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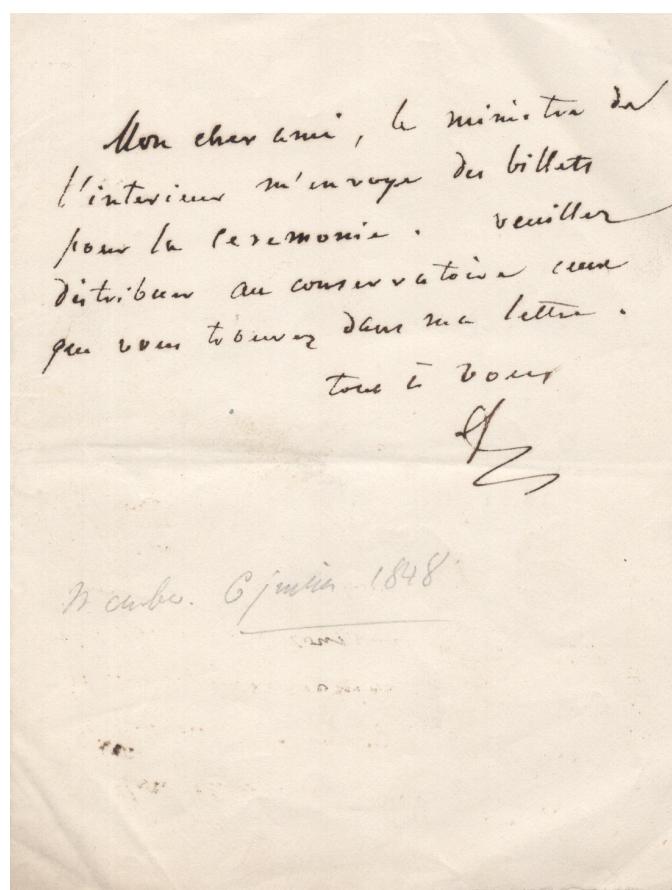
Music autographs Documents and letters (19th - 20th Century)

1. Daniel Auber (Caen, 1782 - Paris, 1871)

Revolution of June 1848

Autograph letter signed, not dated [6.6.1848] by the French composer. To a friend "...le ministre de l'Intérieur m'envoie des billets pour la cérémonie. Veuillez distribuer au Conservatoire ceux que vous trouverez dans la lettre...". The letter is written on the eve of the revolution of June 1848 in Paris. The invitation to the ceremony comes from Minister Adrien Recurt ½ p. In-16.

€ 80



2. Gabriel Astruc (Bordeaux, 1864 - Paris, 1938)

Grande Saison de Paris

Autograph note signed, dated *Paris le 2 février 1921* by the French impresario, dramatist and publisher addressed to Georges Daudet, son of Ernest Daudet and the nephew of Alphonse Daudet, journalist, he was director of the Journal Officiel (1873) and the Petit Moniteur (1876). Astruc was the founder of the Musical Society at the Hanover Pavilion, where more than a thousand concerts were given between 1905 and 1912 under the name "Grande Saison de Paris", including an Italian season with Caruso and Nellie Melba in 1905, the premiere of "Salomé" conducted by Richard Strauss in 1907, Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in 1909, the Metropolitan Opera conducted by Toscanini in 1910, and the premiere of Debussy's "Martyre de Saint-Sébastien" after Gabriele D'Annunzio in 1911. Astruc addresses a gentleman concerning fees for conductors. 1 p. In-8.

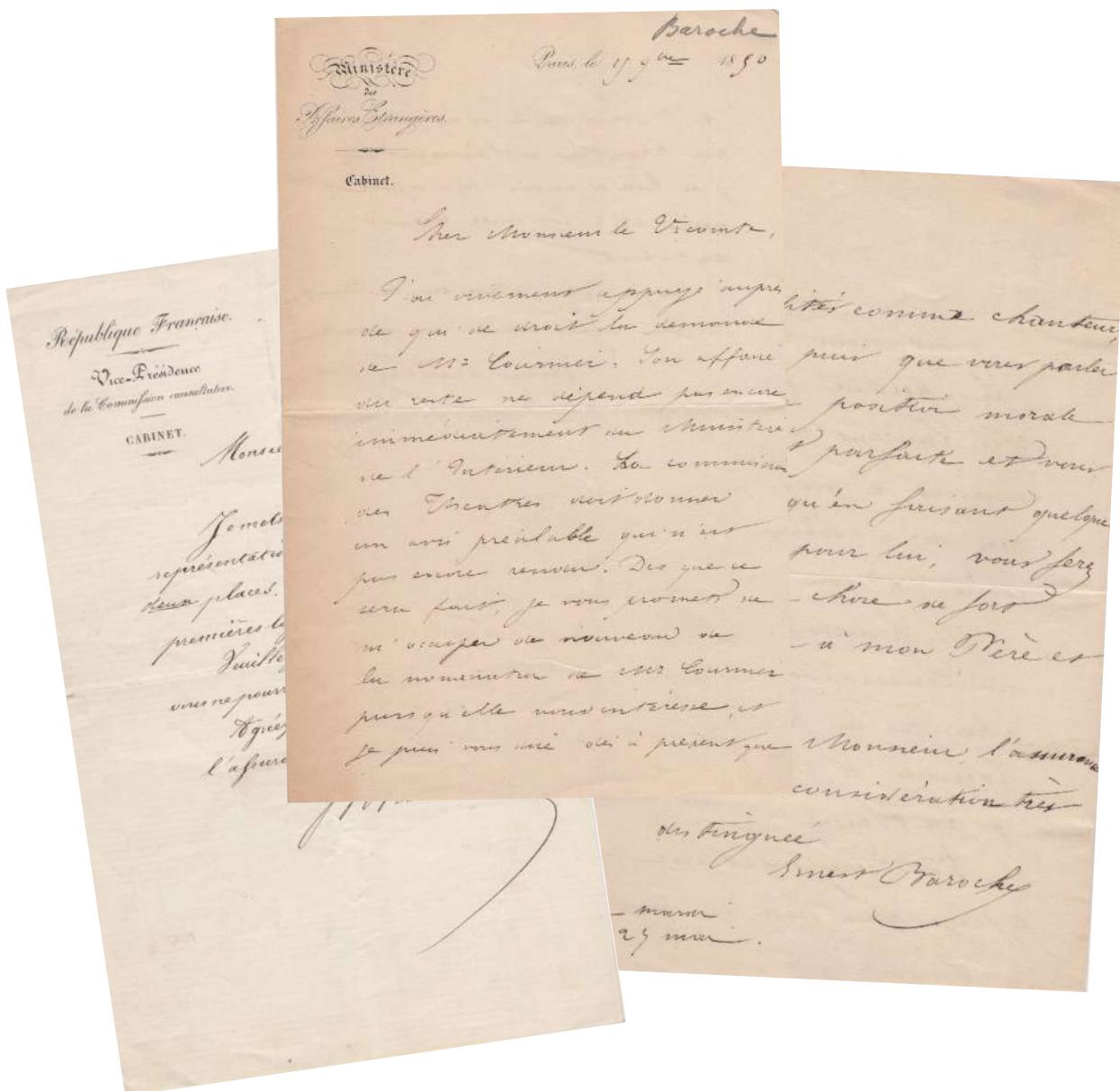
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A.
Voici pour quoi
je la transmets à la banque
aux doigts
Reçu de M. Georges Daudet
chez Ballanc 10.000 fr.
Crédit Faneur Loge 10.
chez Ballanc 10.000 fr.
Crédit National Loge 10.
soit 20.000.
remis à M. Rouche
directeur de l'Opéra
au 2^e fevrier 1921
Salut Estimee

3. Ernest Baroche (Paris, 1829 - Bourget, 1870),

Laurent Quillevéré

Two autograph letters signed by the French politician and writer. **A.** *Ce Mardi 27 Mai [1850 ca.]*. To a gentleman, recommending a young singer: "...M. Laurent est élève au Conservatoire; il a cabté le baryton à Londres, à Bruxelles et à La Haye...". 2 pp. In-8. With letterhead. **B.** *Paris le 15 9bre 1850*. To a Viscount: "...j'ai vivement appuyé auprès de qui de droit la demande de M. Cormier. Son affaire du reste ne dépend pas encore immédiatement du Ministère de l'Intérieur. La commission des Théâtres doit donner un avis préalable qui n'est pas encore rendu. (...) Je puis vous dire dès à présent que si l'avis de la commission des théâtres est favorable j'ai lieu d'avoir bon espoir que Mr. Cormier sera satisfait...". 1 p. 1/2. In-8. **Included:** autograph letter signed, dated *Paris, le 7 Janv.* by French lawyer and politician, son of Ernest, **Pierre Jules Baroche** (Paris, 1802 - Jersey, 1870). Baroche addresses a colleague: "...je mets à votre disposition pour la représentation donnée ce soir à l'Opéra deux places...". 1 p. In-8. With letterhead. € 90

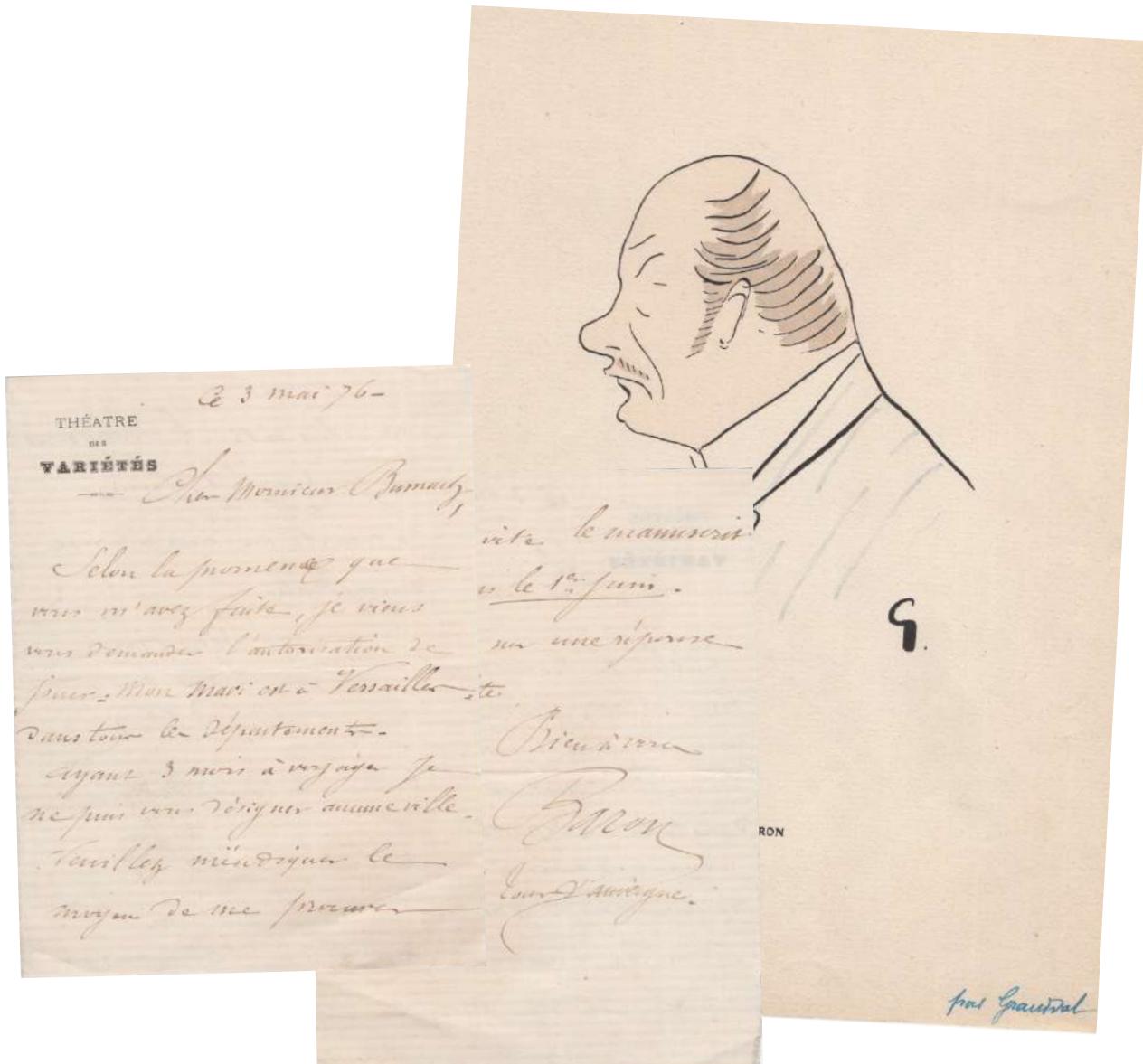


4. Louis Bouchené, dit Baron (Alençon, 1837 - Asnières-sur-Seine, 1920)

Offenbach

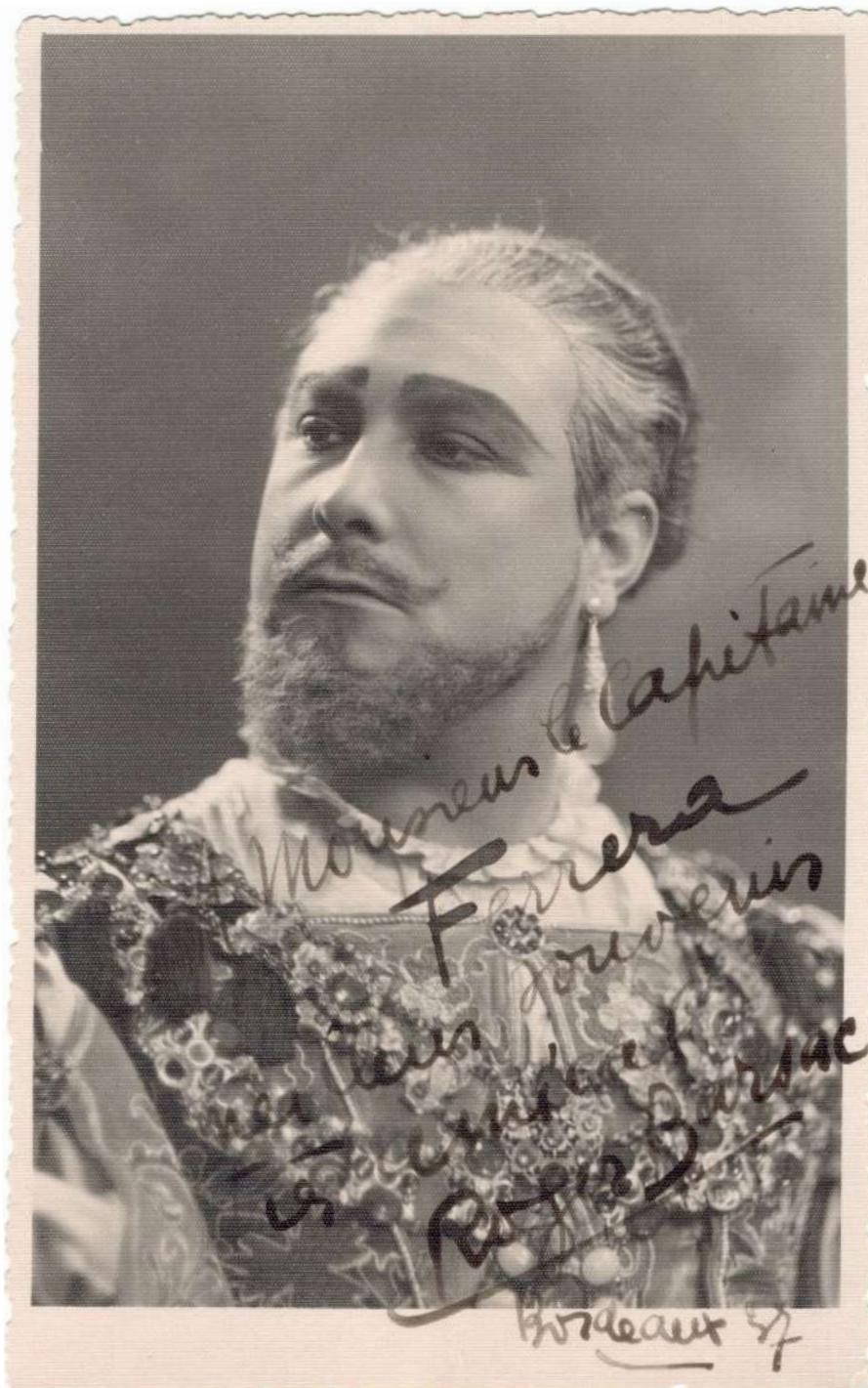
Autograph letter signed, dated *ce 3 mai 76* by the French actor. He created a large number of plays by Labiche (Les Trente Millions de Gladiator) and Meilhac and Halévy (La Cigale, La Petite Marquise, Toto chez Tata), as well as operettas by Offenbach (La Grande-duchesse de Gérolstein, Les Brigands, La boulangère a des écus). Baron addresses to the dramatist **William Busnach** (1832-1907): "...Selon la promesse que vous m'avez faite, je viens vous demander l'autorisation de jouer 'Mon mari est à Versailles' dans tous les départements...". 2 pp. In-16. With letterhead. Included: Caricature portrait drawn by Grandval depicting Baron. (18 x 24 cm).

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5. Roger Barsac (Esterencuby 1906 - ib, 1960)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed, dated *Bordeaux 37* by the French baritone. (9 x 14.5 cm). € 70

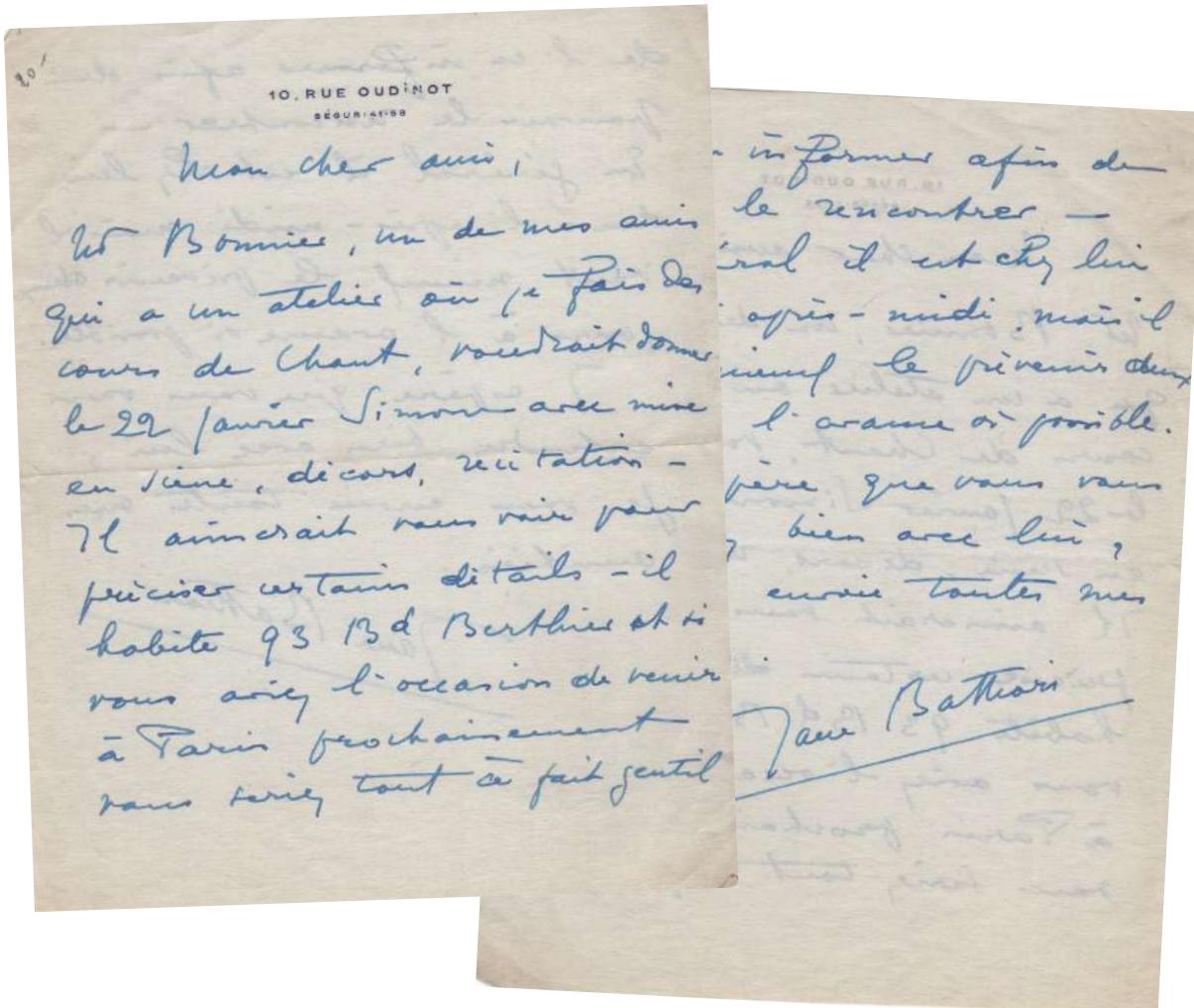


6. Jane Bathori (Paris, 1877 - ib., 1970)

Maurice Ravel

Autograph letter signed, not dated, by the French mezzo-soprano, whose name is often associated to the music avant-garde of Fauré, Debussy, Ravel, Satie and others. Bathori addresses a friend "...M. Bormier, un de mes amis qui a un atelier où je fais des cours de chant, voudrait donner le 22 janvier Simon avec mise en scène, décors, récitation...". 2 pp. In-16. With letterhead.

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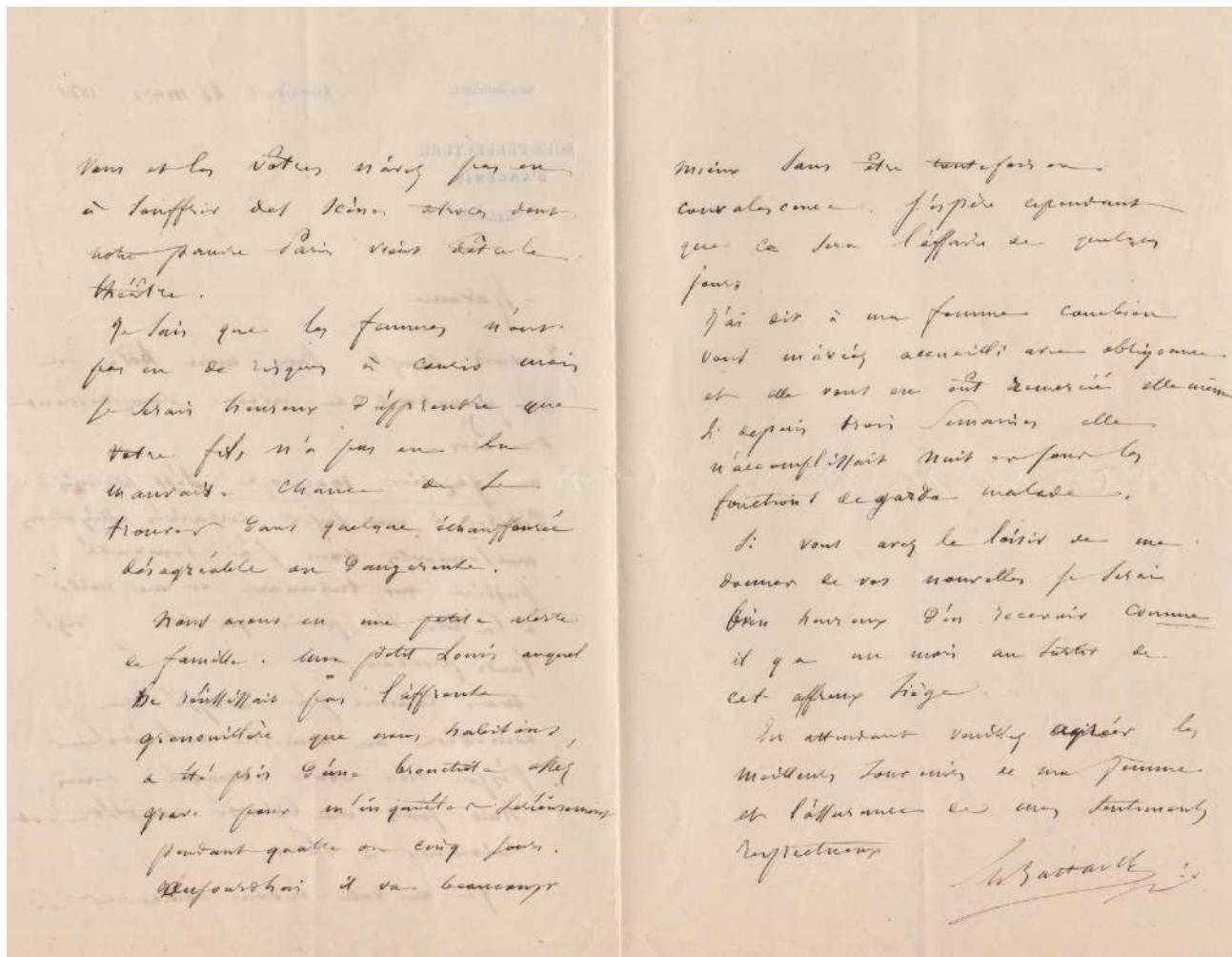


7. Charles-Amable Battaille (Nantes, 1822 - Paris, 1872)

Opéra-Comique

Autograph letter signed, dated *Ancenis le 28 Mars 1871* by the French operatic bass. He created the principal bass roles in works performed at the Opéra-Comique between 1848 and 1857, including the lead male role in Meyerbeer's *L'Étoile du Nord* (1854). Battaille addresses Madame Deslignières: "...un gazetier malpropre s'est permis d'édition à mon sujet certaines allégations malsonnantes dont j'ai demandé justice aux tribunaux et me voilà à la tête d'un procès...". 3 pp. In-8. Envelope included.

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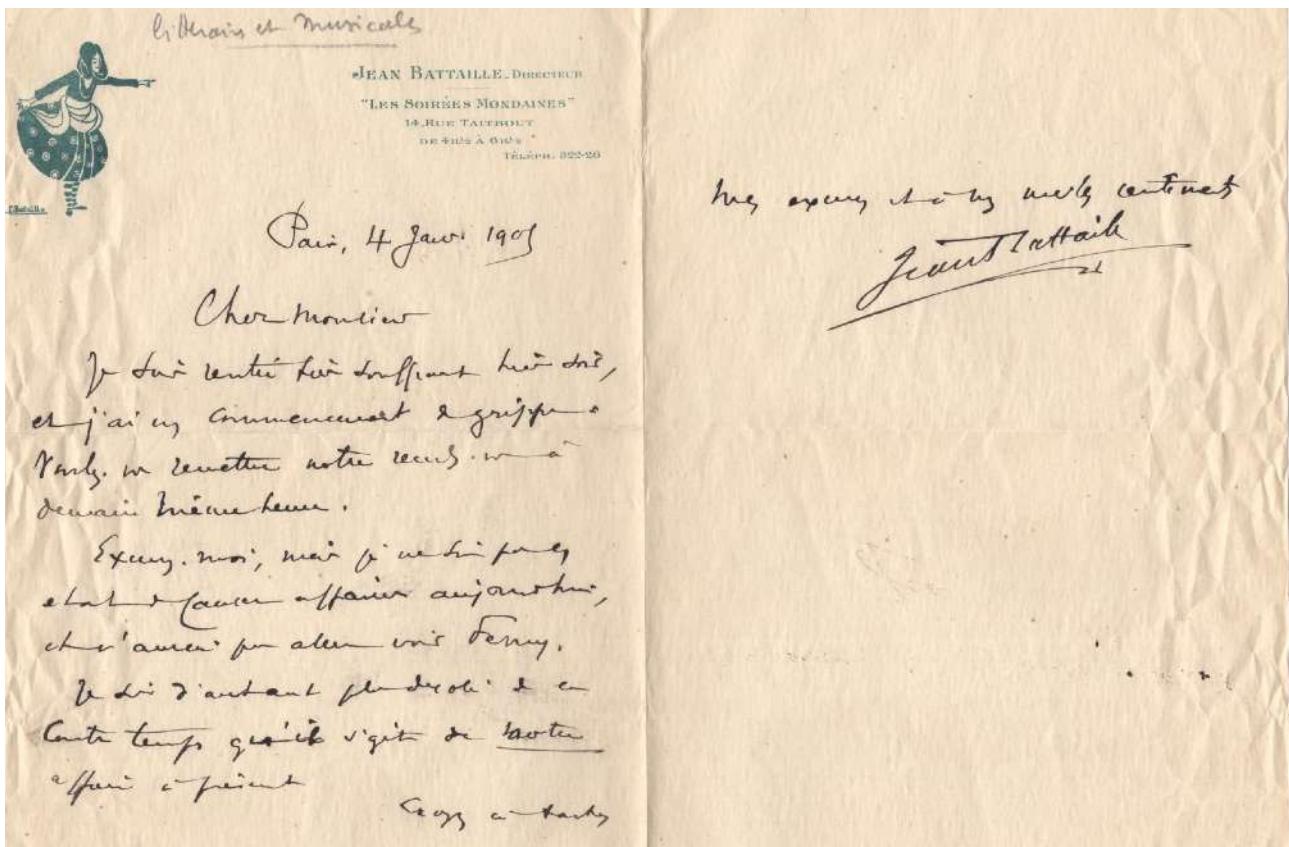


8. Jean Bataille (Paris 1863 - 1923)

Autograph letter signed, dated Paris, 4 Janv 1909 by the French lawyer and song writer for many cafés-concerts, he was son of the Imperial conservatory professor Charles-Amable. Bataille addresses the journalist and composer **Maurice Duhamel** (1884-1940): "...Voulez me remettre votre récession à demain même heure. Excusez-moi, mais je ne suis pas en état de causer affaires aujourd'hui...". 1 p. 1/4. In-8. With letterhead. Envelope included.

La Chanson à Montmartre

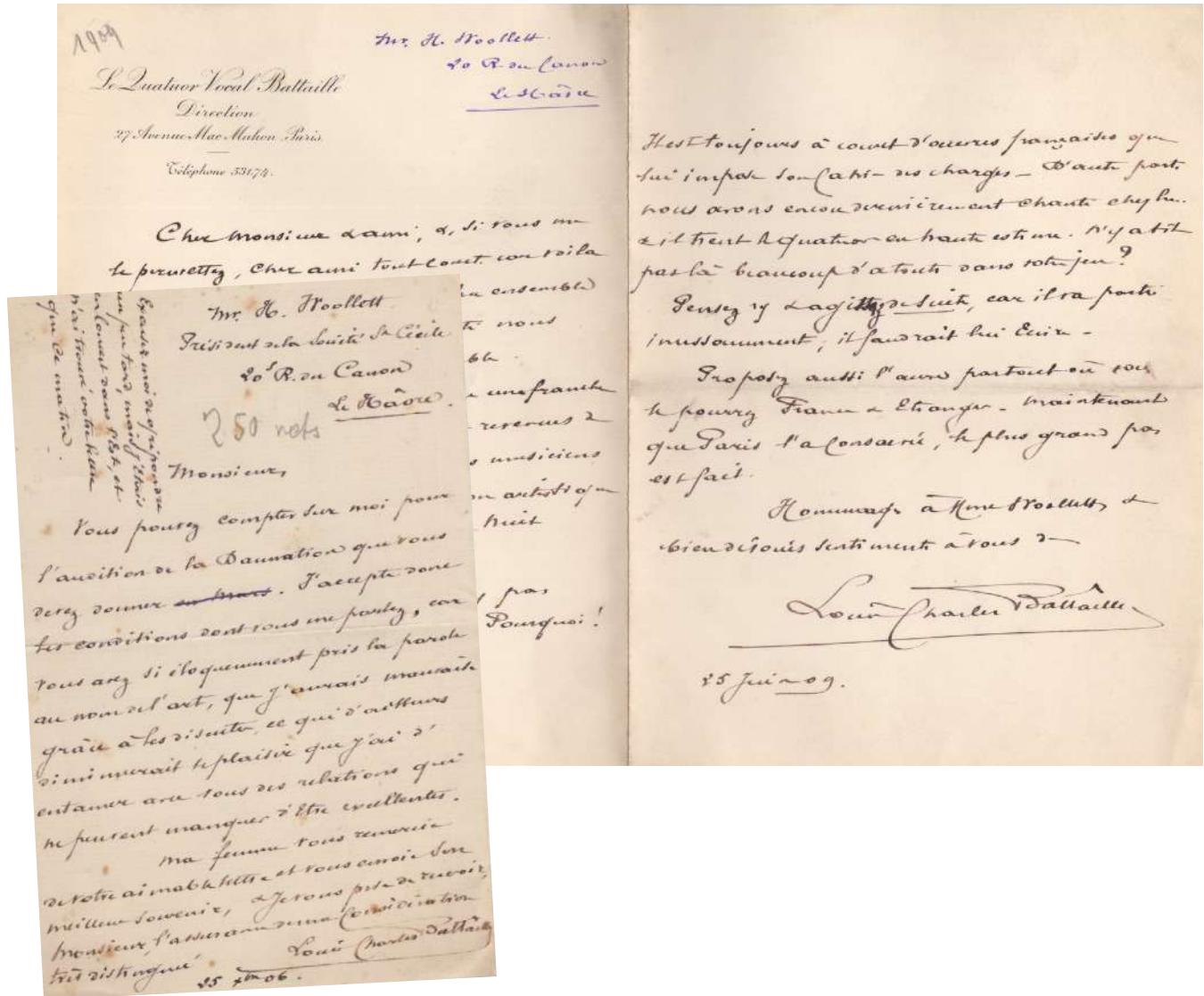
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9. Louis-Charles Battaille (Nantes, 1866 - Paris, 1937)

To Henri Woollett

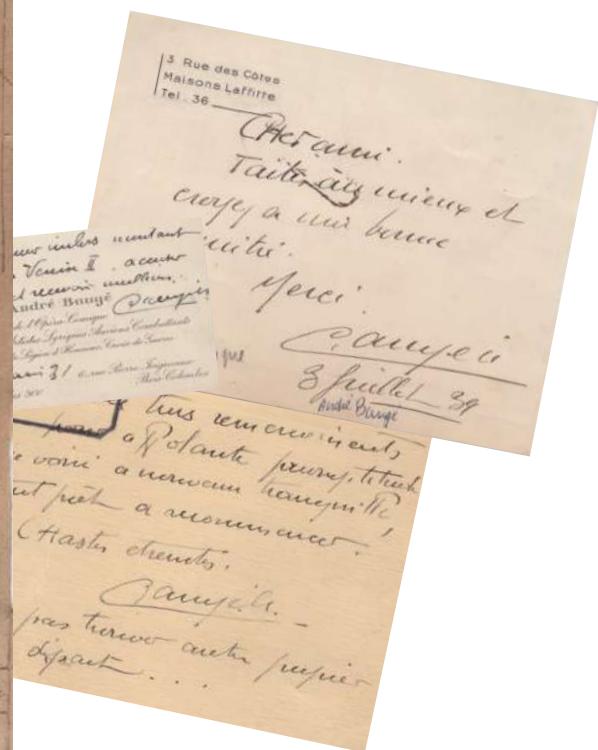
Two autograph letters signed, dated 1906 and 1909, by the French singer, singing teacher and music critic, husband of the pianist Marie Roger-Miclos. Letters are addressed to to the composer and music critic **Henri Woollett** (1864-1936). We report an extract as a sample: "...Je crois que vous n'avez pas proposé l'oeuvre à Colonne. Pourquoi! Il est toujours à court d'œuvres françaises...". 3 pp. In-8 and in-16. € 120



10. André Baugé (Toulouse, 1893 - Clichy, 1966)

Operette

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed by the French baritone and cinema actor. Loss of paper along the borders. Photograph by Paul Mejat in Paris. (14 x 24 cm). **Included:** three autograph letters signed on cardboard and visiting card, dated 1931 and 1939 by Baugé. 2 pp. € 100

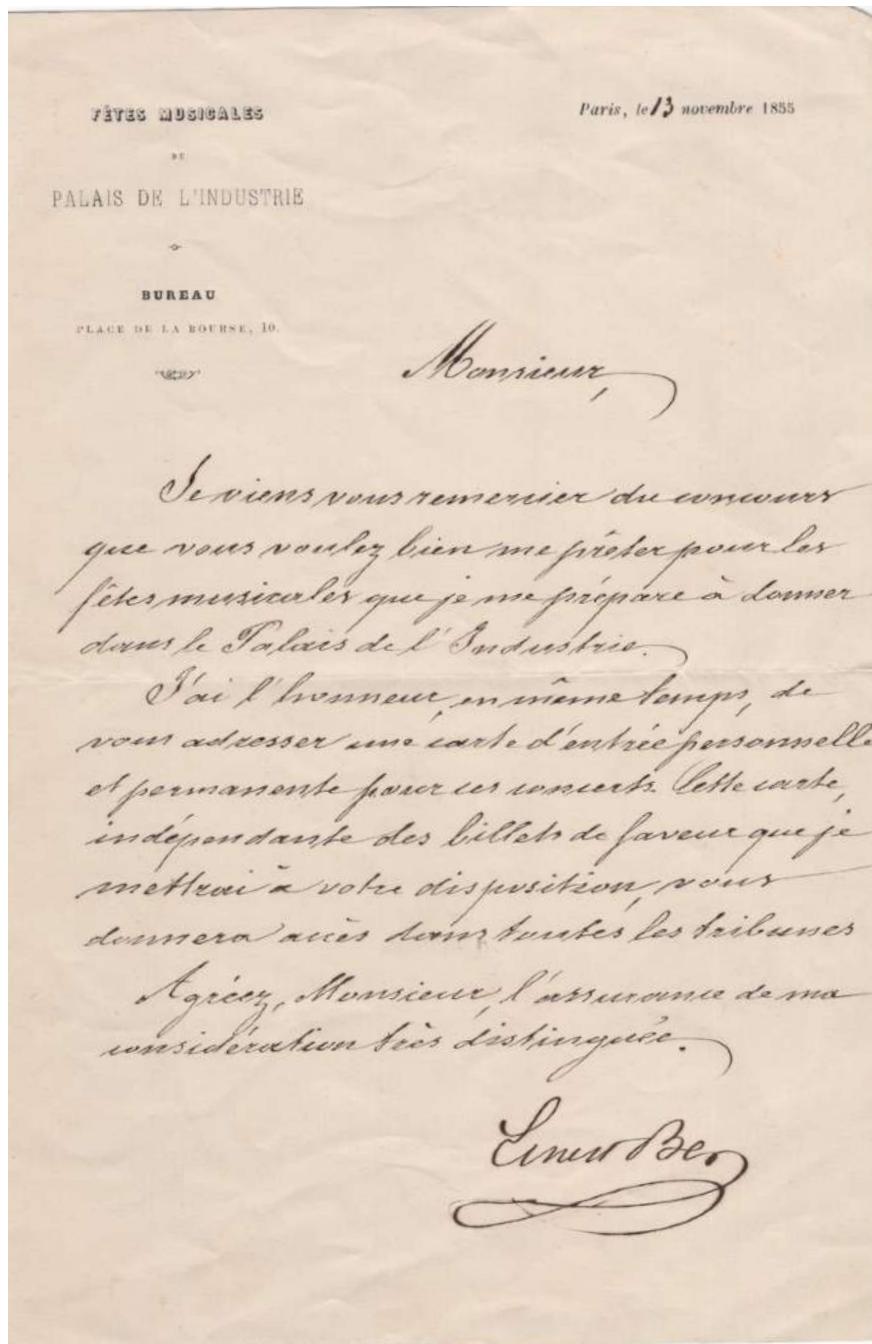


11. Ernest Beer (Paris 1822 - ib,1891)

To Paul de Saint-Victor

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris le 13 Novembre 1855* by the French impresario. Ber addresses the writer **Paul de Saint-Victor** (1827-1881): "...je viens vous remercier du concours que vous voulez bien me prêter pour les fêtes musicales que je me prépare à donner dans le Palais de l'Industrie...". In 1855, Ber was hired by the government to organize, on the initiative of Prince Napoleon, Napoleon III's first cousin, a large-scale concert in the Palais de l'Exposition for the day of the solemn distribution of awards. The concert was repeated for a paying audience on 16 and 24 November 1855. 1 p. In-8. With letterhead. Envelope included.

€ 80



12. Jean-Gustave Bertrand (Vaugirard, 1834 - Paris, 1880)

Correspondances universelle

Autograph letter signed, dated Paris 1/9 72 by the French music critic, journalist and music historian. He published numerous articles in the Journal des débats, Le Ménestrel and the Revue moderne, including Essai sur la musique dans l'Antiquité (1860), Les Théâtres lyriques de Paris (1866) and De la réforme des études de chant au Conservatoire (1871). Bertrand addresses a gentleman: "...Vous devez avoir connaissance de la correspondance universelle (autographiée) publié depuis une douzaine de jours par M. de Poggenpohl...". 3 pp. In-8. Traces of tape at the folding lines.

€ 70

jeune et faites vos voeux
personnellement. Ma santé,
jeune au collaborateur italien j'ai
aujourd'hui : a travail de
l'entretien concilié au admirable
de votre travail. Etant le jour : il
avait pour vous toutes résultats - ses
quel y est pour la double force.
J'ay d'autre part assuré que cette
collaboration à être tout à fait
compatible avec sa fonction, au point
de pouvoir être maintenue et assurer
la correspondance universelle et à gérer
et encourager par tous les moyens un
délai plus court particulier de ce
thème. Vos trouvez certainement
deux heures le matin pour ce travail
vert à la maison, il suffit
d'impliquer de temps, un certain état de
la gloire, l'opinion notable exprimé
par la presse italienne. Quand je suis

je vous fais chapeau et
kaval de députation, à un point de vue
pour lequel du tout, vous en
avez fait ; mais vous allez au
~~mais~~ avec le de Poggenpohl, avec
l'heure de la correspondance universelle
ne pas faire Roumanie, pris de la
poste n° 5h, entre 4h et 5 heures
Très amitié cordiale et

Jean-Gustave Bertrand

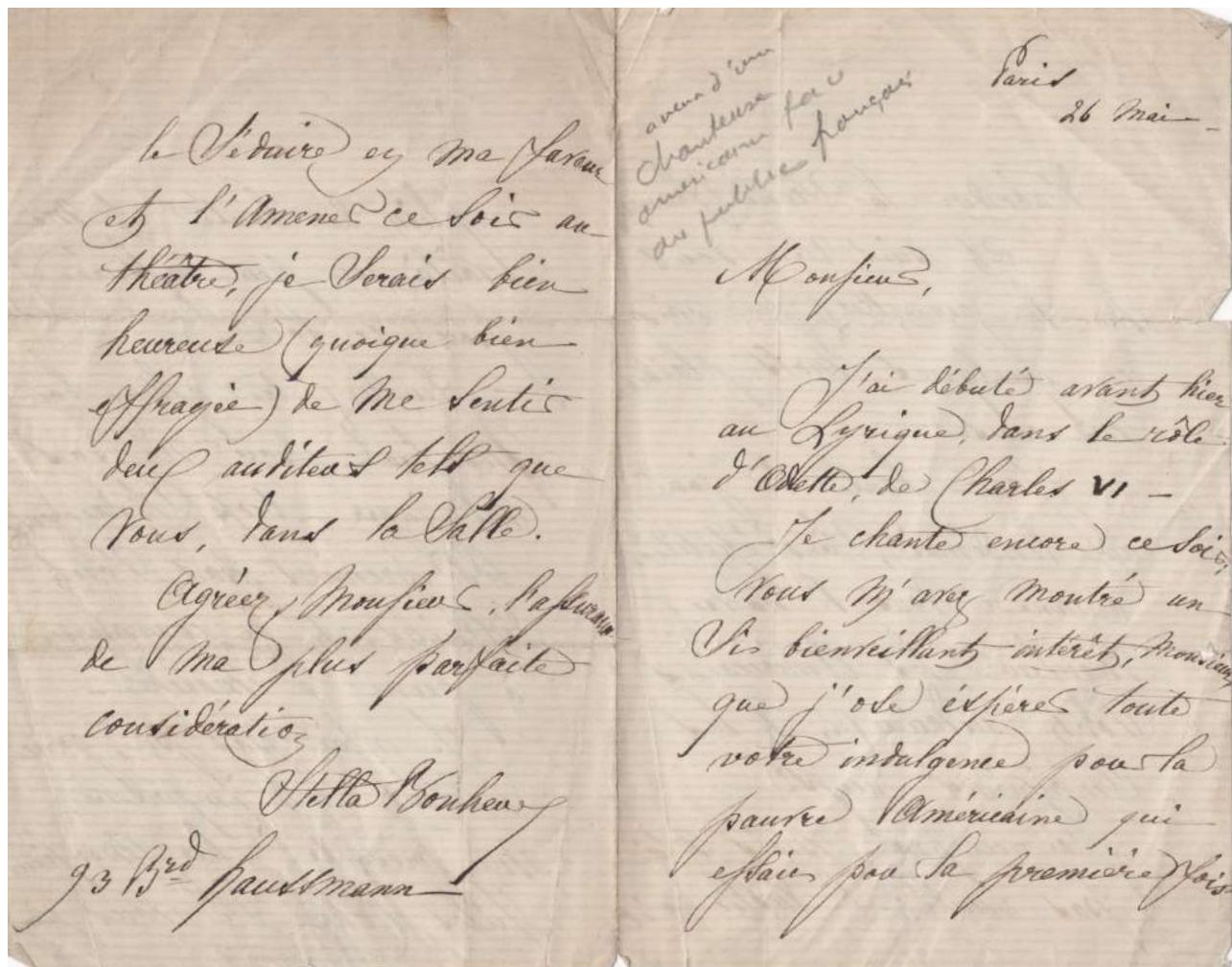
Soyez aux bons pour vous décider
vite : si vous prénez y aller demain
dimanche après le week-end pour le week-end ;
~~mais~~ 1^{er} jeudi pour vous
tenu être en état (jusqu'à avoir
un peu de temps, avant) heure,
en qui amitié dans la soirée du de l'athénée
36) pour ~~peut~~ indiquer peut-être où vous
voulez, dire de quelle

13. Stella Bonheur (Bordeaux, 1855 - Rome, 1901)

Halevy' Charles VI

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris 26 Mai* by the French mezzo-soprano. Bonheur addresses a gentleman, concerning his recent debut as Odette in Halevy's opera "Charles VI", explaining her lack of confidence pretending to be a foreigner: "...j'ose espérer toute votre indulgence pour la pauvre américaine qui essaie pour la première fois d'aborder la scène française (...) j'ai chanté du jour au lendemain, sans répétition aucune; vous le savez Monsieur, les Américains sont audacieux, et les américaines aussi...". 4 pp. In-8.

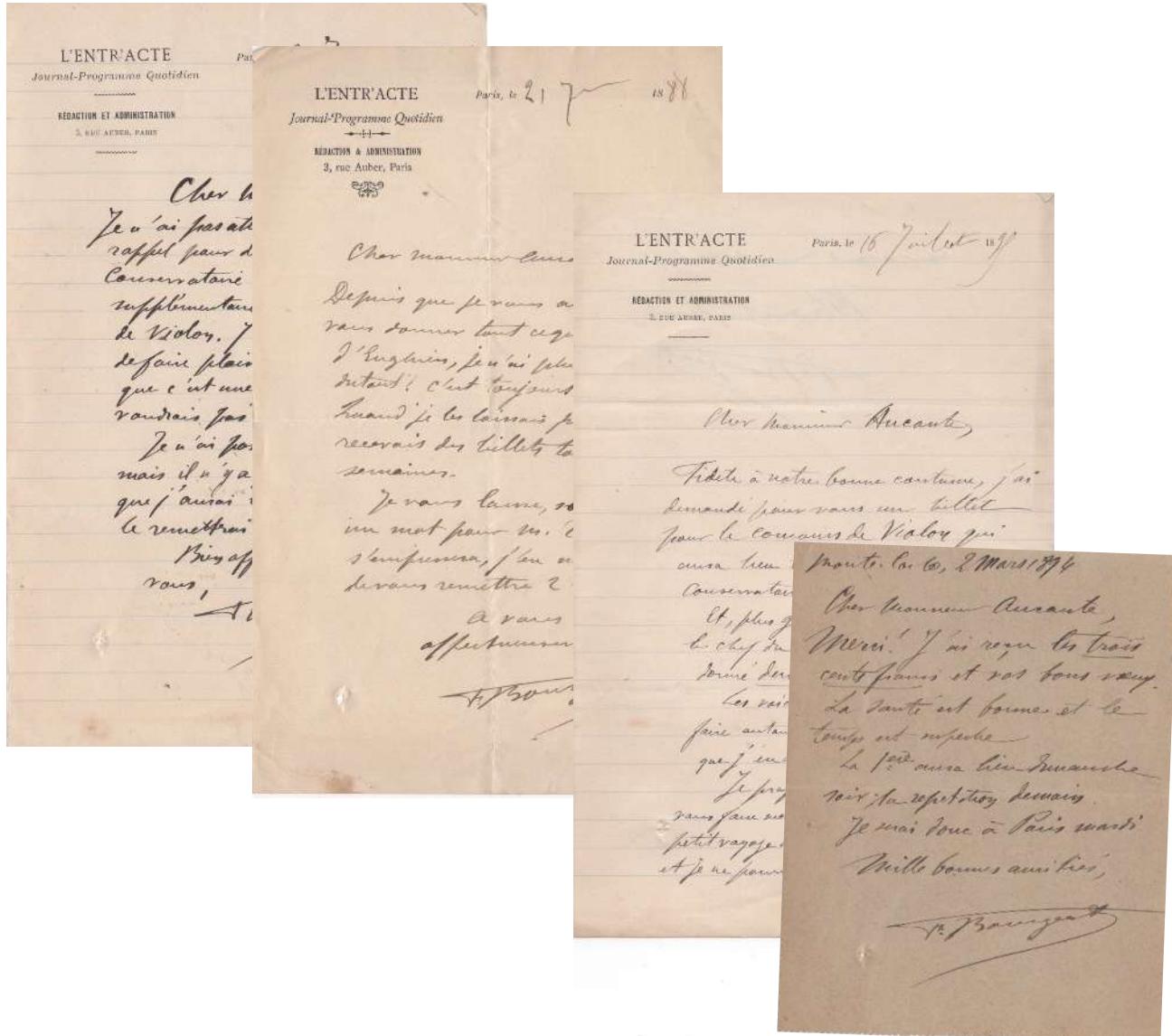
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14. Fernand Bourgeat (Châtillon-sur-Seine, 1851 - Paris, 1932)

To Émile Aucante

Lot of four autograph letters signed, dated between 1888 and 1897 by the French journalist and theater critic, "Inspecteur des théâtres" for the Ministry of Fine Arts. He was General secretary of the Paris Conservatory. Letters are addressed to the literate and writer Émile Aucante (1822-1908) and concern fees to be paid, concert tickets and other matters. 4 pp. ½ In-8, in-16 and on visiting card. € 120



15. Danièle Brégis (Parisi 1910 ca.)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed by the French soprano of operettas and cinema actress, who performed at the Opéra-Comique (1943) and at La Monnaie. On postcard. € 50



16. Danièle Brégis (Parisi 1910 ca.)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed by the French soprano of operettas and cinema actress, who performed at the Opéra-Comique (1943) and at La Monnaie. (18 x 24 cm). € 70



17. Félicien Champsaur (Turriers, 1858 - Paris, 1934)

Lulu

Autograph letter signed, dated *Mardi matin*, by the French poet, journalist and dramatist. He left a large body of journalistic and literary work to posterity, including "Dinah Samuel", based on his affair with Sarah Bernhardt, and "Lulu", a clownish novel published in 1888, which inspired Frank Wedekind's "Pandora's Box" and Alban Berg's opera. Champsaur addresses a gentleman, concerning an upcoming meeting. 1 p. In-8.

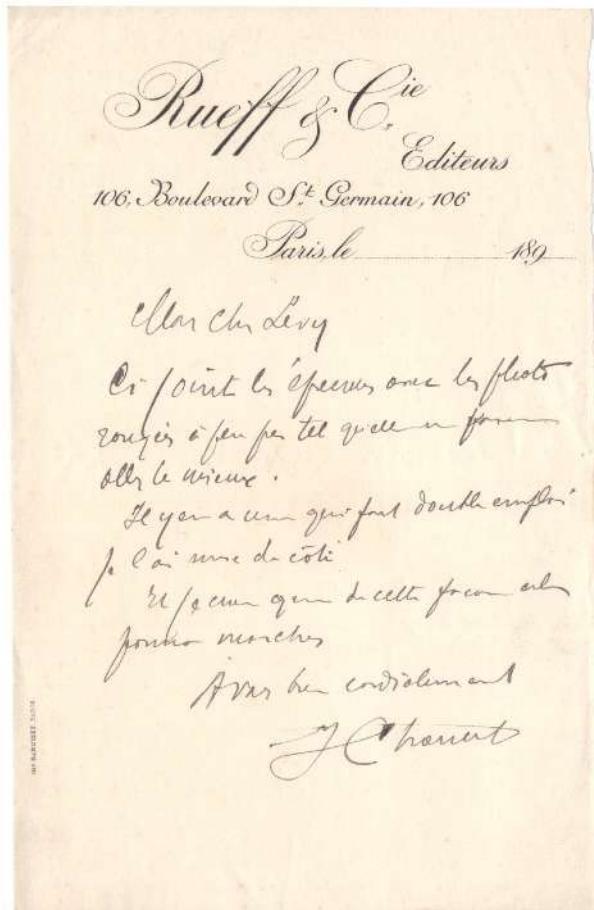
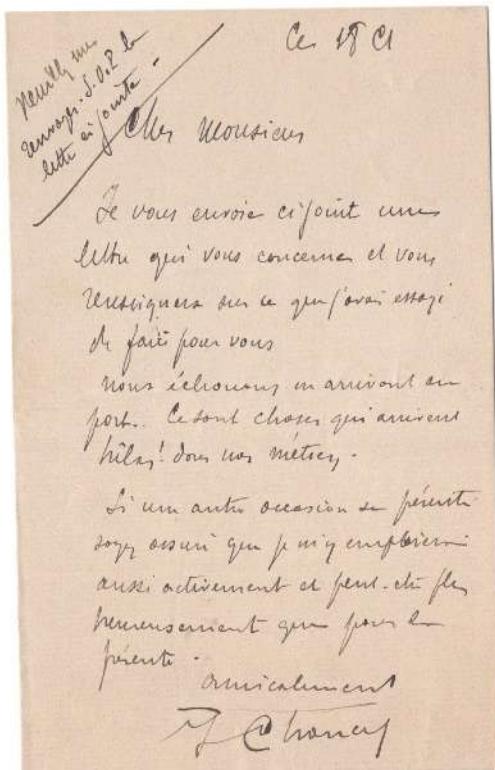
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Champsaur (Félicien) ^à
 "je n'ai pas le
 Mon cœur n'a
 mon idée belle dans
 mes cartons"
 Je viens de jeter un œil à vos
 allures oggi in Brodway, jeudi,
 à 5 heures, en pensant rendez-vous
 là, à cette heure ?
 En ce pensant ?
 Je vous présente gracieusement
 le moindre ballet dans mes cartons.
 — Non certainement ; mais votre "Gomby"
 et il m'a conquis l'assurance par vous
 Note moi donc où le rendez-vous tract,
 pour jeudi; 8hues, au 19. ème l'Appartement.
 Il préviendra Brodway par moy tout. — J'avoue
 toutefois il reproduira ouvertement quelqu'un ?
 Cordialement votre ami
 Félix Champsaur

18. Jules Chancel (Marseille, 1867 - Versailles, 1944)

Rêve de valse

Two autograph letters signed, not dated (1890 ca.) by the French journalist and children's author. One letter is addressed to Mr. Levy and concern music drafts and meetings. For a total of 2 pp. In-8. € 60



19. Crevel de Charlemagne (Paris, 1807 - ib., 1882)

Guitar

Rare autograph letter signed, dated Paris 25 8bre 1837 by the French poet and man of letters, who often wrote in collaboration with celebrated composers such as Bellini, Rossini, Marmontel, Hérold, Niedermeyer and many others. Charlemagne addresses the music publisher: "...je tiens toujours à votre disposition un recueil de plusieurs ... de poésies lyriques en tout genre — romances, nocturnes, scènes historiques, &c, à votre choix (...) Connaissant à fond plusieurs instruments et notamment la guitare depuis 15 ans — permettez moi, cher Monsieur, de vous offrir un service pour les accompagnements dont vous pourriez avoir besoin — soit romances, album ou partitions entières...". 3 pp. In-8.

€ 150

Connaissant à fond plusieurs
instruments & notamment la guitare
je sais — parout moi, cher
musicien, de vous offrir plusieurs
pour les accompagnements dont vous
pourriez avoir besoin — soit romances,
Albums ou Partitions entières —
Je vous livrai ce travail à
1/3 au dépouillement et Reprochab.
Si j'avois aidé ou vous demandais
un poème pour la guitare, Violon,
Guitare ou d'anglais, je vous
offrois à ce cher musicien, pour donner
mon avis — permettez moi au plaisir
de retourner cette bénie flâne, je
prendrai ce que vous voulez la musique
des instruments dont vous avez
besoin —

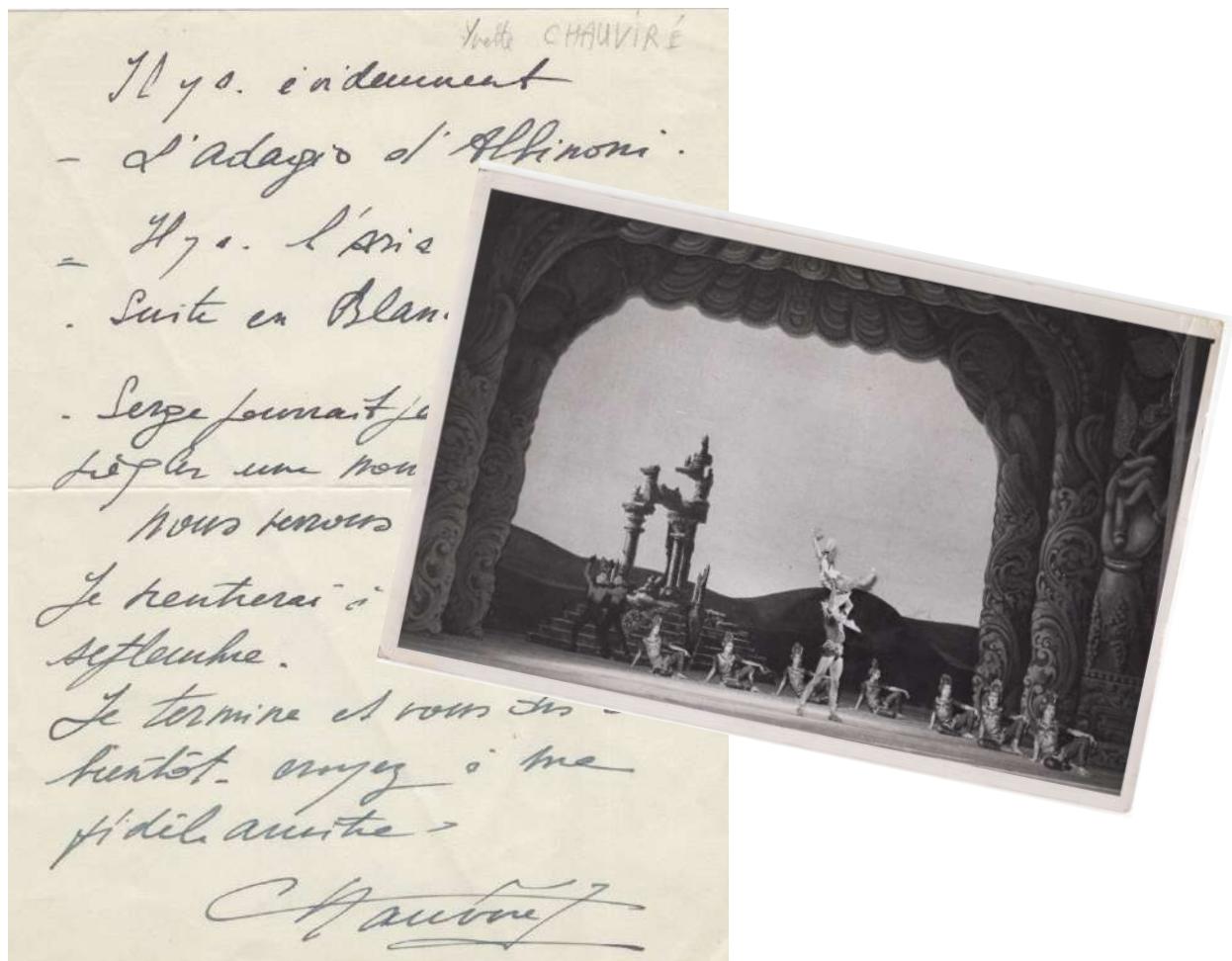
En attendant l'avantageux
Veuillez accepter ma visite —
Avez, je n'ai pas choisi,
Mais mon cœur me considère
les plus distingués
Votre dévoué serv.
Paul Charlemagne

46. chauffer d'autre —

20. Yvette Chauviré (Paris, 1917 - ib., 2016)

Opéra

Autograph letter signed, not dated, by the French dancer, *étoile* of the Opéra, creator of many ballet for Serge Lifar. She is considered to be the greatest French ballerina of the 20th century, and one of the few prima ballerinas to have been awarded the title of *prima ballerina assoluta*. Chauviré addresses a gentleman, concerning an upcoming concert program. 1 p. In-8. **Included:** stage photograph depicting Chauviré and the French ballet dancer Serge Perrault on 27th of August 1955. (18 x 11.5 cm). € 100



21. Janet Coster (London, 1940 ca.)

Photographic portrait with autograph signature English operatic mezzosoprano. (20 x 24 cm).

€ 40



22. Régine Crespin (Marseille, 1927 - Paris, 2007)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed by the French dramatic soprano, often remembered in her Wagner and Strauss works performances. Photograph by TELDEC (18 x 22 cm). € 40

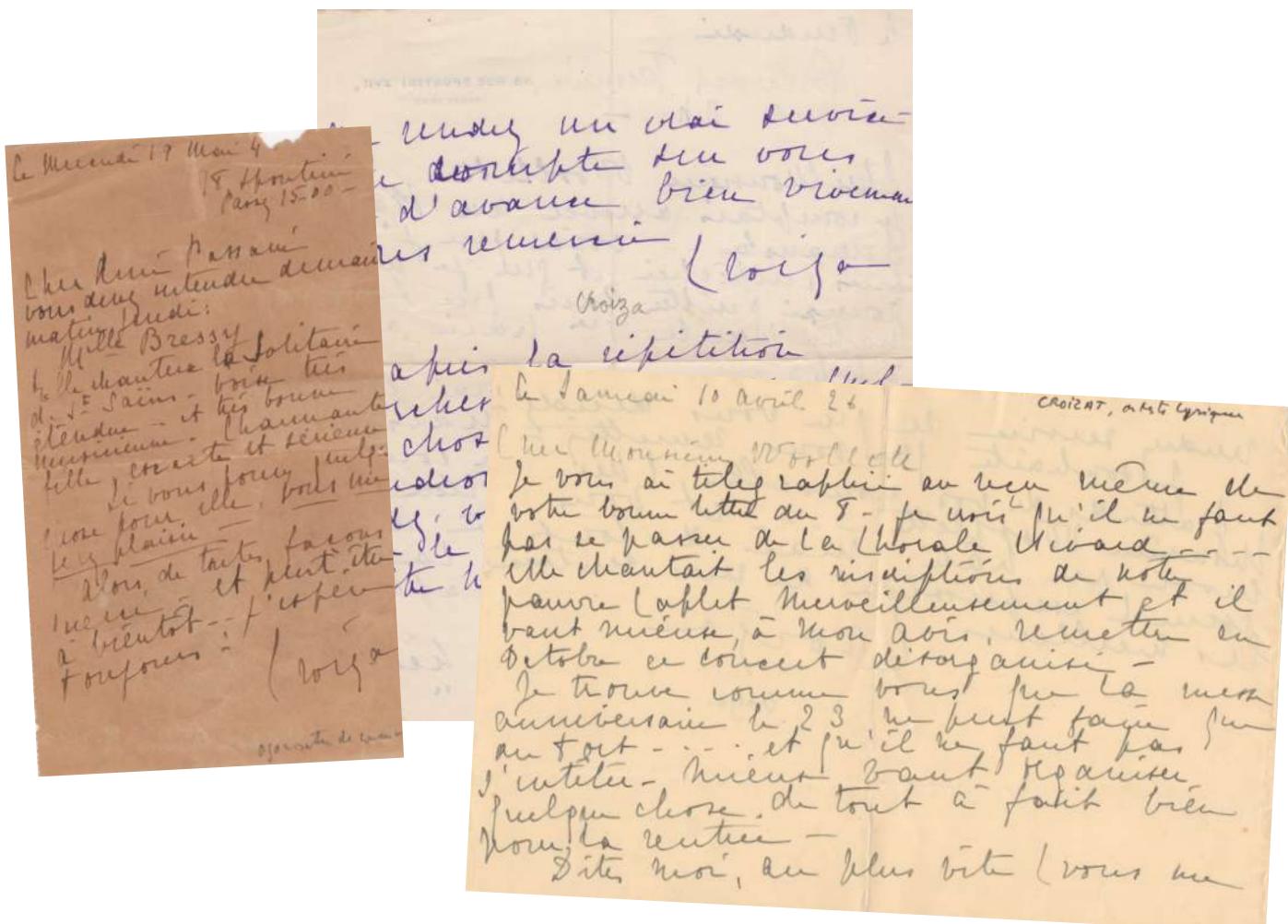


23. Claire Croiza (Paris, 1882 - ib., 1946)

To Henri Woollett

Three autograph letters signed, two of them dated 1926 and 1943, by the French mezzo-soprano. Teacher at the Paris Conservatoire after 1934, she was an excellent teacher, her students include Janine Micheau, Suzanne Juyol, Yoshiko Furusawa, Betty Bannerman and baritones Camille Maurane, Jacques Jansen and Gérard Souzay. Letters are addressed to the composer **Émile Passani** (1905-1974) and to the composer and music critic **Henri Woollett** (1864-1936). We report two extracts as a sample: "... Vous allez entendre demain matin jeudi: Melle Bressy. Elle chantera la Solitaire de St. Saëns. Voix très étendue et très bonne musicienne..." ; "...je vois qu'il ne faut pas se passer de la Chorale Nivard....elle chantait les transcriptions de notre pauvre [André] Caplet merveilleusement et il vaut mieux à mon avis, remettre en octobre ce concert désorganisé...". For a total of 5 pp. In-8 and in-16.

€ 140



24. Gilda Dalla Rizza (Verona, 1892 - Milan, 1975)

Der Rosenkavalier

Rare photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed, dated 3.4.1917 by Italian soprano, here in Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier". She made her operatic debut in Bologna in 1912, as Charlotte in "Werther". Particularly acclaimed in the verismo repertoire, she was considered Giacomo Puccini's favorite soprano, creating Magda in his "Rondine". (18 x 30 cm).

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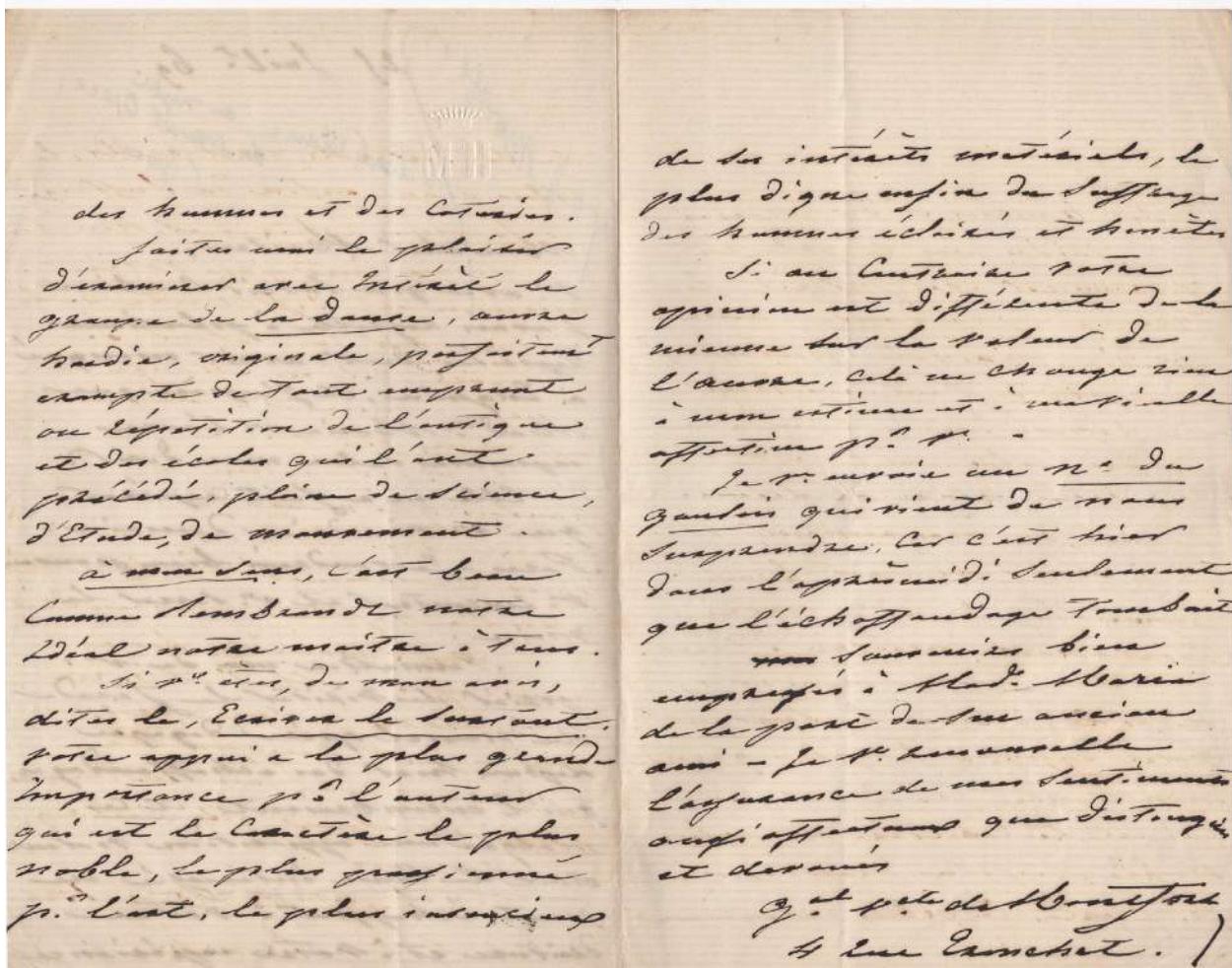


25. Philogène De Montfort (Reims, 1806 - Paris, 1883)

Opéra Garnier

Interesting autograph letter signed, dated 25 Juillet 69 French general, governor of the Palais de Luxembourg, To Charles Blanc, concerning the construction of the new Opéra Garnier. De Monfort addresses the French historian and art critic **Charles Blanc** (1813-1882), concerning the new Opéra Garnier: "...Permettez moi de v. prier de visiter la façade du nouvel opéra dégagée depuis hier des échafaudages qui l'encombraient (...) faites moi le plaisir d'examiner avec intérêt le groupe de la danse, oeuvre hardie, originale, persistant exemple de tout emprunt ou répétition de l'antique et de Pcole qui l'ont précédé, pleine de science, d'Etude, de mouvement..." 3 pp. In-8.

€ 120



26. Marie Desclauzas (Paris, 1841 - Nogent-sur-Marne, 1912)

Jacques Offenbach

Autograph letter signed, postmarked 7.10.84, by the French theater actress. Having worked on the repertoire of Jacques Offenbach and Charles Lecocq, she embarked on a tour of America, returning to Europe to premiere the role of Mlle Lange in Charles Lecocq's "La Fille de Mme Angot" in Brussels and at the Théâtre des Folies-Dramatiques. To Monsieur David: "...Quelle est l'épithète malsonnante que vous devez employer à mon égard, je dois vous annoncer que d'avance je vous pardonne car c'est moi seule qui ai tort; mais les répétitions et les fatigues qui j'endure sont les seules causes moyennes de mon impolitesse...". 2 pp. 1/2. In-8. **Included:** carte-de-visite photographic portrait of Desclauzas. Photograph by "Bacard fils/de la Roche succ." in Paris.

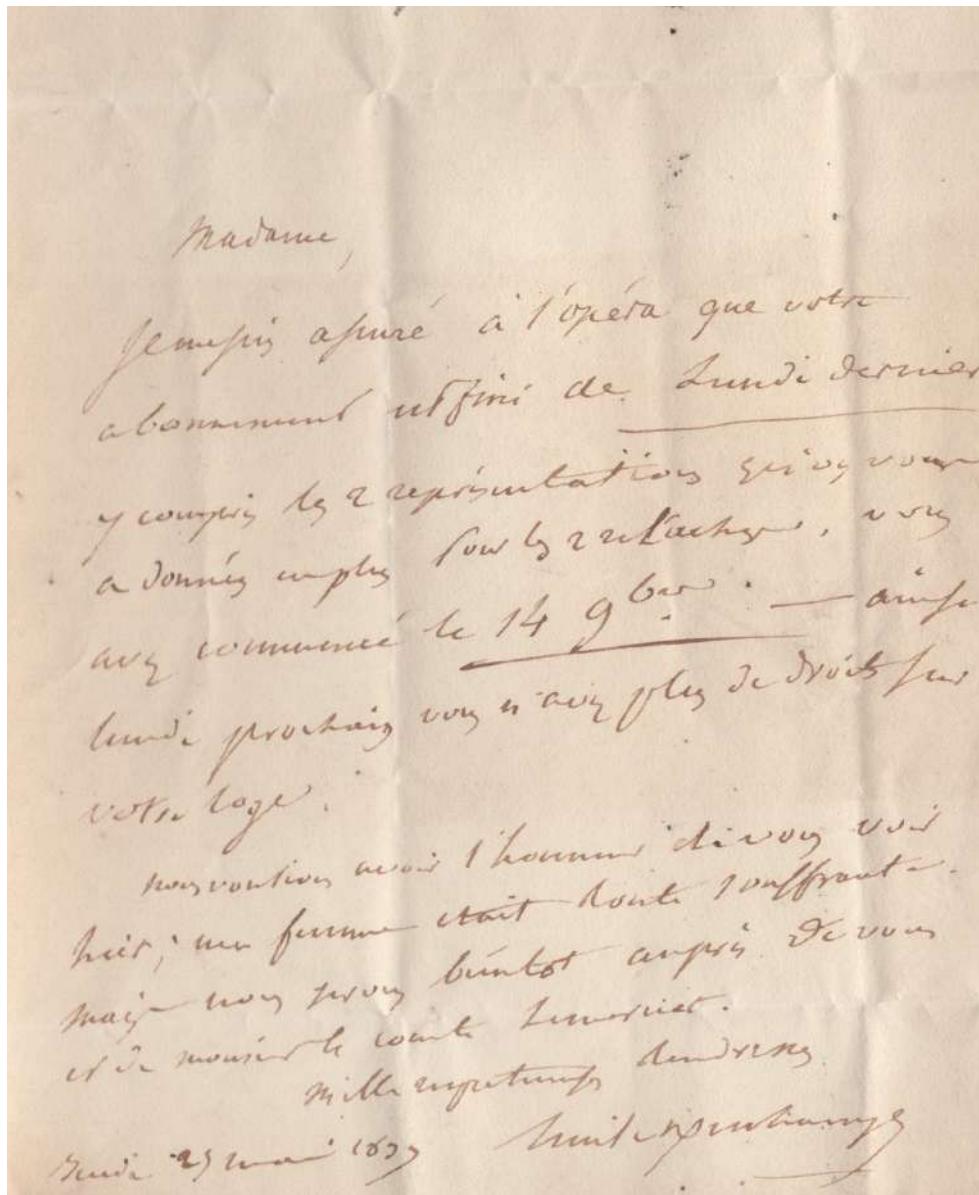
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27. Émile Deschamps (Bourges, 1791 - Versailles, 1871)

Berlioz's Roméo et Juliette

Autograph letter signed, dated Jeudi 25 Mai 1837 by the French Parnassian poet, author of few librettos such as Berlioz's dramatic symphony "Roméo et Juliette" (1839). Founder of the magazine "la Muse française" with Victor Hugo, Vigny and Nodier. Deschamps addresses Elizabeth Estelle Raoul (1798-1842), countess Lemercier, concerning her subscription to the Opéra for year 1837. 1 p. In-8. € 100

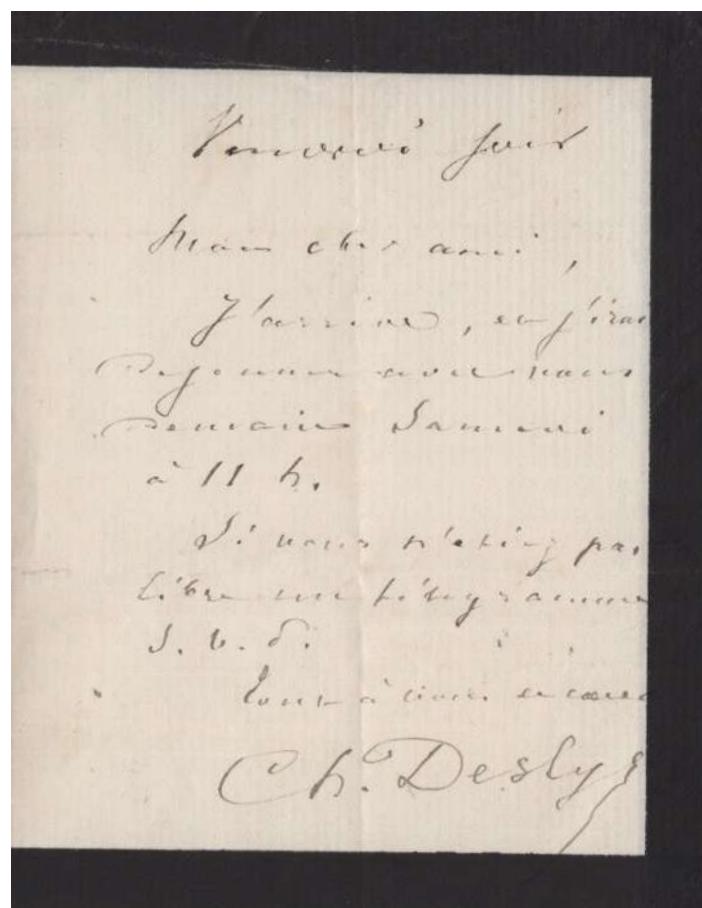


28. Charles Deslys (Paris, 1821 - ib., 1885)

Opera libretto

Autograph letter signed, dated French journalist and librettist of comic operas. Deslys addresses a gentleman, concerning a meeting. 1 p. In-16. On mourning paper.

€ 40



29. Helen Donath (Corpus Christi, 1940)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed, dated 18.10.1982, by the American soprano, whose career spans over fifty years.. Her best-known performances include Sophie in Richard Strauss's "Der Rosenkavalier" and Eva in Wagner's "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg". Here performing in Strauss' "Rosenkavalier" at Hamburg Staatsoper. Photograph by Hans-Joachim Lieske. (10 x 13.5 cm).

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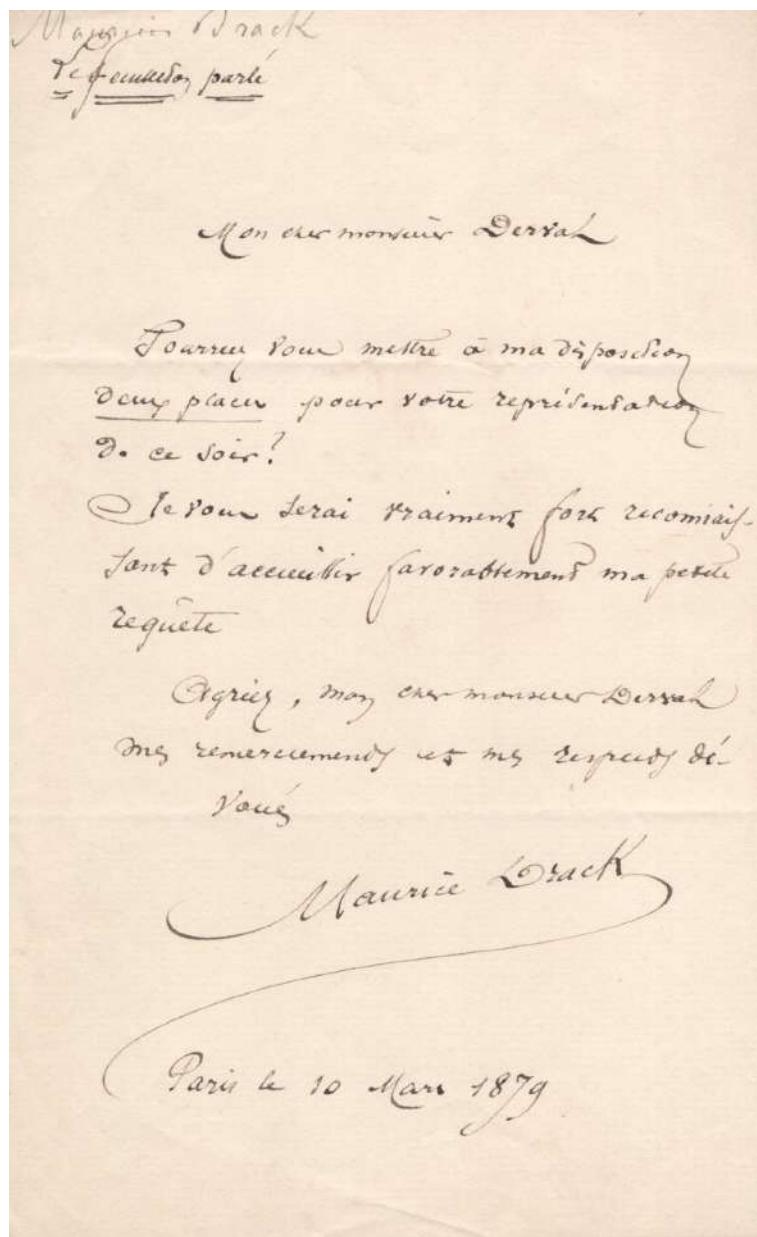


30. Auguste Alfred Poitevin, dit Maurice Drack (Paris 1834 - ib, 1897)

To Derval

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris le 10 Mars 1879* by the French dramatist. Drack published several novels and contributed to various newspapers, in particular "La Lanterne", as a theater critic. In 1889 he published a collection of plays: "Théâtre de la Foire". Drack addresses the French actor **Derval** (1801-1885), asking for theater seats for that evening. 1 p. In-8.

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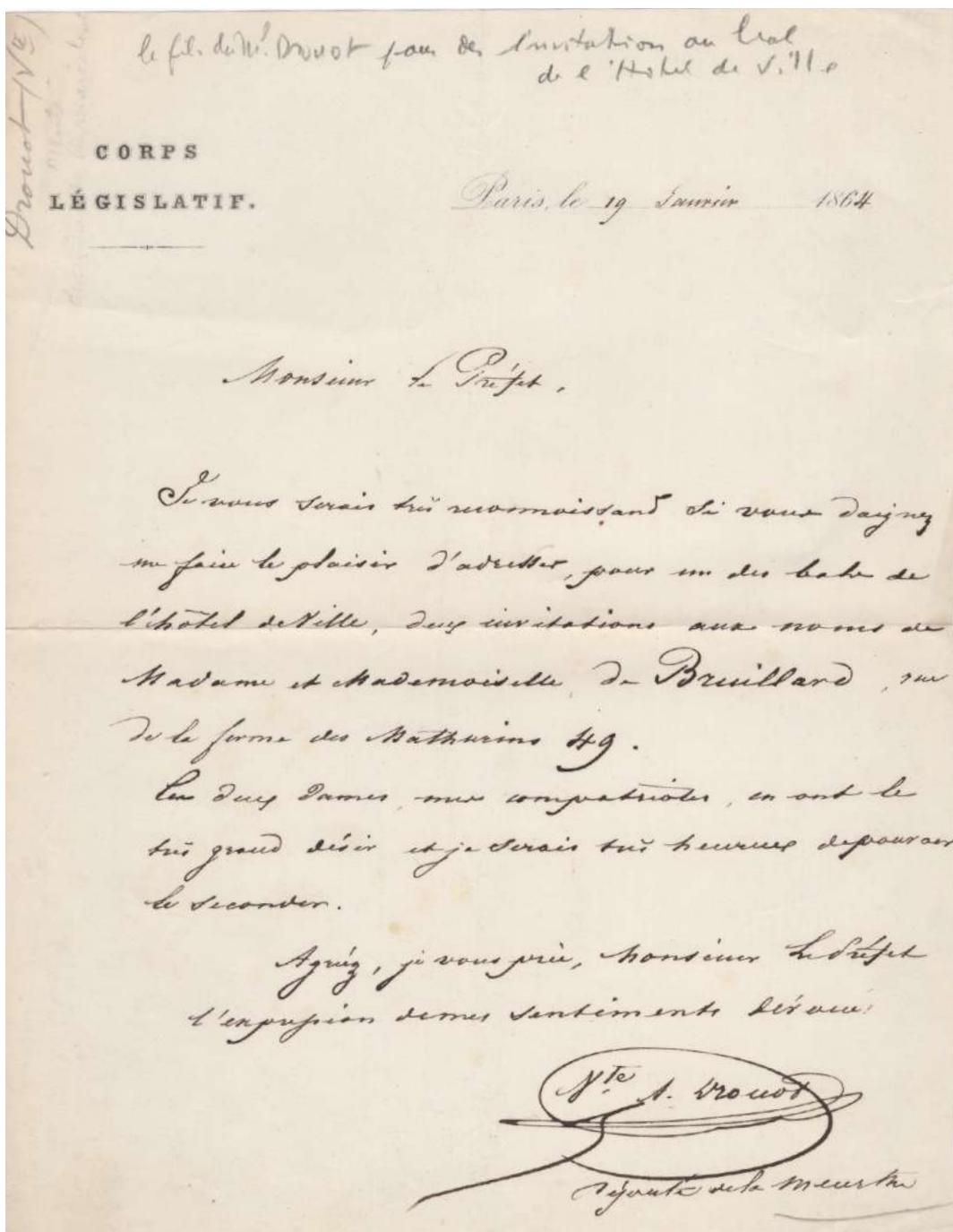


31. Antoine Joseph Drouot (Nancy, 1816 - ib., 1897)

Bal de l'Hôtel de Ville

Autograph letter signed, dated Paris le 19 Janvier 1864 by the French deputy, concerning the Ball at the Hôtel de Ville. Drouot addresses the Prefect, asking for two invitations for a Bal at the Hôtel de Ville for "...Madame et Mademoiselle de Bruillard...". 1 p. In-4. With letterhead.

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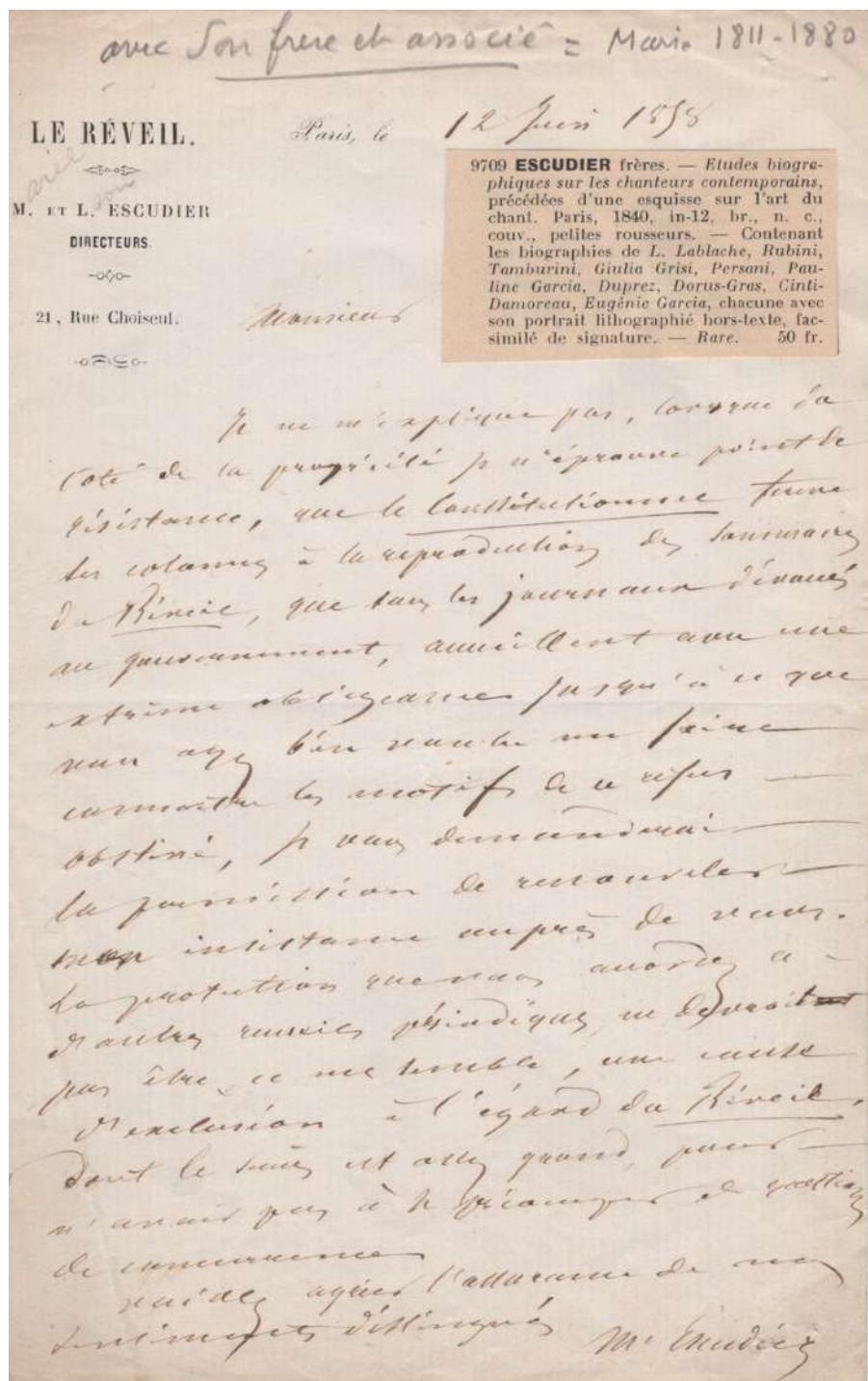


32. Léon Escudier (Castelnaudary, 1821 - Paris, 1881)

Jules Barbey d'Auréville

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris le 12 Juin 1858* by the French journalist, music publisher and critic. Founder, with his brother Marie-Pierre Escudier, of the weekly magazine and music publishing company "La France musicale", he helped along with his brother to establish Verdi's reputation across Europe. From 1876 to 1878, Léon Escudier directed the Salle Ventadour at the Théâtre italien de Paris. Escudier addresses a gentleman, concerning a refusal to publish in a newspaper: "...Je ne m'explique pas, lorsque du côté de la propriété je n'éprouve point de résistance, que le Constitutionnel ferme les colonnes à la reproduction des sommaires du Reveil". 1 p. In-8.

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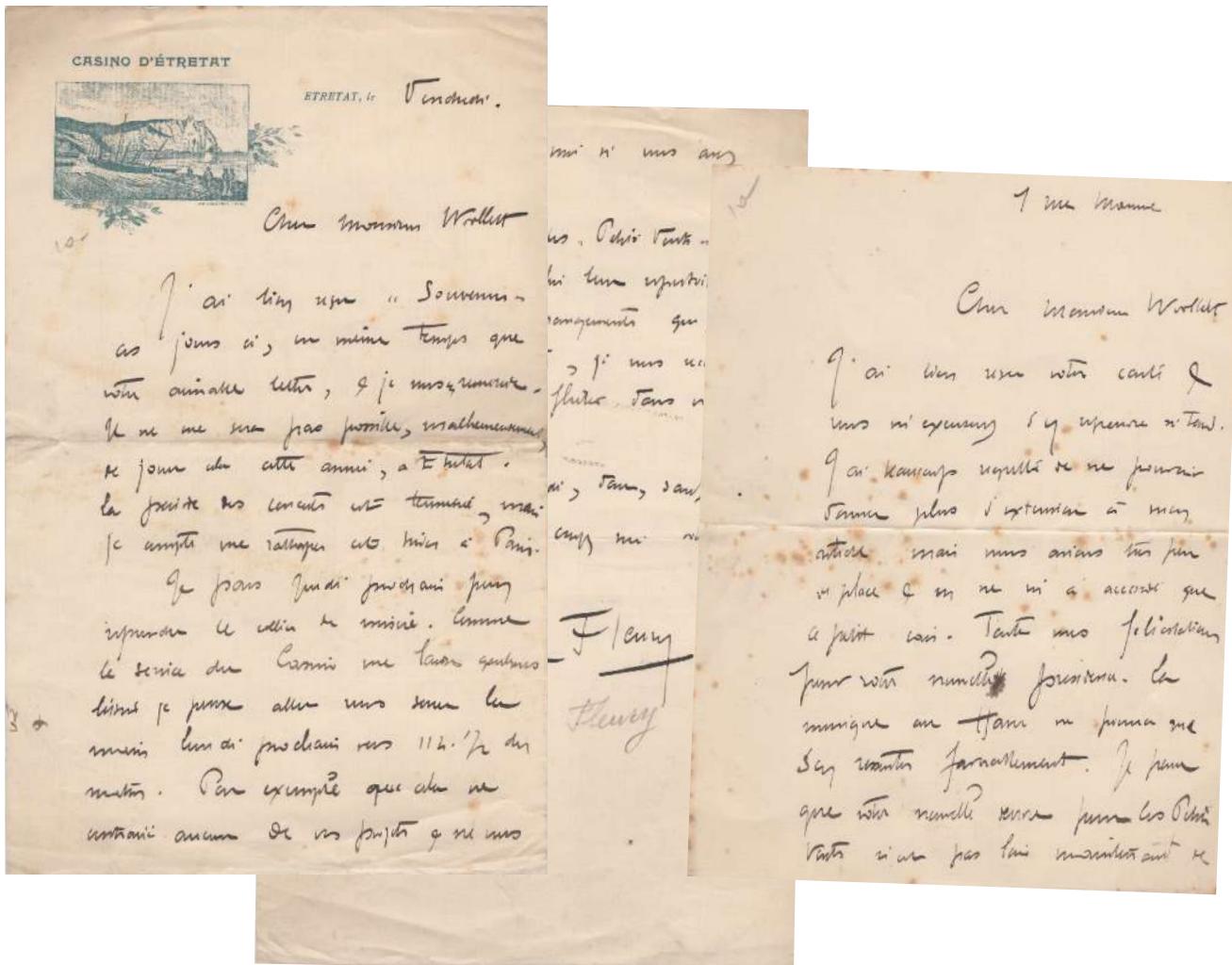


33. Louis Fleury (Lyon, 1878 - Paris, 1926)

Two autograph letters signed, not dated, by the French flutist, pupil of Paul Taffanel. He was a pioneer in the rediscovery of many forgotten Baroque flute compositions and member of the Société Moderne des Instruments à Vent created for this purpose. Letters are addressed to the composer and music critic **Henri Woollett** (1864-1936). We report an extract as a sample: "...J'ai bien reçu "Souvenirs" ces jours ci, en même temps que votre aimable lettre (...) Il ne me sera pas possible, malheureusement de joindre cela cette année, à Étretat...". For a total of 4 pp. In-8.

Flute - To Henri Woollett

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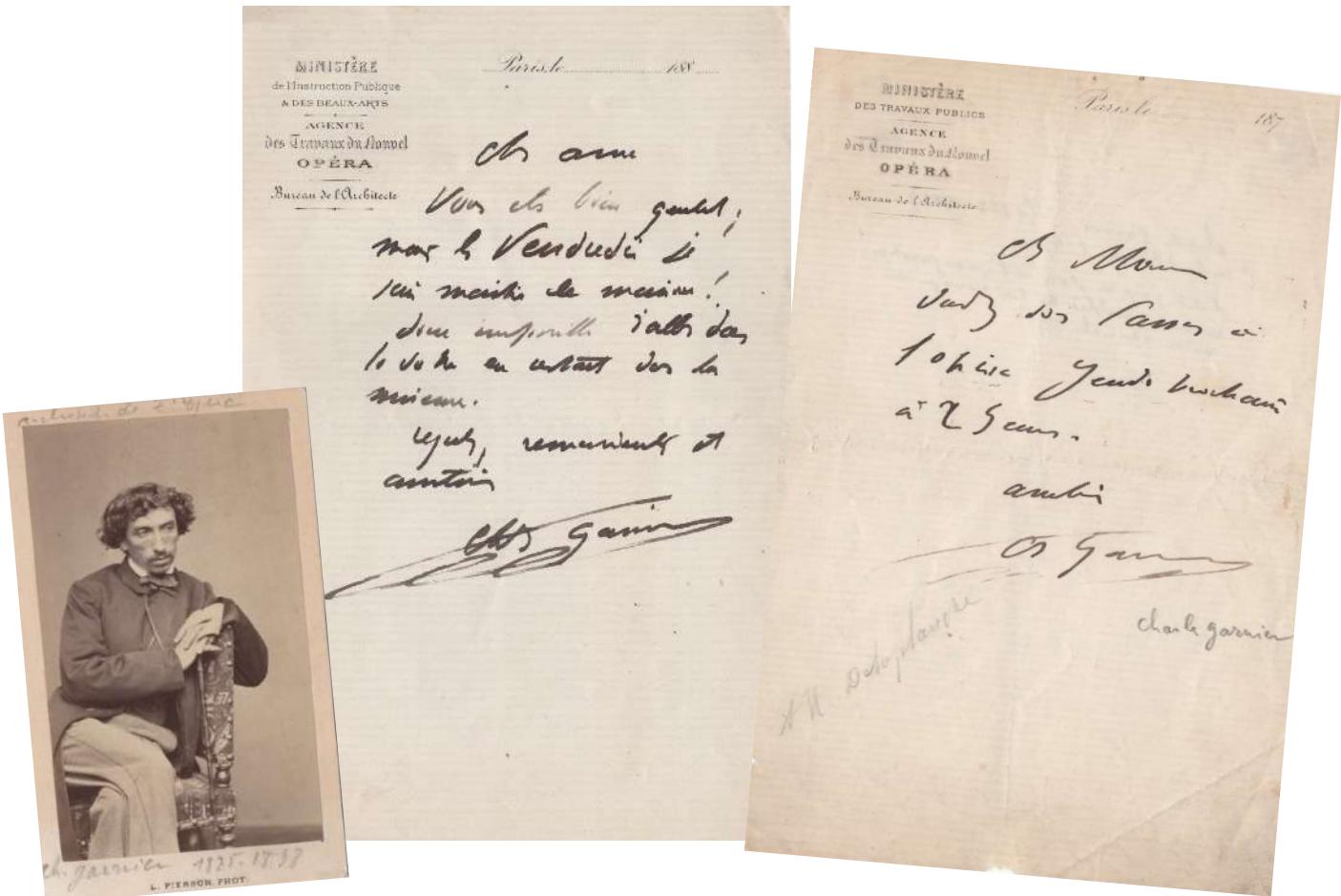


34. Charles Garnier (Paris, 1825 - ib., 1898)

Opera of Paris

Two autograph letters signed, dated between 1870 and 1880, by the French architect, mostly known for having created the new Opera of Paris (1875). One letter is addressed to Mr. Delaplanche and both concern meetings regarding the new Opéra. For a total of 2 pp. In-8. Included: carte-de-visite photograph (1865) depicting Charles Garnier. Photograph by Mayer & Pierson.

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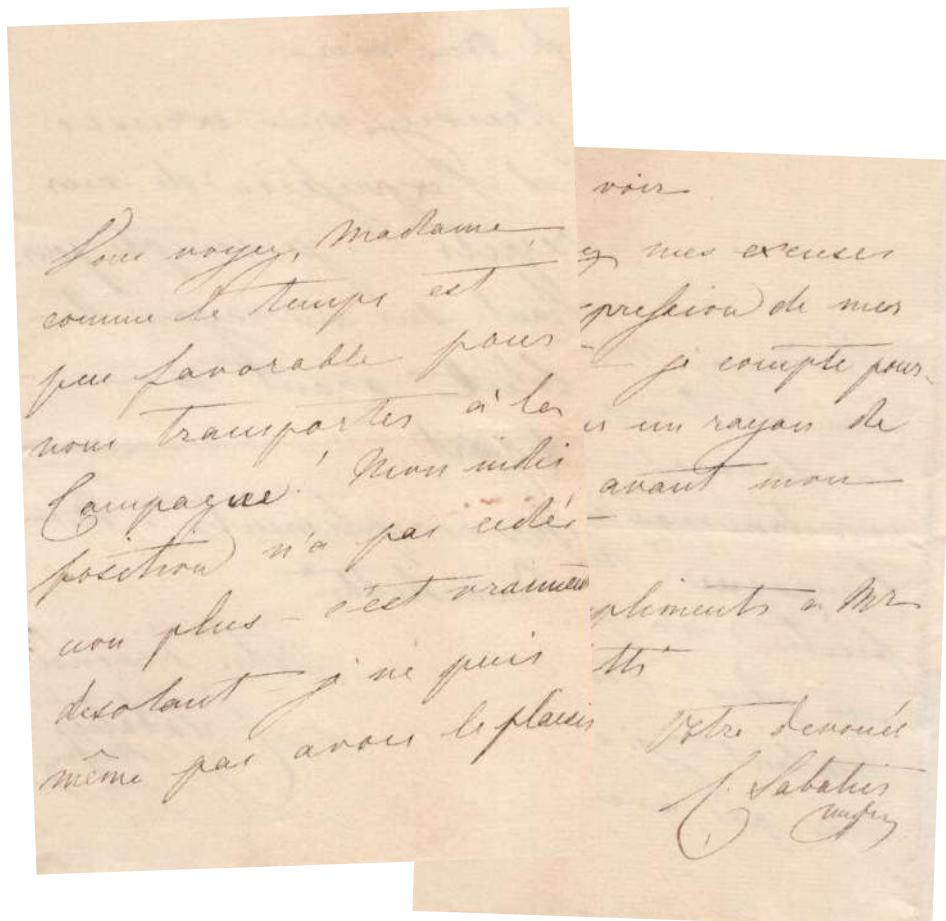


35. Émilie Gaveaux-Sabatier (Paris, 1820 - ib., 1896)

Women composers

Autograph letter signed, not dated, by the French soprano and composer. Gaveaux-Sabatier addresses Mrs. Benedict, having to refuse a meeting. She started in 1842 and made a career as a singer in concerts and salons. Reyer nicknamed her "La fauvette des salons" and dedicated one of his first melodies to her, Romance-boléro, published in 1847. Saint-Saëns did the same with his melody Rêverie, in 1851. In May 1857, she even received a tribute from Hector Berlioz: "We especially applauded a very well-written quintet for two violins, viola and two cellos, a charming adagio for four cellos, and a lied, very well sung by Mme Gaveaux-Sabatier, entitled Gondoline, the words of which are by Mr. Jules Beer, nephew of Mr. Meyerbeer » 2 pp. In-16.

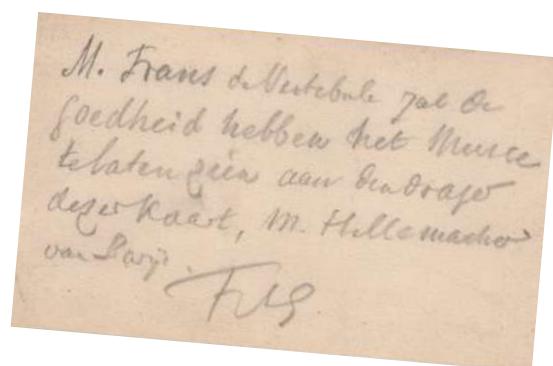
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36. François-Auguste Gevaert (Zingen 1828 - Brussels 1908)

Autograph letter signed (in pencil) by the Belgian composer and music critic, director of Brussels Conservatory. To a gentleman (in Dutch) concerning an upcoming meeting. 1 p.

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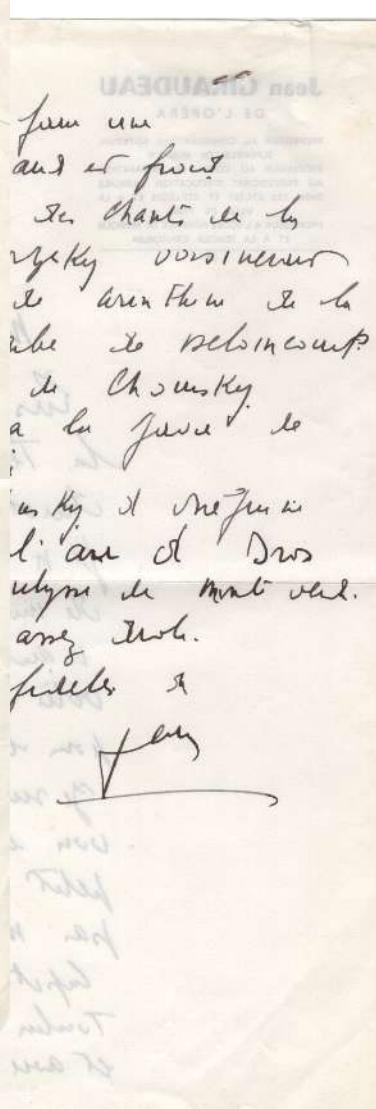
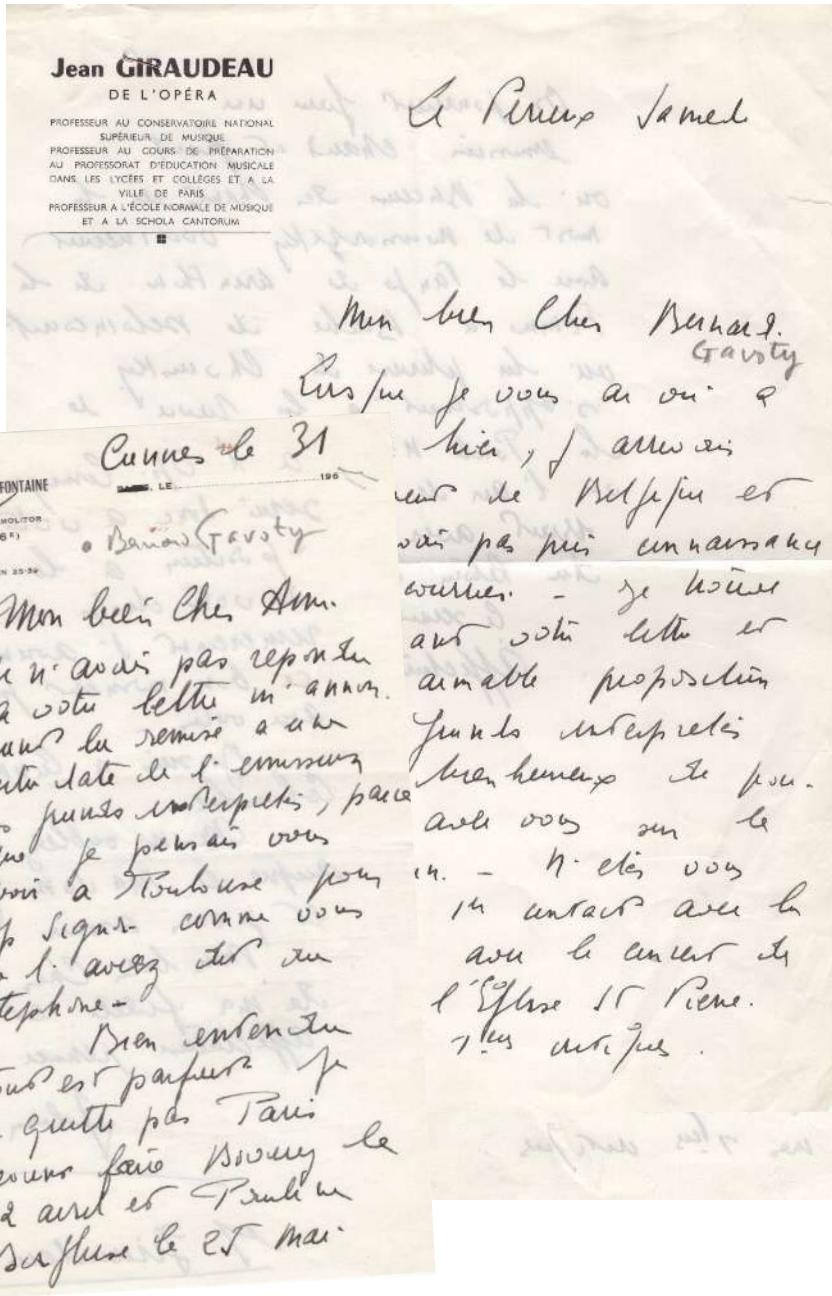


37. Jean Giraudeau (Toulon, 1916 - Toulon, 1995)

Two autograph letters signed, one dated 1960, by the French tenor, conductor and director of the Opéra-Comique (1968-1971). Letters are addressed to the journalist and musicologist **Bernard Gavoty** (1908-1981) and concern a radio broadcast dedicated to "...les grands interprètes...". For a total of 4 pp.
In-4 and in-8. With letterhead.

To **Bernard Gavoty**

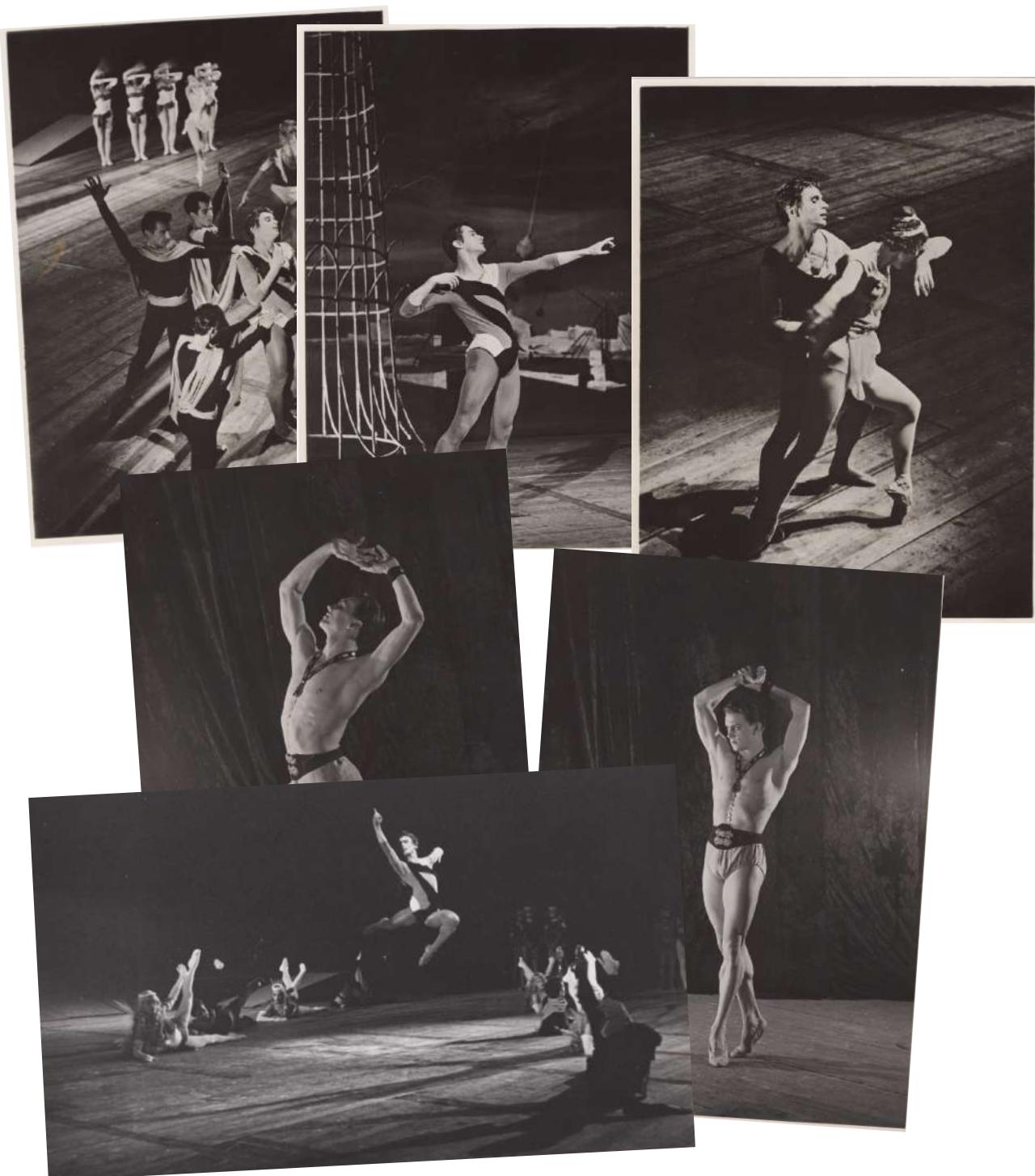
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38. Serge Golovine (Monaco, 1924 - Boulogne-Billancourt, 1998)*Dance - Harry Weber*

Lot of six stage photographs depicting the French dancer while on stage. Trained in Nice by Julie Sedova, he danced with the Ballet de Monte-Carlo during the Second World War, then joined the Nouveau Ballet de Monte-Carlo, entered the Paris Opera in 1947 and joined the Grand Ballet du Marquis de Cuevas in 1951. He founded his own company in 1962 and was engaged as ballet master at the Grand Théâtre de Genève from 1964 to 1969. He opened a school in Geneva and taught at the École de danse de l'Opéra de Paris from 1981 to 1997 and at the Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris. Photos for the magazine "Tel Quel". Copyright Harry Weber. (17.5 x 24 cm) (x 3); (22 x 30 cm) (x 2); (22 x 12 cm) (x1).

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39. Aurea Gomez (Rio de Janeiro 1950 ca.)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed by Argentinian mezzo-soprano, here in Nabucco at Teatro Regio in Turin. Pinholes at the upper angles. (12 x 16 cm). € 40

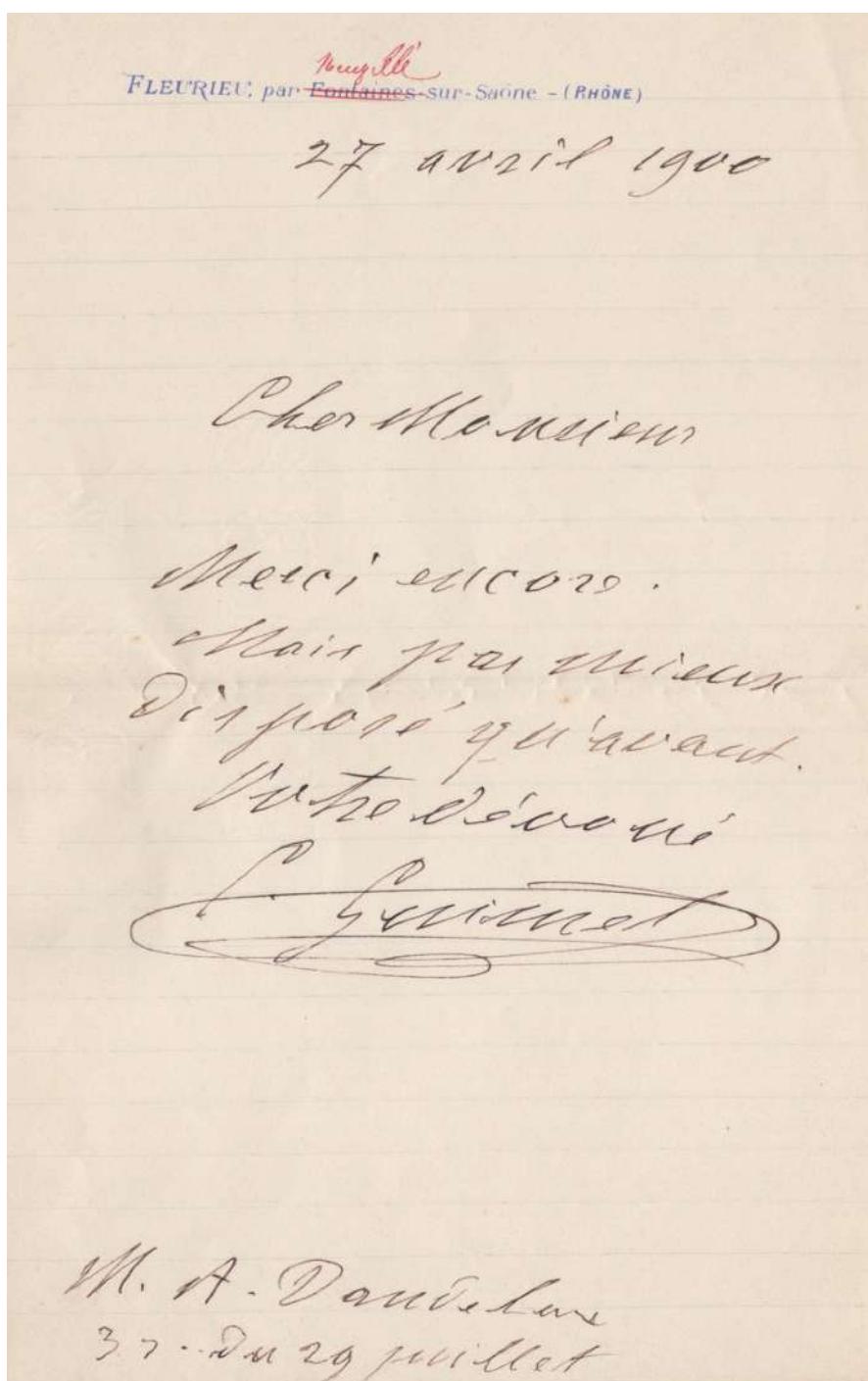


40. Émile Guimet (Lyon, 1836 - Fleurieu-sur-Saône, 1918)

Guimet Museum

Autograph letter signed, dated 27 Avril 1900 by the French industrialist, traveller and collector. He founded the Guimet Museum, which was initially located in Lyon in 1879, ceded to the state and moved to Paris in 1885. In Lyon he also founded a library and a school of oriental languages. Guimet aimed to spread knowledge of Eastern civilizations and facilitate religious studies, through sacred images and religious objects. Dedicated to travel, in 1876 he was commissioned by the Minister of Education to study the religions of the Far East, and the museum preserves many of the fruits of this expedition, including a fine collection of Japanese and Chinese porcelain and many objects not only relating to the religions of the East but also to those of Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome. He was also composer of a ballet and an opera. Guimet addresses Mr. Daudelais, sending his greetings and rejecting again a proposition. 1 p. In-16. Envelope included.

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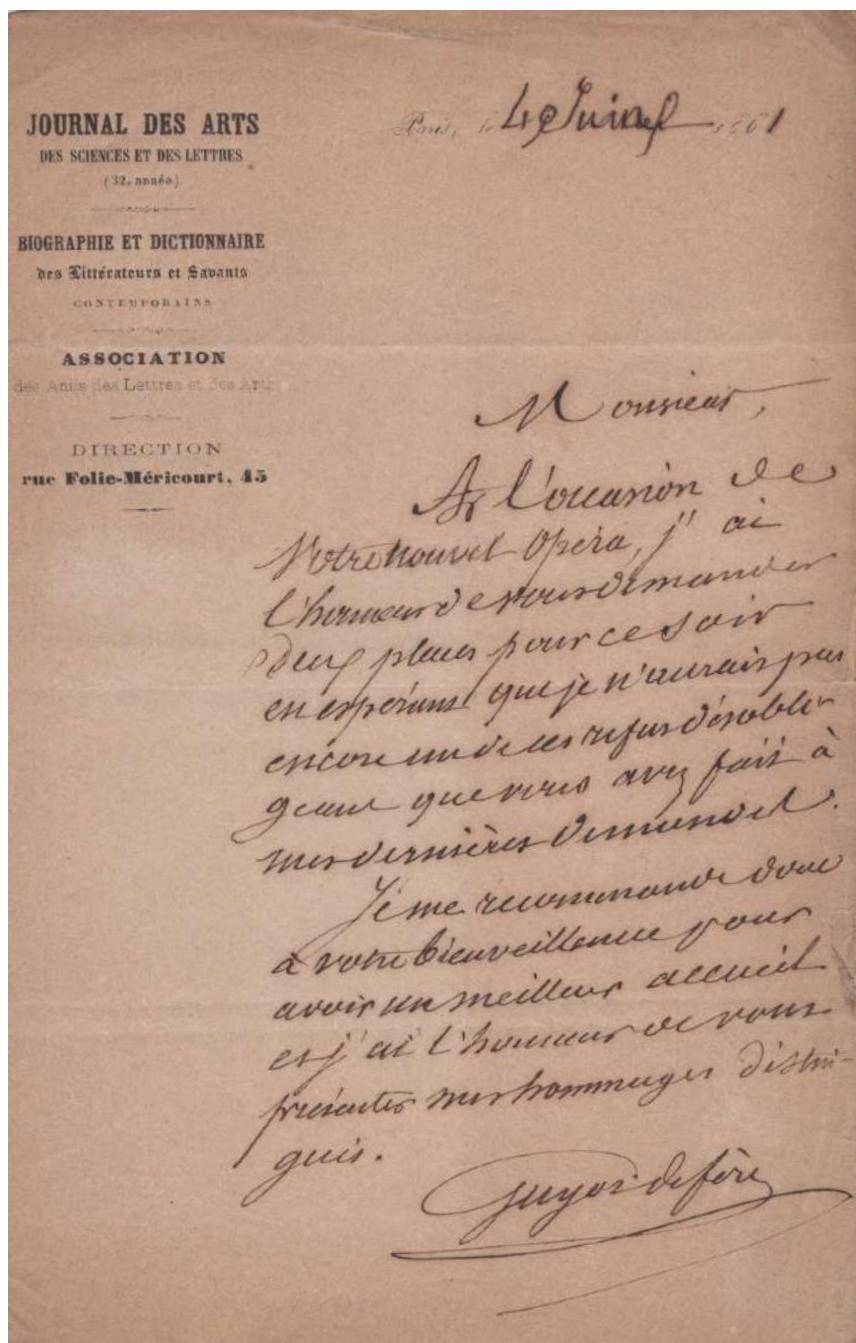


41. François-Fortuné Guyot de Fère (Paris, 1791 - ib, 1867)

Journal des Arts

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris, le 4 Juin 1861* by the French journalist and writer. Guyot de Fère writes to a gentleman, asking for two theater seats for that evening première. 1 p. In-8. With letterhead.

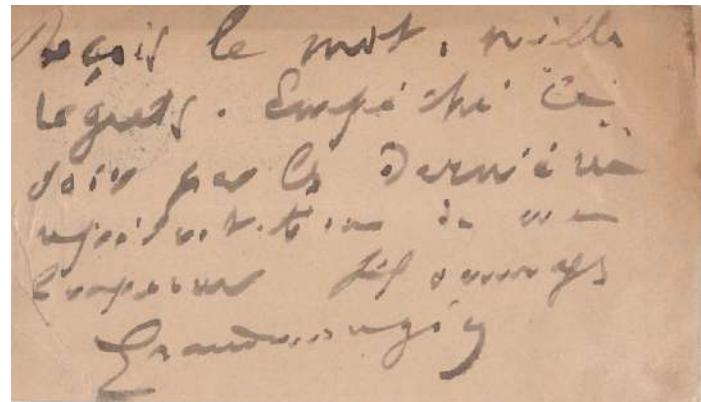
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42. Charles de Grandmougin (Vesoul, 1850 - Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1930)

Autograph letter signed, postmarked [1887] by the French poet and dramatist. Grandmougin addresses Carl von Hock: "Reçois le mot, mille regrets. Empêché ce soir par les dernières représentation...". Some of his works were set to music, notably by Bizet, Fauré and Lili Boulanger. He wrote the libretto for the opera Hulda, Scandinavian legend (1878-1885, after Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson) by César Franck and The Virgin, oratorio by Jules Massenet. 1 p. On carte-pneumatique.

€ 60



43. Gertrude Griswold (New York, 1855 - 1912)

Photographic portrait of the American soprano. She debuted in 1881 in "Hamlet" as Ophélie. In the same year, she performs in "Faust" and in "Don Juan". Photograph by Benque & Co.

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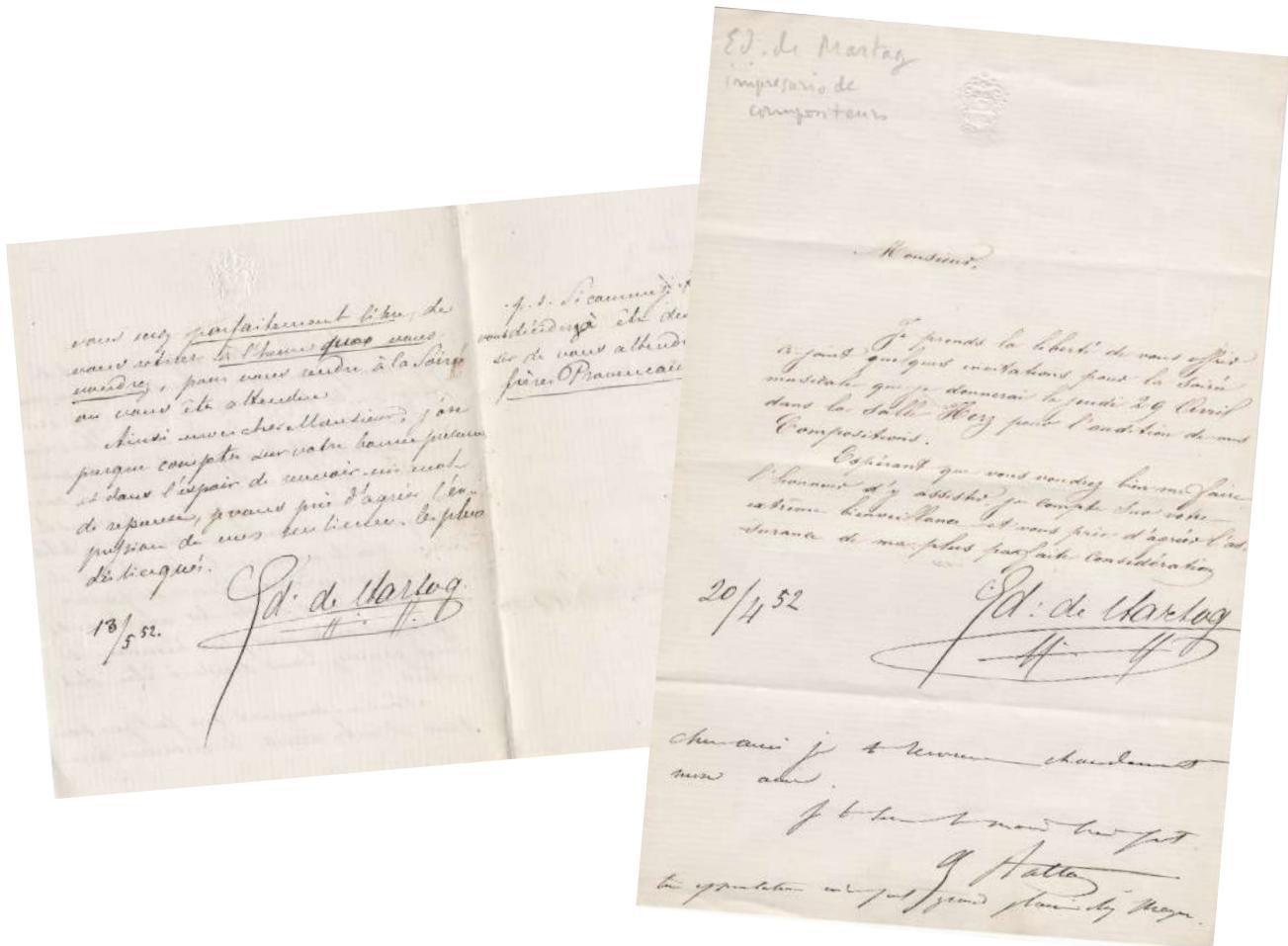


44. Eduard de Hartog (Amsterdam, 1825 - The Hague, 1909)

Le mariage de Don Lope

Two letters signed (one autograph), both dated 1852 by the Dutch composer and conductor. Settled in Paris, he worked as conductor of the Cercle Sainte-Cécile and toured Europe. His opera "Le mariage de Don Lope" premiered in Paris in 1865. Letters are addressed to gentlemen and concern a meeting and an upcoming performance: "...je prends la liberté de vous offrir ci-joint quelques invitations pour la soirée musicale que je donnerai le jeudi 29 Avril dans la Salle Herz pour l'audition de mes compositions...". For a total of 4 pp. In-8 and in-16.

€ 150



45. Rosella Hightower (Durwood, 1920 - Cannes, 2008)

Lot of three photographs depicting the American ballerina who achieved fame in both the United States and Europe. (10 x 14.5 cm) (x1); (18 x 24 cm) (x2). **Included:** three 6x6 B&W photographic negatives. € 100



46. Peter Hofmann (Marienbad, 1944 - Wunsiedel, 2010)

Photographic portrait with autograph signature by the German tenor. He found himself at the center of attention at the 1976 Bayreuth Festival, where critics acclaimed this heldentenor for his interpretation of Siegmund in Wagner's "Die Walküre". He was one of the leading Wagnerian tenors of the following decade, performing roles such as Lohengrin, Parsifal, Siegfried and Tristan at major festivals and opera houses at home and abroad. Here is performing as Lohengrin at Bayreuth Festspiele. Photo by Wilhelm Rauth. (12 x 16 cm). € 40



47. Nora Kaye (New York, 1920 - Los Angeles, 1987)

Beautiful large photographic portrait depicting the American prima ballerina with another dancer. Called the "Duse" of Dance, in homage to the famous actress Eleonora Duse, she also works in films as a choreographer and producer and performs on Broadway. (20 x 26 cm). € 40

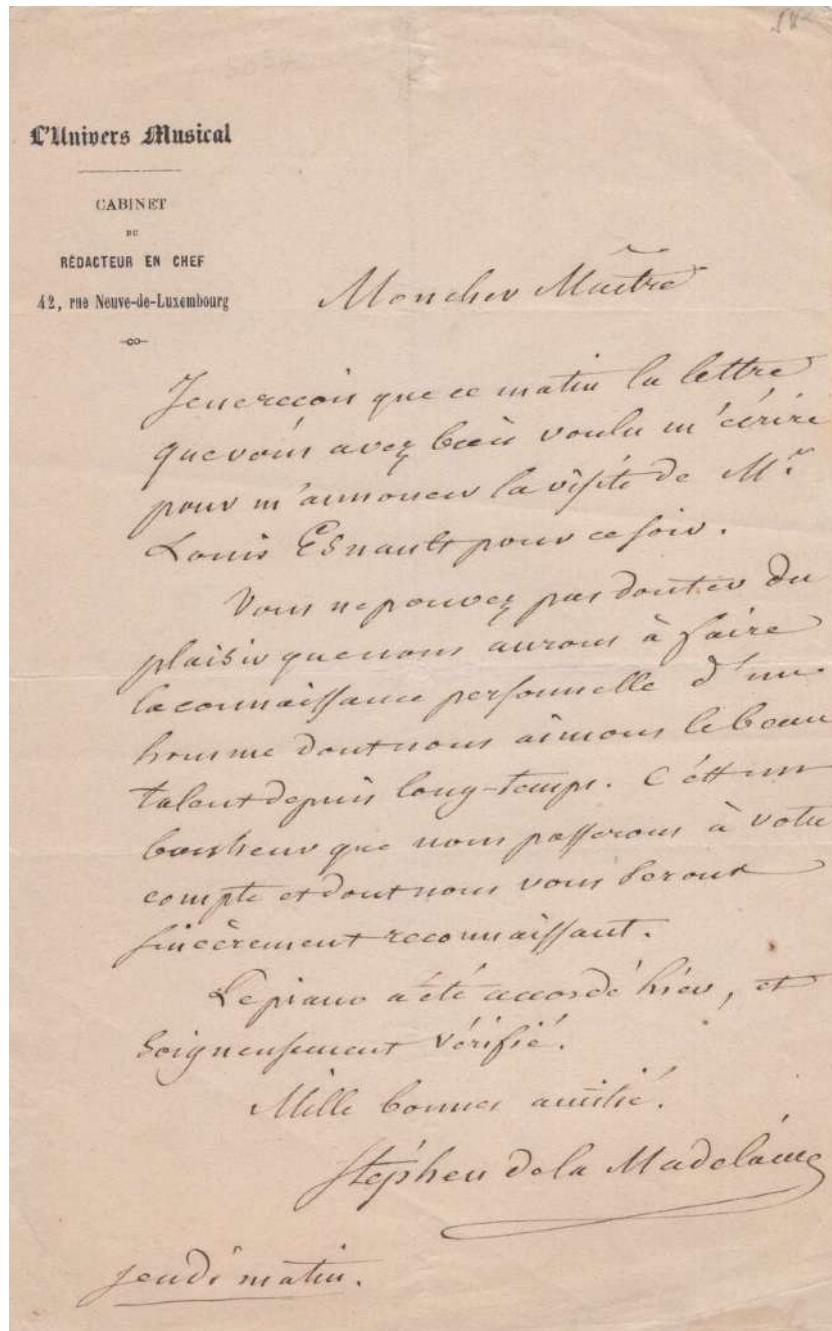


48. Stéphen de La Madeleine (Dijon 1801 - Paris 1868)

Luigi Cherubini

Autograph letter signed, dated *Jeudi matin* by the French singer, teacher and writer, cantor of the music chapel of Charles X he was much appreciated by Luigi Cherubini and Carl Maria von Weber. La Madeleine addresses a Maître, concerning the visit of the journalist Louis Esnault: "...vous ne pourrez pas douter du plaisir que nous aurons à faire la connaissance performelle d'un homme dont nous aimons le beau talent depuis long-temps...". 1 p. In-8. With letterhead.

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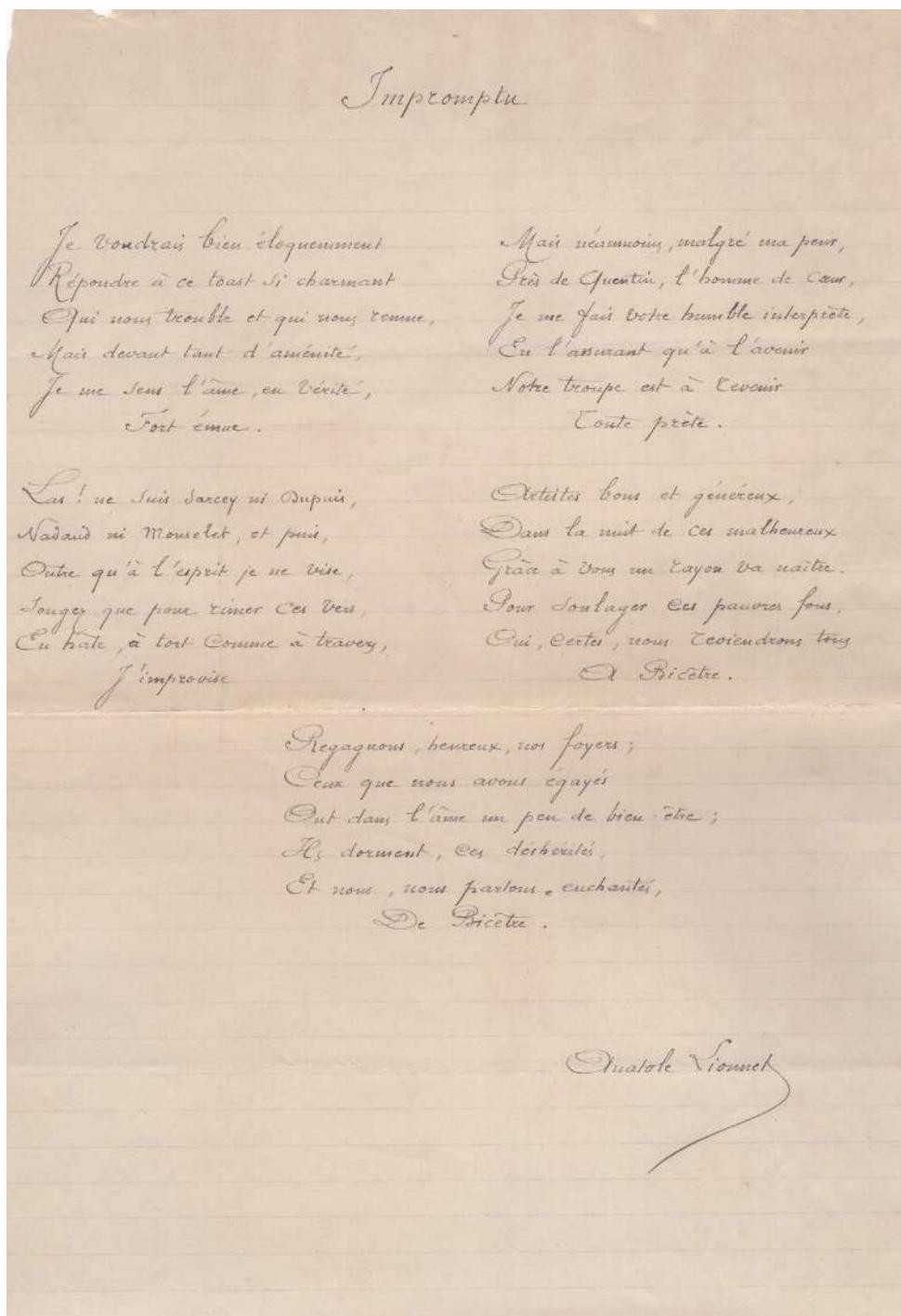


49. Anatole Lionnet (Paris, 1832 - ib., 1896)

La Société du Caveau

Autograph poem titled "Impromptu" by the French writer, composer and performer. Lionnet pens five stanzas: "Je voudrais bien éloquemment/Répondre à ce toast si charmant/Qui vous trouble et qui nous remue,/Mais devant tant d'aménité,/Je me sens l'âme, en vérité,/Fort émue...". The poem appear in the volume "Souvenir et anecdotes" (1888) by Hypolite and Anatole Lionnet 1 p. In-4.

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50. Alicia Markova (London, 1910 - Bath, 2004)

Lot of four photographs depicting the British ballerina and choreographer. Mostly remembered for her career with Sergei Diaghilev's Ballets Russes. She was the first British dancer to become the principal dancer of a ballet company and, with Dame Margot Fonteyn, is one of only two English dancers to be recognised as a prima ballerina assoluta. Markova was a founder dancer of the Rambert Dance Company, The Royal Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, and was co-founder and director of the English National Ballet. One photograph depicts the ballerina when she was awarded with the Order of the British Empire (1963). Photos for the magazine "Tel Quel". (15 x 20 cm) (x1); (24 x 17 cm) (x2); (18.5 x 24 cm) (x1).

€ 150



51. Nellie Melba (Richmond, 1861 - Sydney, 1931)

Cabinet-card photographic portrait of the acclaimed Australian coloratura soprano. Photograph by Benque & Co. (12.5 x 21 cm). € 70



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52. Léon Melchissedec (Clermont-Ferrand 1843 - Neuilly 1925)

Lot of twelve autograph letters dated between 1880 and 1913, a sketch and a lithographic portrait addressed to the French baritone, who created with Victor Capoul roles in Saint-Saëns operas "Paul et Virginie" and "Le Timbre d'argent" (1877). Letters senders include French stage and film actor **Jules Moy** (1862-1938), the dramatist and writer **Charles Mérouvel** (1832-1920), a poem by the French songwriter **Marcel Legay** (1851-1915), the dramatist and critic **Édouard Noël** (1848-1926) and **Léon Melchissedec** himself (three autograph letters signed). and concern mainly private and music matters. For a total of 22 pp. A rich and interesting "dossier" on a great figure in the history of singing in France. In various formats.

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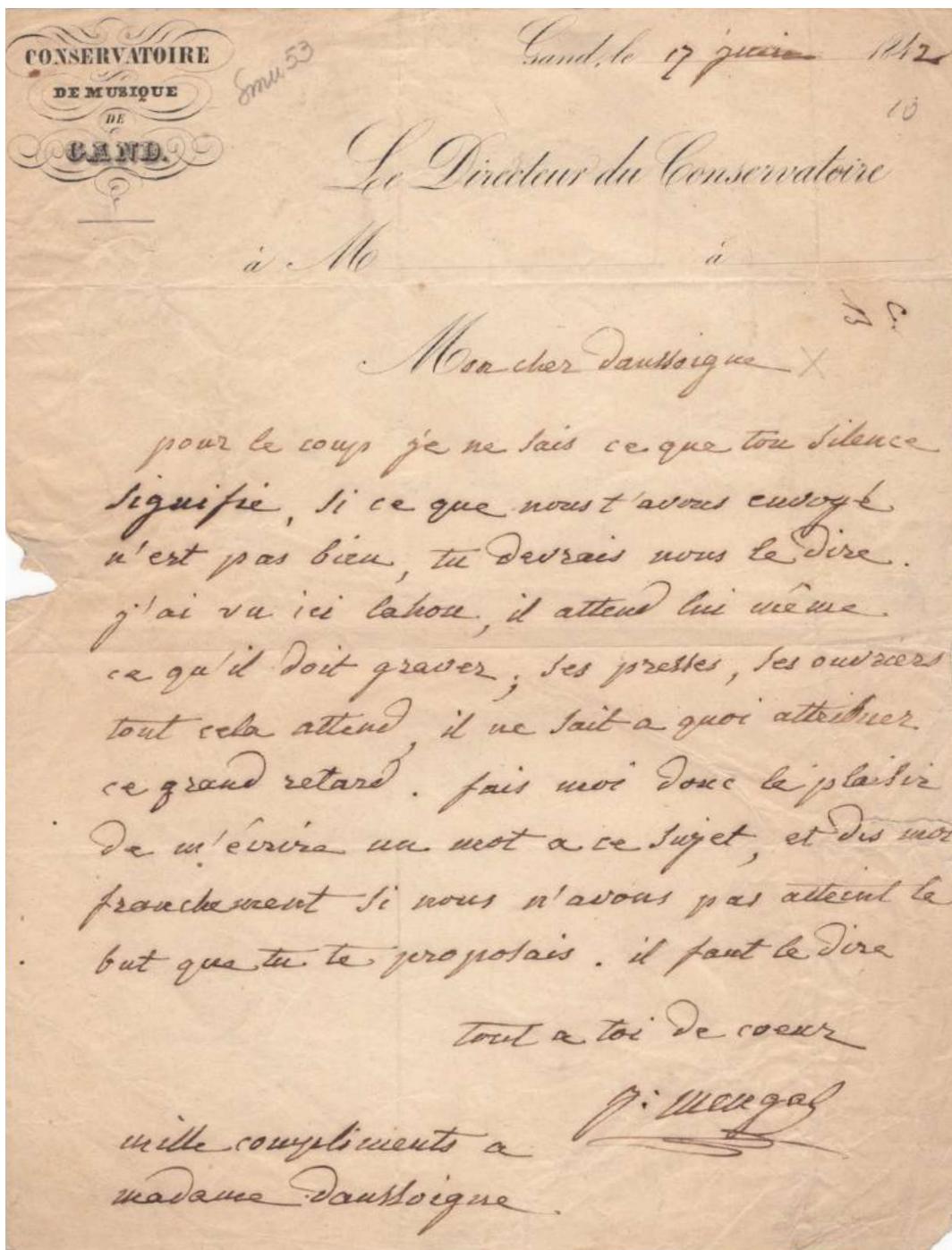


53. Martin-Joseph Mengal (Gand, 1784 - ib, 1851)

Gand - Horn music

Autograph letter signed, dated *Gand le 17 Juin 1842* by the Belgian composer and hornist, director of music at the Paris Opera (1867-1870) and of the Brussels Conservatory (1871). Mengal addresses the Belgian composer **Joseph Daussoigne-Méhul** (1790-1875), concerning a music work: "...pour le coup je ne sais ce que ton silence signifie, si ce que nous t'avons envoyé n'est pas bien, tu devrais nous le dire. J'ai vu ici cabou, il attend lui-même ce qu'il doit graver; ses presses, ses ouvriers, tout cela attend, il ne sait à quoi attribuer tout ce grand retard...". 1 p. In-4. With letterhead.

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54. Mady Mesplé (Toulouse, 1931 - ib., 2020)

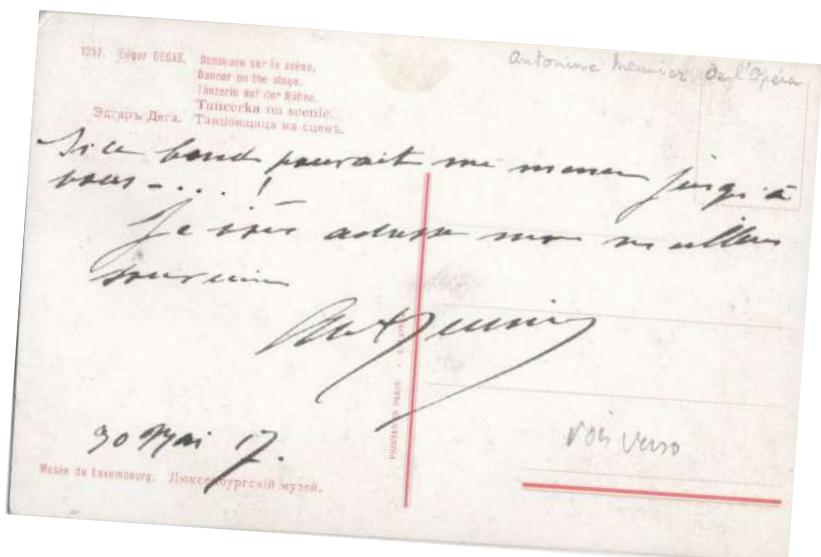
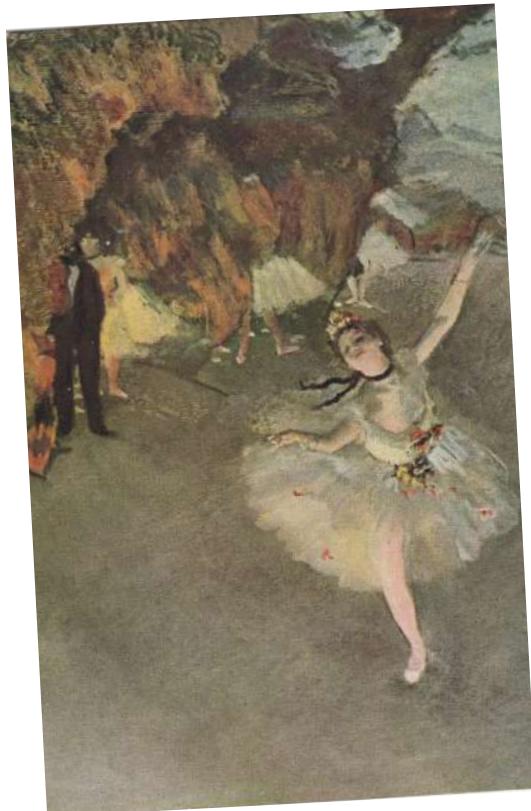
Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed by the French soprano at the Opéra de Paris, where she performed in many operas by Poulenc, D'Indy, Donizetti and many others. On EMI postcard. (9.5 x 14.5 cm). € 50



55. Antonine Meunier (Viencennes 1877 - Paris 1972)

Paris Opera

Autograph dedication signed, dated *30 Mai 17* by the French ballet dancer, and teacher. Meunier studied at the Ecole de danse de l'Opéra national school in Paris. Eventually she became a Paris opera ballet dancer . 1 p. On illustrated postcard of Renoir's painting "Danseuse sur la scène". € 80

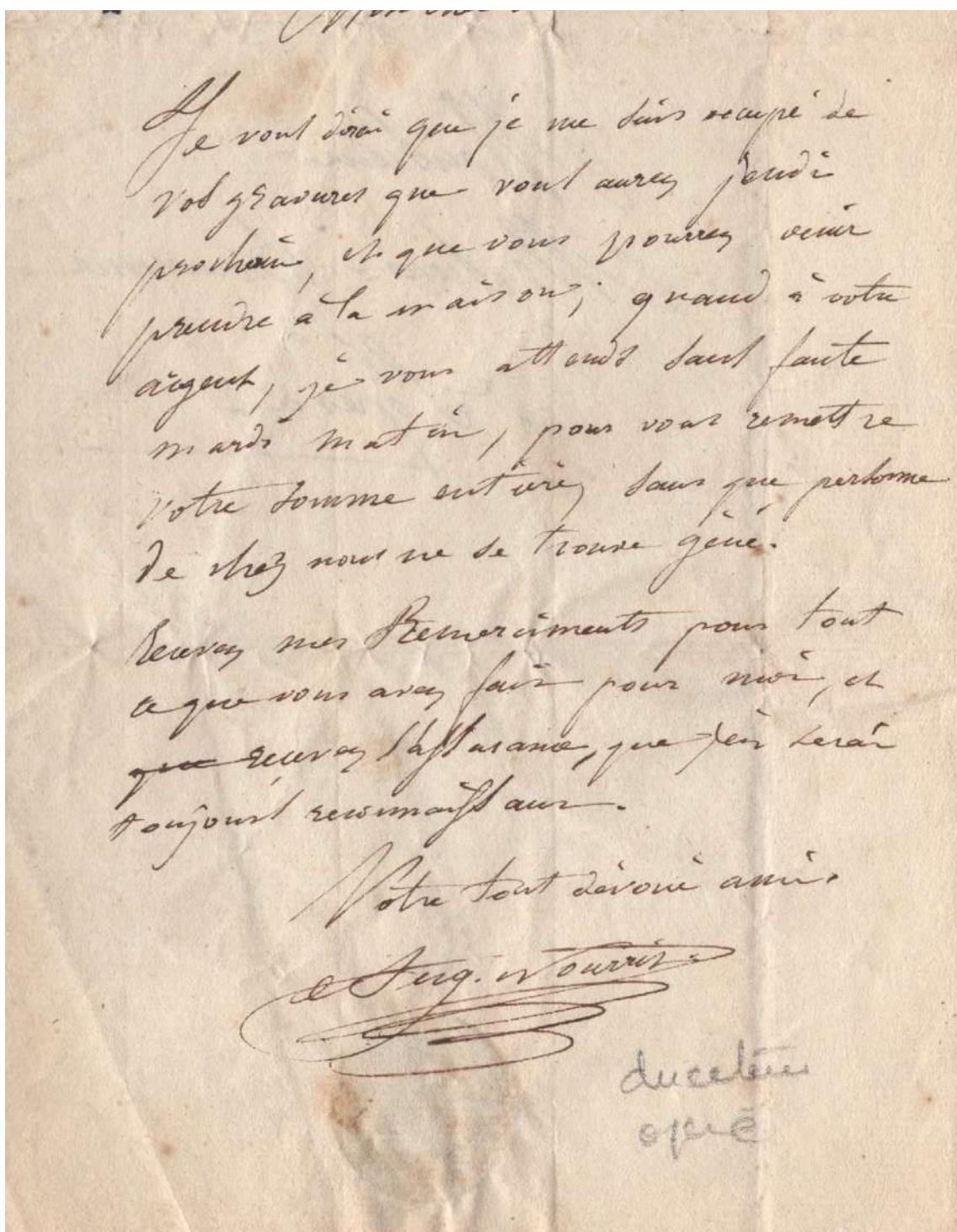


56. Auguste Nourrit (Paris, 1805 - L'Isle-Adam, 1853)

Théâtre de la Monnaie

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris ce 29 Août 1823* by the French tenor, director of the Théâtre français in The Hague and of the Théâtre de la Monnaie in Brussels. He is brother of the tenor Adolphe and son of the likewise celebrated tenor Louis. Nourrit addresses the engraver Bouvesme: "... Je me suis occupé de vos gravures que vous aurez jeudi prochain, et que vous pourrez venir prendre à la maison; quant à votre argent, je vous attends sans faute mardi matin...". 1 p. In-8. Loss of paper and tear at the upper margin.

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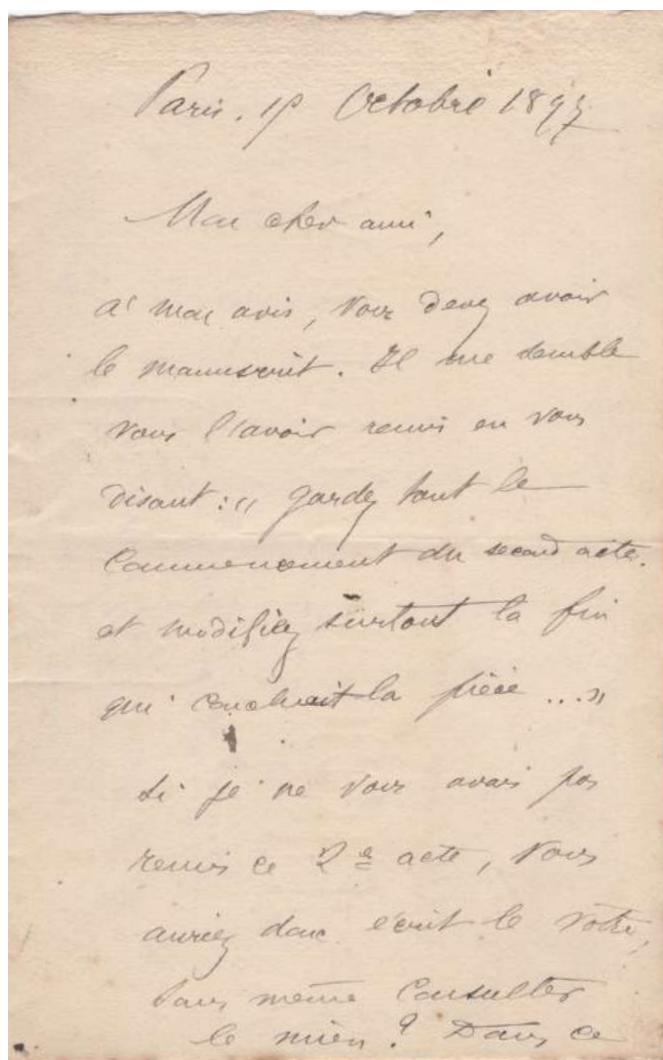


57. Maurice Ordonneau (Saintes, 1854 - Paris, 1916)

Operetta

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris 19 Octobre 1897* by the French dramatist and composer. Often in collaboration with other playwrights, composers and musicians, he wrote a large number of operettas, opéra-bouffes, comedies and vaudevilles with Audran and Ganne and many others: *Durand et Durand*; *Mademoiselle ma femme*; *La Dame du 23*; *La Poupee*; *Les Saltimbanques*; *Le Voyage de la mariée*; M.Sherry. Ordonneau writes to a gentleman composer, concerning a manuscript he cannot find: "...Il me semble vous l'avoir remis en vous disant: 'gardez tout le commencement du second acte et modifiez surtout la fin qui couchait la pièce'...". 2 pp. In-8.

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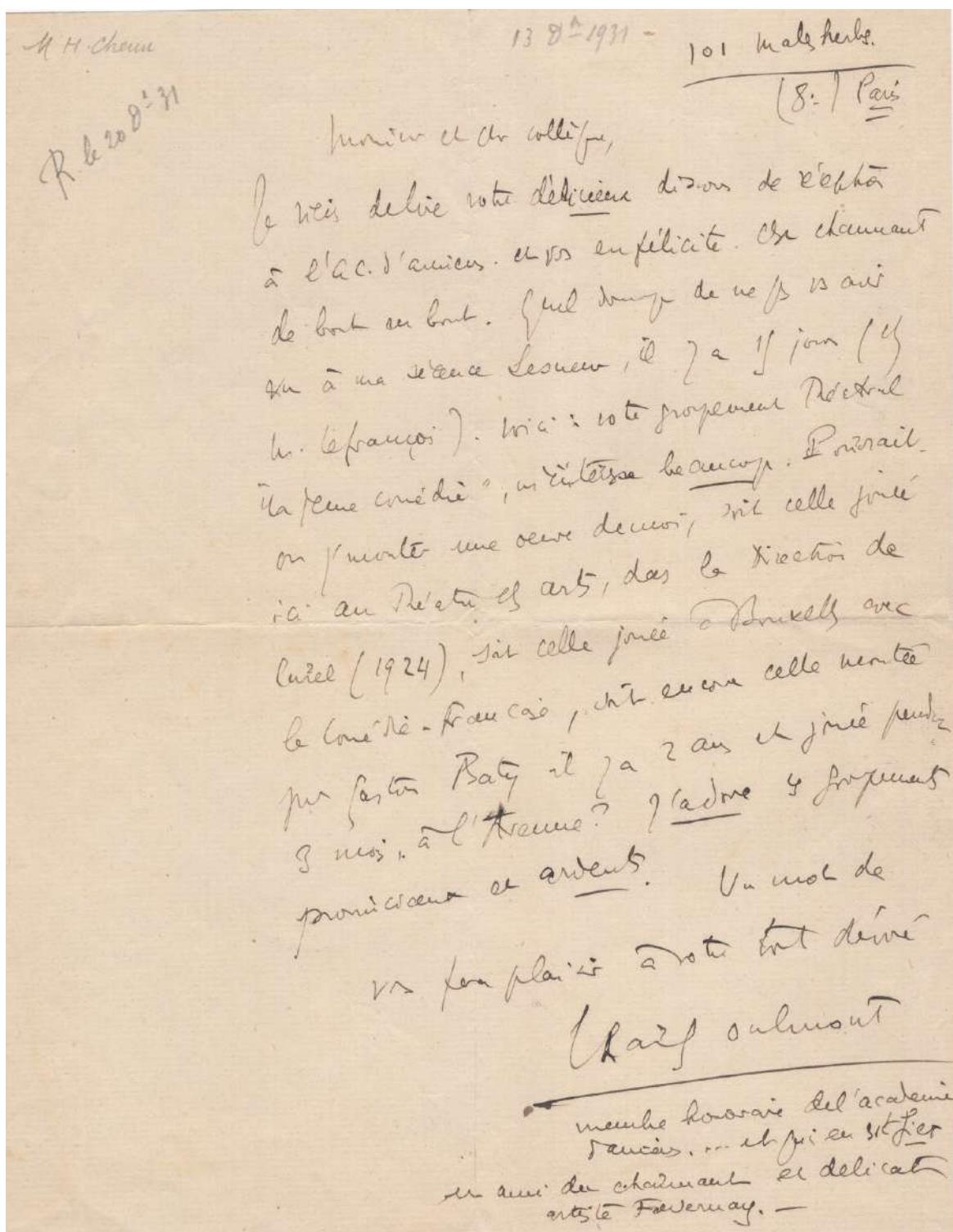


58. Charles Oulmont (Mulhouse, 1883 - Pontoise, 1984)

Fondation Charles Oulmont

Autograph letter signed, dated [13 bre 1931] French man of letters and collector, son of Léon and Nanette Lantz, whose salon in Paris was often frequented by great musicians. Passionate about music and a pianist, he collaborated with many composers as Jules Massenet, Camille Saint-Saëns, Maurice Ravel and Gabriel Fauré before devoting himself successfully to novelistic and theatrical writing: many of his works were awarded prizes by the French Academy and performed on stage. Oulmont addresses the writer, member of the Académie des sciences, lettres et arts d'Amiens **Henri Chenu**: "...je viens de lire votre délicieux discours de l'Académie d'Amiens et vous en félicite (...) Quel dommage de ne pas vous avoir vu à ma séance Lesueur (...) voici: votre groupement théâtral "la jeune comédie", m'intéressa beaucoup. Pourrait on y monter une oeuvre de..., soit celle jouée ici au théâtre des arts, dans la direction de Lurel (1924), soit celle jouée à Bruxelles avec la Comédie-Française, soit encore celle montée par Gaston Baty [1885-1952]...". 1 p. In-4.

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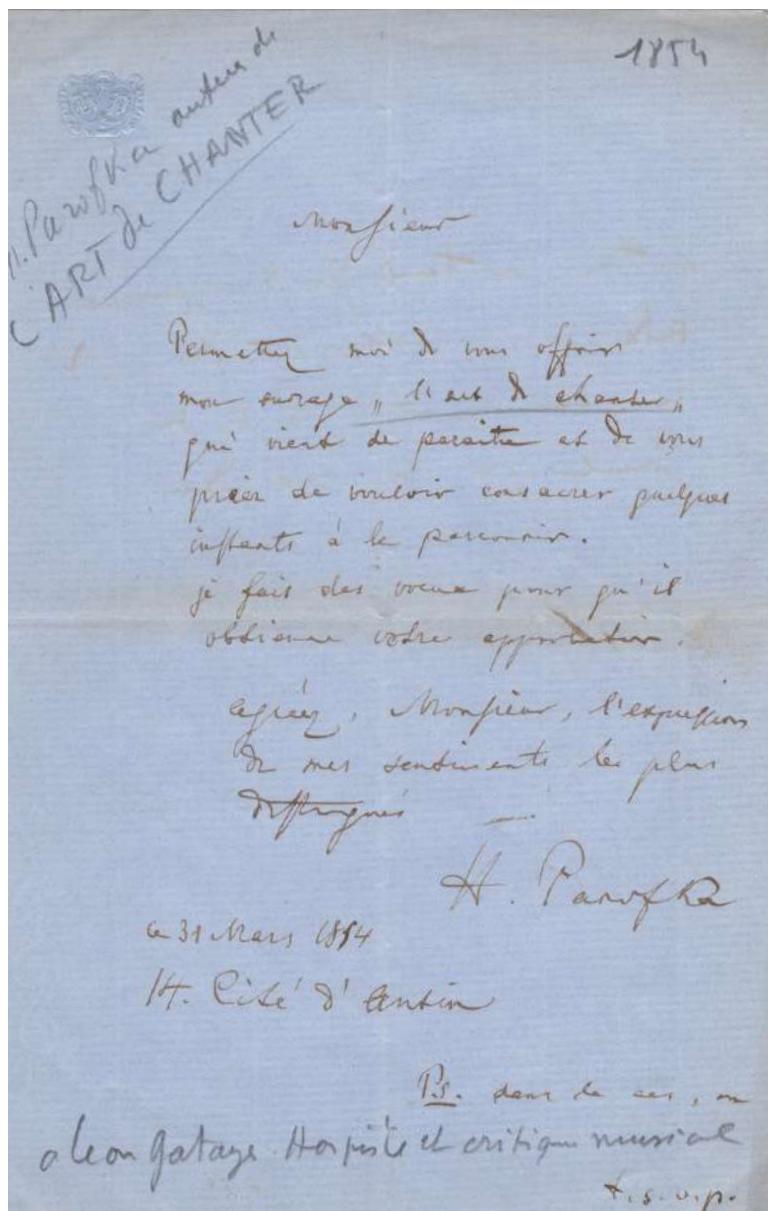


59. Heinrich Panofka (Breslau, 1807 - Florence, 1887)

To Léon Gatayes

Autograph letter signed, dated *ce 31 Mars 1854* by the German violinist, voice teacher and composer. Panofka addresses the harpist and composer **Léon Gatayes** (1805-1877), offering him his "L'Art de chanter": "...qui vient de paraître et de vous prier de vouloir consacrer quelques instants à le parcourir...". 1 p. In-8.

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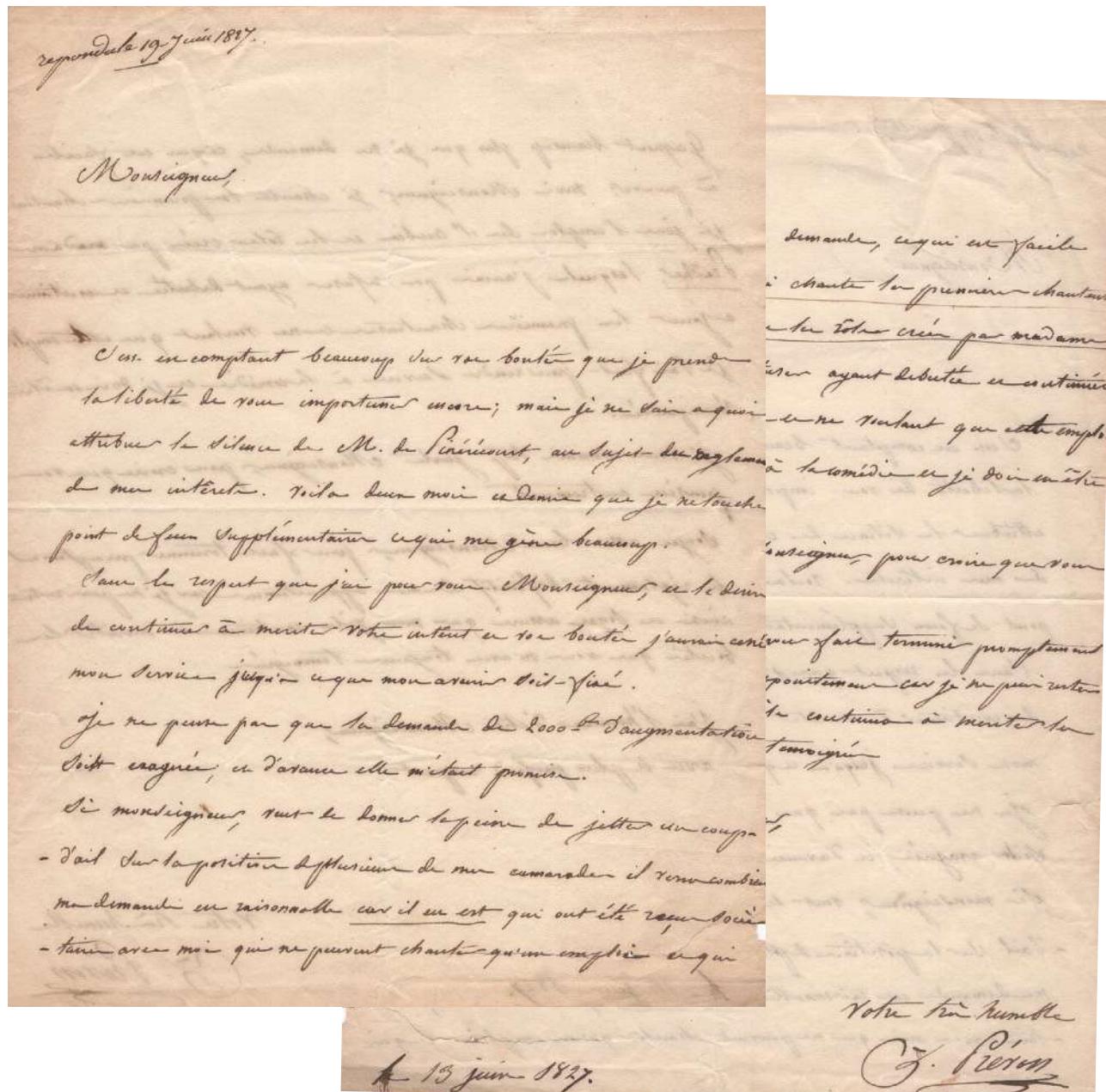


60. Geneviève-Aimée-Zoë Prévost (Paris 1802 - ib, 1861)

Fra Diavolo by Auber

Autograph letter signed, dated *ce 13 Juin 1827* by the French soprano, who debuted at Opéra-Comique in 1822. She created the leading soprano roles in two opéras comiques still performed today, Zerlina in "Fra Diavolo" by Auber in 1830 and Madeleine in "Le postillon de Lonjumeau" by Adam in 1836, the most successful works of those two composers. Prévost addresses a gentleman, concerning a wage increase: "...je ne pense pas que la demande de 2000fr d'augmentation soit exagérée, et d'avance elle m'était promise (...) Je chante la première chanteuse, je joue l'emploi de St. Aubin et les rôles créés par Madame Pradher...". 2 pp. In-4.

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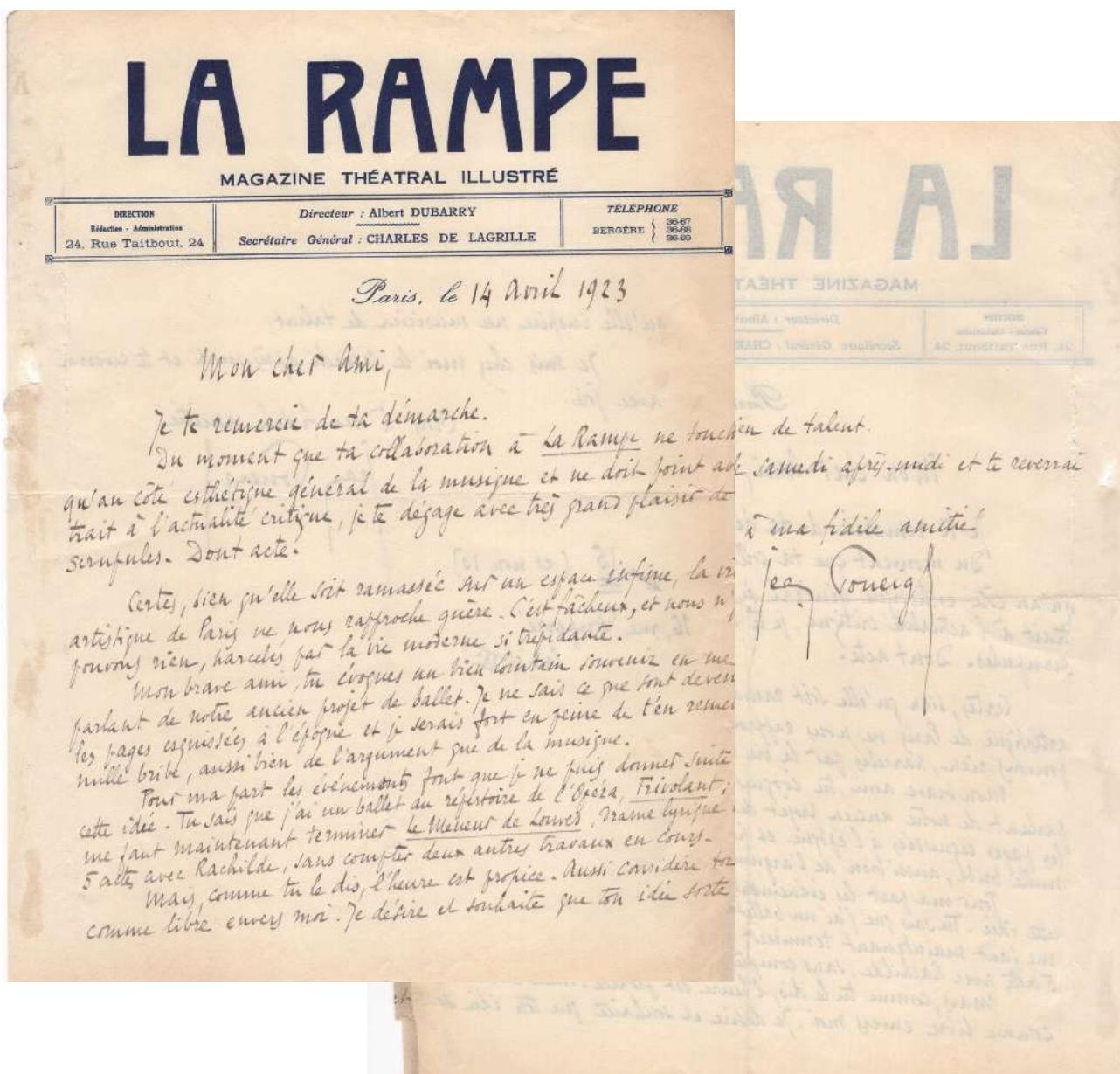


61. Jean Poueigh (Toulouse, 1876 - Olivet, 1958)

La Rampe

Autograph letter signed, dated *Paris le 14 Avril 1923* by the French composer, musicologist. A student at the Schola Cantorum in Paris, he wrote chamber music, vocal and instrumental works, a violin sonata, as well as opera: "Perkain", an opera based on a Basque legend by Pierre Harispe, libretto by Pierre-Barthélemy Gheusi, performed at the Opéra de Bordeaux on January 16, 1931, sets and costumes by Ramiro Arrue), "le Roi de Camargue" (performed in Marseille on May 21, 1948). Poueigh addresses a gentleman: "...Du moment que ta collaboration à La Rampe ne touche qu'un côté esthétique général de la musique et ne doit point avoir trait à l'actualité critique, je te dégage avec très grand plaisir de tes scrupules dont acte. Certes, bien qu'elle soit ramassée sur un espace infime, la vie artistique de Paris ne nous rapproche guère. C'est fâcheux, et nous n'y pouvons rien, harcelés par la vie moderne si trépidante...". 2 pp. In-4. With letterhead.

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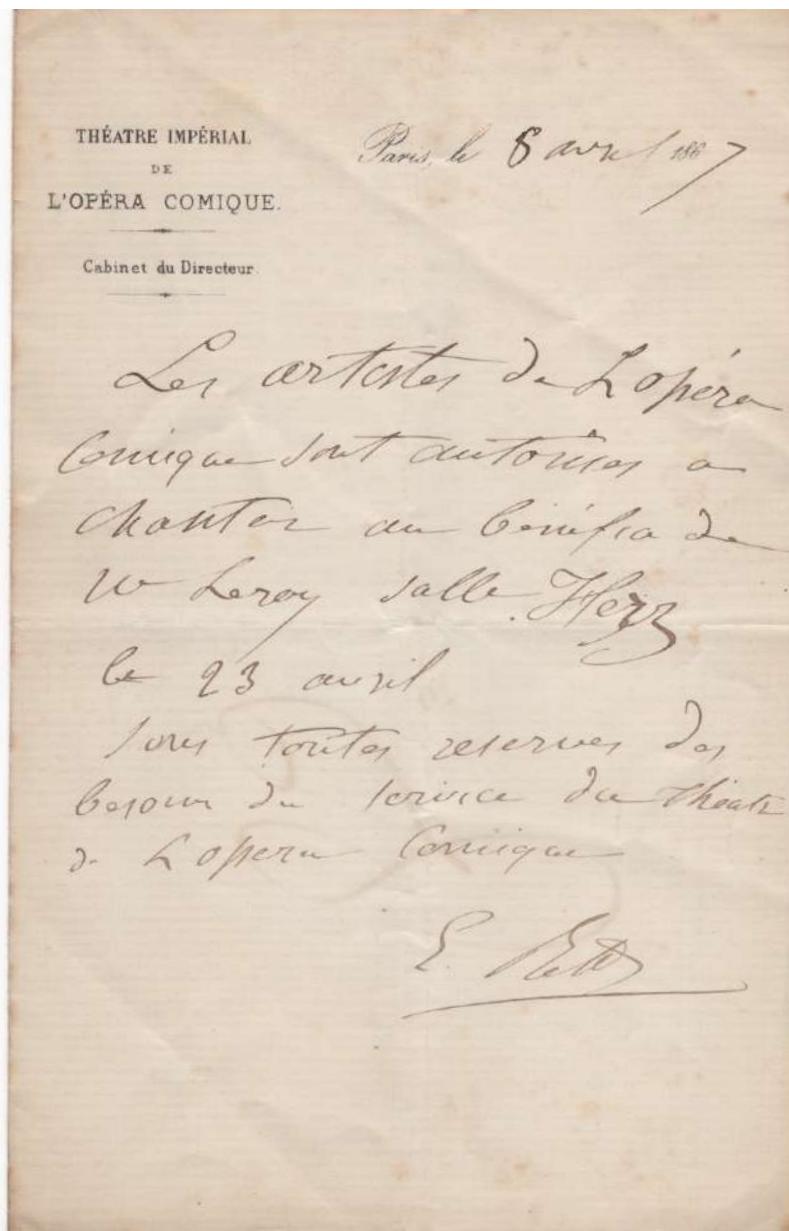


62. Eugène Ritt (Paris, 1817 - ib., 1898)

Opéra-Comique

Autograph letter signed, dated Paris, le 8 Avril 1867 by the French actor and theater director. He was director with Adolphe de Leuven of the Opéra-Comique (1862-1870), and he is responsible for the reconstruction of the Théâtre de la Porte-Saint-Martin in 1872, where he set up the successful play by Verne and d'Ennery "Le Tour du monde en quatre-vingts jours" (1874). Ritt writes a statement: "Les artistes de l'Opéra Comique sont autorisés à chanter au bénéfice de M. Leroy Salle Herz le 23 Avril...". 1 p. In-8. With letterhead.

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63. Cécile Ritter-Ciampi (Paris 1859 - Saint-Briac-sur-Mer 1939)

Benjamin Godard's Jocelyn

Fine autograph letter signed, dated *Mercredi 10 8bre [1888]* by the French soprano, she was the sister of the pianist Théodore Ritter. Ritter addresses the French tenor **Victor Capoul** (1839-1924), concerning the recreation of the title role in Godard's opera "Jocelyn": "...Nous ne saurons résister au vif plaisir d'aller vous applaudir samedi prochain dans votre nouvelle et belle création de Jocelyn...". 2 pp. In-8.

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prendre en considération
ma récente, je vous
en remercie l'avance.
Très sincèrement. Pour
vous écrire à mon
petit grand frère,
j'aurais aimé la bonté de
laisser votre réponse à
mon adresse aux éditeurs
et je la ferai
chercher. J'attends prochainement
votre cinq francs dossier
Encore mille et
mille sincères amplexions
et remerciements
Cécile Ritter Ciampi
15 Rue de Madrid

P.S. On parle beaucoup
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l'exposition annuelle de
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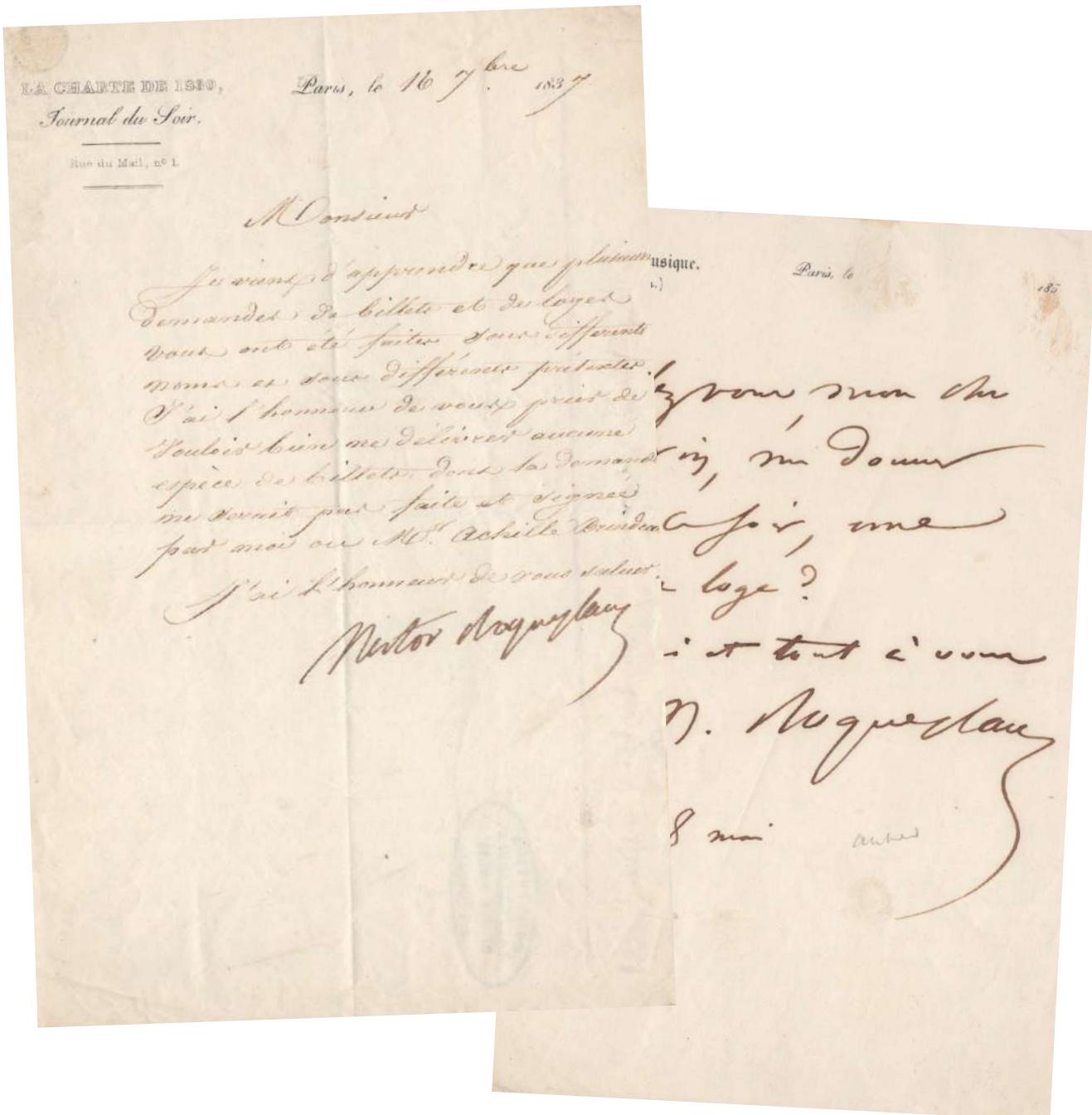
Mon cher Monsieur Capoul,
Nous nous avançons résolument
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de Jocelyn. Veuillez —
vous être assuré de ma
plus haute et distinguée
aison pour la direction
place, si transportez
lesquelles. Merci
que nous vous dirons bien

64. Nestor Roqueplan (Montréal (Aude), 1805 - Paris, 1870)

Opéra-Comique

Letter signed, dated *Paris le 16 7bre 1837* by the French journalist, writer, founder of the newspaper "La Charte" and theater director. He directed many venues such as théâtre des Variétés, Opéra, Opéra-Comique and théâtre du Châtelet. Roqueplan addresses a gentleman, concerning the over demand for tickets and lodges for an evening: "...j'ai l'honneur de vous prier de vouloir bien ne délivrer aucune espèce de billets dont la demande ne serait pas faite et signée par moi ou Mr. Achille Brin Dean...". 1 p. In-8. With letterhead. Mark of the collector at the verso. **Included:** autograph letter signed by Roqueplan, dated *Jeudi 8 Mai [1850 ca.]*, asking for a lodge to Mr. Perrin. 1 p. In-8.

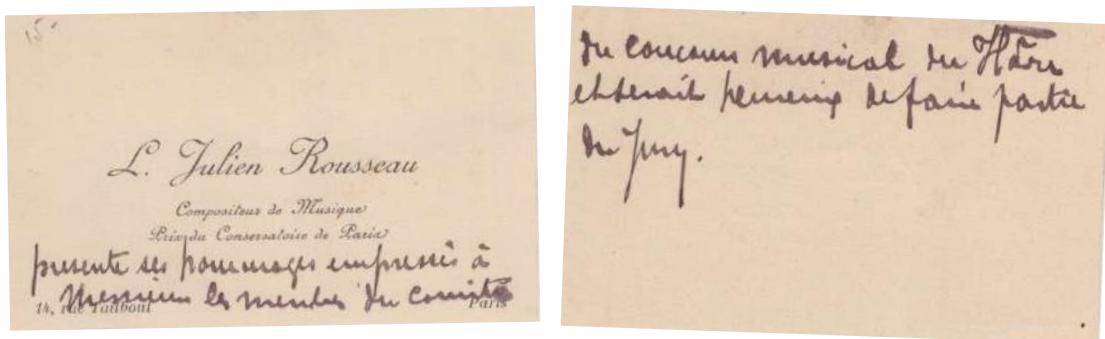
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65. Louis Julien Rousseau (Taverny 1873 - ib, 1950)

Double bass

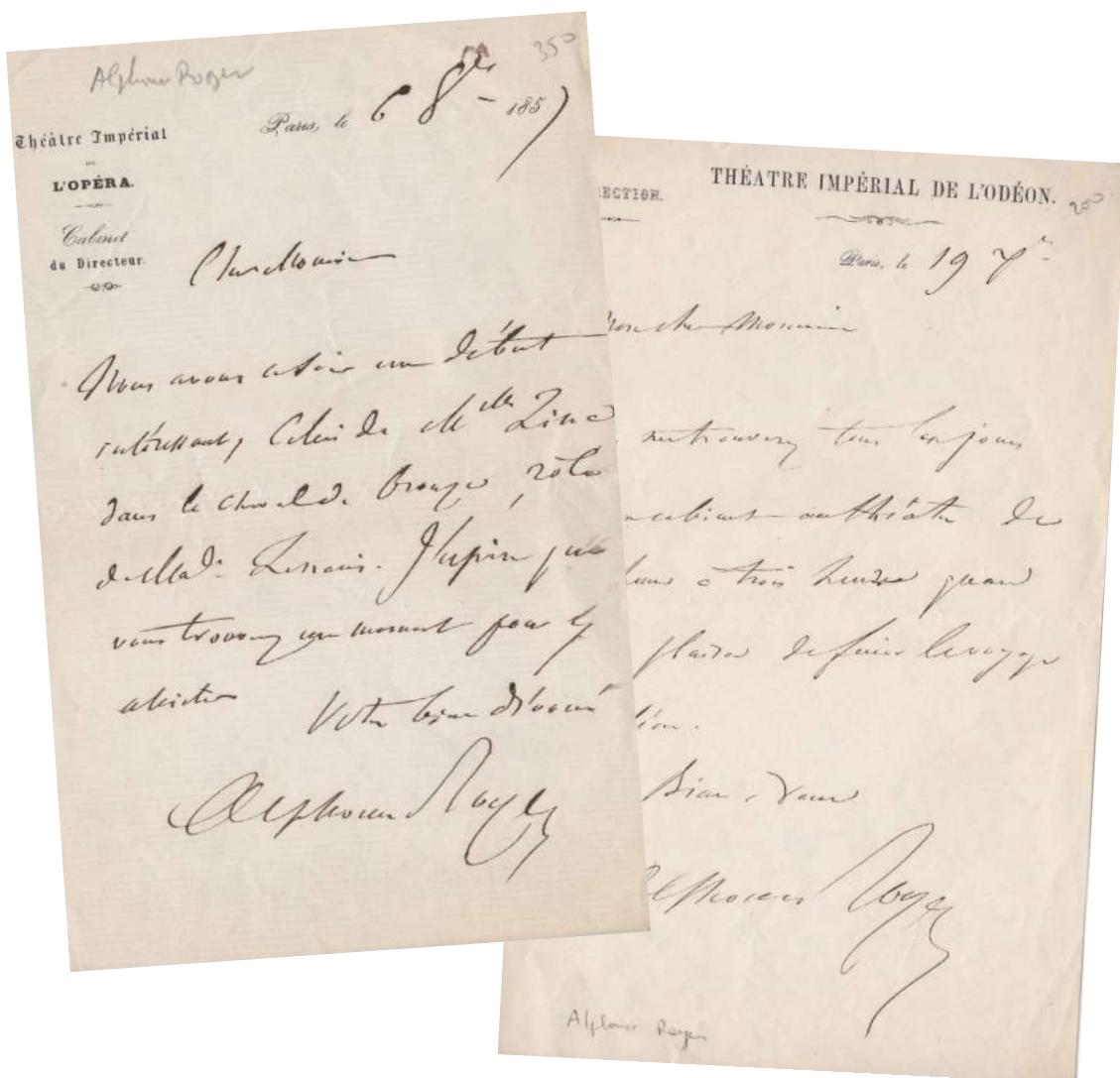
Autograph letter on visiting card by the French contrabassist composer and conductor. 1 p. ½. € 40



66. Alphonse Royer (Paris, 1803 - ib., 1875)

Paris Opera

Two autograph letters signed, one dated 1857, by the French dramatist, director of the Théâtre de l'Odéon (1853-1856) and of the Opéra (1856-1862), after which he was appointed Inspector General for the Fine Arts. He is most remembered today for having written, along with his regular collaborator Gustave Vaëz the librettos for Donizetti's "La favorite" (1840) and Verdi's "Jérusalem" (1847). We report an extract as a sample: "...Nous avons ce soir un début intéressant, celui de Mlle Zine dans le Cheval de Bronze...". For a total of 2 pp. In-8. With letterhead. € 80



67. Alexandrine Saint-Aubin (Paris, 1793 - Saint-Saulge, 1867)

Rare autograph letter signed, dated *11 Juin 1842* by the French operatic soprano, daughter of the tenor Augustin-Alexandre d'Herbez and Jeanne-Charlotte Schroeder. She performed the title role in Isouard's "Cendrillon" and "Jean de Paris", opéra comique in 2 acts, music by François-Adrien Boieldieu 1 pp. In-8 booklet with biographical information. Saint-Aubin addresses a gentleman: "...Étes-vous en état de faire un véritable scène de malade? vous m'en avez donné l'espérance et vous avez été si parfait pour la vieille grand mère que vous me voudrez pas l'affliger. Notre bon Mr. de Boalenoi(?) m'a écrit une lettre charmante mais il se trouve obligé de renoncer au plaisir...de m'en faire beaucoup....". 1 p. In-16. With embossed letterhead. **Included:** lithographic full-figure portrait of the French soprano. (24 x 32 cm). € 120

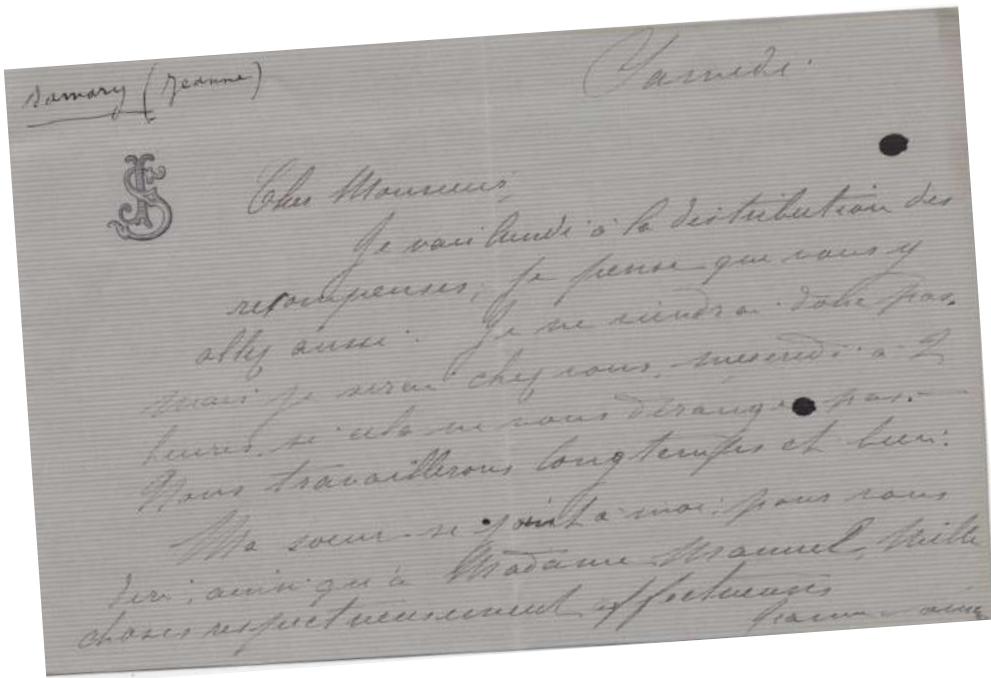


68. Jeanne Samary (Paris, 1857 - ib., 1890)

Two autograph letters, not dated, by the French actress at the Comédie-Française. The painter Auguste Renoir often used her as a model. Letters are addressed to a lady and a gentleman and concern payment of fees and a missed meeting. For a total of 3 pp. In-8 and in-16.

Auguste Renoir

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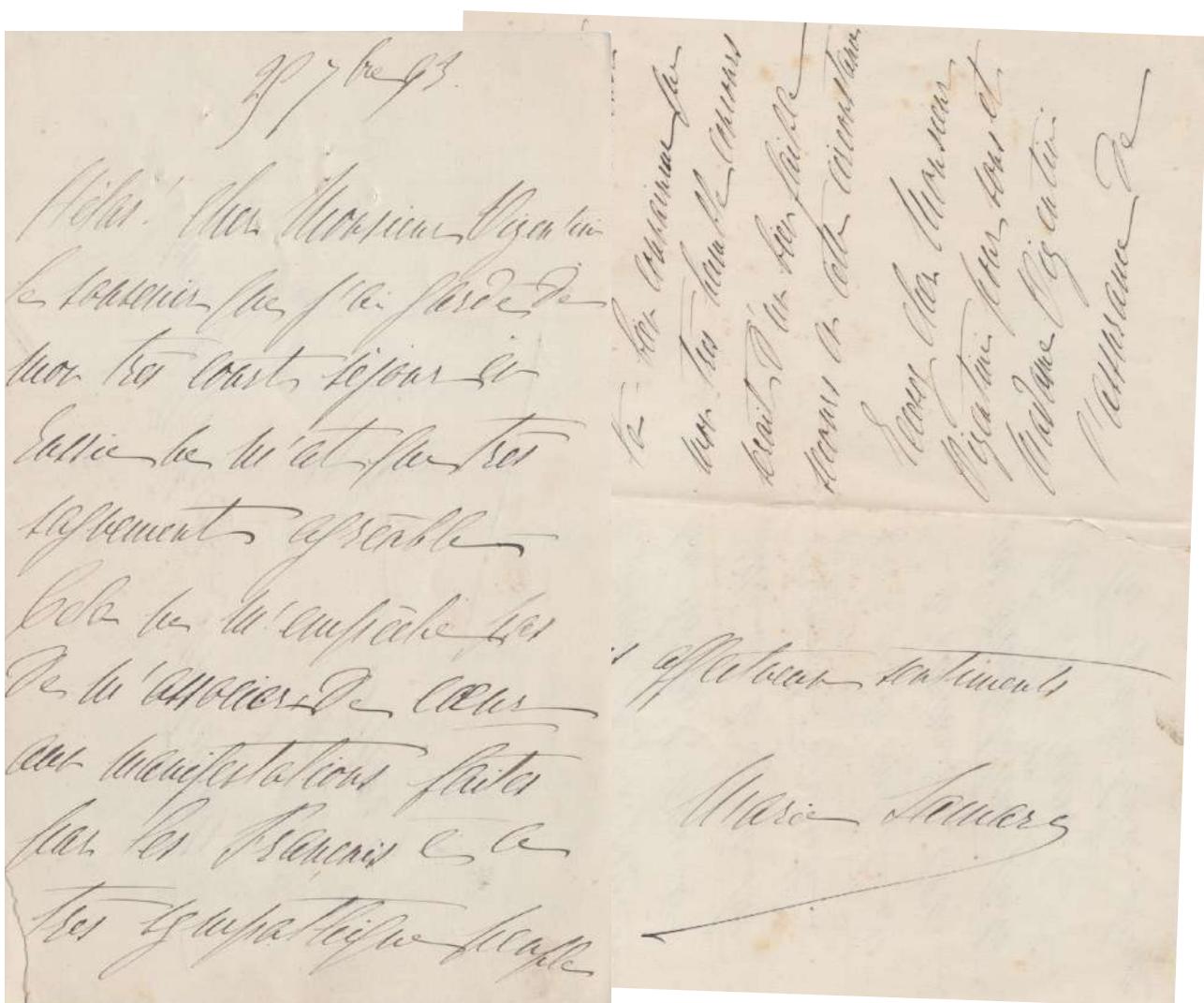
en ce moment
J'irai donc
mais je laisse le
soir pour attendre
nous faire le mercredi
notre bonne affection
Samary
Puisque j'ay été rappelé
à notre bon souveni
en nos respects pour vous

69. Marie Samary (Paris, 1848 - ib., 1941)

To Albert Vizentini

Autograph letter signed, dated 29 *7bre 93* by the French theater actress, sister of Marie Samary addresses the French violinist and composer **Albert Vizentini** (1841-1906): "...Le souvenir que j'ai gardé de mon très court séjour à Gassin n'est m'est que agréable. Cela ne m'empêche pas de m'associer de cœur aux manifestations faites par les français et le très sympathique peuple mais je désir m'en tenir les bien convaincu pour mon très humble concours...". For a total of 6 pp. In-8 and in-16.

€ 60



70. Marianne Schech (Geitau, 1914 - Munich, 1999)

Photographic portrait with autograph dedication signed, dated 22. 6. 86 by the German operatic soprano, known for her leading roles in Wagnerian operas, she has been member of the Munich State Opera from 1946 to 1970. (10 x 15 cm). € 40

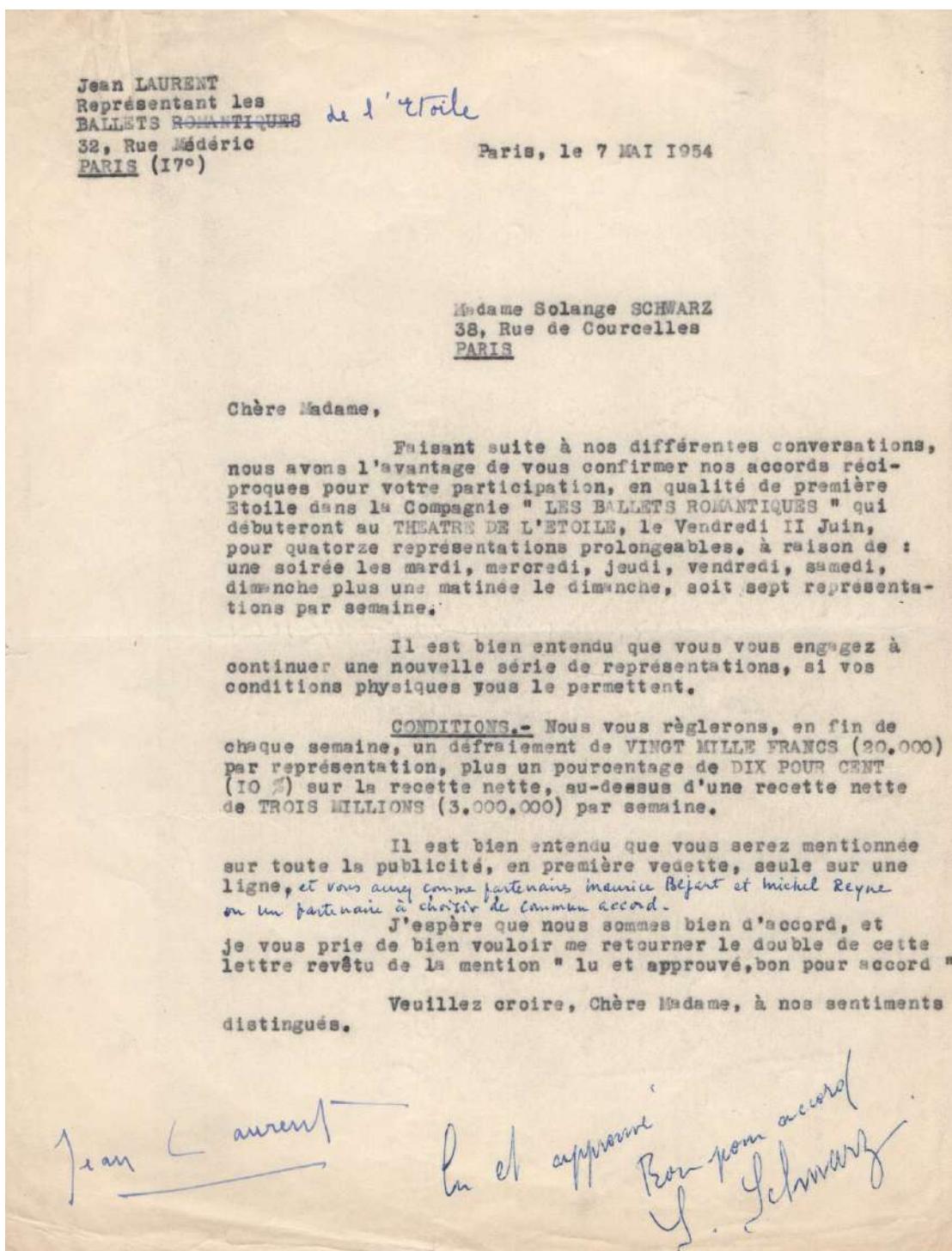


71. Solange Schwarz (Paris, 1910 - Ramatuelle, 2000)

Les Ballets romantiques

Typed letter signed with autograph additions, dated *Paris le 7 Mai 1954* to the French dancer, prima ballerina at the Opéra and at the Opéra-Comique. With the Paris Opera Ballet, of which she was proclaimed danseuse étoile in 1940, she made a name for herself mainly for the role of Swanilda in Coppélia, which she danced on numerous occasions. Confirmation of participation in the group "Les Ballets romantiques" which will début at the Théâtre de l'Étoile. Countersigned by the writer Jean Laurent. 1 p. In-4.

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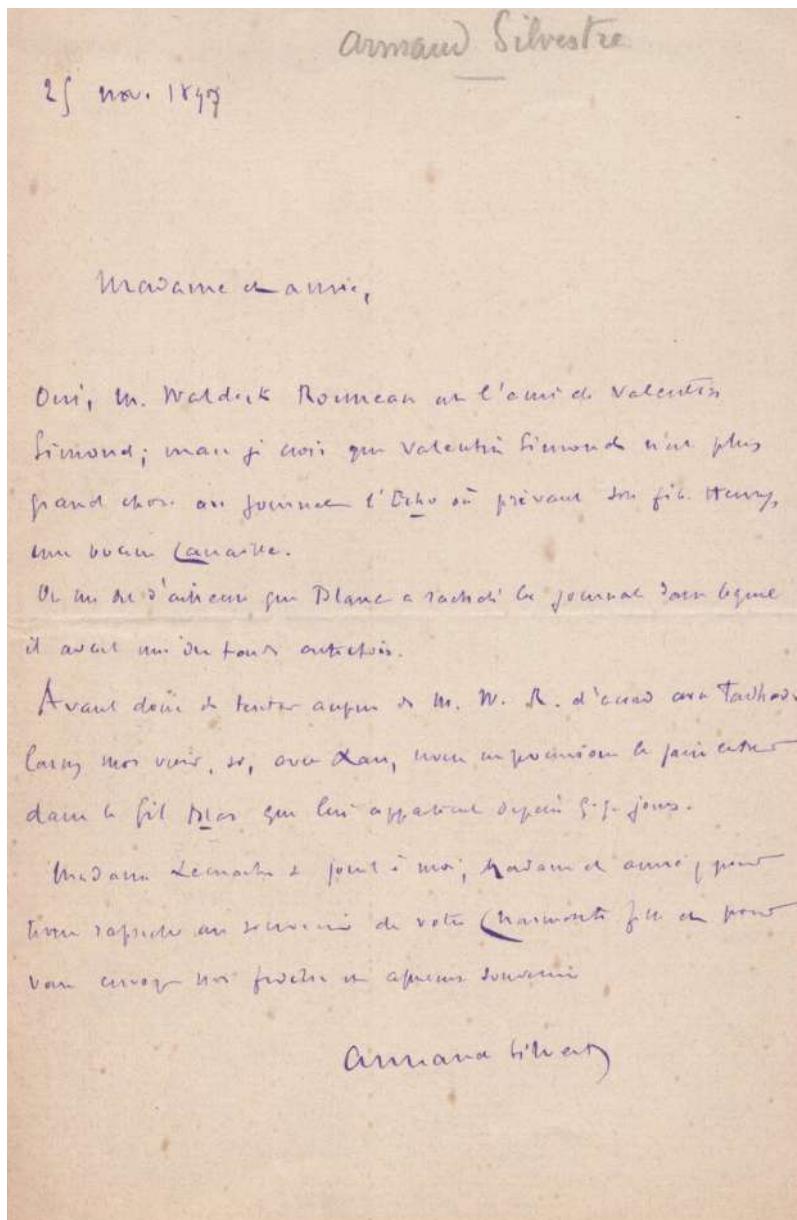


72. Armand Silvestre (Paris, 1837 - Toulouse, 1901)

Camille Saint-Saëns

Autograph letter signed, dated 25 Nov. 1897 by the French writer, librettist, whose poems have been set to music by Camille Saint-Saëns, André Messager, Léo Delibes, Benjamin Godard and many others. Concerning some newspaper directors: "...M. Walduck Romeau est l'ami de Valentin Simond; mais je crois que Valentin Simond n'est plus grand ... au journal l'Echo où prévaut son fils...". 1 p. In-8.

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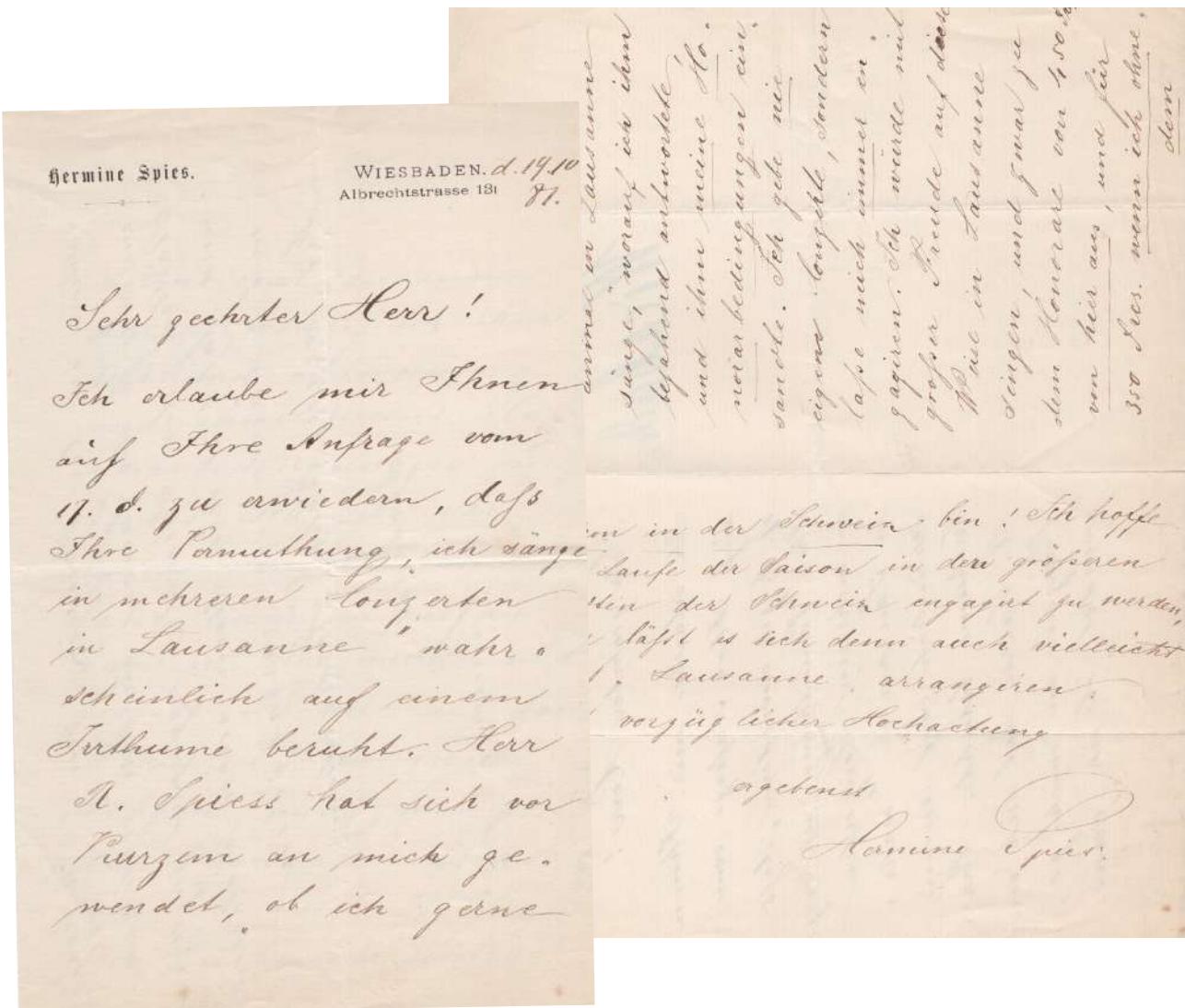


73. Hermine Spies (Weilburg, 1857 - Wiesbaden, 1893)

Johannes Brahms

Autograph letter signed, dated Wiesbaden d. 10.10. 81 by the German contralto, often remembered for her performances of Johannes Brahms' works. Spies addresses a gentleman, concerning her fees for singing in Lausanne: "...Ich erlaube mir Ihnen Ihre Anfrage vom 17 d. zu erwiedern, dass Ihre Permühlung ich sänge in mehreren Konzerten in Lausanne wahrscheinlich auf einem Irsthume beruht. Herr R. Spiess hat sich vor Kurzem an mich gewendet, ob ich gerne einmal in Lausanne singe, worauf ich ihm besahend antwortete, und ihm meine Honorärbedingungen ein sandte...". Translation: "...I take the liberty of replying to your enquiry of the 17th that your belief that I sing in several concerts in Lausanne is probably based on an error. Mr. R. Spiess recently asked me if I would like to sing in Lausanne, to which I replied and sent him my fee conditions...". 3 pp. In-8. With letterhead.

€ 240



74. Julia Subra (Paris, 1866 - Rueil, 1908)

Photographic portrait of the French dancer, pupil of Zina Mérante à l'Opéra. She was engaged in the corps de ballet in 1881, where she made her debut in the operatic dance entertainment Hamlet. At the time, she was compared to the great ballerina Marie Taglioni for her grace and lightness. Photograph by Benque & Co. (12.5 x 21 cm). € 50



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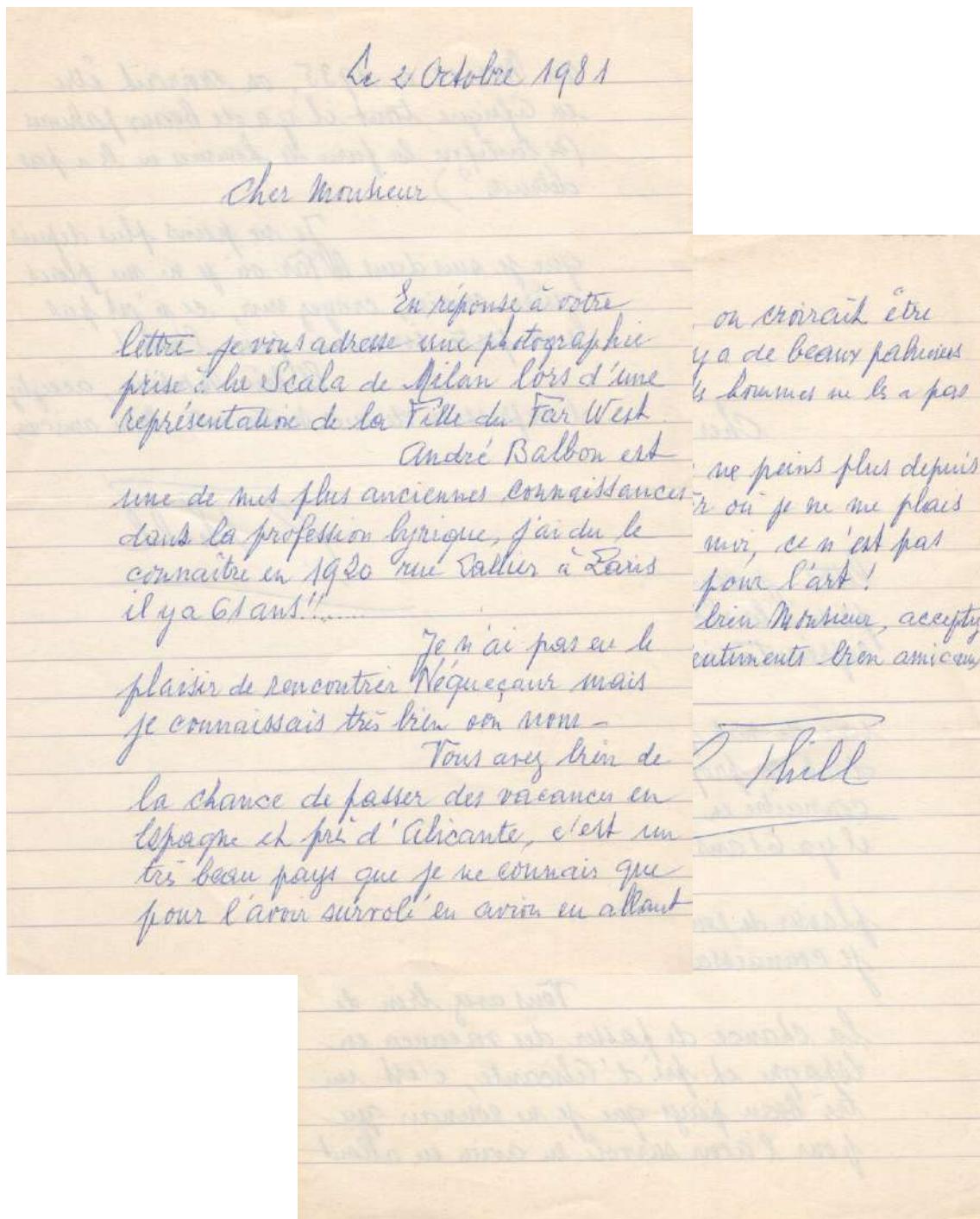
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75. Georges Thill (Paris 1897- Draguignan 1984)

La Scala

Autograph letter signed, dated *Ce 2 Octobre 1981* by the French tenor of the Opera de Paris (1924-1938). To a gentleman: "...Je vous adresse une photographie prise à La Scala de Milan lors d'une représentation de la Fille du Far West. André Balbon est une de mes plus anciennes connaissances dans la profession lyrique, j'ai du le connaître en 1920...". 1 p. ½. In-4. Included: typed letter, dated *Le 13 Juillet 1935* of the French tenor of the Opera de Paris (1924-1938). To a gentleman, thanking for his compliments and sending a picture. 1 p. In-4.

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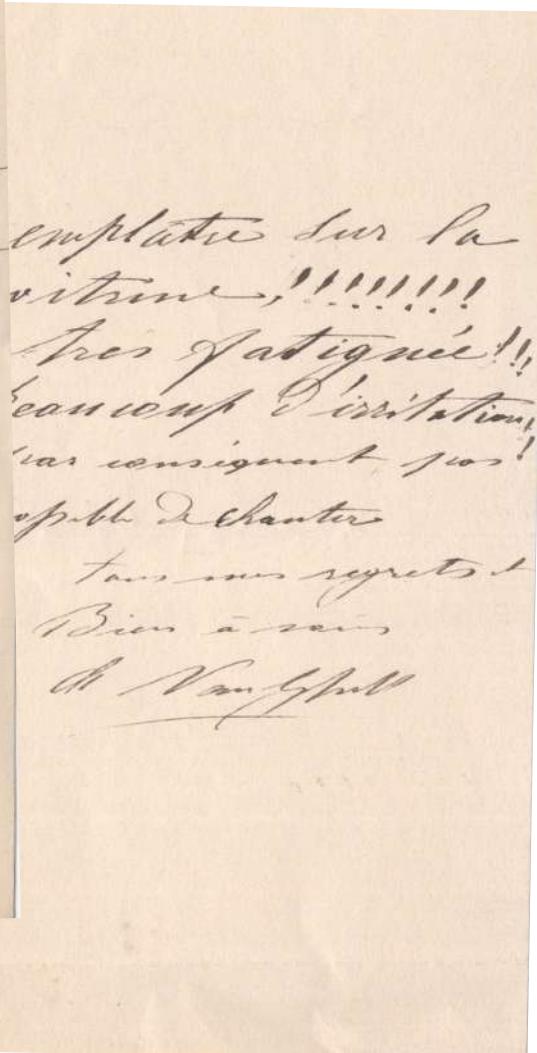
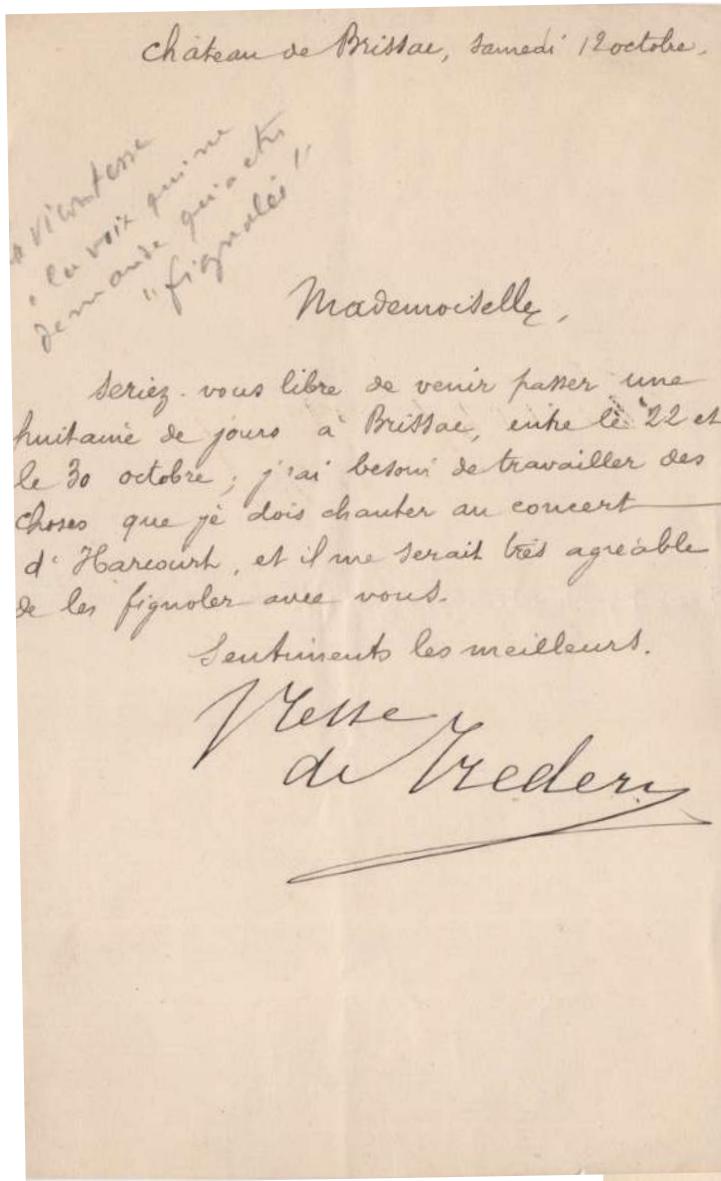


76. Jeanne-Marie Say Trédern (Paris 1848 - ib, 1916)

Concerts d'Harcourt

Letter signed, dated *Château de Brissac, samedi 12 octobre* by the viscountess opera singer, composer, pianist and organist. First widowed in 1871 by Roland de Cossé, Marquis de Brissac, she remarried in 1872 to Count Christian de Trédern. Say addresses a lady: "...Seriez-vous libre de venir passer une huitaine de jours à Brissac, entre le 22 et le 30 Octobre; j'ai besoin de travailler des choses que je dois chanter au concert de Eugène d'Harcourt...". 1 p. In-8. **Included:** autograph letter signed "Van Ghill", not dated. A lady states: "...emplâtre sur la poitrine!!!!!! très fatigué!!!! beaucoup d'irritation!! pas consignant pas possible de chanter...". 1 p. In-8.

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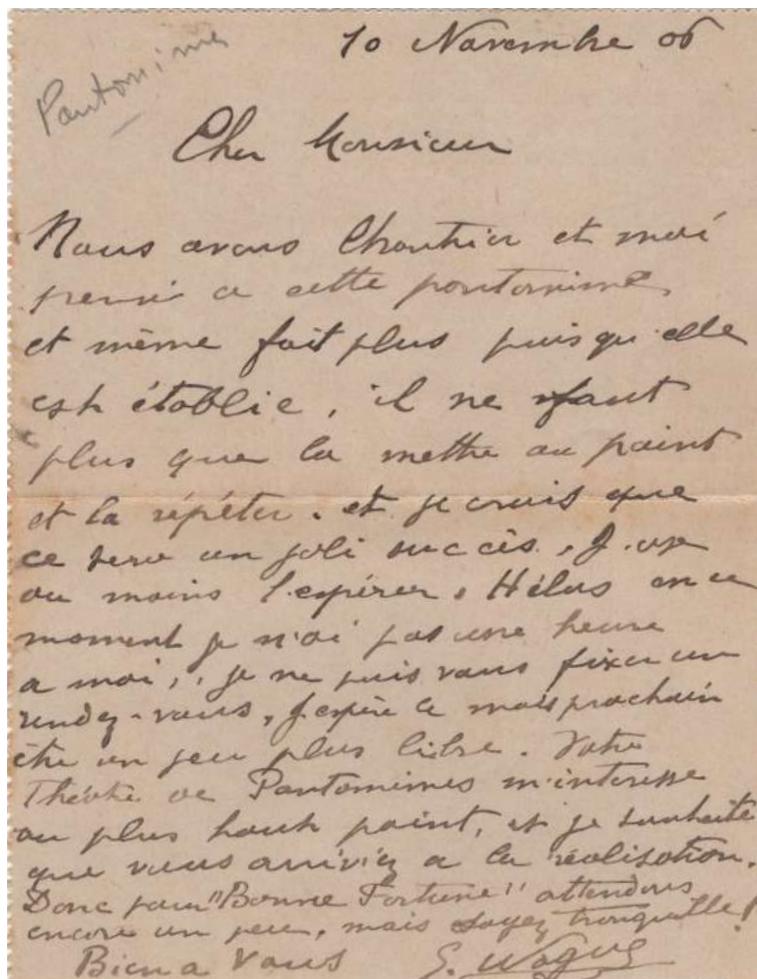


77. Georges Wague (Paris, 1874 - Menton, 1965)

Pierrot

Autograph letter signed, dated 10 Novembre 06 by the French mime and silent film actor, often identified with the character of Pierrot. To the composer Guy de Montgailhard, concerning rehearsal of a pantomime performance: "...il ne faut plus que la mettre au point et la répéter, et je crois que ce sera un joli succès...". 1 p. In-16.

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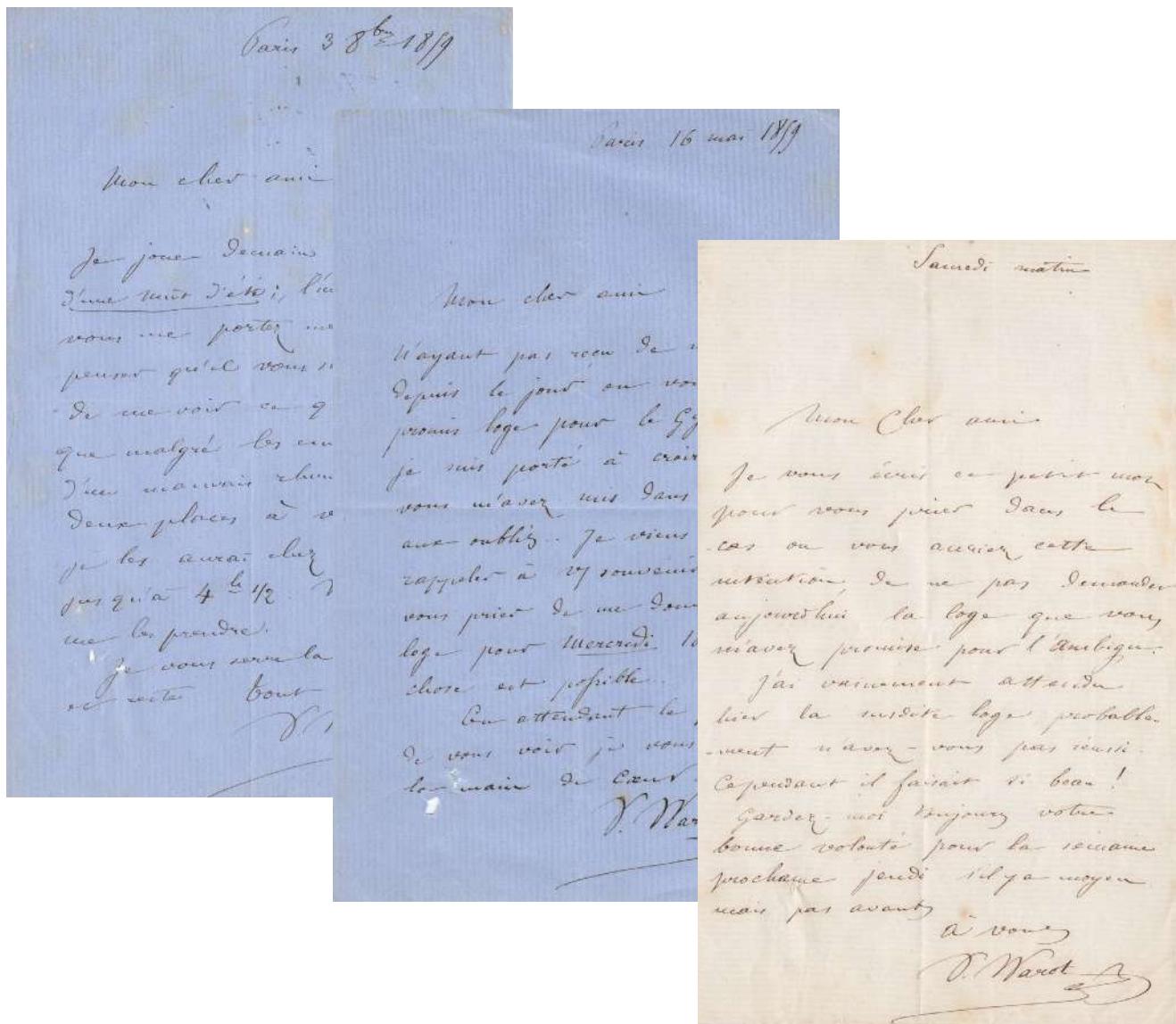


78. Victor Warot (Verviers, 1834 - Bois-Colombes, 1906)

Meyerbeer's "Dinorah"

Three autograph letters signed, two of them dated 1859 by the Belgian tenor. He made his professional debut at the Opéra-Comique in 1858 in Armand Limnander's "Les Monténégrins". The following year, he created the role of the Reaper in the premiere of Meyerbeer's "Dinorah". In 1860, he sang the role of Beppe in the premiere of Donizetti's "Rita". Letters are addressed to gentlemen and concern a performance and theater lodges. We report an extract as a sample: "...je joue demain le Songe d'une nuit d'été; l'intérêt que vous me portez me fait penser qu'il vous serait agréable de me voir ce qui fait que malgré les embarras d'un mauvais rhume je mets deux places à votre disposition...". For a total of 3 pp. In-8

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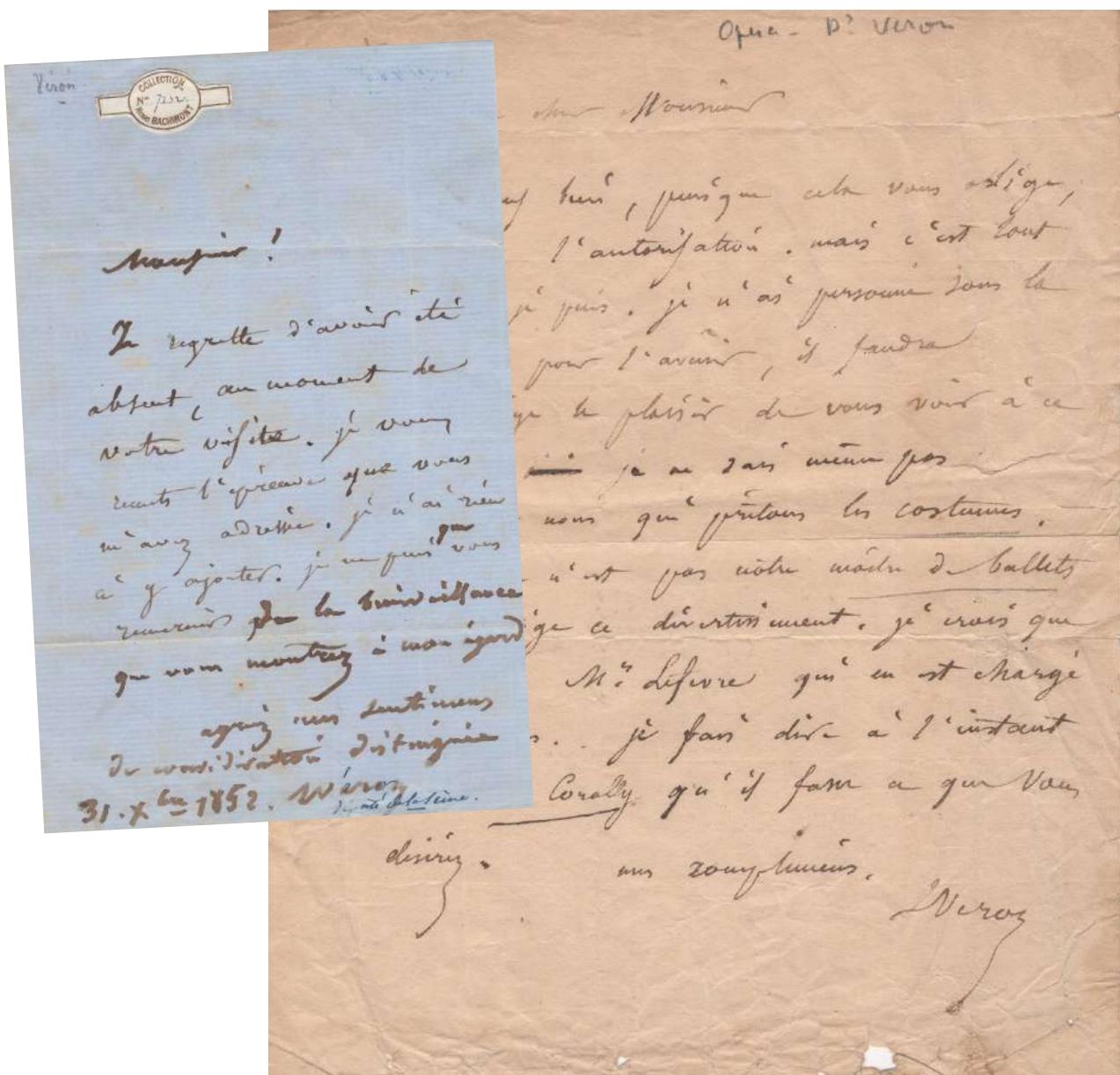


79. Louis-Désiré Véron (Paris, 1798 - ib., 1867)

Paris Opera

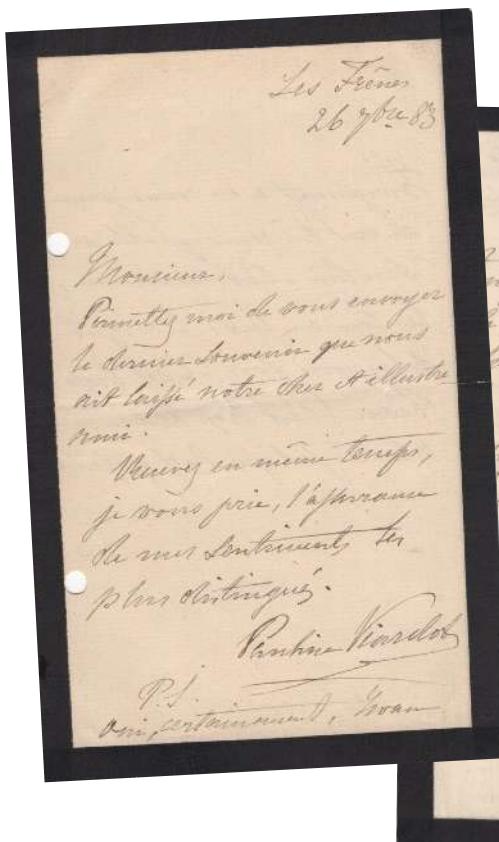
Two autograph letters signed, one dated 1852 French journalist and politician, director of the Opéra from 1831-1835. In 1829 he founded the "Revue de Paris". We report an extract as a sample, concerning a production logistic matter: "...Je ne sais même pas si c'est nous qui prêtons les costumes. Ensuite ce n'est pas notre maître de ballets qui dirige ce divertissement. Je crois que c'est un Mr. Lefèvre qui en est chargé par vous...". For a total of 2 pp. In-4 and in-8.

€ 70



80. Pauline Viardot (Paris, 1821- ib., 1910)

Remarkable autograph letter signed, dated *Les Frênes* 26 *7bre 83* by the French dramatic mezzo-soprano. To a gentleman, written few day after the death of the Russian writer Ivan Turgenev: "...Permettez moi de vous envoyer le dernier souvenir que nous ait laissé notre cher et illustre ami... P.S. ami, certainement, Ivan Tourguenoff a eu connaissance de vos très remarquables articles sur lui (...) Il a répété plusieurs fois: "C'est trop beau! C'est trop beau!!..." She then adds a line in German: "aber er hat ihr doch gefallen?" Translation: "...but he did like it!...". The Russian writer Ivan Turgueniev, Pauline Viardot and her husband Louis Viardot were inseparable friends for decades, the affair between the writer and the singer being considered by Guy de Maupassant as "the most beautiful love story of the 19th century". 2 pp. In-8. Archive holes. **Included:** lithographic portrait from a photograph by J. C. Armytage. (13 x 22 cm). € 600



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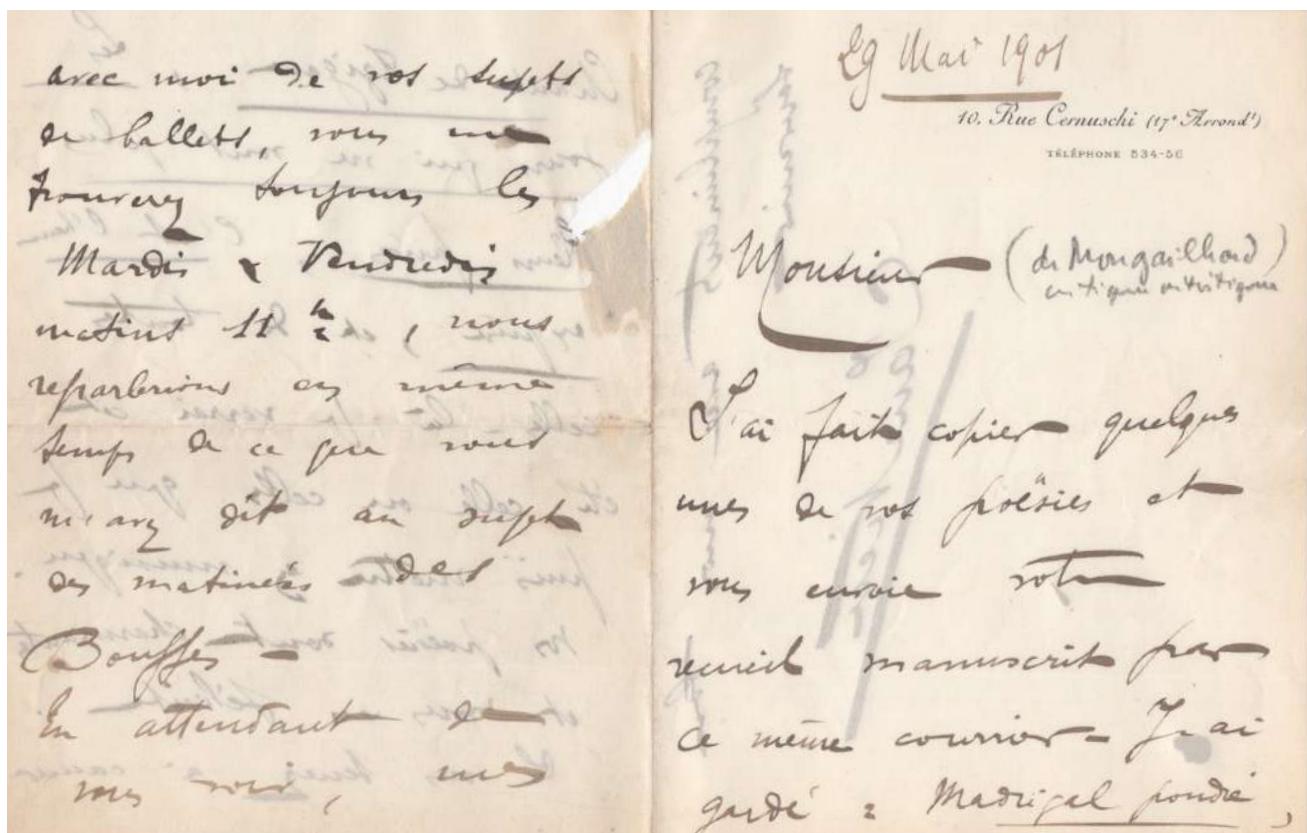


81. Jane Vieu (Béziers, 1871 - Paris, 1955)

Women composers

Autograph letter signed, dated 29 Mai 1901 by the French composer. Pupil of Jules Massenet for composition, Marie-Caroline Miolan-Carvalho for singing and André Gedalge for counterpoint and fugue, she became famous in 1902 with her operetta "Madame Tallien", then with the nineteen-scene fairy tale "La belle au bois" dormant3 performed at the Théâtre des Mathurins. She has published numerous works under the pseudonym Pierre Valette. Vieu addresses the writer and composer Guy de Montgailhard: "...j'ai fait copier quelques unes de vos poésies et vous envoie votre recueil manuscrit (...) j'ai gardé: Madrigal poudé, Chant de Tzigane (...) de toutes celles-là, je verrai cet été celle ou celles que je puis mettre en musique...". 3 pp. In-16. Loss of paper along the folding line.

€ 150



82. Wiener Damenkapelle - 1884

Beautiful and rare cabinet-card photographic image, dated on the verso 15 Avril 1884, of a Viennese ladies string ensemble. Ladies-only orchestras were made popular in Vienna by Josephine Amann-Weinlich (1848-1887), who founded the first women-only orchestra in 1868. (15.5 x 10 cm). € 120



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