 70. Teresina Singer (Olomouc, 1853 - Florence, 1928)

Meyerbeer - *Le Prophète*

Fine autograph letter signed, dated 10/3/90 by the Slovakian mezzosoprano who toured throughout Europe and South America with an extensive repertoire from Meyerbeer to Verdi. To her "gentile amico Sigaretta" (a nickname): "...Come era lungo faticoso il viaggio dalla mia bella Firenze, in questa nevicata triste Odessa - ma come l'onde del mare si seguono così sull'altra con vertiginosa velocità - così la mia vita artistica (...) Ora con febbre ansia studio la Fede (Fidès), la provo, e presto la canterò, e spero di sollevare non le montagne ma il pubblico...". 2 pp. In-8.

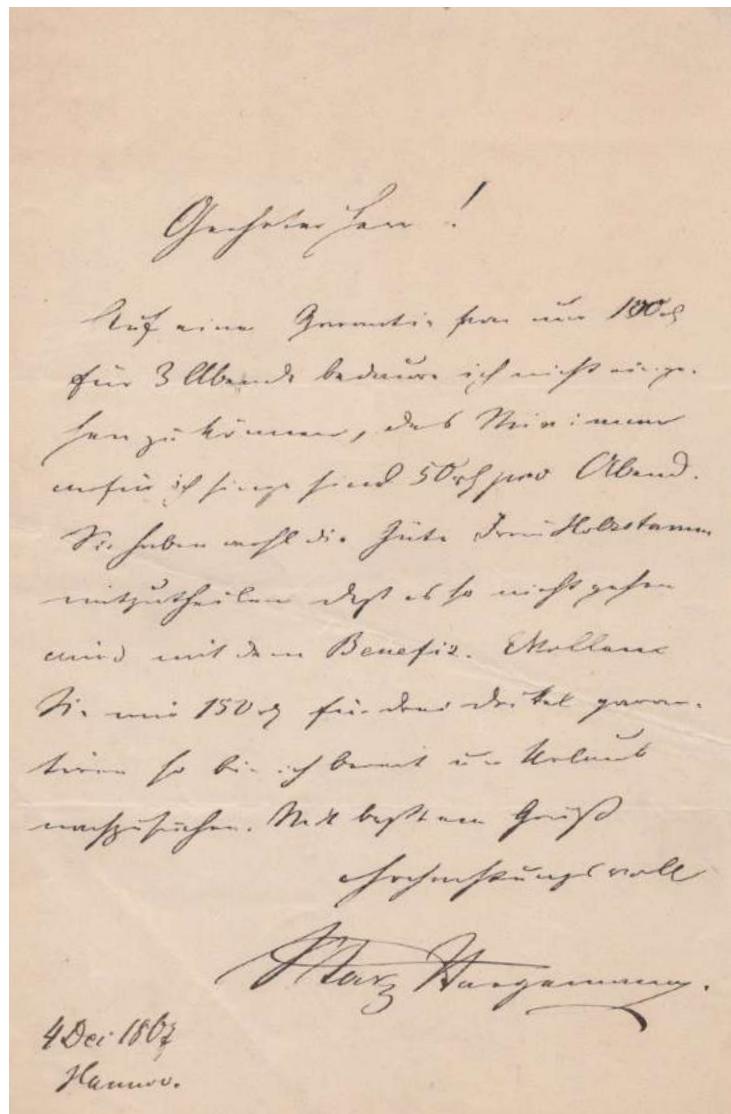
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Dedda Hotel da Nord 19<sup>90</sup>  
 Mio gentile amico  
 Signor Sigaretta  
 Come era lungo, febbre ansia  
 faticoso il viaggio, la Fede  
 dalla mia bella Firenze, e presto  
 ero in questa nevicata e non le montagne  
 come l'onde del mare ubbido - e mi  
 si seguono così sull'altra di rientrarla  
 sull'altra con vertiginos<sup>el</sup> poiché è mo-  
 velosità - così la mia Fede che  
 vita artistica - e mentre a penello  
 ancora scattava il dì vede che ho  
 patito bravo italiano la mia  
 dopo 5 giorni esheggiato di scrivere  
 da qui il doverci t' solo per  
 russo per l'anniversario al suo  
 e fu un vero trionfo - Spero di  
 ch'io qui alle mie nella Forronessa!! ma risposta  
 non vorrà un vero regalo  
 per me - Con mille saluti  
 da Lei Dev<sup>o</sup>, Teresina Singer

71. Max Staegemann (Bad Freienwalde, 1843 - Leipzig, 1905)

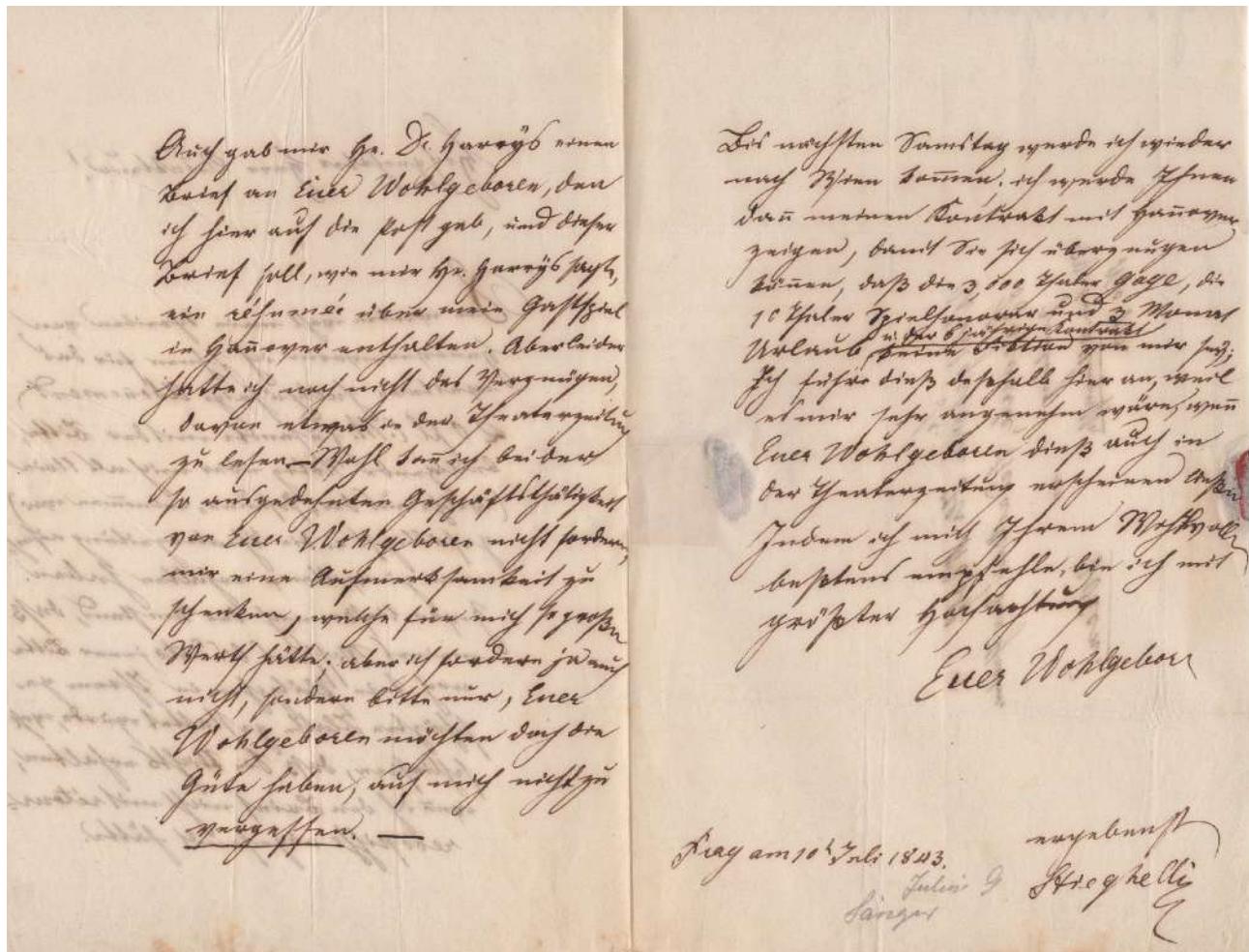
Wagner

Autograph letter signed, dated 4 Dec 1867 Hannover by the German baritone and theater director. To a gentleman, Staegemann refuses to sing for three nights because of too little pay offered. 1 p. In-8. € 90



**72. Giorgio Stighelli** (Julius Georg Stiegele - Ingstetten, 1820 - Monza, 1868)

Rare autograph letter signed, dated *Prag am 10 Juli 1843* by the German-born tenor who sang in several world premieres, including Paolo Serrao's *La duchessa di Guisa* (1865), Saverio Mercadante's *Virginia* (1866), and Giovanni Pacini's *Berta di Varnol* (1867). Stighelli addresses the writer **Adolf Bäuerle** (1786-1859), asking to write about him in his newspaper. 3 pp. In-8. With wax seal. € 200

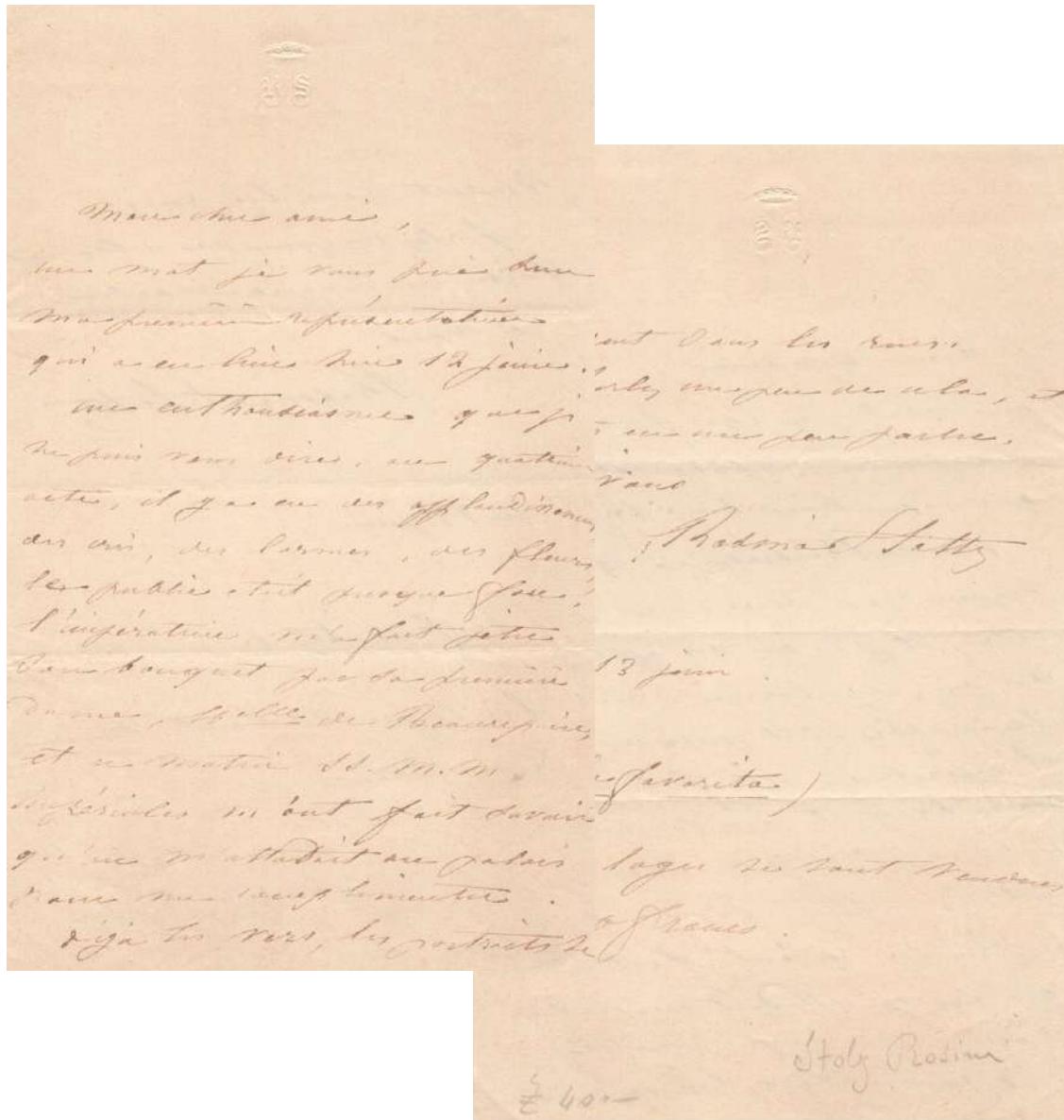


**73. Rosine Stoltz** (Paris, 1815 - ib., 1903)

*Eugenie de Montijo at the Paris Opera*

Autograph letter signed, dated *ce 13 Juin* by the French mezzo-soprano, she was a prominent member of Paris Opera, creating leading roles such as Marguerite in Auber's *Le lac des fées*, Léonore in Donizetti *La Favorita* and Zayda in *Dom Sébastien*. To a friend: "...un mot je vous prie dire ma première représentation qui a eu lieu hier 12 Juin. Un enthousiasme que je ne puis vous dire, au quatrième acte, il y a eu un applaudissement des cris, des larmes, des fleurs, le public était presque fou, l'impératrice (Eugenie de Montijo) m'a fait jeter un bouquet par sa première dame, M.elle de Beaurepaire...". 2 pp. In-8.

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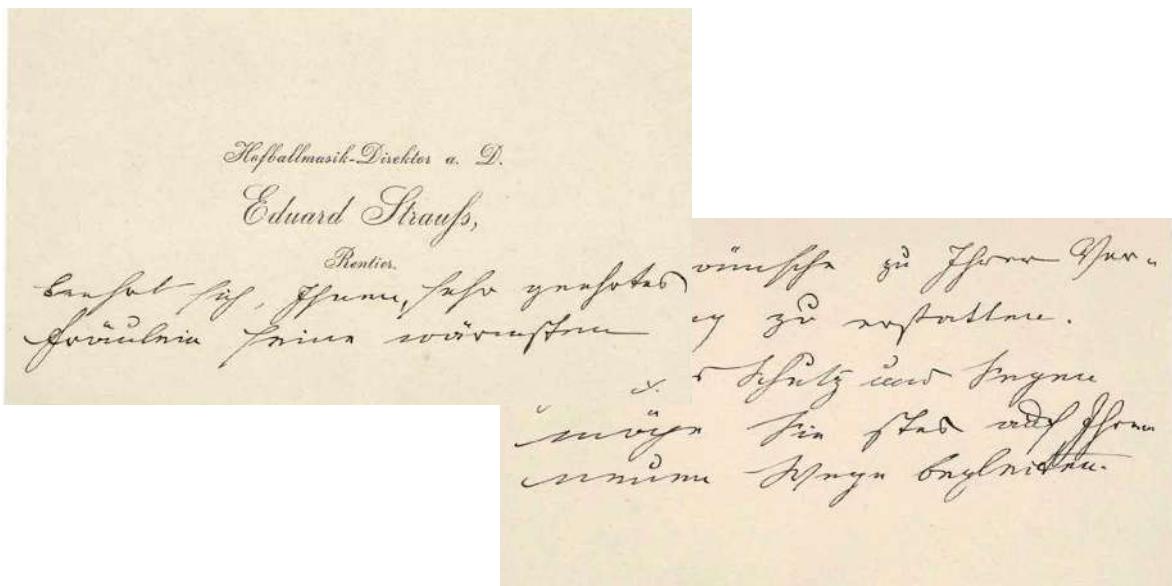


**74. Eduard Strauss** (Vienna, 1835 - ib., 1916)

Vienna

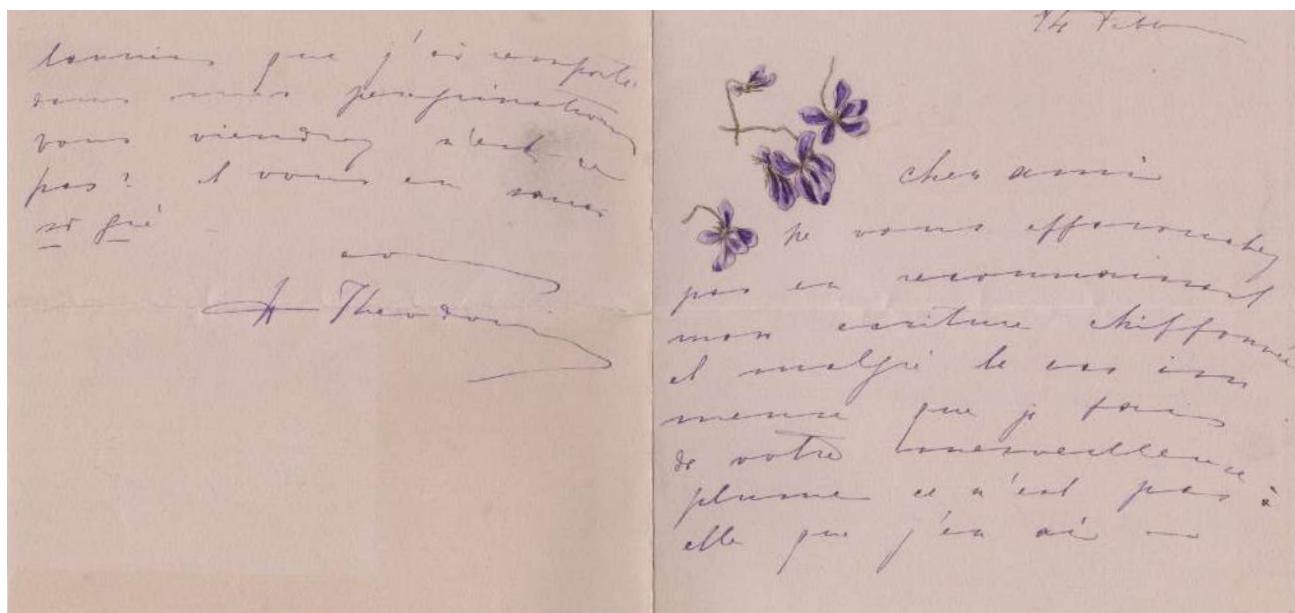
Autograph letter by the Austrian composer. To a gentleman, on personal matters. 1 p. 1/2. On visiting card.

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**75. Elena Teodorini** (Craiova, 1857 - Bucarest, 1926)

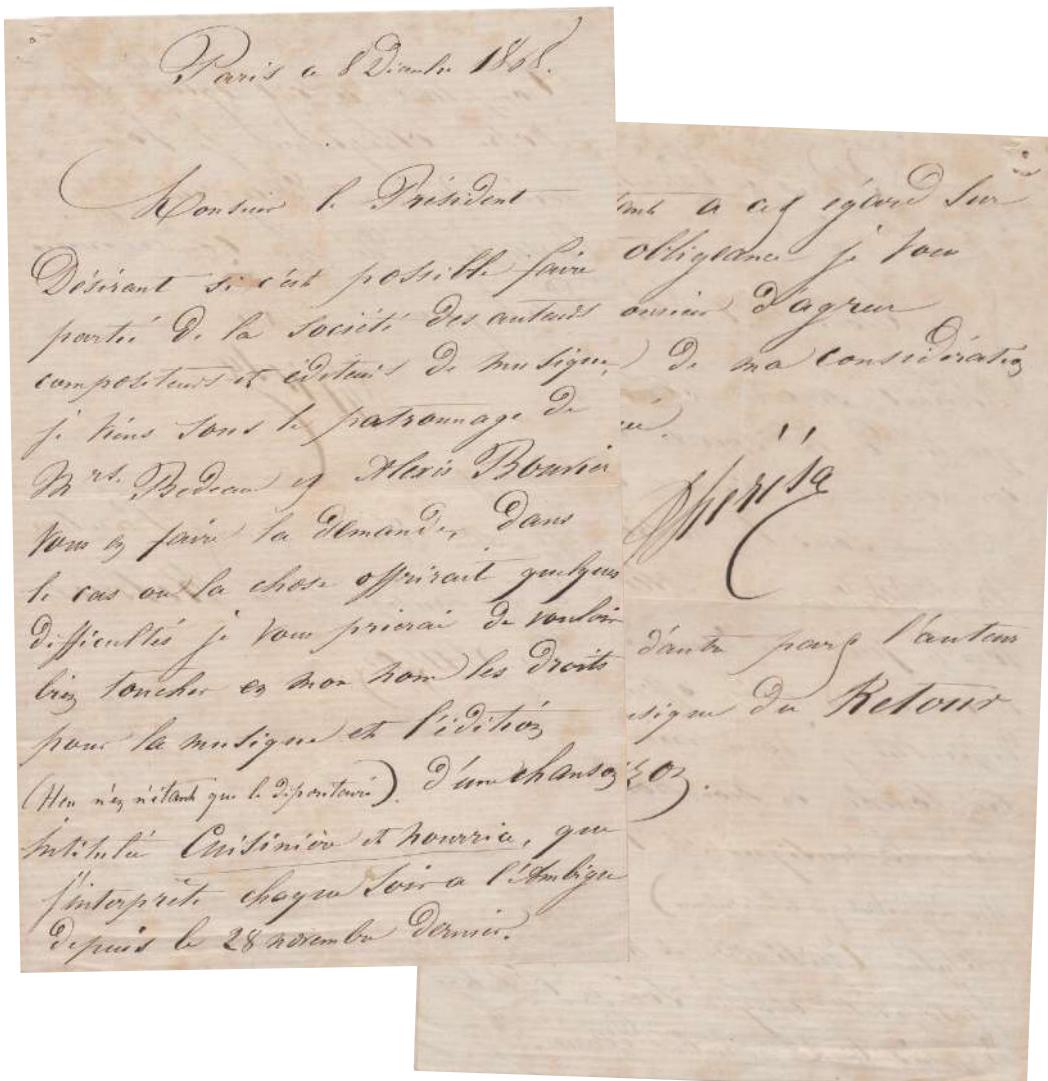
Four autograph letters signed dated between 1879 and 1906 by the Romanian mezzo-soprano. In 1880, she made her debut at La Scala in the role of Marguerite in Faust. She was the first Romanian singer to appear on stage at La Scala, and remained with the company until 1893. In 1884, she debuted at the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, next to Francesco Tamagno. Teodorini addresses theater directors and impresari, concerning upcoming engagements, performances fees and private matters. We report two extracts as a sample: "...Il 26 corr[ente] sarà a Milano dunque trovo inutile lo spedire i contratti (...) quale sarebbe l'opera destinata pel mio debutto? Mia madre aveva detto il Ruy-Blas..."; "... Je m'adresse à l'ami d'antan qui m'a vue fillette et que je voudrais tant avoir près de moi demain soir. Car c'est une rude bataille que je dois livrer et si j'ai le bonheur d'en sortir voir que en j... victoire ne me rendre plus fière et heureuse — Être consacrée par le public qui m'a créée c'est un rêve d'or...". For a total of 12 pp. In.8 and in-16. € 200



**76. Thérésa**, a.k.a. Emma Valladon (La Bazoche-Gouet, 1836 - Neufchâtel-en-Saosnois, 1913)

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris ce 8 Décembre 1868* by the French singer. Some of her most successful songs' choruses were sung by many people, including *La gardeuse d'ours* del (1863), *Rien n'est sacré pour un sapeur!* (1864) and *La femme à barbe* del (1865). She was "admired" by Alexandre Dumas, Théodore de Banville, Pauline von Metternich and Napoleon III. She was financially very successful; earning around 100,000 francs a year. Theresa addresses the President of the Société des auteurs et compositeurs dramatiques (SACD), **Henri de Saint-Georges** (1799-1875): "...Désirant si c'est possible faire partie de la société des auteurs compositeurs et éditeurs de musique, je viens sous le patronage de Mrs. Bedien et Alexis Bouvier [1836-1892, dramatist] vous en faire la demande, dans le cas où la chose offrirait quelques difficultés je vous prierai de vouloir bien toucher en mon nom les droits pour la musique et l'édition (...) d'une chanson intitulé *cuisinière et nourrice*, que j'interprète chaque soir à l'*Ambigu* depuis le 28 novembre dernier...". 2 pp. In-8.  
**Included:** lithographic portrait from a photograph by Étienne Carjat. in-4, a typed article from the "Comédie Illustrée" for the death of the singer in 1913. 2 pp. In-4.

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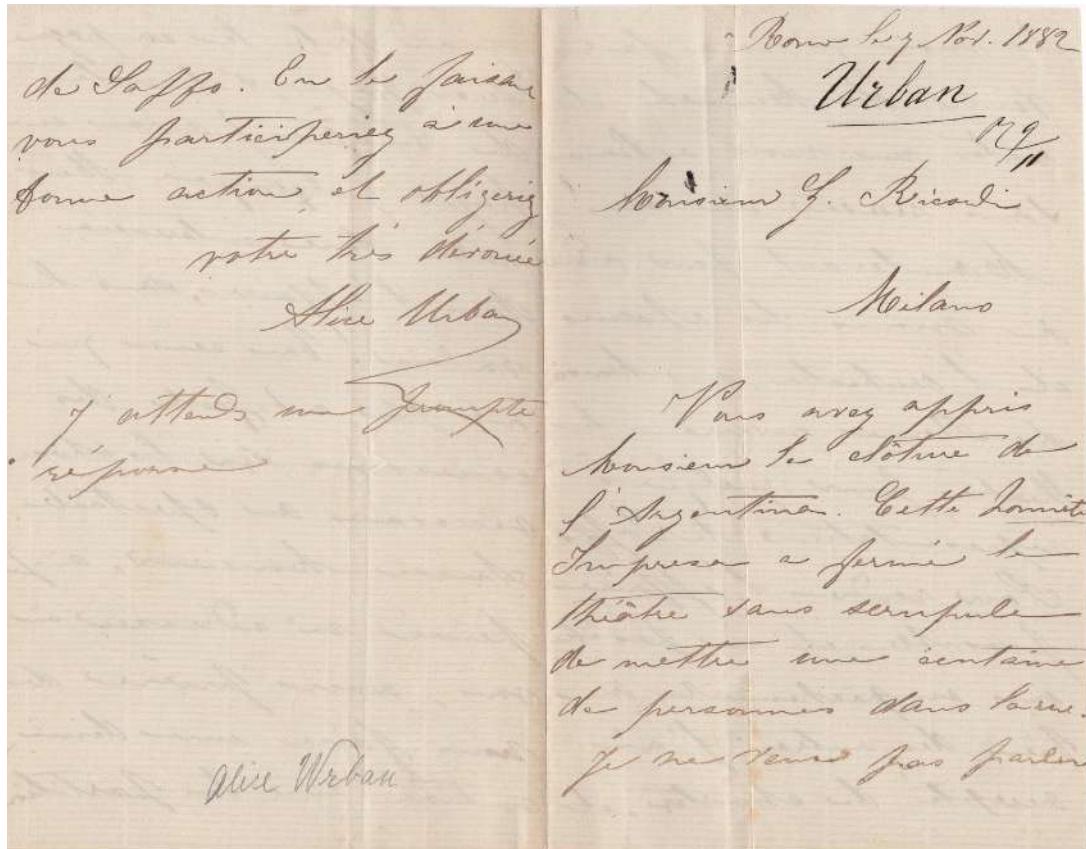


77. Alice Urban (New Orleans 1848 - d.)

To Giovanni Ricordi

Autograph letter signed, dated Rome le 7 Nov 1882 by the American-born singer. To the music publisher Giovanni Ricordi: "... Vous avez appris Monsieur la clôture de l'Argentina. Cette honnête Impresa a fermé le théâtre sans s... de mettre une centaine de personnes dans la rue. Je ne veux pas parler de moi qui m'a fait venir de Munich, et rester un mois à Rome sans recevoir un sou! Maintenant pour aider de moins les choeurs et l'orchestre, un Monsieur de Rome ouvrira le théâtre pour quelques représentations de Saffo...". 4 pp. In-8.

€ 100



## 78. Aline Vallandri (Paris, 1878 - ib., 1952)

Covent Garden

Long and fine autograph letter signed, dated Londres 14 Nov. 1911 by the French soprano, pupil of Jacques Isnardon at Paris Conservatory. She made her debut in 1904 at the Opéra-Comique in Gounod's *Mireille*. To a gentleman: "...Mes engagements à la Monnaie m'ont empêchée de me rendre à Milan en avril comme j'en avais l'intention; d'autre part, en mai, je 'ai pu quitter Paris à cause des pourparlers que j'avais avec Mr. Dipper pour Chicago et avec Mr. Hammerstein pour Londres. L'ouverture du nouvel opéra a eu lieu hier avec Quo Vadis, qui a obtenu un vif succès et où je chantais Eunice. Je chante Adalgisa de la Norma vendredi et je jouerai ensuite: Faust, Roméo, Manon, Louise, Traviata, Thaï, les Contes d'Hoffmann, Aphrodite...". 7 pp. In-16.

€ 100

Londres 14 Nov. 1911

Cher Monsieur,

Excusez moi de n'avoir pas répondu plus tôt à votre ai-  
mable lettre du 2 Nov: mais  
nous avons été si occupé ces  
jours-ci par les répétitions des  
prochains spectacles que j'ai  
peu eu vraiment un moment à  
moi.

Mes engagements à la Monnaie  
m'ont empêchée de me rendre  
à Milan en Avril. Cependant j'en  
avais l'intention; d'autre part,  
en Mai, je n'ai pu quitter Paris  
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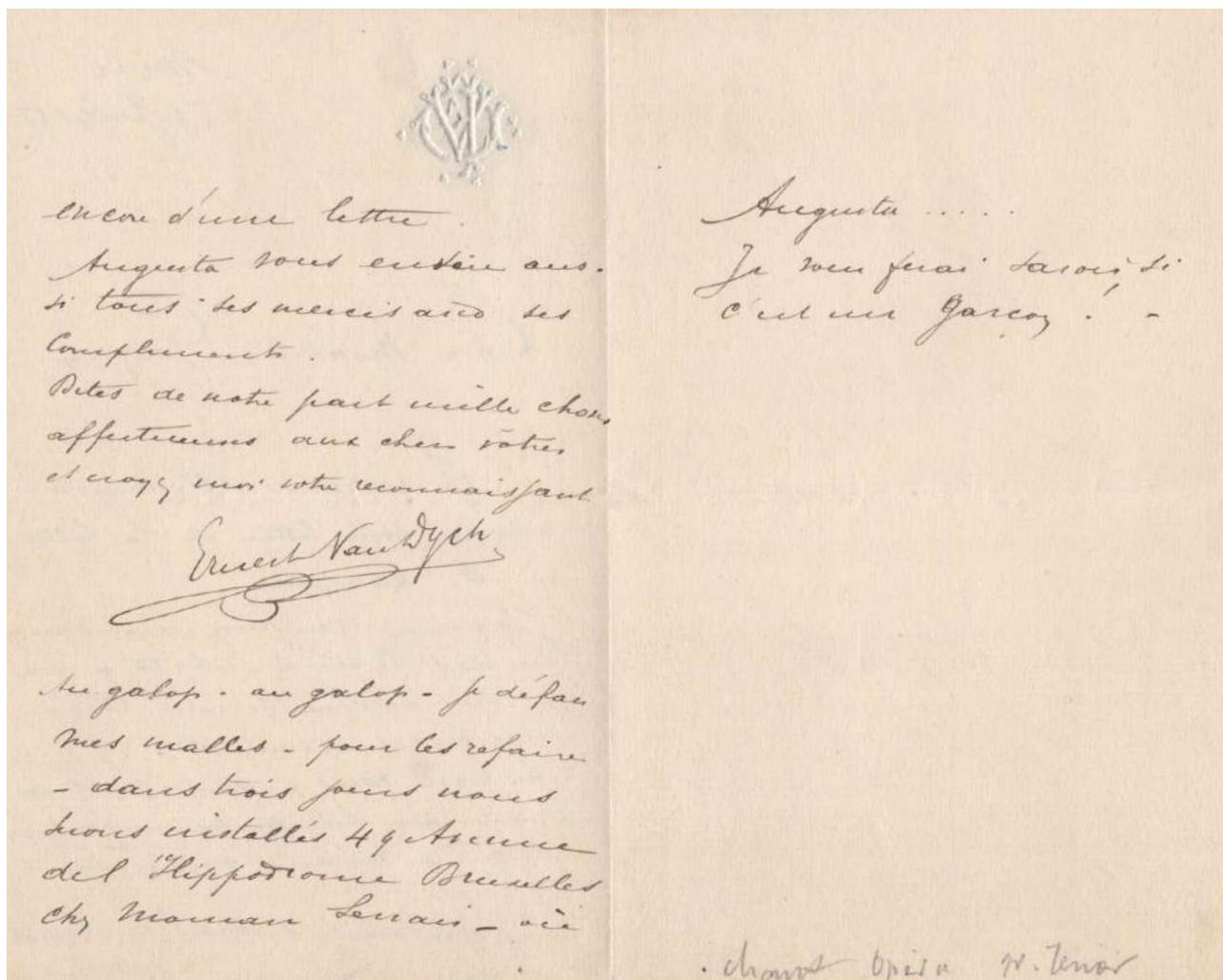
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Louise, Traviata, Thaïs, le Conte  
d'Hoffmann, Aphrodite ... etc.  
J'avais en effet entendu dire  
que la saison de Puccini-Meyerbeer  
avait un peu de succès; mais,  
Veuillez le croire, au delà tout de chose

**79. Ernest Van Dyck** (Antwerp, 1861 - Berlaar, 1923)

*Wagner*

Three autograph letters signed by the Belgian dramatic tenor, often associated with the Wagnerian repertoire. He created the title-role in Massenet's opera *Werther* (1892). **A.** Anvers 22 Juillet 87. To the musician and journalist **Armand Gouzien** (1839-1892): "...j'accuse réception au directeur de Beaux-Arts - et je vous envoie encore tous mes remerciements...." 2 pp. ½. In-8. Embossed letterhead. **B.** Paris 17ten Mai 93. To a gentleman, concerning the recruiting of the choreographer and dancer **Josef Hassreiter** (1845-1940). **C.** Wien 6. October 1893. To the lawyer **F. Sieger**, concerning possible performances at the "Concerte der Frankfurter Museums Gesellschaft". 1 p. ½ In-8. On mourning paper. Envelope included.

€ 180



80. Pauline Vaneri, a.k.a. Pauline Colmache Filippi (London, 1833 - ib., 1916)

La Scala

Three autograph letters signed, dated between 1888 and 1912 by the English-French dramatic soprano, she made her debut in the title role of *Lucrezia Borgia* at Theatre Royal Drury Lane in 1858. She married the Milan Conservatory director Filippo Filippi. Letters are addressed to her friend and impresario Fano and concern private and music matters. For a total of 14 pp. In-4. Archive holes on one letter.

€ 120

coa un prezzo son' diotto e, o la pesta sotto  
i nisci' piede! Ma la larga "sileste corteg  
giatori!"  
P'è una scossa tassa che colpisce ogni persona  
d'agno fatto da ogni specie d'impiegati, servit  
opere artisti, insegnanti &c. Individual  
mente non è forte, ma se tocca stabili  
mente riportanti divenne eccessiva, per  
cui oltreché anche imposta a pochi  
pagabile ogni settimana ed esposta al  
controllo d'ispettori è otremodo ingopro  
plice benchè' si disant, fatta per bon  
piacere il popolo, assicurando pensioni  
di vecchiaia, e soccorsi in caso di mala  
tia. Ed ecco come s'è sviluppata  
quell'insensata legge. 1º Quei pochi  
vecchi a celi è stata offerta l'offerta gran  
disola di un franco al giorno preferiscono  
di ricovero di mendicita, adio sicuro  
se non agiato, all'immaneabile povertà  
d'un mantenimento incerto e squallido.  
2º I medici non hanno voluto accettare i  
patti miseri offerti dal governo per  
prestare le loro opere adducendo gravimenti  
che vi sono gli ospedali per la povera gente  
mai quale prestano già la loro opera gratis.  
Bada che questa pessima tassa de ~~val~~ amm.

Londra  
17.8.912.  
Caro Fracco  
Da molto tempo non ho le tue  
notizie e se mai trovi lei accorto che  
me ne causo le mie sto per darti una  
fetta, la quale ti farà ringraziare il  
nostro lungo silenzio. Enseignez ligne  
les affaires sont les affaires et lo  
domando nient' altro un vaglio che  
Credo troverà anche le spese poste.  
Grazie! perché spesso ricevete presso  
a Scovierare ma più della noja, pro  
curata da una stagione tanto malice  
comica quanto piovosa. Ma sh'rai in  
una Londra si può sempre divertirsi P.S.  
andare a sentire le "Barcarole" negli  
Halls. Va bene accadranno a sentire il  
più famoso dei "Comics". Tradotto alle  
medio il "refrain" della canzone più bella e più  
comica canzone:  
Non cesserò d'amare  
Finché il mio Cagnalino  
Di dietro il suo Cattino  
S'ostinerà a menare,  
Quanto spirto!  
Conosciuta. Soprattutto  
de tante gabbie, corci di  
gialla a casa senza  
sentire altro,

## 81. Pauline Viardot (Paris, 1821 - ib., 1910)

Courtavenal 1849

Beautiful autograph letters signed dated from *Courtavenal 28 September 1849* by the celebrated French mezzo-soprano and composer. Sister of Maria Malibran, she created roles for Gounod and Meyerbeer. This splendid letter effectively frames the atmosphere of Courtavenal from where Turgenev had moved away for a few months to Paris and Berlin and then to Russia: "Mein lieber Freund, Ne vous ayant jamais écrit et trouvant tout à coup une excellente occasion de me rappeler à votre bon souvenir, je la sais avec plaisir et empressement. Que de devenez vous que faites-vous de bon ? Avant tout j'espère que vous vous partez bien ainsi que tous les vôtres ensuite, que vous me m'avez pas oublié. Non, n'est ce pas ? J'y compte et c'est pour cela que je fais aujourd'hui ce que je n'ai jamais au le prétexte de faire. Venons au fait. Je voudrais rendre service à une jeune amie qui a beaucoup de talent comme cantatrice et à laquelle je m'intéresse infiniment. Vous pouvez, peut-être m'aider. J'ai entendu dire que la seconde Prima donna du Théâtre italien de Berlin n'a pas eu de succès et qu'on cherchait une autre. Si vous êtes en relation directement ou indirectement avec la direction de la Konigstadt, faites donc le plaisir de recommander ma charmante amie Mlle Vera. Elle a chanté avec succès à Londres pendant trois saisons et à pris part à toutes les private concerts pendant la Season et je suis persuadé que elle plaira beaucoup dans votre ville. Elle à une fort et jolie voix de soprano, sympathique au plus haut degré et il y a dans son chant de la grâce. Si vous pouvez parler en se faveur fait le, je vous prie. Vous feriez une bonne chose pour tout le monde, pour votre propres oreilles pour cette intéressante jeune personne et vous me feriez un grand plaisir. Vous me répondrez à Paris Rue de Douai n. 28. Je suis dans une paisible nid. La Courtavenal où je suis en repos entièrement depuis 3 semaine de fatigue de la saison de Londres. Je me mets au vert et nous ne songerons que à nous amuser le plus possible. Ma jolie cousine Antonia est venu passer 8 jours ici avec son mari Leonardo, le célèbre violoniste qu'elle a épousé le mois dernier. Mon mari et ma mère me chargent de vous dire mille choses affectueuses de leur part. Faite mes compliments à Mme Förster et le miennes shake hands avec Carl s'il se trouve dans ce moment à Berlin. Ne m'oubliez pas après de L. je vous prie, et appliquez un bon baiser sur zone droite du portrait de Pauline Viardot...". 4 pp. in-8.

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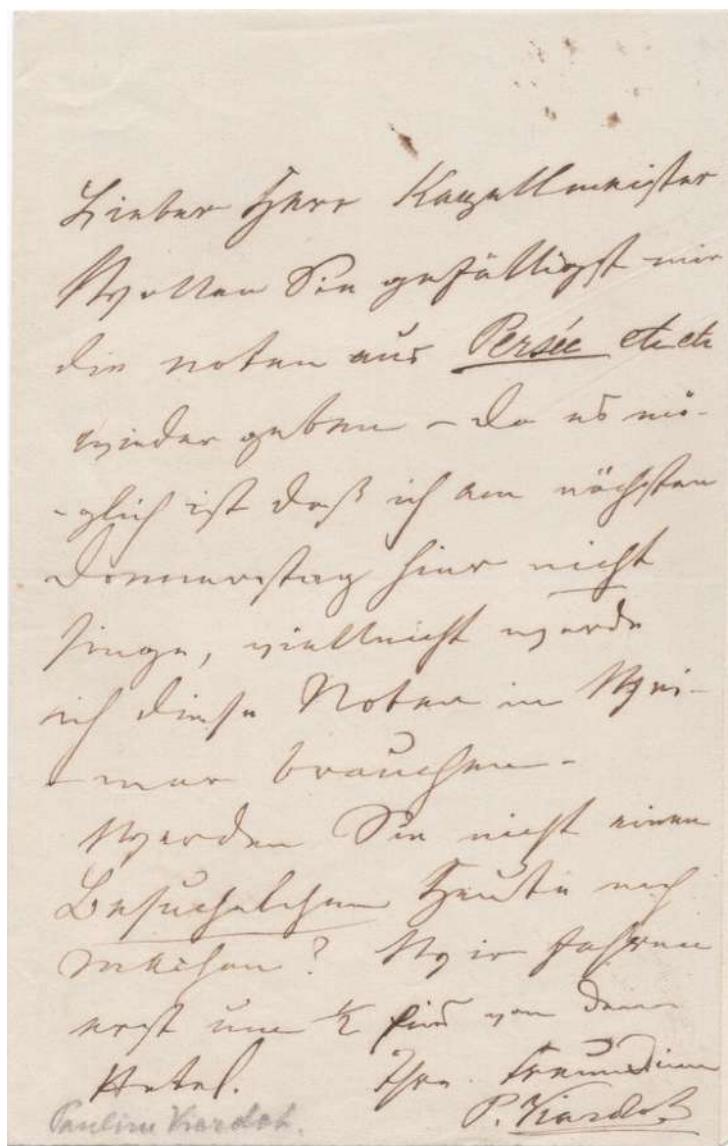
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**82. Pauline Viardot** (Paris, 1821 - ib., 1910)

Fine autograph early letter signed, not dated about Lully's *Persée* aria "J'ai perdu la beauté", one of the favorite Viardot's arias: "Lieber Herr Kapellmeister Wollen Sie gefälligst mir die Noten aus Persée etc. etc. wieder geben - da es möglich ist daß ich am nächsten Donnerstag hier nicht singe, vielleicht werde ich diese Noten in Weimar brauchen. Werden Sie nicht einen Besuchelchen Heute noch machen? Wir fahren erst um 1/2 Uhr von dem Hotel. Ihre Freundin Pauline Viardot...". Translation: "Dear Herr Kapellmeister Will you kindly give me back the sheet music from Persée etc. etc. - since it is possible that I will not be singing here next Thursday, perhaps I will need this sheet music in Weimar. Will you not make a little visit today? We don't leave the hotel until half an hour. Your friend Pauline Viardot". The tenor aria for Meduse, "J'ai perdu la beauté," from Lully's *Persée* was definitely included in the Viardot's *École classique du chant* (1860). 1p in-8.

€ 500



## 83. Francisco Viñas (Moià, 1863 - Barcelona, 1933)

Wagner

Two autograph letters signed by the Spanish tenor, often remembered for his Wagnerian performances. **A.** Napoli 6.2. 903. To the impresario Fano, concerning a subscription to his magazine. 4 pp. In-8. **B.** 20 Luglio 1907. To the impresario Fano, having to refuse an engagement for further business. 1 p. In-8. € 180

certo non trova ormai

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Moya' - provincia di  
Barcellona.

20 Luglio 1907.

Caro signor Fano.

Signore, sto al signor Pacini  
verso monserrato all'improv-  
viso. dopo che ho avuto fatto  
difficoltà per andare a calci  
per ora e Tarot. perché  
sono impegnati già a min-  
ima. poi a Barcellona.  
fino al 10 gennaio. il  
15. debbo essere a Los angeles.  
Tarot. dunque non mi affil-  
lo.

Parimenti le saluti  
affetti

Francisco Viñas

di occuparmi di me.

Faccia dunque per me,  
come ho fatto per lui, un'ec-  
cezione, e io gli affan-  
driemo meglio in avveni-  
re. sentiremo riformare  
detto abbonamento, a may-  
gior vantaggio suo.

Un affetto d'un  
suo pregiato  
rispettoso.

Distintamente lo  
saluta suo

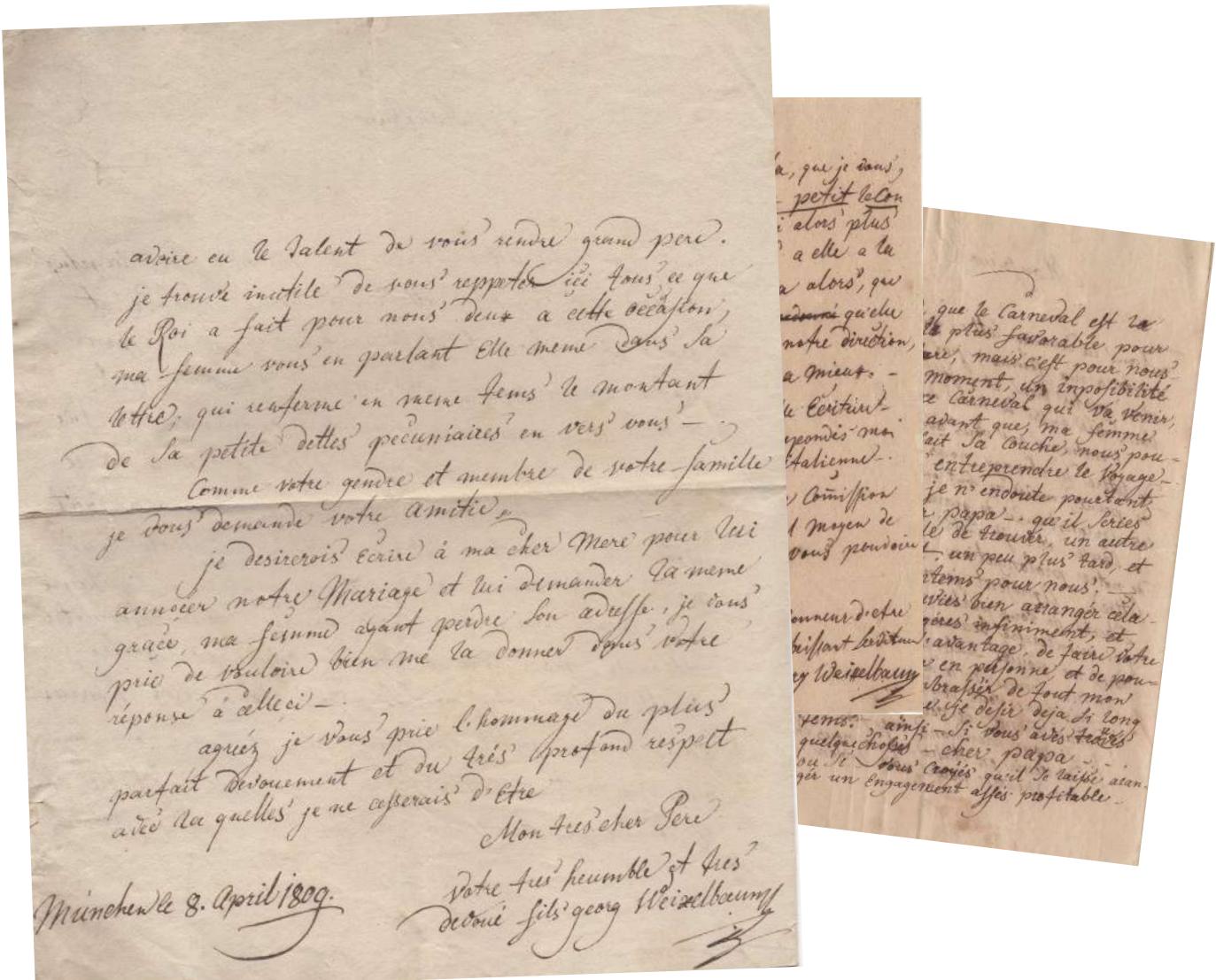
D. Francisco Viñas

## 84. Johann Georg Weixelbaum (Wallerstein, 1787 - Gotha, 1833)

Carl Maria von Weber

Very important lot of three rare autograph letters signed, dated 1809 by the German tenor, violinist and composer and friend of C. M. von Weber, to his father-in-law the tenor Angelo Fantozzi, tenore. In the year of his marriage to the celebrated soprano Josephine Marchetti Fantozzi (1786-d.). We report some extracts as samples: "...Ma femme m'a déjà assuré plusieurs fois, que vous vous aviez proposé vous même, de nous donner la peine, si nous prendrons une fois l'idée de venir en Italie, de nous chercher un Théâtre pour une saison..."; "...La seule nouvelle que je peux vous donner et laquelle— quand'elle est vrai — sera une bonheur pour toute l'humanité, est: que la paix est fait, et qu'on attend l'empereur de France à chaque moment ici...". Weber composed the scene and aria from Demetrio for tenor and male choir "Qual altro attendi" for him in November 1811. For a total of 6 pp. In-8.

€ 450

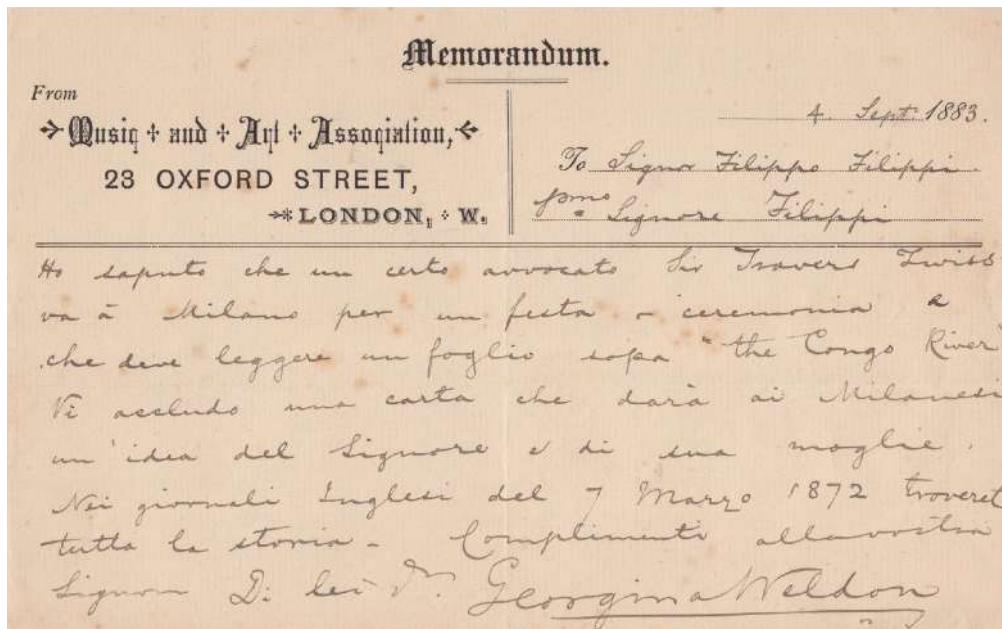


**85. Georgina Weldon** (Clapham, 1837 - Brighton, 1914)

*Charles Gounod*

Autograph letter signed, dated 4 Sept. 1883 by the British soprano. She leased with her husband Tavistock House in Bloomsbury where she hosted Charles Gounod. It has been suggested that Georgina and Gounod were lovers, and that he had promised her the title role in his opera *Polyeucte* when it opened in Paris. Gounod became increasingly disturbed by gossip about the "Weldon Affair" and in June 1874 he returned to his wife in Paris. Feeling slighted by Gounod's departure, Georgina Weldon refused to send on his personal belongings, including the draft of his opera *Polyeucte*. When Gounod asked Georgina to return these belongings to him, she insisted that he return to London to claim them from her in person. Only when he had virtually reconstructed the musical score, nearly a year later, did she return the original draft to him with her name scrawled diagonally across each page in crayon. Weldon addresses the music critic Filippo Filippi (1830-1887): "...Ho saputo che un certo avvocato Travers Twiss [English jurist, 1809-1897] va a Milano per un festa o ceremonia a che deve leggere un folio sopra 'The Congo River'. (...) Nei giornali inglesi del 7 Marzo 1872 troverete tutta la storia...". 1 p. On cardboard. With letterhead.

€ 120



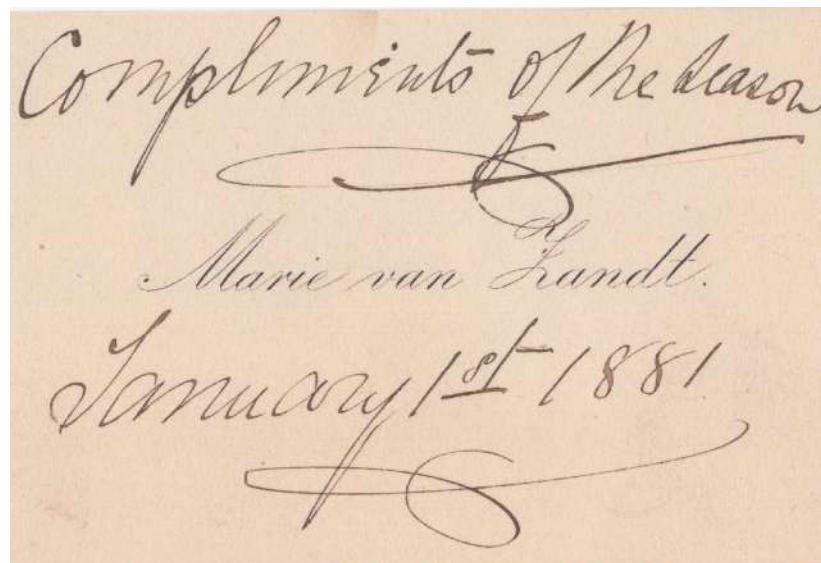
**86. Emanuel Wirth** (Luditz, 1842 - Berlin, 1923)

Nice autograph signature applied on black cardboard, dated "Berlin 11 März 1891", by the German violinist, pupil of Johann Friedrich Kittl and Moritz Mildner. In-32. € 50



**87. Marie van Zandt** (New York, 1858 - Cannes, 1919)

Autograph dedication signed, dated *January 1st 1881* by the American soprano. She was a good friend of Jules Massenet and used to sing for Parisian aristocratic salons, for example at Mme Lemaire's hôtel particulier, where Massenet, Marcel Proust, Countess Greffulhe, Camille Saint-Saëns, Reynaldo Hahn, etc. were frequent guests.. 1 p. On visiting card. € 30



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