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INTRODUCTION

The Study Centre for Documentary Research into European Theatre and Opera has organised, in collaboration with the International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) and Research Centre for Music Iconography at the City University of New York, the 13th Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Iconography of the Performing Arts. The conference will address issues related to the study of theatrical and musical iconography with special reference to the documentation concerning the Decoration of Performance Space. Thinking of performances, we usually consider the action happening on the theatre or concert stage, in front of spectators. However, performance space surrounding the spectators, its interior and exterior architectural decoration, as well as fashion of spectators and their habits are also constituent elements of a performance, supplementing the experience of a live event. The conference will focus on visual aspects and decorations of spaces in which theatrical and musical performances occur, the self-representation of audiences attending performances and the political and ideological context.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
Tuesday, 17 May 2016

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WELCOMING REMARKS

MARIA IDA BIGGI, Centro Studi per la Ricerca Documentale sul Teatro e il Melodramma Europeo, Fondazione Giorgio Cini; Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia

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OPENING

MARIA IDA BIGGI, Theatrical Architecture and Performative Space

ZDRAVKO BLAŽEKOVIĆ, On the Margins of Performance: Theaters, Their Decorations, and Audience Habits

LORENZO MANGO, Spazio-convenzione e spazio-scrittura. Della trasformazione della nozione di spazio nel teatro contemporaneo

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Chair: MARIA IDA BIGGI

ANDREA SOMMER-MATHIS, The Viennese Court Theatre from Burnacini to Galli Bibiena

MICHAEL BURDEN, A Return to London’s Opera House in 1782: The King’s Theatre and Jean-Georges Noverre’s Observations sur la construction d’une nouvelle salle d’opéra

GIUSEPPINA RAGGI, Strutturare la corte portoghese costruendo spazi teatrali a Lisbona: il potere della regina consorte Maria Anna d’Asburgo (1708 – 1754)
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Chair: DANIELA CASTALDO

ANNE MACNEIL, Ad tempo taci: Isabella d’Este’s Apartments as Performative Space

STEFANIA MACIOCE, Potere e rappresentazione: il teatro nella corte estense del XV secolo

FRANCESCA CANNELLA, Le residenze aristocratiche come luoghi performativi in alcuni feudi pugliesi tra il XVII e il XVIII secolo

DANIELE LIPP, Representation of Political Power at the Residence of the Habsburgs in Barcelona (1705 – 1713) during the Spanish War of Succession

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MARIA PIA PAGANI, The Vittoriale: A Temple of Performance

ANTONIO BALDASSARRE, Performing Political and Bourgeois Power: A Glance into the History of the Haus zur Geduld in Winterthur and the Time of Oskar Reinhart

AMRA TOSKA, The Space of Performance: Architectural World of Sevdalinka
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CLAUDINA ROMERO MAYORGA, Music and Theatrical Performance in the Mysteries of Mithras

MARÍA ISABEL RODRIGUEZ LÓPEZ, La decorazione a rilievo del teatro romano nell'antichità: il caso di Sabratha

DANIELA CASTALDO, Music and Dance in Roman Theatre: The Ancient Pantomime

DIANA BLICHMANN, Atlante in La Clemenza di Tito di Giovanni Carlo Sicinio Galli Bibiena: oltre la rappresentazione dell’ eroica clemenza metastasiana

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MARÍA JESÚS FERNÁNDEZ SINDE, A Musical Evening: Protocol, Costumes and Self-Representation. The Audiences of the Nineteenth Century

TAMARA JOVANOVIĆ ŠLJUKIĆ, From Classical Music to Turbo-Folk: the Fashion of the Spectators at the Musical Performances in Serbia

LUCY DEARN & SARAH PRICE, Spectators, Spaces and Schubert: Understanding the Concert Hall and its Audiences
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Chair: MICHAEL BURDEN

Cristina Santarelli, Theatrum Sabaudiae: pompa stabile e apparati effimeri nella Torino del Seicento

Alessandra Mignatti, The Milanese Regio Ducal Teatro and the Festivals in 1747

Marita Fornaro Bordolli, Tablados of Montevideo’s Carnival: Aesthetics and Popular Management

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CRISTINA FERNANDES, Performance Spaces for Sacred Music in Eighteenth Century Lisbon: Theatralization of Liturgy and Representation of the Royal Power

MICHELE DEL PRETE, Sound Thresholds: Visual and Acoustic Values of the Fernwerk in Post-Romantic Organ Building and Architecture

JELENA TODOROVIĆ, The Places that Never Were: The Imaginary Space of Power in the Archbishopric of Karlovci. Its Function and Decoration

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KETEVAN CHITADZE, Cathedrals: Chartres, Saint Mark, Saint Florian and Their Musical Realizations
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Pilar Diez del Corral Corredoira, Competizione, auto-promozione e ideologia: musica e spettacolo per gli ambasciatori spagnoli dopo la Guerra di Successione a Roma

Chris Price, The Canterbury Catch Club: A Performance of Class

Jeremy Coleman, Wagner without Theatre: The Orchestral Concert in Performance Space

Leon Stefaniia, Imagery of the Current Musical Modernism in Slovenia

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Arianna Petraccia, Un caso di storia dell'arte per il matrimonio Peretti Cesi: l’Amor pudico di Jacopo Cicognini e la Copia d'una Lettera del Signor Romolo Paradiso ... (1614). Baccio Ciarpi e altri artisti per uno spettacolo di musica, teatro e danza nel XVII Secolo

Anikó Gerencsér, Simboli urbani e personaggi iconici nelle Fiabe teatrali di Carlo Gozzi
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**Anna Maria Ioannoni Fiore,** "Mode napoletane” della vita musicale nel XIX secolo, raccontate attraverso le caricature di Melchiorre De Filippis Delficodedicate alla Società Filarmonica di Napoli

**Maia Sigua,** *Curtains of Tbilisi Opera House: Two Symbols, One Story*

**Evelyn Furquim Werneck Lima & Francisco José Cabral Leocadio,** *The Theatro Municipal do Rio de Janeiro: An Iconic Symbol of the City*

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**ICTM Study Group on the Iconography of the Performing Arts General Assembly**

**Closing Remarks**
**Maria Ida Biggi & Zdravko Blažeković**
ABSTRACTS AND BIOGRAPHIES
In 1922 Oskar Reinhart (1885–1965), the wealthy Swiss manufacturer and patron of the arts, established an English-style club at the Haus zur Geduld in Winterthur whose history dates back to the fifteenth century. Reinhart became accustomed to the comforts and advantages of such an establishment while being involved in the London and India branches of his father’s trading company Gebrüder Volkart at the beginning of the twentieth century. The company was established in 1851 with its headquarters in Winterthur and was one of the most important Swiss businesses in trading colonial goods; until 1989 it was the fourth-largest cotton dealer in the world. Fairly quickly the Winterthur club developed into the private center of the Winterthur moneyed aristocracy in which business-professional interests amalgamated with concerns of political, social and artistic subject matters. This profile was not only visible in a specific concept of habitus as performed within the boundaries of the Haus zur Geduld, including the active promotion of music and the fine arts by its members, but also strongly supported by a highly sophisticated and cleverly arranged interior design. The paper will provide an analysis of this interior design in which the representations of topics of music, the performing and decorative arts play a significant role in a twofold way: they, firstly, are an important part of the narrative related to the performance of bourgeois power, and secondly, simultaneously definitively participate in creating such a narrative, particularly because of their inherent symbolic power.
The theme of theatre building is an important example of how the performing arts are part of the society life and part of the history of our civilization. From a certain point of view, the theatre building with his form and decoration retains the memory of an art that is by definition not permanent. We need to ask us one fundamental question: is it possible to reconstruct the theatre or music performance? Is it possible to do this by the way of documents and testimonies that will never be able to fully represent the true reality of the dramatic, musical, choreographed, sung or any other kind of performative event?

The memory and history of performance are to be considered fundamental cultural assets that need to be protected, preserved and valued according to the criteria and regulations set forth in the Code for Cultural Heritage. It is necessary to understand the complex relationship between culture, communication, learning, and the identity of the social group to which the performance is addressed.

The main intent of this short communication is to emphasize, with some examples, the importance of historical and contemporary theatre-buildings within the contest of theatre history. Every theatre can be considered a sort of museum precisely because of his architectural unity. The rich and complex structural and architectural base of theatre building can be an extraordinary discovery. The wonder and fascination of the theatrical machine can stimulate the curiosity of the public and a new and more mature consciousness that make the audience aware of their participation in a shared heritage.

Maria Ida Biggi is associate professor of Theatre and Performance History at the Ca’ Foscari University of Venice. She is also the director of the Study Centre for Documentary Research into European Theatre and Opera of the Giorgio Cini Foundation in Venice. She is the author of books, articles and essays dedicated to stage design and theatre architecture. Among the most recent of these publications: *Pietro Gonzaga, La musica degli occhi*, Olschki, Florence, 2006, *Performing Arts Museum and Exhibitions*, Universitalia, Roma, 2015 and *Il Teatro di Pierluigi Samaritani*, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venezia, 2015. She has curated various exhibitions dedicated to the Performing Arts, for example, *Omaggio ad Aurel Milloss* (2006), *Eleonora Duse. Il viaggio intorno al mondo*, Rome and Florence (2010), and *Titina Rota a San Giorgio* (2011).
ZDRAVKO BLAŽEKOVIĆ (City University of New York, The Graduate Center), On the Margins of Performance: Theaters, Their Decorations, and Audience Habits

Theater buildings and concert halls are not only spaces providing conditions for the performance, but in a specific way they also communicate with the audience, performers, or passers-by on the street. With their monumental facades, busts of musical heroes distributed through foyers and staircases, or specially painted stage curtains, these places also conserve our cultural memory and foster our national identity. They are places created as architectural artworks in their own right, most often commissioned from the best architects at the pinnacle in their artistic careers. As any temple, the opera house imposes on its visitors a particular rules of conduct and dress code; it has its rituals observed by performers on the stage and in their dressing rooms, its managers in offices and musicians in the orchestra pit, as well as its visitors who become part of this implicit performance without ever stepping on the stage.

This communication between the building, audience, and performers has been changing over the centuries, and the architectural designs of the past communicate with us today in a very different ways than they had communicated with the audiences at the time when they were built. Behaviour patterns, which architects had in mind for the original audiences, do not exist anymore; old signage of political power distributed in visually strategic places through the auditoria and hallways have lost their original meaning, and now are replaced and supplemented with new decorative models. Layers of different meanings have been amalgamated in the architecture of our theaters and concert halls, and it is our task to assess them and understand how they have communicated in the past and now.

Zdravko Blažeković is director of the Research Center for Music Iconography at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and executive editor of Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale. In 1998 he founded an annual journal for music iconography Music in Art, which he has been editing since. He is also chair of the ICTM Study Group on Iconography of the Performing Arts. His publications include articles on 18th- and 19th-century music of south-central Europe, music iconography, organology, and historiography of music.
It is known that *La clemenza di Tito* by Pietro Metastasio is a *dramma per musica* that glorified the sovereign present in the theatre house, comparing him with the Roman emperor Titus. Willing to forgive those who conspired against him, he shows himself “clement”. During the summer of 1755 the opera by Antonio Maria Mazzoni was performed in the Teatro do Tejo at Lisbon in honor of the birthday of José I, King of Portugal (reign 1750–1777). Together with the opera *Alessandro nell’Indie* by David Perez, performed two months earlier, *La clemenza di Tito* was celebrating not only the theater erected by Giovanni Carlo Sicinio Galli Bibiena at the royal court in the same year, but above all the current monarch comparing him to Titus. For this celebratory performance a libretto was printed, carefully edited with included engravings of the scenes that give sufficient certainty about the scenography of the same Bibiena. This paper draws inspiration in particular from a decorative detail of the engraved scenography for the last scene of the opera (III.12), which required a “magnificent place that introduces a vast amphitheater”. Here Titus exercised his clemency and here he is celebrated like a great hero. The connection with José I takes place immediately afterwards, in the *License*. The scene turns into a prodigious cave in the bowels of the earth, where appears Proteus, which gives a further tribute to José, the “Genius Augustus”. The exaltation of the monarchy, however, does not end there. Analyzing the words of Proteus who speaks about the “confines of the world”, “Atlantis fruitful”, “Lusitania”, “dwellers far away at the opposite shore” of Portugal and the “unknown world” the above-mentioned decorative detail becomes of paramount importance.

In this contribution, through an iconographical and scenic examination it will be analyzed the function of the Atlas with the celestial sphere on his shoulders, which is the primary element in the set of “magnificent place” to glorify the kingdom of Portugal.

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**Diana Blichmann** studied musicology, Italian language and literature and the history of art at the Musikhochschule of Weimar, the University of Jena and at the DAMS of the University of Bologna and received her Ph. D at the University of Mainz. Primarily focused on aspects of Italian opera in the 18th century, the dissemination of opera in Europe and music performed in the Venetian Hospitals, she has been the recipient of several scholarships and has conducted various musicological research throughout Italy. An expert in music philology, she has taught history and aesthetics of music. She edited a critical edition of the *Attilio Regolo* which was published in *Concentus Musicus* (2010). In 2012 was published her monograph *Die Macht der Oper – Oper für die Mächtigen. Römische und venezianische Opernfassungen von Dramen Pietro Metastasios bis 1730*. 
MICHAEL BURDEN (New College, Oxford), A Return to London’s Opera House in 1782: The King’s Theatre and Jean-Georges Noverre’s Observations sur la construction d’une nouvelle salle d’opéra

In 1789, the King’s Theatre, London’s only house licensed for the performance of Italian opera, burnt to the ground. If the dramatic account left by the fencing master Henry Angelo is to be believed, the fire was so intense that it destroyed all of the establishment with the exception of the room over the arcade to the Pit Door. Although still a structure of 1705, the interior of the building destroyed in the blaze was not wholly an old one, but one that was primarily the result of a rebuilding which took place at the end of the 1781–82 season. The design of these alterations was by the Rome-born architect Michael Novosielski (c. 1747–1795), who was also the theatre’s scene designer. These alterations appear to have been a response to the season in which the ballet master Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810) had raised the profile of theatrical dance. This paper, will argue, however, that it was more than simply a response Noverre as a performer; in the same month Noverre arrived in London—October 1781—he published a short pamphlet in Paris and Amsterdam titled Observations sur la construction d’une nouvelle salle d’opéra, which proposed a series of principles of theatre design he believed should be adopted in the building of new opera houses. And that it was the contents of this publication which influenced the approach taken in rebuilding London’s opera house. This paper builds on my earlier work on the theatre building and its interior.

Michael Burden is Professor in Opera Studies at University of Oxford and Chair of the Music Faculty Board; he is also Fellow in Music at New College, where he is Dean. His published research is on the theatre music of Henry Purcell, and on the staging of opera and dance in London in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries; it includes a study of the soprano Regina Mingotti’s London years, and the five volumes of opera documents, London Opera Observed 1711-1844. A new volume - edited with Jennifer Thorp - entitled The works of Monsieur Noverre translated from the French: Noverre, his circle, and the English Lettres sur la danse appeared in 2014. He is Director of Productions of New Chamber Opera, www.newchamberopera.co.uk.
FRANCESCA CANNELLA (Università del Salento, Lecce), Aristocratic Residences as Performing Places in Apulian Fiefs in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

Like other centers in Baroque Italy, the southern Apulian provinces were involved in the seventeenth century in a large process of urban renovation. The ancient fortified places lost their original defensive role, becoming tasteful, spacious and richly decorated aristocratic residences, directly competing with the architectures in the Hispanic Viceroyalty’s capital.

In agreement with the aesthetics of the Baroque magnificence, the hall and the gallery were the most representative spaces of the new buildings in the Lecce district, and they reflected princely power in every form. Some examples are the great rooms of the aristocratic palaces in the fiefs of Cavallino, San Cesario, Seclì and Ugento. The walls of these imposing private spaces are decorated with mythological characters, allegoric symbols or iconographic cycles, which also include musical subjects, representing a manifest of stately magnificence. In addition to the collection and exhibition of artistic objects, these spaces were also used as “theatrical places” for performances of spectacles, entertainment, dances and concerts.

This contribution investigates music performances as expression of the princely authority in some minor realities of the Kingdom of Naples in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, with a particular attention to music-related themes showed in the decoration programs of halls in these buildings.

Francesca Cannella is a Pianist and a Musicologist with interests in Musical Iconography and Aesthetics of Music. She obtained a Ph.D. in Arti, Storia e territorio dell’Italia nei rapporti con l’Europa e i Paesi del Mediterraneo at Salento University. She collaborates with the Music Iconography Chair at Salento University and she is member of the examination committee for Music Iconography and History of Medieval and Renaissance Music. Currently she is Research Fellow and she is studying the connections between musical symbols and power expressions between Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century in the provinces of Spanish Viceroyalty.
One of the most popular and successful theatrical genre widespread in the Roman times was pantomime: an actor performed a mythological episode through movements and gestures of his (or her) body, while a chorus sang to the music played by one or more musicians. Emperor Augustus had an important role in the introduction of the pantomime in Rome, considering it as a medium to keep alive the tradition of classical tragedy and—more generally—of Greek culture. The real message behind the fiction carried out by the pantomime performance could reach the most different ethnic groups since the ancients perceived dance and music as transcending linguistic barriers: for this reason, pantomime was considered as an effective instrument of political and religious propaganda and it was incorporated in festivals organized in honor of Augustus, such as the *Augustalia*, held in Rome, and the *Sebasta* games in Naples.

Through the study of visual and archaeological sources, interpreted at the light of literary and epigraphic texts, this paper will draw attention to some aspects concerning: (1) musicians and actors performing pantomime, who belonged to professional associations (*Parasiti Apollinis*) bound to the imperial family and devoted to the cult of the emperor (gender of the musicians/actors, social status); (2) musical accompaniments provided by the chorus and by some musical instruments, including *tibiae, scabellum, hydraulis*; (3) theatrical spaces of the performance: their architectural features and decorations (examples coming mostly from Gaul); (4) attitude and behavior of the audience (texts by the Church Fathers). Such a contextualization of ancient pantomime within the cultural history of Roman imperial age makes available information useful to better understand ancient Roman music.

Daniela Castaldo is associate professor at the University of Salento-Lecce (Italy). Her research fields are ancient Greek and Roman music, musical iconography and visual Classical traditions in Renaissance art. On this topics she has written *Il Pantheon musicale* (2000) and *Musiche dell’Italia preromana* (2012).
There are frequent cases in music history when certain architectural monuments become a source of composer’s inspiration for creating a composition. As a rule, certain peculiarities indicate in such musical compositions their closeness to architectural monument. The relationship between building’s architecture and musical composition can be observed on figurative and semantic levels; at the levels of musical language, structure and, on some occasions also the genre.

The present report focuses on compositions created at various periods of the twentieth century in which we can consider all four levels of the link between specific architectural building and musical composition: Wolfgang-Andreas Schulz’s symphony no. 1, *Die Stimmen von Chartres* (1998–1999) which was written after composer’s visit to the Chartres cathedral, and where the link with cathedral is manifested at the level of figurativeness and musical language; Igor Stravinsky’s *Canticum Sacrum* (1955–1956), which in composer’s words is dedicated “to the city of Venice, in praise of its Patron Saint, the Blessed Mark, Apostle” and represents musical embodiment of St. Mark’s Basilica; and Alfred Schnittke’s symphony no. 2, *St. Florian*, where architectural inspiration conditions the change not only at the level of a language and form but genre too.
This paper is concerned with the concert performance of musical extracts from Wagner’s stage works and its ramifications for ideas of performance space. If Wagner’s conception of musical theatre bespeaks the rationalization of performance space (the pseudo-Hellenic amphitheatre devoid of overt social paraphernalia, for example), it may be well to recall that he equally valued concert performances of his music, often in the form of self-contained excerpts or ‘numbers’. Nominally a means of international promotion for the composer at a time when stage productions were relatively infrequent, these concerts also suggest aesthetic ideas in their own right, pointing to an immanent tension in Wagner’s own project. In the absence of theatrical presentation, what exclusive benefits lay in the ‘purely musical’ presentation of Wagner’s works? And what does it say about the place of music within his broader programme?

To answer these questions, I consider an important though neglected historical case study: the three concerts of Wagner’s orchestral and choral pieces that took place in Paris, in January-February 1860, in the Salle Ventadour (then part of the Théâtre-Italien), taking into account his arrangements of previous stage works as well as audience reception. The setting and occasion of these concerts more readily accounts for the burgeoning literary enthusiasm for Wagner (notably in Baudelaire and Champfleury) than the notorious debacle of the 1861 production of Tannhäuser at the Opéra which has overshadowed it in previous literature. I argue that the poetic responses to Wagner’s concert music among such writers functioned not so much as the subjective internalization of theatre (the ‘theatre of the mind’, as some scholars have called it), but rather as literary supplements, as decorations of a decidedly ‘empty’ performance space in which Wagner’s music nonetheless made a forceful impression.

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In September 2013, a new arts venue opened in Doncaster, a large town in South Yorkshire in the north of England. Doncaster is designated a “cultural cold-spot” by the Arts Council England, and the opening of CAST formed part of the regeneration of Doncaster’s town centre, providing a flexible space for live music, theatre, dance and comedy. Twenty-five years ago, the Symphony Hall was opened in Birmingham, a city in the West Midlands region of England. It too was part of a regeneration of the city centre, but was designed with a much more traditional concert hall format, with fixed seats facing a stage, used primarily by classical and pop musicians.

This paper draws on empirical research projects with the classical music audiences at both venues. We explore how these different spaces influence audience’s listening behaviour and the establishment of an audience community, two years and twenty-five years after opening. Over time, audience members have begun to feel a sense of ownership over these cultural buildings and this has changed the way people felt about the place they live in, even encouraging civic pride.

The two venues discussed here differ greatly in size, architecture, flexibility of space, and the nature of the spaces for audiences to mingle. The spaces therefore shape how audiences experience concerts. The musicological community has traditionally viewed listening as a solitary, insular activity, and has consequently been slow to address the role of the audience and venue in shaping performances. The classical music concert hall is redundant without an audience to fill them, so this paper aims to understand more about musical venues and performances through the perspective of the listener.

Lucy Dearn and Sarah Price are both third-year AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award Students with the Sheffield Performer and Audience Research Centre at the University of Sheffield under the supervision of Professor Stephanie Pitts. They are working in partnership with regional chamber music promoter, Music in the Round and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra respectively to conduct research with classical music audiences.
The Fernwerk (remote division or celestial organ) is a peculiar organ division whose construction became possible at the end of the nineteenth century due to tubular-pneumatic and electric actions. The Fernwerk - mainly developed by German organ builders such as Sauer, Walcker, Steynmaier - is a subsection of an organ located not only in a separate place with respect to the main organ but notably in a space structurally distant from it and invisible to listeners (typically a hidden room behind the ceiling or the cupola of a large church). The visual and acoustical communication between such a covert place and the audience is enabled by a hole, which is - even if often evidently decorated - the only liminal visible trace of the sound machine it conceals. In this contribution I will investigate the acoustic and visual nature of the Fernwerk considering: (1) the status of the Fernwerk as an organ division within the system of more acoustical and visual divisions of the German organ building (Hauptwerk, Brustwerk, Rückpositiv), i.e. its continuity or its exorbitance from the previous tradition; and (2) the relation between the Fernwerk (as cypher of the disjunction between a visible sound source and its sound effect) and the later visual-auditory system of the electroacoustic loudspeakers (which will include a comparison between the decoration of the Fernwerk sound hole and the loudspeaker grid).

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Since the time of the Marchis del Carpio and his successor, the IX Duke of Medinaceli, the Spanish embassy in Palazzo di Spagna was known because of the magnificence of their serenades, *serate musicali* and other Baroque feasts. After the prohibition of opera by the Pope Clement XI, the representatives of foreign nations in Rome invested more and more resources to develop a rich musical life within their palaces. In this paper I will deal with the Palace of Spain as the place where the ambassadors decided to show-off their power of influence attracting the Roman high classes to their serenades and other *componimenti musicali*. After the Spanish Succession War, Spaniard legates went through a rough time to return to normal as a national representation in the city. Starting from the well-known Palchetti War till the closure of the Teatro delle Dame, or the strong competition developed between French legates and Spanish ones, I will consider the embassy of Cardinal Troiano Acquaviva (1735–1747), who played a double role in Rome as ambassador of Philip V of Spain and ambassador of Charles VII of Naples (Philip V’s son). Acquaviva embodied the perfect courtesan and devoted much of his efforts to become the “new Ottoboni” in the musical/cultural stage of the city. He not only paid the construction of a new theatre inside the palace, but also commissioned several feasts where music and theatrical devices were the central element in order to dazzle his audience and to overcome political issues. It is my intention to analyse either the use of the public space within the city (through feasts and public theatres) or the representations at the Palace of Spain as mirror of political power.

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Mosque is the reflection of spiritual and aesthetic values of Islamic tradition and considered as the main place for prayer in Muslim world but it gradually has acquired many other religious functions or served political purposes. Shah Abbasi (Imam) mosque is located on the south side of Naghsh-e-jahan square, Isfahan. The construction of the building began by order of Shah Abbas I, in 1611 and finished in 1629. It is regarded as one of the stunning masterpieces of Persian Islamic art & architecture. This study introduces the decoration of the structure (calligraphic inscriptions, seven-color (haft rang) style mosaic tiles and ornamentation of Islamic art) as the iconographic elements and symbols to explain the theological insight beyond that. Among various parts of mosque, Dome is the most original part in terms of space and concept and deemed as a gift of Iranian architecture to Islam. The main purpose of this paper is to describe the acoustical characteristics of dome, echo chamber and interior space decoration of the main dome and its function as a performance stage for Muslim religious rituals. According to Paul Ricoeur’s “Architecture and Narrative”, this paper applies his hermeneutic theory of textual interpretation as a theoretical framework to describe how iconographic elements and visual symbols help us to explain a religious tradition which has the potential to transform theological reflection.

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During the eighteenth century, religious ceremonies in the Royal and Patriarchal Chapel and in other churches of Lisbon were described by foreign travellers as splendorous Baroque spectacles, marked by the theatralization of liturgy, lavish decorations and imposing musical performances. At these services (where music played a decisive role), the audience had often a mundane behavior, not too far from the attitude that could take place in a theatre or in a salon. In the Portuguese and south European contexts, this kind of staging and experience of religious ceremonies was linked to a symbolic and ideological function inherited from the Counter-Reformation and related to the sacral dimension of the royal power. Based on reports of foreign travellers and other descriptions of the time as well on various types of iconographic and archival sources (such as lists of materials and expense receipts related to ephemeral decorations, works of art and liturgic vessels for the Royal Chapels and other churches, regulations and ceremonial books), the paper will focus on visual programs and decorations used in some of the main spaces for religious music in eighteenth-century Lisbon. The study analyzes the connections between the visual dimensions and ceremonial and musical practices, as well as the ideological conceptions linked to religion and the symbolic representation of royal power. In addition to the Royal Chapels and the Patriarchal Church will be considered important Lisbon churches like São Roque, the Basílica dos Mártires (headquarters of the Brotherhood of St. Cecilia), and the Basilica da Estrela.

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Audiences during the nineteenth century possessed a remarkable importance at theatres and concert halls. At these performance spaces, the new elite—the bourgeoisie—showed a huge interest in the exhibition of their relevance, imitating the wealthy and distinguished aristocracy and showing their rising status. Knowing the rules of refined manners or how to be seen at the box was crucial, implying a social success that could be publicized in the newspapers. At the same time, fashion and superficial concerns such as hairstyling were carefully chosen, because the spectators often did not simply attend the performance but were part of a social representation of their self-importance. Young ladies looking for a proper marriage, businessmen, and prominent socialites seeking to increase their wealth or distinction, all of them displayed their qualities to their own audience.

News from the contemporary press, guides to good manners and etiquette, concert programs, canvas and pictures provide a means to analyze the value assigned to rituals established in certain artistic spaces, concert halls and theatres, where the importance of social classes was represented not only on stage but also in the auditorium.
Tablados, street stages where the shows of the Carnival of Montevideo were developed, were a kind of scenario with a privileged aesthetic diversity and popular management between 1900 and 1960. These tablados, heirs of the Spanish tradition of outdoor stages, were the center for the presentations of the different music ensembles and popular theater in the Uruguayan Carnival: murgas, humoristas, parodistas, Afro-Uruguayan comparsas, among others. They were organized by the city authorities or, for the most part, managed by neighborhood groups. This paper will discuss, on the one hand, the aesthetic characteristics of these tablados, for which there is available abundant iconography, and, on the other hand, the popular participation in their management. By 1930, according to documents obtained from carnival groups, the city had about two hundred tablados in a carnival. The scenery, largely consisting of three-dimensional figures made of wire frame and paper maché, followed two aesthetic trends: one adhering to the currents of art-nouveau and art-déco, prevalent styles in the 1920s and 1930s, and other responding to the characteristics of carnival regarding critical analysis of the customs and events of the annual cycle. In the latter case, the topics were also a critical element, with aspects of satire, parody, irony, and in many cases with a tendency towards caricaturesque expressionism. The two aesthetic aspects also included allegorical characters. In this sense the scenography of the tablados can be linked with the aesthetics of the carro alegórico (parade floats), the starring vehicles of the corte (carnival parades). Carnivalesque iconography was thus developed in fixed points, the tablados, and in a sort of mobile carnival; the parades taking place in the main avenues of the city and in neighborhoods as well. Merchants and residents of each neighborhood financed these street stages. Scenography competitions were held and each tablado awarded, by popular vote, the best ensembles. The tablados constituted centers of carnival sociability and popular insertion into the spirit of these festivities.

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The decoration and the iconography of Carlo Gozzi’s *Fiabe teatrali* (*Tales for the theater*) occupy a special position in the eighteenth-century history of the theater of Venice. The *Tales* are a combination of commedia dell’arte and fairy tales, among the characters appear traditional masked commedia dell’arte characters and sorcerers, fairies, dragons and monsters. The decoration of the *Tales* reflects the period’s preferred exotic style and many elements contribute to the development of collective historical memory of the audience.

Urban symbols, statues and iconic figures of the contemporary society of Venice occur frequently in the *Tales*. Statues represented on stage, such as the statues of merchants of Campo dei Mori or the fountain “delle Tette” of Treviso were familiar to the spectators. The two most iconic characters that appear in the *Tales* are Cigolotti and Cappello, famous storytellers of Venice: their costumes and their behavior imitated the habits of the real personalities. In the performances all of these figures mentioned well-known names, events, places and they had several references to public habits and fashion of the contemporary Venetian community. These urban symbols and iconic characters represented on stage were in strong connection with the audience, their quotes were directed to the spectators. On the other hand, also spectators had a mutual effect on performances. Audience and performances were in continuous interaction, stage decoration elements were represented with a view to nourish historical memory and public habits influenced considerably the constituent features of the performances.

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Among the many caricatures designed by Melchiorre De Filippis Delfico (1825–1895) preserved at the Biblioteca Provinciale Melchiorre Dèlfico in Teramo, stand out a group dedicated to the Teatro di San Carlo in Naples. This album has 24 color lithographs depicting characters from the theatrical environment (the president, the conductor, the stage director, artists, spectators). This is a rare complete series that was published around 1870 in a limited number of copies and with two panels coming out every month. Through the observation and the analysis of these enjoyable drawings, the comparison with other caricatures by the same artist as well as with the help of sources of different types, the paper will provide an outline of the habits, fashion and social behavior related to the environment and the methods of theatrical production/enjoyment. Moreover, this paper aims at being an ideal continuation of the studies dedicated to De Filippis Delfico in his role as the original and witty critic of Italian musical life in the nineteenth century.
It is Friday evening in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia. Elegantly dressed lady is waiting for another performance of the Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra at the Grand Hall of the Kolarac Foundation. Meanwhile, not so far from there, at the confluence of the rivers Sava and Danube, tens of thousands of people are attending an open-air concert of a Serbian turbo-folk star. Diversity of music scene in Serbia reflects itself in specific style of the spectators attending different musical performances—from admirers of classical music, jazz, rock and pop to fans of folk and finally, turbo-folk music. Emerged from the so-called “newly composed folk music” during the 1990s, turbo-folk has soon become the dominant style of music in Serbia. The term “turbo-folk” has been used to describe folk music influenced by pop, techno and oriental music, amongst others. Controversial from the beginning, turbo-folk has been considered to be a weapon of political power, and on the other hand as simply entertaining. Anyway, the lifestyle of turbo-folk performers heavily influenced the fashion and habits of their followers. Coexistence of manifestations such as Exit Festival in Novi Sad and Dragačevo Trumpeters Festival in Guća gives another example of divergence of Serbian music scene. Both festivals are quite popular and attractive to spectators from around the world and, surprisingly, sometimes visited by the same audience. This paper explores variety of styles, as well as differences and similarities in fashion and habits of the visitors of various musical performances in Serbia.

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Paper analyzes the iconological value of decorative elements and the political power denoted in the Theatro Municipal (1909), which was one of the works built under Mayor Pereira Passos—called the tropical Haussmann—to promote culture, besides installing urban sanitation, widening streets, opening boulevards and embellishing Rio de Janeiro. As part of the Brazilian republican project after the end of the monarchy, the building became an iconic symbol of the crusade against the Portuguese colonial past. Conscious of the symbolic character of that building, the government also signed several agreements with foreign stage directors, attempting to create a great and magnificent repertoire. Following Garner’s eclectic taste, engineer Oliveira Passos designed the proscenium arch for opera, combining elements of different styles with a predominance of the neoclassical. The influence of French culture had been in place since the monarchy, and the architectural opulence of the building intimidates the common citizen, who identifies architectural spaces according to the social practice they house, as well as distinguishing, within the urban context, areas that stratify the population, depending on different types of ambience. And, at the beginning of the twentieth century, the huge piazza in front of the theatre was undoubtedly built for the upper classes, as was the theatre, whose magnificence is highlighted by its luxurious interior of various marbles, granites, and onyx, besides golden and plaster ornaments lining the ceiling. Paintings by Eliseu Visconti (an Italian who lived in Brazil), Henrique Bernardelli (a Chilean who studied in Rome) and Rodolfo Amoedo (a Brazilian who studied in Paris), as well as the sculptures by Rodolfo Bernardelli (a Mexican who studied in Rome), combined with furniture, mirrors and stained glass imported from Europe, all reflect attitudes from past times and ideologies of political power.

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From 1705 to 1713, during the Spanish War of Succession, Archduke Charles of Austria, the son of Emperor Leopold I, resided in Barcelona as the Habsburg candidate to the Spanish Throne. His regency as King Charles III changed completely the cultural life of the Catalan capital. He introduced for the first time regular performances of operas at his royal court to celebrate the marriage with Elisabeth Christine of Braunschweig-Wolfenbüttel as well as other festivities, arranging different spaces to make possible the representation of music performances. Public spectacles, parades and religious performances also increased considerably due to his presence in the city.

The paper will present examples—based on partly unpublished documents—of the new decorations, symbolic and allegoric allusions to the Habsburgs, and wants to focus also on the self-presentation of the audiences that attended the music performances as well as the religious rituals. Finally the paper points out the resemblances between the representation of power at the royal court of Barcelona and the imperial Viennese court of Leopold I and Joseph I.

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In the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries, theatre became the chosen setting for the representation of court and of its dominant role from both a political and cultural point of view. The court represents its power through refined strategies operated by artists: the theatre emblematically represents the metaphor of the power and prestige of the royal family. From the beginning of the second half of the fifteenth century, the court of Ferrara enacts, through the figure of Pellegrino Prisciani, a cultural operation orientated towards the recovery of classical texts and theatre. The representation of *Menechmi* by Plautus indicates the beginning of a coherent route: parties, theatrical settings, the novelty of musical interludes transfer themselves from squares to the reserved space of court, which celebrates itself in the choice of themes linked to mythology; documents refer to sumptuous representative apparatuses, but also of frescoes kept in the Este city. The base theme is linked to the characteristic continuity with the ancient world according to the Renaissance application: the Este family (from Borso d’Este to Ercole I) guarantees and continues the prestige of the classical world to consolidate its image and its power on the territory. The representation of this continuity contributes to defining the primacy of the court through figurative culture and in protecting its political supremacy through the persistence of the history and of the myth of Rome in particular. It is possible to individuate a sort of fil rouge, which, in the continuity of time, ties this theme to the decorative choices as a representative propaganda. In the Olympic Theatre of Vicenza, as in the one of Sabbioneta, the intent of the Gonzaga family becomes evident in the coherence of the decorative programme, which is often related to the same theatrical representations. In this phase of the Renaissance, a representative specificity of the cultural and political primacy of the court is consolidated through the decoration of the theatrical space. The adoption of these effective cultural strategies with artistic, but also political finalities also flows into the decorative programmes carried out by Clement VIII Aldobrandini on occasion of the jubilee deadline of 1600 where the theatrical representation solemnizes the complex iconographical plant of the Clementine Hall of the Vatican.

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The line between public and private becomes blurred when an individual's apartments are used as performative space. The meaning of a performance is conveyed to only a limited number of invited guests and much of the time to only one – the patron. These meanings, which in other venues might read as self-fashioning, in a more personal space suggest something more intimate: nods to shared understanding, catalysts to inspire conversation, or even aides-de-memoire. This leaves the reputation of the rooms, their decorations, and the events that have taken place within them, together with the self-fashioning of their patron, to be heralded by word-of-mouth in language that creates an alternate, virtual reality: an imaginary space whose linguistic description evokes wonder and awe – in a word, meraviglia. So it is in the performative spaces of Isabella d'Este's apartments in Mantua, where art, architecture, music, literature, and letters combine to create series of multi-media symbols that express enigmatic and often related – even redundant – messages. This essay focuses on these connections in order to foster a deeper, more comprehensive understanding of individual artworks, architectural decoration, and performative gestures through juxtaposition with others. The apartments featured are those in the Corte Vecchia of the Palazzo Ducale in Mantua.

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The fact that the analysis of the performative space cannot be limited to a “partial” study of the theatre performance and its language is one of the most significant achievements of modern teatrologia. It is difficult to understand the actual dramaturgical dynamics of the theatre fact without starting from the preliminary consideration of the organization of the space in which the event takes place. An organization of the space which presumes various levels: the structure of the theatre building, the scenic composition, the plot of relationships existing between representative and public fact. To affirm that there is no understanding of the dramaturgical nature of a performance if the narrative, literary, interpretative and symbolic elements are not linked to the way of conceiving and organizing the performative space, does not imply to believe that the procedures of this relationship have displayed throughout history. To proceed according to a precise historical disposition of the analysis means, preliminarily, to understand the reasons of an essential distinction, that between the space as convention and space as composition. The way in which a certain manner of conceiving and organizing a performative space operates inside the staging project or dramaturgical writing of an author. When this happens, we can talk of a space that becomes composition, differently we should limit to speak of a “space convention”, of a space which enter in the concept of the staging and text as “language” and not “composition”. The boundary separating the two levels can be found in the different disposition of the space use: there are particular cases in which this disposition takes a “textual” function, other, instead, in which it is brought back to a “para-textual” function. The distinction between the two levels is exactly what needs to be considered in an historical perspective. The transition from one to the other is typical of modern theatre which, from the beginning of the Twentieth Century, starts to pose the question of the space as fundamental condition for a theatrical language to be autonomous and specific. It is then that the performative space takes a dramaturgical role itself and that the composition of space acquires a peculiar authorial quality. The problem of the identification of the different method of composition of the performative space is posed to us, starting from the capital distinction which is placed between it and scenography to continue with the question of the modern theatre building, the dynamic of the relationship performance-spectator which becomes basic and active part of the dramaturgical process.

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Luchino Visconti was the first Italian stage director in the modern sense. His stage career was closely linked to the Teatro Eliseo in Rome, managed for decades by the antifascist intellectual Vincenzo Torraca. Visconti was an important contributor in helping to create the Eliseo’s fame as one of Italy’s most innovative theatres in the second half of the twentieth century. He staged his most relevant shows at the Eliseo, directing his favorite actors, such as Rina Morelli and Paolo Stoppa, whose apartments were located in the very same building as the Eliseo. Visconti used the space near the stage, the so-called “stanze” for rehearsals and also for what were often stormy press conferences. Moreover, it was at the Eliseo that Visconti created a new relationship between audience and performance. Visconti always envisioned the theatre space—both the sets and the building where the spectators congregated, becoming a community—as a dialectical space, a place of encounter and confrontation with the social context. At the heart of Visconti’s theatre lies this connection between art and the world. In this paper, I will analyze—through archival documents and images—two examples of Visconti’s stagecraft: 

*Rosalinda*, from Shakespeare’s *As You Like It* (1948), and *L’Arialda* (1960), by Giovanni Testori. Both of these plays are linked to crucial moments in our cultural history, and specifically to the question of freedom of expression. *Rosalinda* epitomizes Visconti’s desire to detach himself from the neorealism which had made him famous in Italy and abroad, but which could become a sort of cage, both from an ideological and aesthetic point of view. With *Rosalinda*, Visconti began a highly experimental phase of his career. It is no accident that he hired the surrealist painter Salvador Dalì for both the set design and the costumes. The second example, *L’Arialda*—where Visconti was personally in charge of set design and costumes—shows the dark side of the spectacular economic growth that took place in Italy in the late 1950s. *L’Arialda* was the subject of extremely violent polemics concerning its supposed “obscenity”. It was in the newspapers for months, and the Teatro Eliseo became a battleground from which Luchino Visconti launched his daring attack on censorship and the backwardness of Italian society and culture.

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The magnificent festivals commissioned in Milan by the Ministro Plenipotentiario Gian Luca Pallavicini in 1747 had significant political implications. After the Spanish troops, which had occupied Milan in December 1745, had been driven away, Austrian insignia reappeared in a few months. The year 1746 had ended with several reprisals against the pro-Spanish party, including one execution. In the following year, Carnival first and then the birth of the third-born of Maria Theresa of Austria, provided opportunities for festivals and banquets meant to bring back serenity and general consensus about Austrian power. And it was exactly the theatre hall of the Regio Ducal Teatro, which was the site selected for these important celebrations.

Pallavicini had the hall restored and had it magnificent decorated on the two occasions. Even though attentive to state finances, Pallavicini used magnificence as a weapon to combat the resistance of many Milanese aristocrats.

The event’s celebrative program and its political implications are reconstructed on the basis of engravings and idylls written for the occasion, and other related documents. Examined will be the theatre’s structural elements, the modifications and illuminations made for the ballets; the two plafoni painted by Fratelli Galliari, the furniture, and the habits of the aristocrats who attended the ceremony. The comparison with other Milanese engravings of the same period will enable us to appreciate the participants’ difference of behavior.

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The “inimitable life” of Gabriele d’Annunzio had its latest and more eloquent expression in the Vittoriale, whose configuration reflects a “scenographic” study followed with great care by the architect Gian Carlo Maroni. The idea of performance is always present: interior and exterior spaces have a precise aesthetic logic, according to the Poet’s desire.

In Vittoriale, the guests could attend many chamber concerts in a special music room (Stanza della Musica), with the so-called “Vittoriale Quartet” (“Quartetto del Vittoriale”). On purpose, the walls are covered with precious damask, in order to promote acoustic and meditation; the decoration elements recall the myth of Orpheus. There is also a filmed sequence (4min and 53sec), showing a performance of the ensemble on the monumental ship (Nave Puglia) positioned in the garden, in the presence of d’Annunzio.

From Nave Puglia, we can admire a little lake (Laghetto delle Danze), violin-shaped, which is formed by two streamlets: Acquapazza and Acquasavia. This location, created by d’Annunzio for dance performance, was reopened in Spring 2013 after many repairs to remedy the hydrogeological problems.

A special attention deserves the Amphitheatre at Vittoriale: now it is the location of the Festival “Tener-a-mente”, for international artists. It was designed in the 1930s, on the classical model, drawing on the research done by the architect Maroni in Pompeii. Unfortunately, d’Annunzio never saw the final building, but he wanted to call it “Il Parlaggio” – a culmination of his juvenile dream of a theatre en plein air, shared with Eleonora Duse.

This paper analyzes the symbolism and the decoration of some important performance spaces at Vittoriale (music room, Amphitheatre, garden), considering also their exploitation in the videoclip Love is a Temple (3min and 43sec) by the singer Mario Biondi – album Beyond – released in Spring 2015.

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In 1614 the Roman marriage between Prince Michele Peretti and Princess Anna Maria Cesi was the social event of major, if not the most prestigious; for the occasion the Academic humorista Jacopo Cicognini wrote *Amor pudico*, libretto for a theatrical and musical recitative sung with interludes of dance that represented in the Carnival of 1614 in the Palace of the Chancellery was so successful as to push the author to insert text at the bottom of the first edition (Viterbo, Jerome Disciple 1614) the copy of a letter from Romolo Paradisi to Giovan Battista Strozzi, detailed account of all the actors, musicians, choreographers, impresario and - rarity its kind - the participating artists to the rich scenery. The analysis of the text, context and personality inherent the booklet (consider the dedicatee of Cardinal Scipione Borghese, the author of the report, Romulus Paradisi and to its recipient Giovan Battista Strozzi, the superintendent Giovan Battista Cavalcanti, Florence already known to companies and theater well inserted in the Florentine colony in Rome, the musician Claudio Marotta, the choreographer Feruffino) makes a unique insight that can deepen client relationships both unpublished already known, relations with the same Florentine contemporary context and how the activity of the artists engaged is intended to recreate the sets painted by setting the work useful to the empathic and emotional involvement of the viewer in the modern sense (and enrich our understanding of individual artistic profiles of Baccio Ciarpi unknown as a landscape designer and antiques, the little-known Balthasar Lawers Flemish landscape artist, the painter Giovanni Guerra, brother of the architect “created” by Scipione Borghese Gaspare Guerra, here dealing with a classical Doric architecture painted) that will go noticed the singular and not random consonance with the contemporary "birth and theorizing" of landscape painting in the early seventeenth century.

Arianna Petraccia, after completing classical studies and taking a professional degree for the restoration of paintings on canvas and wood, obtained a Master Degree in Modern Art History with a thesis on unpublished frescoes of Palazzo Farinosi Branconio in Piazza San Silvestro in L’Aquila. In 2010 she became Ph D (Fellow, Università Roma Tre) with a research on the painting in the Diocese of L’Aquila from 1560 to 1630. From 2007 to 2013 she was Honorary fellow at the chair of Modern History, University of Chieti G. d'Annunzio and currently works for the compilation of the first general repertoire of modern painting in Abruzzo from 1560 to 1630, with the scientific supervision and care of Prof. F. M. Ferro. Specialized areas of research are toscoromana painting from the sixteenth and seventeenth century and its spread in central Italy, the close connection between art, literature and collecting antiques and works of art in Central Italy during the seventeenth century and the evolution of the real and ephemeral, secular and religious architectural space in the transition from the sixteenth century of the Counter Reformation to the seventeenth century of the Baroque.
This lithograph of 1826 shows the Canterbury Catch Club in its heyday. It is clearly intended to depict a gathering of sophisticated, culturally literate gentlemen enjoying a concert provided by professional musicians in convivial surroundings. The decorations in the room, including a chandelier, portraits of St Cecilia and of Corelli, the hint of statuary which may or may not be trompe l’oeil, and the encorced motto convey a sense of confident affluence reflected in the carefully casual demeanours of the figures in the picture. Much of the image is a representation of reality. The club really did exist from 1779 to 1865, and organised weekly concerts throughout the winter months; many of the people can be corroborated by contemporary electoral records; and the room in which they met in the years 1779–1833 still survives in the city, as do the portraits. But records show that the atmosphere would have been thick with the fug of all those pipes; that the orchestra was composed of local musicians-many of them cathedral singers with little or no formal schooling-who were a perpetual irritation to the committee of local worthies running the Club; that women formed part of the audience and were frequently heard performing in this provincial gathering; and that the ribald, transgressive nature of the post-concert communal singing of catches into the early hours of the morning-many of them lewd in the extreme—is wisely ignored here. This paper will interrogate the image here presented in order to reveal the performative essence of the picture, aiming to show that this carefully calibrated representation is concerned, above all, to depict the club its members wanted to present both to themselves and to the outside world. With all the trappings of nineteenth-century class and culture clearly on display, it is a masterclass in the performance of class.

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The historiographical tradition on the Portuguese king João V attributes to him the full power about the cultural policy promoted during his reign (1706–1750). My recent studies about Filippo Juvarra’s projects of two opera theaters for the Portuguese court have contributed to rethink the cultural and artistic policy of King João V. From this new critical perspective, the role of the Queen consort of Portugal acquires a dramatic centrality to introduce the Italian operatic music as the principal path to the court building. Since her arrival in Lisbon (1708), the Queen consort promoted a strategic action to change and renew the court sociability in harmony with the new cultural policy that the young king aimed at implementing. Through Maria Anna of Austria the connection between Rome and Lisbon was enriched by the musical culture of Wien’s court where the Bolognese Galli Bibiena were engaged as theatrical architects and engineers, decorators and stage designers. The analyses of the unpublished engravings, drawings and descriptions of the performance spaces in the royal palaces (Palácio Real da Ribeira, Palácio Real de Belém, Palácio Real de Salvaterra dos Magos) will be presented to demonstrate the centrality of the Queen consort’s visual strategy. The paper will particularly focus on the first decade of her reign (1708-1719), showing the connections with the European political strategy of the Imperial House of Habsburg and the deep social and cultural change that she was able to realize in Portugal through the performance spaces as spaces of the new sociability. Out of the religious ceremonies, the Queen consort promoted a new dimension, ordered and hierarchic, of the social life. The building of the Real Ópera do Tejo by Giovan Carlo Sicinio Bibiena (1752-1754) in the beginning of the reign of King José I did not represent the “cultural cut” with the religious priority of his father João V, but the full success of the visual strategy of his mother Maria Anna of Austria (1683-1754).

Tragic and comic masks, musicians, reciting actors, orgiastic dances, musical emblems and passages of classical myths associated with the world of the drama were among the topics most commonly used as ornamental reliefs in the theaters of Ancient Rome. These iconographic motifs have been continuously used, century after century, in the Western tradition to decorate the theater spaces.

We propose an approach to the iconographic cycles that were adopted, repeatedly, as part of the architectural decoration of the ancient Roman theaters, focusing our attention on a detailed analysis of the reliefs of the theater of Sabratha (Tripoli, Libya), built under the reign of Emperor Marcus Aurelius between AD 175 and 200. Its decoration is a paradigm of the most common patterns of his time: besides the theatrical scenes and the usual dramatic and comic masks, the reliefs of the great pulpit stand out, where Hercules, Mercury, the Three Graces, the Judgment Paris, the Muses and a whole cohort of characters can be seen. This paper will attempt to decipher the meaning of the repertoire in the given context.
CLAUDINA ROMERO MAYORGA (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Music and Theatrical Performance in the Mysteries of Mithras

The so-called Oriental cults that entered the Roman Empire in the first century BC offered a joyful vision of life after death, along with a series of ceremonies full of colour, music, dances and costumes of exotic nature. However, the importance of these sensory aspects has not been taken into account in the studies dedicated to the Mysteries of Mithras.

Mithra’s followers gathered in underground and narrow temples, with long benches attached to the sidewalls (podia), which determined an axial aisle that seemed to establish the unidirectional movement of the neophytes. The scarcity of literary sources that recount Mithra’s myths favoured the analysis of the iconographic repertoire, which was believed to encode the soteriology of the cult. The image of Mithras killing the bull (tauroctony) was placed at the head of the temple, along with another icon that depicted the divinity in symposium with the Sun god.

While there were public festivities dedicated to Isis, Cybele, Attis and Dionysus, we are not aware of ceremonies of such characteristics in the Mysteries of Mithras. Therefore, it is necessary to study the decoration of the temples found in the Roman Empire to appreciate the presence of music, its importance in the rituals and the involvement of the neophytes in such ceremonies. Thanks to archaeological findings, we know that fake knives (as props), masks and musical instruments were usually part of the dramatization of mithraic myths, although these elements have not been studied in the traditional bibliography. Therefore, our proposal will focus on the sensory elements of the cult: the use of colour, light, darkness, movement, processions and music to try to recreate the synaesthetic and kinaesthetic processes of interaction that might have taken place in Mithraic temples.

Claudina Romero Mayorga studied Art History in Universidad Complutense de Madrid and quickly became a member of the "Iconographic Studies Seminar" housed in the Faculty of Geography and History. Her research interests are Mysteria cults and Iconography, specially the cult of Mithras. Her PhD dissertation comprised an update of the material found in Hispania and offered a new interpretation of the mithraic remains. Her post doc research is focused on the study on the recreation of synaesthetic and kinaesthetic processes and interaction that might have taken place in Mithraic temples.
This paper deals with the analysis of three etchings, rare and valuable visual testaments to a long tradition of court festivities documented almost exclusively by written chronicles. They illustrate the temporary structures related to three festive events held in different venues in the city (the royal residence, the river, the square) in a period from the 1620s to the 1670s, at the time of the two “Madame Reali” Christine of France and Marie Jeanne of Savoy. The aim of the study is to demonstrate the coherence with political power of both the literary program set to music for the occasion and the temporary decorative structures and their interaction with the venues chosen for the events. The festivities in question are: La Nave della Felicità (“The Ship of Happiness”, 1628), held at the Castle of Turin for Christine’s birthday; I Portici di Atene (“The Arcades of Athens”, 1678), held on the banks of the Po in front of the Castle of Valentino on the occasion of the twelfth birthday of Duke Victor Amadeus; Il Tempio delle Virtù (“The Temple of the Virtues”, 1678), a fireworks display to celebrate Marie Jeanne’s birthday.

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In 165-year history of the Tbilisi Opera House, 1874 and 1973 were fatal dates: terrible fires devastated two beautiful theater buildings, and two legendary curtains burnt in them. Both curtains were some kind of symbols of the opera house and, at the same time, reflection of political attitudes and ideologies of their times. In his *Le Caucase: Impressions de voyage* (1859), Alexandre Dumas père described his visit and the beauty of Tbilisi opera (built by Giovanni Scudieri in 1851) and the curtain, painted by the Russian painter Grigol Gagarin. Gagarin shared the Russian politics towards Georgia, seeing it as a part of the Russian Empire. At the same time he also accepted a common artistic perception of Georgia as an exotic heaven on earth. These attitudes is reflected on the curtain of the first opera house. Second building by Victor Schröter, completed in 1898 had the curtain painted of the Georgian painter Sergo Kobuladze in 1960. Following Stalin’s death, the 1960s were period of the so-called Liberalization in the arts; but also the time of Soviet’s political and ideological difficulties and growth of the dissident movement. This was demonstrated on Kobuladze’s curtain. His first sketches, which included national motives had been rejected, and his second version reflected quasi-ancient figure of woman with a lyre. In the work Kobuladze integrated also his research of the structure in ancient and old Georgian architectural monuments. Both fires had suspicious circumstances. It has been suggested that Gagarin’s curtain might have survived until 1950s. As for Kobuladze’s one, which was the symbolic icon of the Tbilisi opera, was printed in Germany on the basis of preserved original sketches, and returned to the renewed Opera House of independent Georgia in 2015.

Maia Sigua defended her PH.D. thesis generic significants of ancient greek tragedy in 20th Century music theatre in 2014. Her main research interests include genre issues of opera, ancient tragedy, interrelations of music and drama in 20th Century music theatre, music of Iannis Xenakis, etc. Since 2009 she has been a co-organizer of an annual international conference-competition for students in musicology, as well as member of the organizing group of the international festival “Tbilisi: Contemporary Music Evenings”. In 2015 she was a music consultant of the first international festival of chamber music “Salkhino Palace Camerata”. She regularly takes part in various scientific conferences in Georgia and in other countries; her scientific publications have been published in Georgia, UK, Poland. She writes scientific-popular articles about Georgian music for teenagers. She also writes reviews and interviews for the journal “Musika”, etc. In 2010-2012, during her internship at Georgian Public Broadcaster’s Radio 1, she worked as an author and presenter of the programme. Currently, at the Tbilisi State Conservatoire she leads the courses in the history of 20th Century music, history of Georgian music, Music Aesthetics, The basics of journalism. She also teaches music at the private authorial music school. In 2015 she joined the stuff of the State Opera House of Georgia as an editor of webpage and publications and author and compiler of the program books.
Although the very first opera performances at the imperial court of Vienna can be traced back to the 1620s, we do not know very much about their venues and the decoration of these early performances. Various living rooms and dance halls of the imperial palace were adapted for the occasion, with simple stages and seating arrangements for the audience.

It took three more decades until the first free-standing theatre building was constructed by Giovanni Burnacini who was engaged from Venice in 1651. He not only introduced the newest Italian stage techniques in Vienna, but gave also shape to the proscenium of the theatre; it was still rather simple, included, however, the imperial crown and coat of arms of the Habsburg dynasty.

These first structural attempts were reinforced and extended by Giovanni Burnacini’s son Lodovico Ottavio who built the huge Teatro sulla Cortina, inaugurated in 1668 with the performance of *Il pomo d'oro*, though afterwards used only on very rare special occasions and finally demolished in 1683. Yet the preserved engravings of the auditorium and the proscenium lavishly decorated with allegorical figures and imperial devices are precious documents of the dominant Habsburg ideology.

Again it should take three decades until Francesco Galli Bibiena, the first member of the famous family of architects and stage designers active in Vienna, remodeled the former dancing hall into an opera house which had all the characteristics of a representative court theatre: rows of boxes with a central royal box, an ornate proscenium, a splendid stage curtain and a magnificent ceiling painting, probably by Andrea Pozzo.

The proposed paper will focus on the development of the decoration of the Viennese court theatre in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries as an expression of the political and cultural ideology of the Habsburgs both as sovereigns and as patrons of the arts.
Leon Stefanija (Oddelek za muzikologijo, Filozofska Fakulteta, Ljubljana), *Imagery of the Current Musical Modernism in Slovenia*

For about a century, the ideals of modern music accumulate ideas of modernism in a confusing mass of imagery: the ideas range from complementary presentations of an advanced acoustic world to the antagonistic stereotypes of an art for the masses. The concept of modernism, as recently persuasively redefined by Julian Johnson, is a concept of different “sounding utopias”, “commonalities and continuities”, even “extrusion of tensions latent in the Classical”, forming a “sensible history of musical modernity”. In this respect, the modern (the advanced, the avant-garde) is “not only the new but as the valuable new”, as Boris Groys neatly noted. The events from the last century Slovenia indicate fairly strong “commonalities and continuities” between the four waves of musical modernism since 1900. The urge for a certain *musica viva* reveals an “extrusion of tensions” and a search for the next “sounding utopia” not only verbally but also through different forms of representing the new visually: through the journal covers, caricatures and, above all, posters and advertisements. The contribution will focus on the posters promoting modern music within the last two decades. The main focus is set on the posters form the Slowind Festival—the most versatile and agile institution currently promoting contemporary classical music in Ljubljana beside the Festival Ljubljana and Slovenski Glasbeni Dnevi. The posters from the seventeen Slowind festivals will be juxtaposed to the other two mentioned festivals and all compared to the visual imagery promoting the contemporary popular music events in Ljubljana.

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The Archbishopric of Karlovci was created in the Austrian Habsburg Empire when the Serbian people with their Patriarch Arsenije III made a Great Exodus in 1690 from Serbia under the Ottoman occupation into the Austrian lands. As any great state in Europe, the Austrian Habsburg Empire was presumably multinational and multiconfessional, welcoming different faiths and different peoples. In the Habsburg Empire the Orthodox Serbs found full recognition for their religion, but not their national integrity and even less for their hope of the future politico-religious aggrandizement. Thus, the two latter issues were embodied most conspicuously through the arts of the spectacle of state.

The spectacles of state of the Serbian Orthodox Baroque culture, as well as those throughout early modern world, were a true embodiment of Utopia, the mirror image of a perfect existence. However, the stage they revolved on was a peculiar one. Considering that the very territory of the Orthodox Archbishopric was not their own, but the land of the Empire, all usage of space had to be either confined to the church or shifted to the realm of the imaginary.

In my paper I will put attention to the decoration of the imaginary church space that is presented in one of the most lavish and beautiful festival books of the time—in the manuscript Zaharija Orfelin’s festival book written for Bishop Mojsej Putnik from 1757. I would like to analyse the decoration of this space and its political and ecclesiastical implications.

In this peculiar book boldest political statements were hidden in the lines of the intricate word labyrinths, in complex palindroms and symbolic church decorations. Thus the true space of the Archbishopric, was the land that never was, the realm beyond confines of space and time.

Jelena Todorovic received her BA in the History of Art (1993-1998) at the Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade. Afterwards she continued her studies, both MA and PhD at University College London (UCL - 1998-2004) where she also worked, first as a teaching assistant then later as a part-time lecturer. In 2005 she transferred to the University of the Arts in Belgrade where she presently teach as a Full Professor and since 2014 hold the position of the Vice-Dean for International Cooperation. For the past ten years (since 2006) she has been a Keeper of the State Art Collection of the Royal Compound in Belgrade, and a head of the project for the Ministry of Culture and information of Serbia.
In 1937 a legendary première took place at the Budapest Opera House: *La Bohéme* by Puccini, directed by Kálmán Nádasdy. Its scenographer was a young, promising designer, Gusztáv Oláh. Strangely enough, *La Bohéme* is still played in the same direction and with the same stage design at the Budapest Opera House, so we can still admire Gusztáv Oláh’s lasting set. Currently there are more than forty productions on the repertoire of the Budapest Opera House, and they show a great variety in their visual world. In my presentation I will focus on five contemporary productions, which I regard as landmarks in the creation of sets different from the traditional, mostly realistic ones. These sets are always results of a close, regular collaboration between director and set designer, such as set designer Mária Ambrus and director Sándor Zsótér, set designer Csaba Antal and director Balázs Kovalik, or set designer Zsolt Khell and director János Mohácsi. Almost all these directors and set designers are determining figures of contemporary Hungarian theatre in prose.

The five opera productions are the following: (1) *Don Giovanni* by Mozart (2003; directed by Gergely Kesselyák, set design by Balázs Horesnyi); (2) *Xerxes* by Händel (2009; directed by Balázs Kovalik, set design by Balázs Horesnyi); (3) *Mefistofele* by Boito (2010; directed by Balázs Kovalik, set design by Csaba Antal); (4) *Aida* by Verdi (2014; directed by János Mohácsi, set design by Zsolt Khell); and (5) *Leander and Line Petal* by Zsófia Tallér (2015; directed by Sándor Zsótér, set design by Mária Ambrus). On the basis of this subjective selection, I intend to give a hint of the most significant contemporary stage designing tendencies on the Budapest opera stage, and to analyse the contribution of these sets to the directors' interpretation of the operas.

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Sevdalinka, traditional urban love song of Bosnia and Herzegovina, developed during the Ottoman administration when the Bosnian urban population moved from hills to plains and valleys along important roads. With this process it developed into a new form corresponding to the human scale and in unity with nature. Ottoman urban area consisted from the čaršija (economical/trading zone) and the mahala (residential quarters). Traditional house in mahala had introvert architecture of Oriental type, and despite its formal division to a male part (selamluk) and a female part (haremluk), it was informally a woman’s kingdom. Only there could women do what was otherwise socially unacceptable in the patriarchal ambience of her strict separation, “demanded by the Islamic moral”. Women sang sevdalinkas to themselves or for the other women “between the four walls” of their home, and their subtle and sophisticated song with a hint of eroticism expressed through a metaphor was the way of liberating female being from the patriarchal socially acceptable frames. This paper explores the architecture of a traditional Bosnian city house, where female sevdalinka was born as a respond to then social and political reality. Considering its introvert quality, the song did not belong to the ambient of a public venue (kafana), where male sevdalinka reflected the more explicit social freedom of men, being somewhat “relaxed and lascivious“ in words. Flourishing within the functional and richly ornamented interior of an urban residential home of the Oriental type, female sevdalinka as a monodic and melismatic form appears like a response to the urban way of living, with the individual as its epicentre and Bosnian and Herzegovinian urban residential house of the Oriental type as a woman’s intimate world.

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