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A chronology of twentieth-century operatic premieres

NIGEL SIMEONE

This chronology is necessarily selective, but I have tried to include as many major operatic works as possible, especially those with any hold on the repertoire, as well as lesser-known operas which have particular national or other significance (Catalan, Finnish, Flemish, Greek, Latvian, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Romanian and Slovak operas, for instance). Some composers have established themselves firmly in the opera-going public's estimation as great exponents of the genre (notably Strauss, Puccini, Janáček, Berg, Weill and Britten), while others have written outstanding operas which are only rarely performed (Hindemith and Roussel, for example). Since the 1960s, the works of Birtwistle and Maxwell Davies, then Casken, Turnage, Macmillan, Adès and others have demonstrated that new opera in Britain is flourishing; and the same can be said of Adams and Glass in the United States, of Rihm in Germany, and so on. Earlier in the century, composers whose work is rarely seen in theatres today enjoyed immense success: the likes of Braunfels, Bruneau, Klenau, Korngold, Schreker and Wolf-Ferrari were performed widely, but of these only Korngold and Schreker are staged at all regularly now – and only then after decades of neglect.

A few works are listed here because of their originality, or their oddness: Zillig's Das Opfer (about Scott of the Antarctic) is written in a rigorously serial language but features a dance chorus of penguins; Pratella's L'aviatore Dro is a rare example of an Italian Futurist opera; Redolfi's Crysallis is the first sub-aquatic opera (for soprano and amphibious percussion); Blomdahl's Aniara is innovative - as the first 'space opera' – but it is also a work of lasting quality. Two operas have been listed because of their connections with much more famous works by Strauss: Gnecchi's Cassandra (1905) was at the centre of a scandal in 1909 when the Italian critic Giovanni Tebaldini drew attention to the striking similarities between Gnecchi's work and Strauss's Elektra, which was composed in 1906-8, after the premiere of Cassandra. Another work with a Strauss connection is Mariotte's Salomé (1908), which set the original French text of Wilde's play and was composed before Strauss's work even though it was first performed three years later. Monleone's Cavalleria rusticana brought about a lawsuit, since Mascagni was worried that another opera of the same name might damage the earning potential of

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his own *Cav* (1890). Opera is full of such strange coincidences and odd quirks of history: two operas called *Fedra* performed in Italy within a fortnight of each other in 1915, and the famous case of the two *Wozzecks*: Berg's in 1925 and Gurlitt's the following year. What became of Gurlitt? He was a pupil of Humperdinck's who settled in Japan in 1939, where he spent the rest of his life promoting German opera.

Compiling a list of this kind is a curiously fascinating activity, since the same year, or even the same month, could produce such a bewildering diversity of styles. Taking an example more or less at random, 1920 included *Der Schatzgräber*, one of Schreker's biggest successes at the time; Janáček's *The Excursions of Mr Brouček*, a stunningly original work, but one which took its composer the best part of a decade to finish; the first successful Latvian opera (*Banuta*); an Italian Futurist opera (*L'aviatore Dro*); the veteran Bruneau's *Le Roi Candaule*; and *Die tote Stadt* by Korngold. While he was still only in his early twenties, Korngold already had two significant operatic successes behind him, and *Die tote Stadt* was to be performed all over Europe and in New York within less than a decade of its simultaneous premieres in Hamburg and Cologne.

1900

14 Jan., Rome Puccini: *Tosca*

22 Jan., Vienna Zemlinsky: *Es war einmal* 2 Feb., Paris Charpentier: *Louise*

22 Feb., Venice Wolf-Ferrari: *Cenerentola*

27 Aug., Béziers Fauré: *Prométhée* 24 Oct., Barcelona Vives: *Euda d'Uriach*

3 Nov., Moscow Rimsky-Korsakov: The Tale of Tsar Saltan

10 Nov., MilanLeoncavallo: Zazà14 Nov., BucharestCaudella: Petru Rares

1901

15 Feb., Paris Leroux: Astarté
31 March, Prague Dvořák: Rusalka
29 April, Paris Bruneau: L'Ouragon
29 May, Dresden Paderewski: Manru

9 Nov., Elberfeld Pfitzner: Die Rose vom Liebesgarten

20 Nov., Paris Massenet: *Grisélidis* 21 Nov., Dresden Strauss: *Feuersnot*



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1902

15 Feb., Leipzig Weingartner: Orestes

18 Feb., Paris Massenet: Le Jongleur de Notre-Dame

2 April, London German: Merrie England
30 April, Paris Debussy: Pelléas et Mélisande
6 Nov., Milan Cilea: Adriana Lecouvreur
28 Nov., Copenhagen Nielsen: Saul og David

9 Dec., St Petersburg Nápravník: Francesca da Rimini

25 Dec., Moscow Rimsky-Korsakov: Kaschey The Immortal

1903

7 Jan., Brussels D'Indy: L'Etranger

9 Feb., Nice Massenet: Marie-Magdeleine

1 Oct., Dresden Blech: Alpenkönig und Menschenfreund

10 Oct., Antwerp Gilson: Prinses Zonnenschijn

15 Nov., Prague D'Albert: Tiefland

27 Nov., Munich Wolf-Ferrari: *Le donne curiose* 30 Nov., Brussels Chausson: *Le Roi Arthus*

3 Dec., Barcelona Mánen: *Acté* 19 Dec., Milan Giordano: *Siberia*

23 Dec., Paris Leroux: La Reine Fiammette

1904

21 Jan., Brno Janáček: Jenůfa

29 Jan., Hamburg S. Wagner: *Der Kobold* 17 Feb., Milan Puccini: *Madama Butterfly*

18 Feb., Monte CarloSaint-Saëns: Hélène25 March, PragueDvořák: Armida30 March, ElberfeldDelius: Koanga

16 Oct., St Petersburg Rimsky-Korsakov: Pan Voyevoda

30 Nov., Turin Alfano: Risurrezione

1905

14 Feb., Monte Carlo Massenet: *Chérubin* 3 March, Paris Bruneau: *L'Enfant Roi*



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16 March, Monte Carlo Mascagni: Amica

14 April, Berlin Humperdinck: Die Heirat wider Willen

16 April, Prague Foerster: *Jessika* 5 Dec., Bologna Gnecchi: *Cassandra* 9 Dec., Dresden Strauss: *Salome*

26 Dec., Paris Widor: Les Pêcheurs de Saint-Jean

30 Dec., Vienna Lehár: Die lustige Witwe

1906

24 Jan., Moscow Rakhmaninov: The Miserly Knight and

Francesca da Rimini

31 Jan., Boston Converse: *The Pipe of Desire* 19 March, Munich Wolf-Ferrari: *I Quattro Rusteghi*

27 March, Paris C. Erlanger: *Aphrodite*31 Oct., Paris Massenet: *Ariane*11 Nov., Leipzig Smyth: *The Wreckers*11 Nov., Copenhagen Nielsen: *Maskerade*

1907

2 Feb., Paris Bruneau: Naïs Micoulin

5 Feb., Amsterdam Monleone: Cavalleria rusticana

7 Feb., Monte Carlo Massenet: *Thérèse*

20 Feb., St Petersburg Rimsky-Korsakov: The Legend of the Invisible

City of Kitezh

21 Feb., Berlin Delius: A Village Romeo and Juliet 10 May, Paris Dukas: Ariane et Barbe-bleue

5 June, Paris Messager: Fortunio
2 Nov., Vienna Fall: Die Dollarprinzessin
6 Nov., Paris Leroux: Le Chemineau

1908

2 Jan., Vienna Goldmark: *Ein Wintermärchen* 18 June, Viipuri Merikanto: *Pohjan Neito*

30 Oct., Lyon Mariotte: *Salomé* 4 Nov., Hamburg Blech: *Versiegelt*

14 Nov., Vienna O. Straus: Der tapfere Soldat



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1909

10 Jan., Paris H. Février: Monna Vanna

25 Jan., Dresden Strauss: *Elektra* 9 Feb., Nice Nougès: *Quo Vadis*

25 March, Stuttgart Braunfels: Prinzessin Brambilla

7 Oct., Moscow Rimsky-Korsakov: *The Golden Cockerel*4 Dec., Munich Wolf-Ferrari: *Il segreto di Susanna*8 Dec., Paris Séverac: *Le Coeur du moulin*

1910

23 Jan., Karlsruhe
S. Wagner: Banadietrich
19 Feb., Monte Carlo
Massenet: Don Quichotte
12 April, Vienna
Bittner: Der Musikant
17 Nov., Helsinki
Merikanto: Elinan Surma

30 Nov., Paris Bloch: *Macbeth*

2 Dec., Vienna Zemlinsky: *Kleider machen Leute* 10 Dec., New York Puccini: *La fanciulla del West* 28 Dec., New York Humperdinck: *Königskinder*

1911

26 Jan., Dresden Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier 3 March, Boston Converse: The Sacrifice 19 May, Paris Ravel: L'Heure espagnole 2 June, Buenos Aires Mascagni: Isabeau 14 Oct., Milan Zandonai: Conchita 9 Nov., Vienna Bittner: Der Bergsee 23 Nov., Vienna Kienzl: Der Kuhreigen 15 Dec., Paris Magnard: Bérénice Wolf-Ferrari: I gioielli 23 Dec., Berlin

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1912

18 Jan., Frankfurt Waltershausen: Oberst Chabert

1 Feb., Nancy Ropartz: *Le Pays* 7 Feb., Paris Lazzari: *La Lépreuse*



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17 Feb., Monte Carlo Massenet: *Roma* 14 March, New York Parker: *Mona*

13 April, Hamburg Busoni: Die Brautwahl

15 June, London Holbrooke: *The Children on Don*

18 Aug., Frankfurt Schreker: *Der ferne Klang* 16 Sept., London Leoncavallo: *Zingari*

25 Oct., Stuttgart Strauss: *Ariadne auf Naxos* (first version)

1913

22 Jan., Dresden Dohnányi: Tante Simona

4 March, Monte Carlo Fauré: Pénélope

15 March, Vienna Schreker: Das Spielwerk und die Prinzessin

1 April, Nice Falla: *La vida breve*

10 April, Milan Montemezzi: L'amore di tre Re

4 June, Paris Charpentier: *Julien ou La Vie du Poète*5 June, Paris Mussorgsky: *Khovanschina* (rev. Stravinsky

and Ravel)

4 Dec., Dresden Wolf-Ferrari: L'amore medico

15 Dec., Milan Mascagni: Parisina

1914

10 Feb., Milan Smareglia: *L'abisso*

19 Feb., Turin Zandonai: Francesca da Rimini

1 April, Vienna Schmidt: *Notre Dame* 19 April, Dessau Sinding: *Der heilige Berg*

15 May, Paris Rabaud: *Mârouf, Savetier du Caire*17 May, Darmstadt Weingartner: *Kain und Abel*26 May, Paris Stravinsky: *Le Rossignol*

11 June, Leipzig Graener: *Don Juans letztes Abenteuer*4 July, London Holbrooke: *Dylan, Son of the Wave*26 Aug., Glastonbury Boughton: *The Immortal Hour*

1915

20 March, Milan Pizzetti: *Fedra* 3 April, Rome Romani: *Fedra*



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1 July, Los Angeles Parker: Fairyland
 26 Sept., Stuttgart Schillings: Mona Lisa
 10 Oct., Prague Novák: The Imp of Zvíkov

1916

14 Jan., London Stanford: The Critic or An Opera

Rehearsed

28 Jan., London Smyth: *The Boatswain's Mate*

28 Jan., New York Granados: Goyescas

23 Feb., Darmstadt Weingartner: Dame Kobold
5 March, Dresden D'Albert: Die toten Augen
11 March, Athens Kalomiris: The Master Builder

28 March, Munich Korngold: *Violanta* and *Der Ring des Polykrates* 4 Oct., Vienna Strauss: *Ariadne auf Naxos* (revised version)

15 Oct., Darmstadt Bittner: Das höllisch Gold

18 Nov., Prague Novák: *Karlstejn* 5 Dec., London Holst: *Sāvitri*

6 Dec., Vienna Kienzl: *Das Testament* 25 Dec., Paris Bruneau: *Les Quatre journées*

1917

20 Jan., Vienna Oberleithner: *Der eiserne Heiland*30 Jan., Stuttgart Zemlinsky: *Eine florentinische Tragödie*8 March, New York De Koven: *The Canterbury Pilgrims*

27 March, Monte CarloPuccini: La rondine30 April, RomeMascagni: Lodoletta

11 May, Zurich Busoni: *Turandot* and *Arlecchino*

12 June, Munich Pfitzner: Palestrina

8 Dec., Athens Kalomiris: *The Mother's Ring* 11 Dec., Dresden Pfitzner: *Das Christelflein*

1918

25 April, Frankfurt Schreker: *Die Gezeichneten*24 May, Budapest Bartók: *Bluebeard's Castle*28 Sept., Lausanne Stravinsky: *L'Histoire du Soldat*



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5 Nov., Karlsruhe S. Wagner: Schwarzschwanenreich

11 Dec., Berne Wehrli: Das heisse Eisen

14 Dec., New York Puccini: Il tabarro, Suor Angelica and Gianni

Schicchi ('Il Trittico')

1919

7 April, Birmingham Messager: *Monsieur Beaucaire* 16 April, Zurich Schoeck: *Don Ranudo*

16 April, Zurich Schoeck: Don Ranudo

10 Oct., Vienna Strauss: *Die Frau ohne Schatten* 21 Oct., Frankfurt Delius: *Fennimore and Gerda*

1920

2 Jan., New York De Koven: *Rip van Winkle*21 Jan., Frankfurt Schreker: *Der Schatzgräber*29 Jan., Darmstadt Reznicek: *Ritter Blaubart*

30 Jan., Helsinki Merikanto: *Regina von Emmeritz* 23 April, Prague Janáček: *The Excursions of*

Mr Brouček

13 May, Vienna Weingartner: Die Dorfschule

and Meister Andrea

29 May, Riga Kalnins: Banuta

1 July, Frankfurt R. Stephan: *Die ersten Menschen*

10 July, Paris Malipiero: *Sette canzoni* 4 Sept., Lugo di Pratella: *L'aviatore Dro*

Romagna

1 Dec., Paris Bruneau: Le Roi Candaule

4 Dec., Cologne and Korngold: *Die tote Stadt* (simultaneous

Hamburg premieres)

4 Dec., Munich Braunfels: *Die Vögel*9 Dec., London Somerville: *David Garrick*

1921

16 Feb., Kaunas Petrauskas: *Birute* 14 March, Paris Dupont: *Antar*

15 May, Hanover Wellesz: Die Prinzessin Girnara



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4 June, Stuttgart Hindemith: Mörder, Hoffnung der Frauen and

Das Nusch-Nuschi

11 June, Mézières Honegger: *Le Roi David* 23 Nov., Brno Janáček: *Káťa Kabanová*

10 Dec., Bologna Alfano: *La leggenda di Sakuntala* 30 Dec., Chicago Prokofiev: *The Love for Three Oranges*

1922

14 Feb., Rome Zandonai: *Giulietta e Romeo* 26 March, Frankfurt Hindemith: *Sancta Susanna*

10 May, ZurichSchoeck: Venus13 May, WarsawSzymanowski: Hagith18 May, ParisStravinsky: Renard28 May, CologneZemlinsky: Der Zwerg

3 June, Paris Stravinsky: *Mavra* (stage premiere)
11 June, London Vaughan Williams: *The Shepherds of the*

Delectable Mountains

16 Dec., Milan Pizzetti: *Dèbora e Jaéle*19 Dec., Berlin Schmidt: *Fredigundis*29 Dec., Paris Cras: *Polyphème*

1923

23 March, Seville Falla: El retablo de Maese Pedro (concert

performance)

26 April, Milan Respighi: *Belfagor*29 April, Düsseldorf Gál: *Die heilige Ente*13 May, Prague Novák: *Lucerna*

14 May, LondonHolst: The Perfect Fool1 June, ParisRoussel: Padmâvatî4 June, BirminghamSmyth: Fête galante

25 June, Paris Falla: El retablo de Maese Pedro (private

stage premiere)

27 Oct., Berlin Reznicek: *Holofernes*10 Nov., Budapest Hubay: *Anna Karenina*15 Nov., Prague Foerster: *The Heart*8 Dec., Paris Milhaud: *La Brebis égarée*



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1924

19 March, Paris Tournemire: Les Dieux sont morts

20 March, Mannheim Wellesz: *Alkestis* 27 March, Cologne Schreker: *Irrelohe*

24 April, Paris Berners: Le Carosse du Saint-Sacrement

1 May, Milan Boito: Nerone

6 June, Prague Schoenberg: Erwartung

9 June, Frankfurt Křenek: *Der Sprung über den Schatten* 4 July, London Vaughan Williams: *Hugh the Drover* 21 Aug., Glastonbury Boughton: *The Queen of Cornwall*

27 Sept., Birmingham Bantock: The Seal Woman

14 Oct., Vienna Schoenberg: Die glückliche Hand

21 Oct., Berlin Křenek: *Zwingburg* 25 Oct., Helsinki Madetoja: *Pohjalaisia* 4 Nov., Dresden Strauss: *Intermezzo*

6 Nov., Brno Janáček: The Cunning Little Vixen

1925

23 Jan., Stockholm Atterberg: Bäckahästen

19 Feb., Venice Wolf-Ferrari: Gli amanti sposi
7 March, Milan Zandonai: I cavalieri di Ekebù
21 March, Monte Carlo Ravel: L'Enfant et les sortilèges
3 April, Manchester Holst: At the Boar's Head
21 May, Dresden Busoni: Doktor Faust

1 June, Paris Roussel: La Naissance de la lyre

30 Oct., Düsseldorf Malipiero: *L'Orfeide* 11 Nov., Brno Janáček: *Sarka* 14 Dec., Berlin Berg: *Wozzeck*

1926

13 Feb., Monte Carlo
Honegger: Judith
Weill: Der Protagonist
22 April, Bremen
Gurlitt: Wozzeck
25 April, Milan
Puccini: Turandot

4 May, Venice Castelnuovo-Tedesco: La Mandragola
 7 May, Brussels Milhaud: Les Malheurs d'Orphée
 19 June, Warsaw Szymanowski: King Roger



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16 Oct., Budapest Kodály: *Háry János* 9 Nov., Dresden Hindemith: *Cardillac* 14 Nov., Frankfurt D'Albert: *Der Golem*

27 Nov., Kassel Křenek: *Orpheus und Eurydike* 18 Dec., Brno Janáček: *The Makropulos Affair*

1927

8 Jan., Dresden Schoeck: *Penthesilea* 28 Jan., Paris Ibert: *Angélique*

10 Feb., Leipzig Křenek: Jonny spielt auf

17 Feb., Dresden and Graener: Hanneles Himmelfahrt

Breslau (simultaneous premieres)

17 Feb., New York D. Taylor: The King's Henchman

2 March, Berlin Weill: *Royal Palace* 17 March, Baku Glière: *Shakh-Senem* 7 April, Paris Gaubert: *Naïla*

27 April, Prague Weinberger: Schwanda the Bagpiper

5 May, Turin Alfano: Madonna Imperia

30 May, Paris Stravinsky: *Oedipus Rex* (concert

performance)

17 July, Baden-Baden Milhaud: L'Enlèvement d'Europe

Toch: *Die Prinzessin auf der Erbse* Hindemith: *Hin und zurück*

18 July, Berlin Weill: Mahagonny-Songspiel

7 Oct., Hamburg Korngold: *Das Wunder der Heliane*18 Nov., Hamburg Respighi: *La campana sommersa*5 Dec., Paris Samuel-Rousseau: *Le Bon Roi Dagobert*

16 Dec., Paris Milhaud: Le Pauvre matelot

28 Dec., Brussels Honegger: *Antigone* 29 Dec., Milan Wolf-Ferrari: *Sly*

1928

16 Jan., Paris (Opéra) Lazzari: La Tour de feu

16 Jan., Paris (Opéra-Bruneau: Angelo, Tyran de Padoue

Comique)

31 Jan., Weimar A. Tcherepnin: *Ol-Ol*

18 Feb., Leipzig Weill: *Der Zar lässt sich photographieren*23 Feb., Vienna Stravinsky: *Oedipus Rex* (stage premiere)

8 March, Mainz Malipiero: Il finto Arlecchino



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24 March, Antwerp Lilien: *Beatrix*

31 March, Prague Malipiero: *Filomela e l'Infatuato* 20 April, Wiesbaden Milhaud: *L'Abandon d'Ariane* and

La Délivrance de Thésée

5 May, Brno Martinů: *The Soldier and the Dancer* 6 May, Wiesbaden Křenek: *Schwergewicht*, *Der Diktator* and

Das geheime Königreich

15 May, Bucharest Dragoi: *Napasta* 16 May, Milan Pizzetti: *Fra Gherardo*

6 June, Dresden Strauss: Die ägyptische Helena

9 June, Lisbon Coelho: Belkiss

28 July, Baden-Baden Hindemith: *Lehrstück*31 Aug., Berlin Weill: *Die Dreigroschenoper*

8 Oct., Prague Jeremias: *The Brothers Karamazov* 27 Oct., Barcelona Toldrá: *El Giravolt de Maig*

1 Dec., Leipzig
 19 Dec., Copenhagen
 D'Albert: Die schwarze Orchidee
 Høffding: The Emperor's New Clothes

1929

1 Feb., Huddersfield Holbrooke: *Bronwen* 9 Feb., Budapest Dohnányi: *The Tenor*

21 March, London Vaughan Williams: Sir John in Love

3 April, Paris Canteloube: *Le Mas*

13 April, Duisburg
23 April, Edinburgh
29 April, Brussels
7 May, Ljubljana

Brand: Maschinist Hopkins
Tovey: The Bride of Dionysus
Prokofiev: The Gambler
Kogoj: Black Masks

8 June, Berlin Hindemith: Neues vom Tage

25 June, London Goossens: *Judith* 2 Sept., Berlin Weill: *Happy End* 27 Nov., Brno Křička: *Bílý Pán*

1930

15 Jan., Paris Ibert: *Le Roi d'Yvetot*18 Jan., Leningrad Shostakovich: *The Nose*19 Jan., Leipzig Křenek: *Leben des Orest*

1 Feb., Frankfurt Schoenberg: Von heute auf morgen

9 March, Leipzig Weill: Aufstieg und Fall der

Stadt Mahagonny



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12 April, Brno Janáček: From the House of the Dead

19 April, Naples Alfano: *L'ultimo Lord* 29 April, Rome Pizzetti: *Lo straniero*

5 May, Berlin Milhaud: *Christophe Colomb* 24 May, Gera Zádor: *X-mal Rembrandt* 25 May, Frankfurt Antheil: *Transatlantic*

2 June, Paris Delannoy: Le Fou de la Dame

Rosenthal: Rayons de Soieries

8 June, Königsberg Toch: Des Fächer

21 June, Berlin Hindemith: Wir bauen eine Stadt

23 June, Berlin Radio Weill: Der Jasager

3 Oct., Dresden Schoeck: Vom Fischer un syner Fru

11 Nov., Dresden Reznicek: Spiel oder Ernst?

Lothar: Lord Spleen

29 Nov., Brno Gotovac: *Morana* 10 Dec., Berlin Rathaus: *Fremde Erde*

10 Dec., Chicago Forest: Camille

12 Dec., Paris Honegger: Les Aventures

du Roi Pausole

1931

7 Jan., Paris Bruneau: *Virginie* 26 Feb., Budapest Hubay: *The Mask*

28 Feb., Munich Weinberger: Die geliebte Stimme

4 March, Liège Ysaÿe: Piér le Houïeu

5 March, Rome Wolf-Ferrari: La vedova scaltra

17 May, Munich Hába: *The Mother*

20 June, Vienna Wellesz: Die Bakchantinnen

23 June, Paris Honegger: Amphion

12 Nov., Berlin and Pfitzner: *Das Herz* (simultaneous premieres)

Munich

13 Nov., Schwerin Graener: Friedmann Bach

19 Nov., New York Gruenberg: Jack and the Beanstalk

1932

5 Jan., Paris Milhaud: *Maximilien*27 Jan., Brno Schulhoff: *Flames*

14 Feb., Mannheim Goldschmidt: Der gewaltige Hahnrei



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10 March, Berlin Weill: Die Bürgschaft
17 March, Rome Casella: La donna serpente
8 April, Munich Heger: Der Bettler Namenlos
24 April, Budapest Kodály: The Spinning Room
6 Sept., Venice Casella: La favola d'Orfeo
29 Sept., Dresden D'Albert: Mister Wu

29 Oct., Berlin Schreker: Der Schmied von Gent

1933

7 Jan., New York Gruenberg: *Emperor Jones* 16 Feb., Kaunas Karnavicius: *Grazina*

18 Feb., Leipzig, Weill: Der Silbersee (simultaneous

Magdeburg, Erfurt premieres)

17 March, Vienna A. Tcherepnin: Die Hochzeit der

Sobeide

13 June, Amsterdam Pijper: Halewijn

26 June, Paris Canteloube: *Vercingétorix*

1 July, Dresden Strauss: Arabella

9 Sept., Riga Kalnins: The Country's Awakening

14 Oct., Zurich Zemlinsky: *Der Kreidekreis* 4 Nov., Stuttgart Klenau: *Michael Kohlhaas*

1934

13 Jan., Braunschweig Malipiero: *La favola del figlio cambiato* 22 Jan., Leningrad Shostakovich: *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*

23 Jan., Rome Respighi: *La fiamma* 27 Jan., Stockholm Atterberg: *Fanal*

8 Feb., Hartford, Conn. Thomson: Four Saints in Three Acts (New

York premiere 20 Feb.) Hanson: *Merry Mount*

10 Feb., New York Hanson: Merry Mount 28 Feb., New York Antheil: Helen Retires

13 March, Brno Radio Janáček: Fate

30 April, Paris Stravinsky: *Perséphone*

1935

16 Jan., Milan Mascagni: *Nerone* 17 Feb., Helsinki Madetoja: *Juha*



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20 Feb., Dresden Wagner-Régeny: Der Günstling Martinů: Plays about Mary 23 Feb., Brno 21 March, Paris Hahn: Le Marchand de Venise

22 May, Frankfurt Egk: Die Zaubergeige

24 June, Dresden Strauss: Die schweigsame Frau 28 June, London Weill: A Kingdom for a Cow

30 Sept., Boston Gershwin: Porgy and Bess (New York

premiere 10 Oct.)

22 Oct., Leningrad Dzerzhinsky: Quiet Flows the Don

1936

22 Jan., Rome Alfano: Cyrano de Bergerac 8 Feb., Genoa Malipiero: Giulio Cesare 12 Feb., Milan Wolf-Ferrari: *Il campiello*

10 March, Paris Enesco: Oedipe

18 May, London Vaughan Williams: The Poisoned Kiss Reutter: Doktor Johannes Faust 26 May, Frankfurt Sutermeister: Die schwarze Spinne 15 Oct., Berne Radio 14 Nov., Olomouc

Roussel: Le Testament de la Tante

Caroline

19 Nov., New York Weill: Johnny Johnson

1937

4 Jan., New York Weill: The Eternal Road 23 Jan., Berlin Klenau: Rembrandt van Rijn

24 Feb., Milan Respighi: Lucrezia

2 March, Dresden Schoeck: Massimilla Doni 10 March, Monte Carlo Honegger and Ibert: L'Aiglon 18 March, Prague Radio Martinů: Comedy on the Bridge

Menotti: Amelia goes to the Ball (New York 1 April, Philadelphia

premiere 11 April)

21 April, New York Copland: The Second Hurricane

Ghislanzoni: Re Lear 24 April, Rome 19 May, Florence Casella: *Il deserto tentato*

2 June, Zurich Berg: Lulu

8 June, Frankfurt Orff: Carmina Burana

16 June, New York Blitzstein: The Cradle will Rock 24 June, London Goossens: Don Juan de Mañara