

Challenges and Perspectives of Access to Musical Ephemera: OnStage—a Case Study from Switzerland

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Swiss collections of musical ephemera

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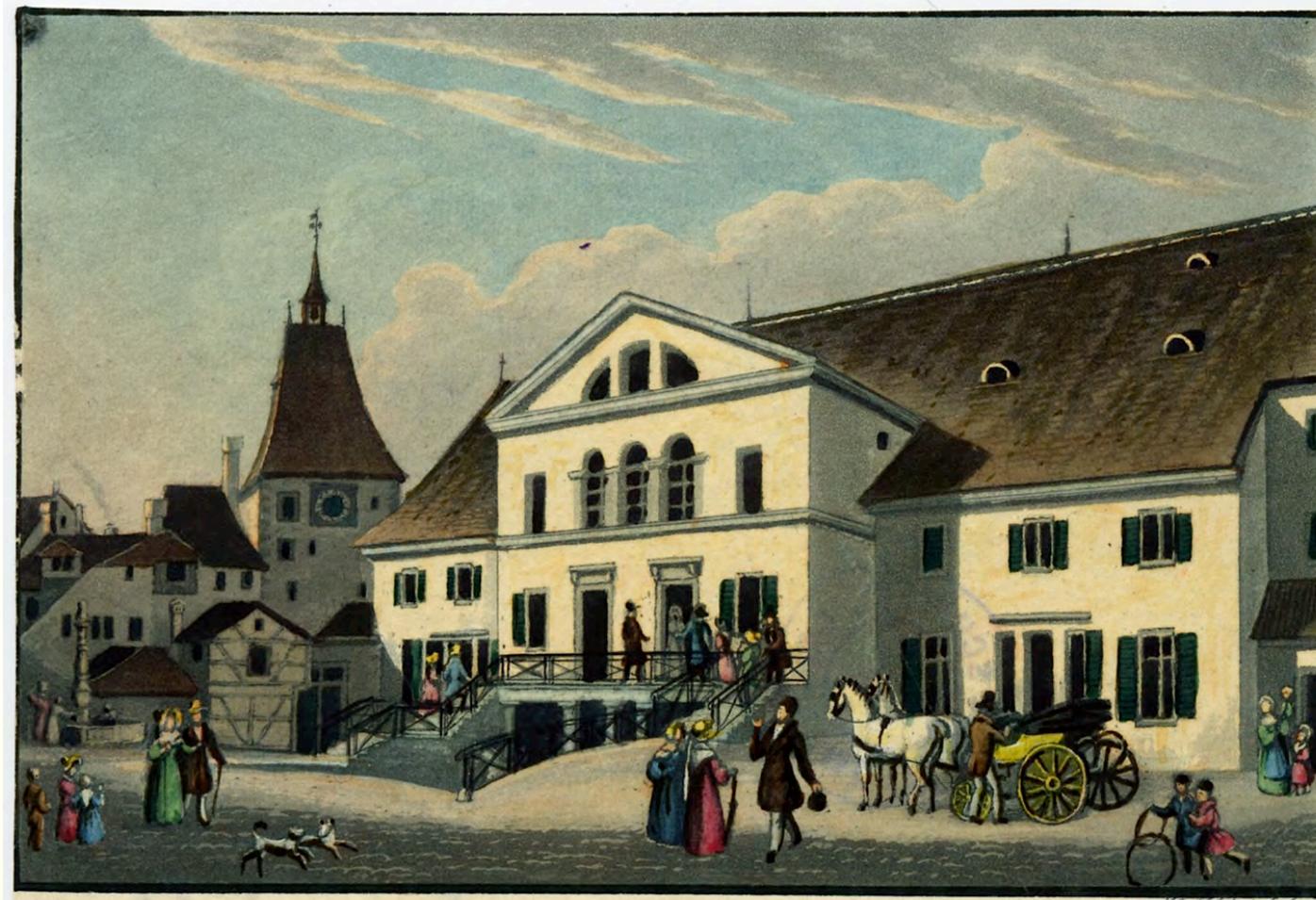
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«Aktientheater» in the former church of the Franciscan monastery in Zurich. Aquatint by Franz Hegi, 1839



From a concert programme of the Swiss music society, 1826
(cfr. British music festivals)



Toscanini conducts the ouverture from Rossini's «Scala di seta» at the first concert of the Lucerne festival in Tribschen, 1938

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- Lausanne, Conservatoire and Vaud State Archive
(900 programmes since 1880)
- Geneva, Conservatoire
(8900 programmes since 1826)
- Basel, concert series Freunde Alter Musik
(400 programmes since 1942)

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- Lausanne collection
 - 1'069 names
 - 1'650 images
- Geneva collection
 - 6'954 names
 - 19'499 images
- Basel collection
 - ca. 2'400 names
 - ca. 3'000 images

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- TEI files:
- reference to image file
 - index terms
 - OCR output

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- software
- authority files
- OCR output

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- software
 - indexing with the open source search platform solr
 - new graphic interface (support on mobile devices)

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- authority files
 - personal names
 - concert venues

Challenges and perspectives

- 1860–1862:
115 performers on 76 items
22% on VIAF
- January–February 1926:
62 performers on 75 items
63% on VIAF

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 - link to RISM authority files (to VIAF) for composers

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 - Geneva: 7% of composers' names unknown to RISM
 - Basel: 6% of composers' names unknown to RISM

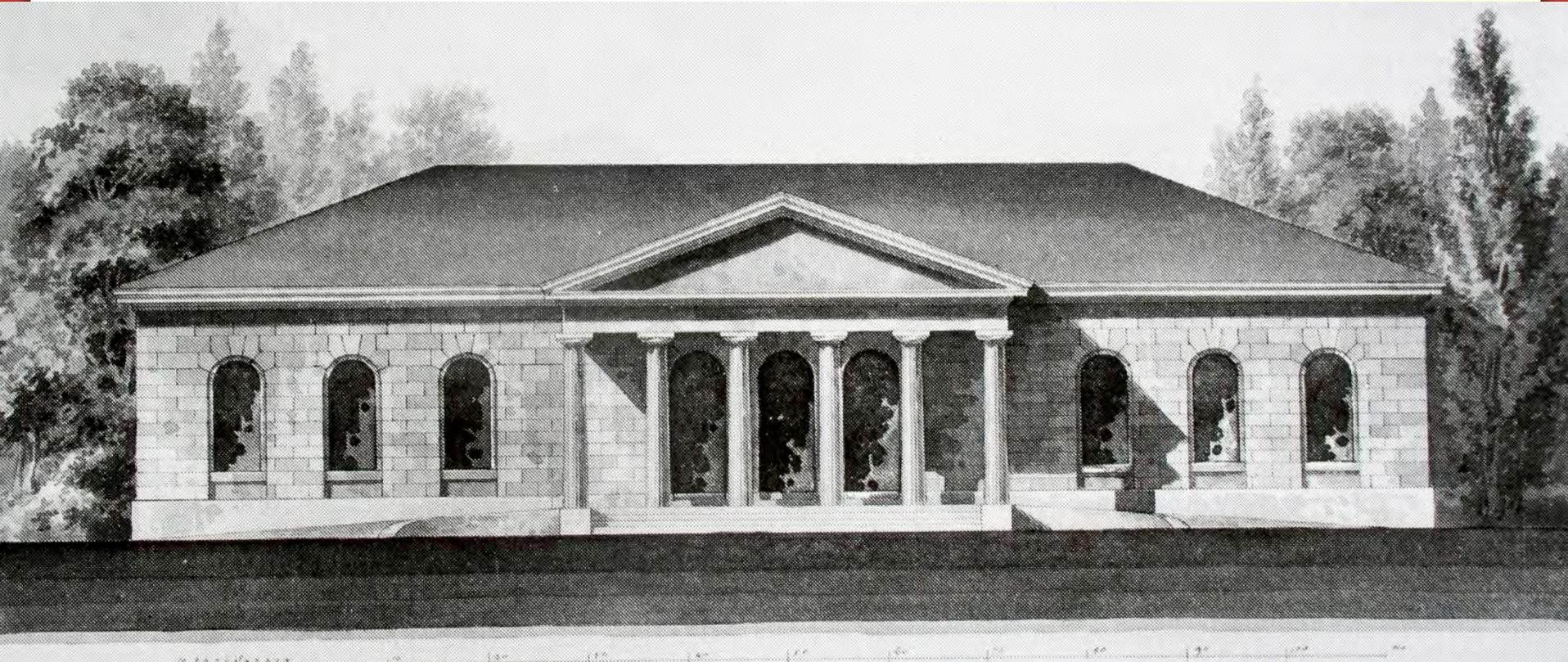
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The «Aktientheater» after the fire in 1890 (Baugeschichtliches Archiv der Stadt Zürich)



The Zurich Casino (today court of appeal), watercoloured ink drawing by Hans Caspar Escher, ca. 1805

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 - geodata mapping for concert venues
(e.g. Topographie des Berliner Konzertlebens 1880–1945)

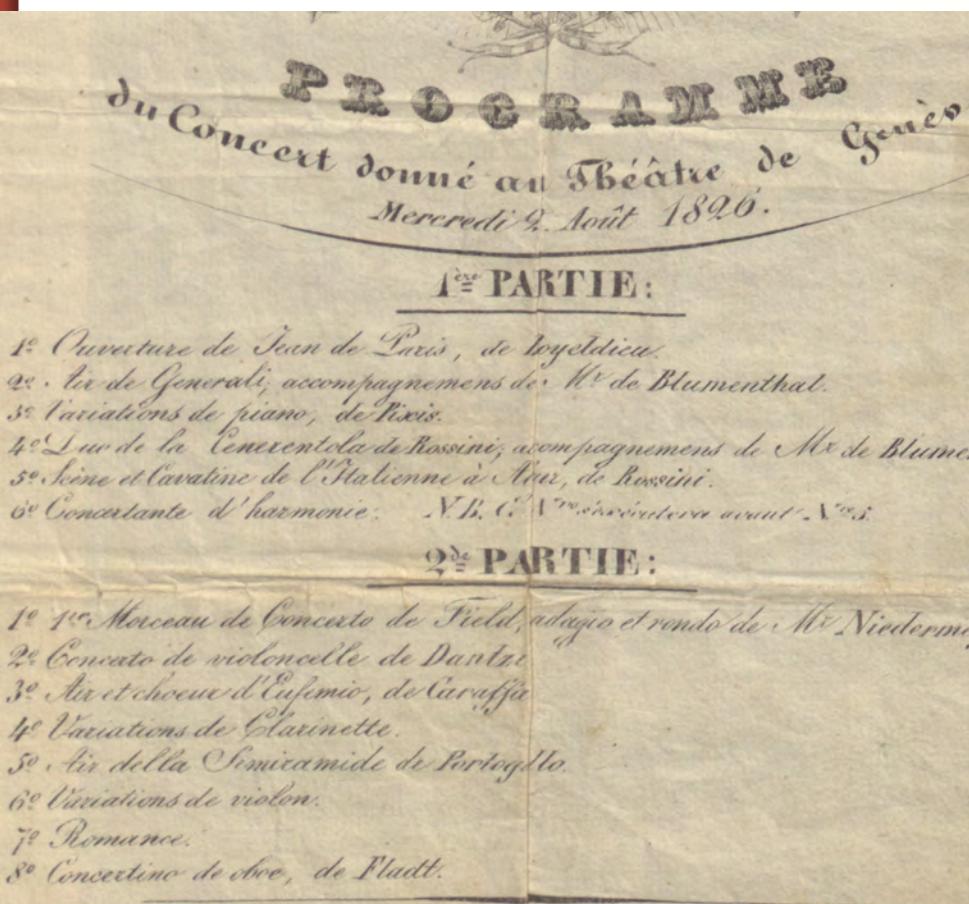
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- OCR output

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Geneva, 1826

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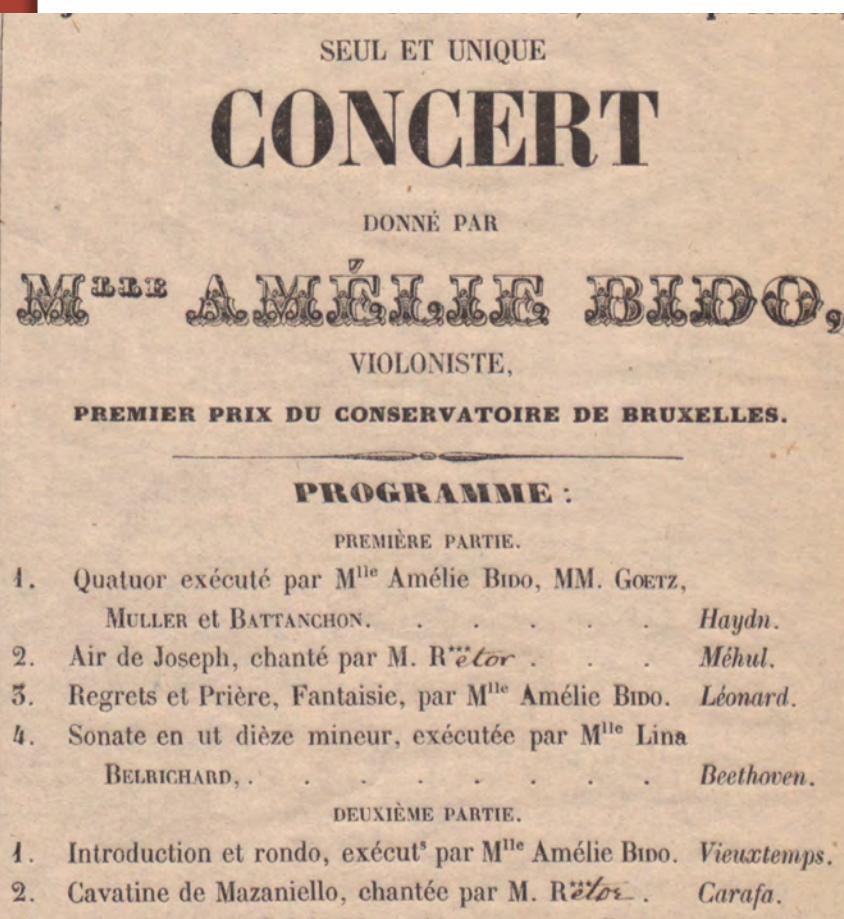
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Geneva, 1860

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4. Sonate en ut dièze mineur, exécutée par M^{me} Lina
Bei.richard,.....
deuxième partie.
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2. Gavatine de Mazaniello, chantée par M. R«i^rt_.
5. Lore Ley. - Air Bohémien varié, exéc" par Mn* Lina
Belrichard,.....
h. Souvenir de Moscou, Fantaisie Russe, exécutée par Mlle Amélie Bido,.....
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- OCR output
 - fuzzy search in full-text
 - crowdsourcing (password-protected)

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- Cooperation and coordination?

Thanks!

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