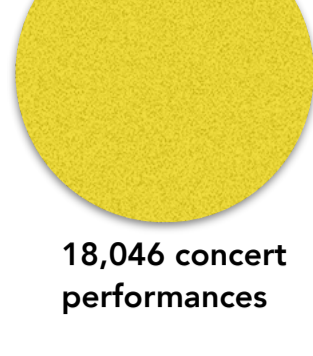


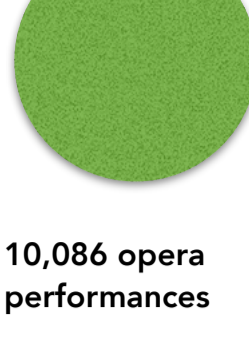
# Classical music in 2016

## The year in statistics

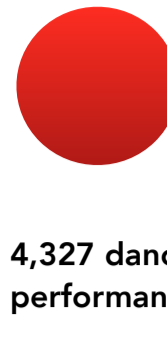
In 2016 BACHTRACK.COM LISTED 32,459 PERFORMANCES



18,046 concert performances

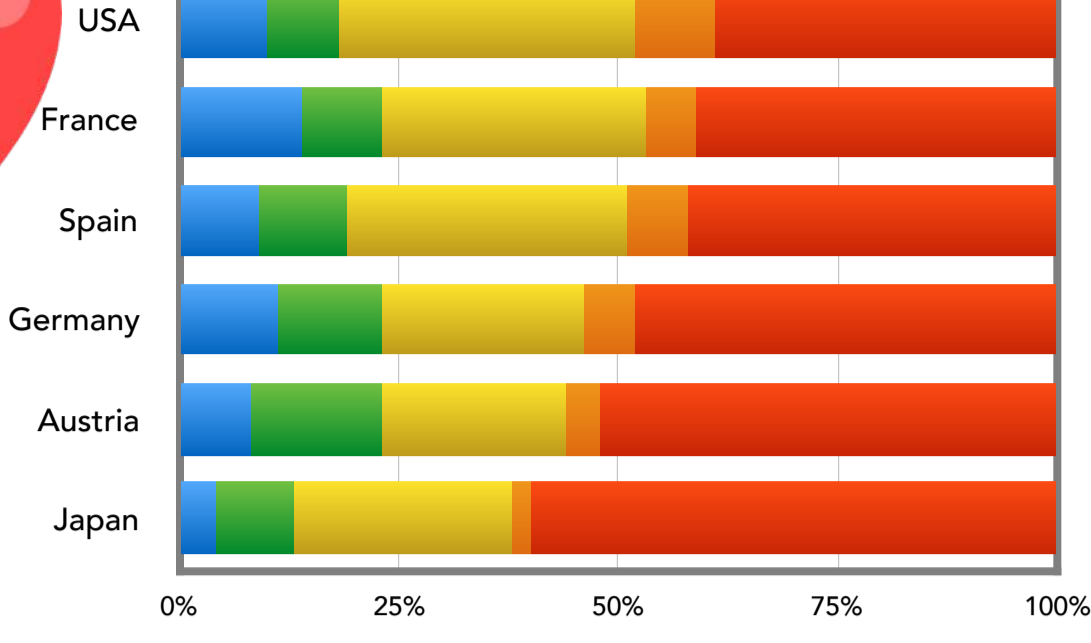


10,086 opera performances



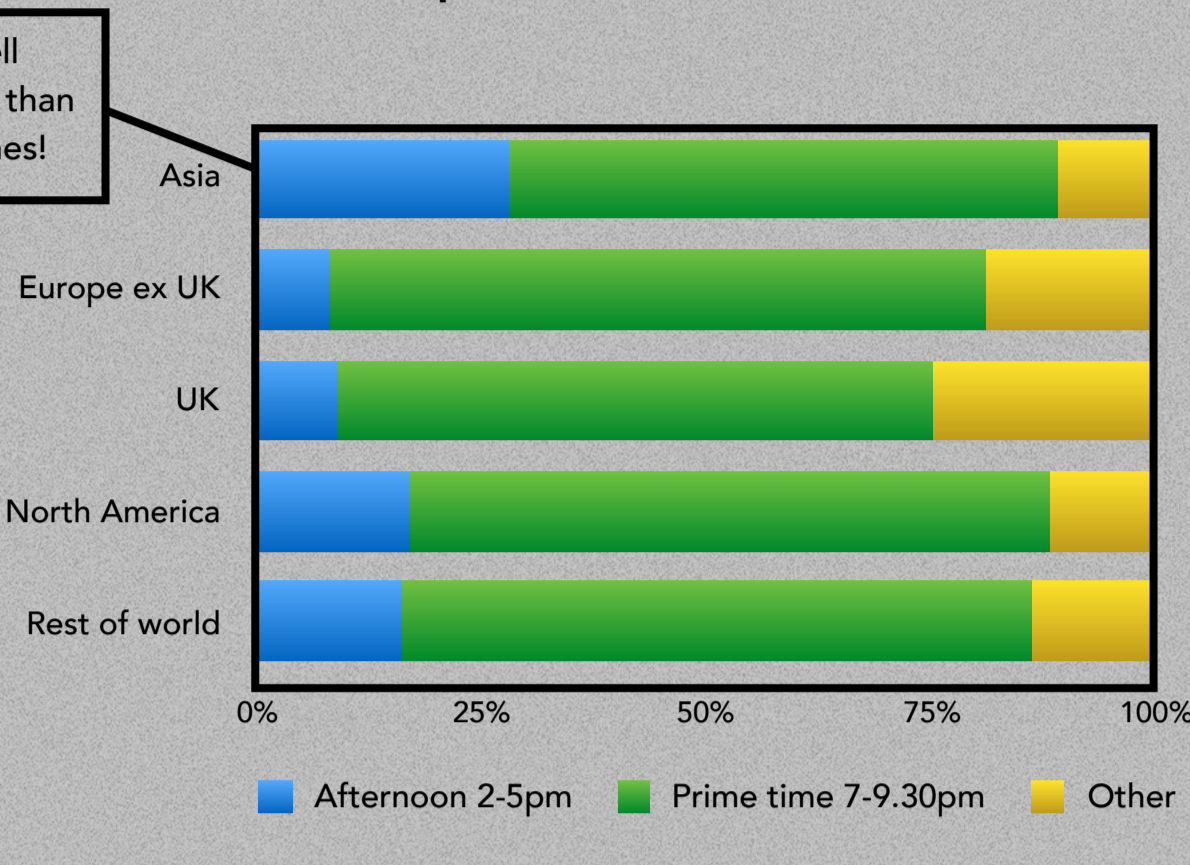
4,327 dance performances

The Japanese are the most Romantic



### Asian audiences prefer afternoon concerts

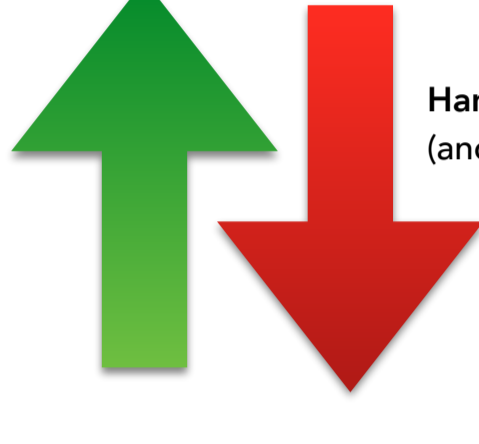
These concerts sell more successfully than the prime time ones!



### Movers and Shakers; the five year view

This year, we've been looking at key trends since 2012 and (using some serious maths!) here are the winners and losers

**Winners:**  
Mahler Symphony no. 1  
Dvorak Cello Concerto  
Tchaikovsky Romeo & Juliet



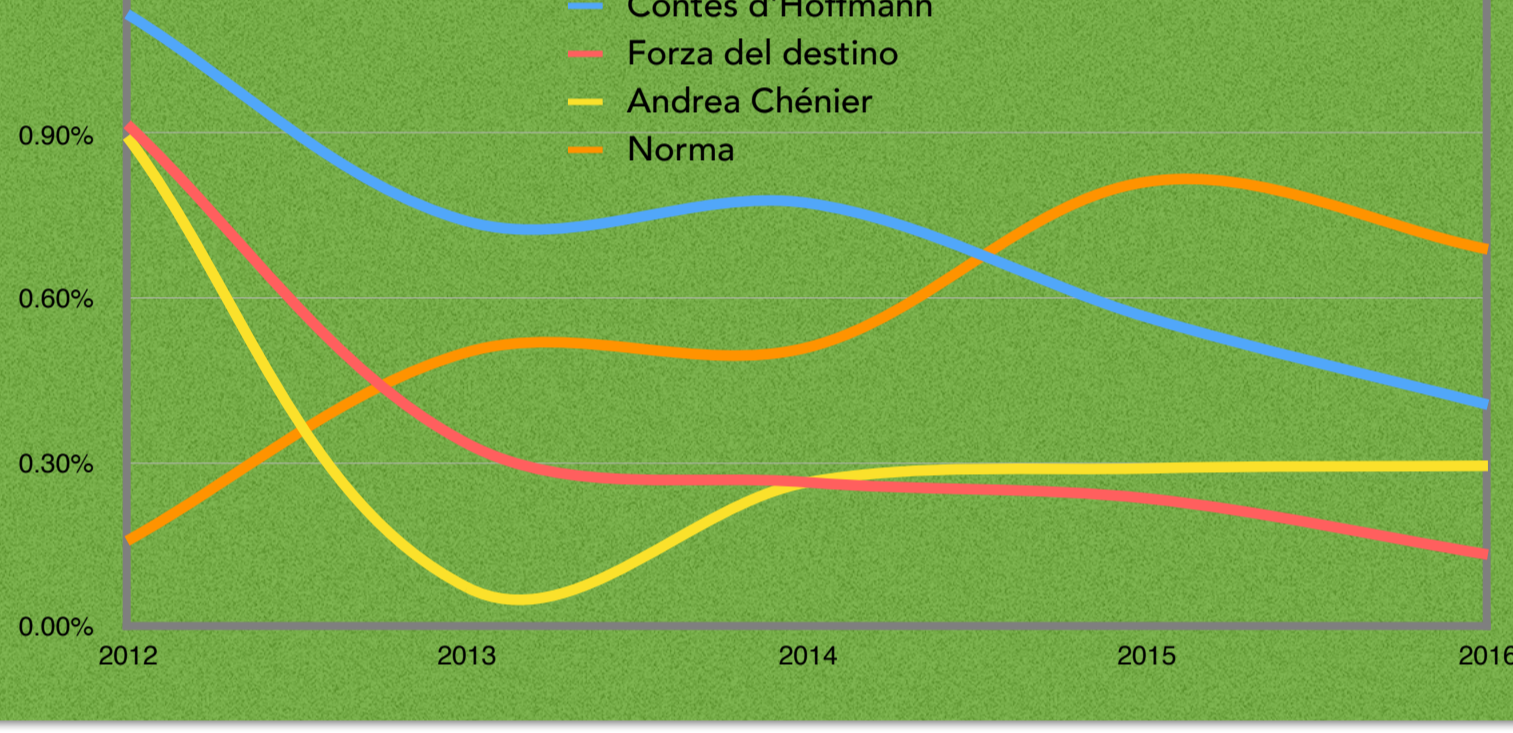
**Losers:**  
Handel The Messiah  
(and Handel in general)

### Opera



Believe it or not half of all opera performances in 2016 were composed by one of the 4 heavyweights: Verdi, Mozart, Puccini or Wagner!

### Winners and losers 2012-16



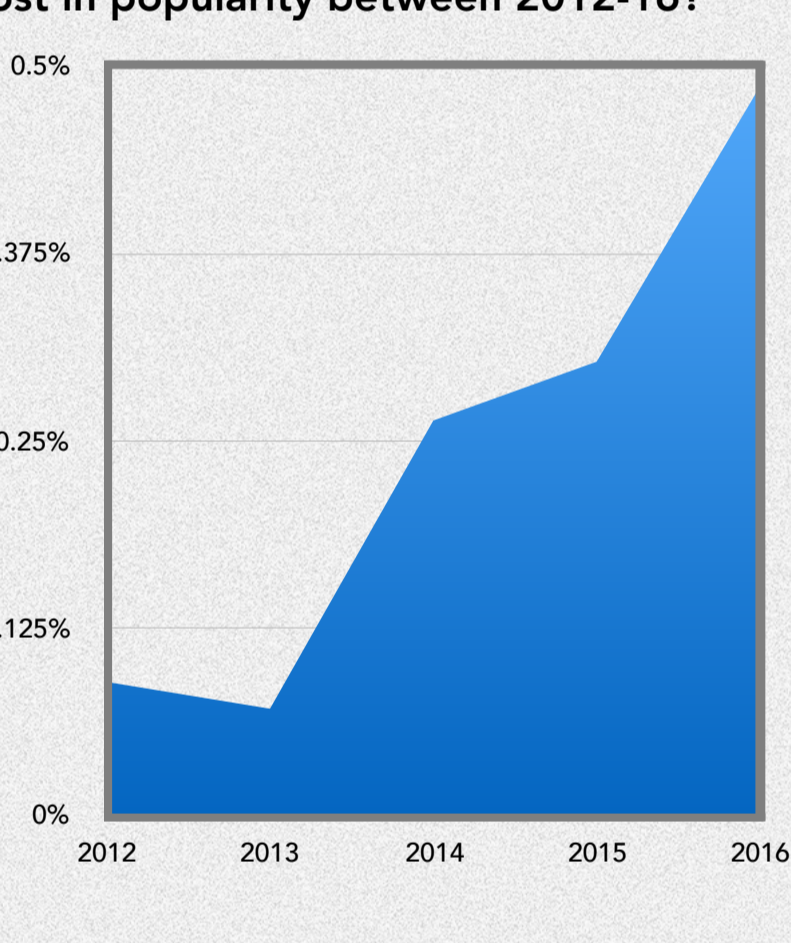
### Which opera composer grew most in popularity between 2012-16?

**Umberto Giordano:**

**Best known opera:** *Andrea Chénier*.

**Other operas seen in 2016:** *Fedora* and *La cena delle beffe*.

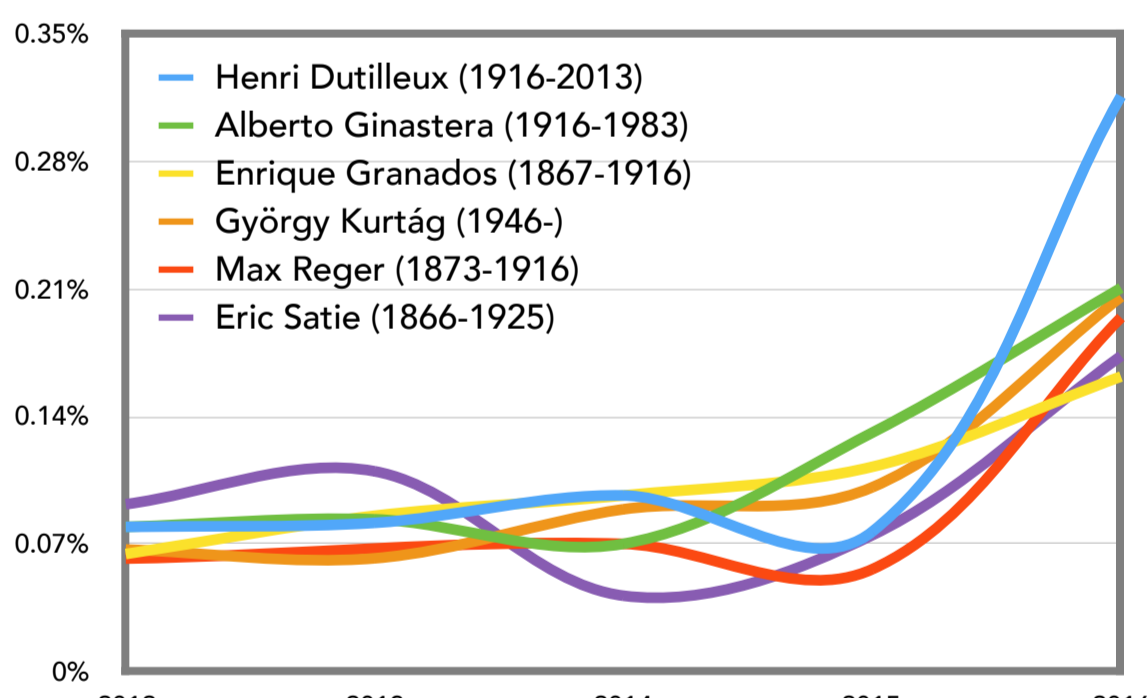
Umberto Giordano was born in Puglia in 1867 and died in 1948. His first opera was written at 21 for a competition promoted by music publishers for a one act opera. The winner was Mascagni's *Cavalleria rusticana*.



And in 2017 Umberto Giordano will celebrate his 150th birthday!

### Five Minutes of Fame

The Anniversary Effect: Changes from 2012 - 16



Anniversaries give boosts to lesser known composers in 2016

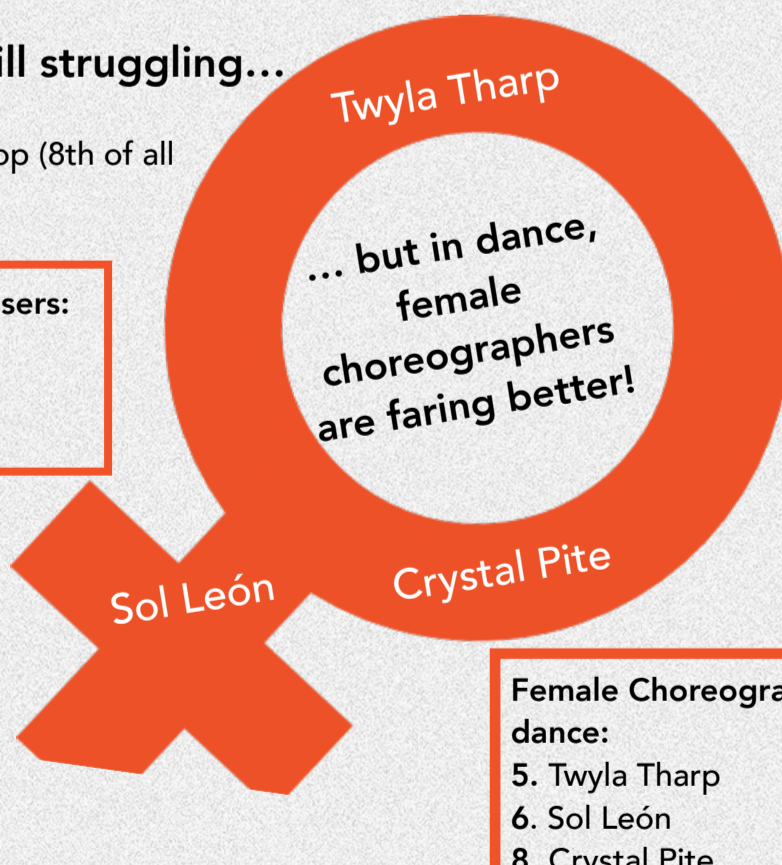
↓ Jean Sibelius fell from 9th to 28th in the rankings (after his 2015 anniversary)

### In music, women are still struggling...

with the exception of Marin Alsop (8th of all concert conductors in 2016)

**Female Contemporary Composers:**

17. Kaija Saariaho  
22. Sofia Gubaidulina  
29. Judith Weir



... but in dance, female choreographers are faring better!

**Female Choreographers of modern dance:**

5. Twyla Tharp  
6. Sol León  
8. Crystal Pite

### Who were the busiest people in dance?

#### Ballet choreographers

- Marius Petipa/Lev Ivanov
- George Balanchine
- Alexei Ratmansky
- Christopher Wheeldon
- Sir Frederick Ashton
- Sir Kenneth MacMillan
- Justin Peck
- Leonid Lavrovsky
- John Neumeier
- John Peter Wright

#### Modern choreographers

- Jiří Kylián
- William Forsythe
- Jerome Robbins
- Akram Khan
- Twyla Tharp
- Sol León & Paul Lightfoot
- Robert North
- Crystal Pite
- Sir Andrés Schiff
- Edward Clug

#### Dance Companies

- New York City Ballet
- Paris Opéra Ballet
- Birmingham Royal Ballet
- Northern Ballet
- Royal Ballet
- Hungarian National Ballet
- Bolshoi Ballet
- English National Ballet
- San Francisco Ballet
- Mariinsky Ballet

### Who were the busiest musicians in 2016?

#### Conductors

- Valery Gergiev
- Fabio Luisi
- Yannick Nézet-Séguin
- Gustavo Dudamel
- Daniel Barenboim
- Axel Kober
- Jonathan McPhee
- Kent Nagano
- Andris Nelsons
- Gianandrea Noseda

#### Cellists

- István Várdai
- Gautier Capuçon
- Truls Mørk
- Sol Gabetta
- Johannes Moser
- Daniel Müller-Schott
- Alisa Weilerstein
- Yo-Yo Ma
- Jean-Guihen Queyras
- Alban Gerhardt

#### Pianists

- Daniil Trifonov
- Rudolf Buchbinder
- Danes Várjon
- Jean-Yves Thibaudet
- Nobuyuki Tsujii
- Yefim Bronfman
- Sir Andrés Schiff
- Nikolai Lugansky
- Igor Levit
- Yuja Wang
- Emanuel Ax

#### Violinists

- Leonidas Kavakos
- Baiba Skride
- Renaud Capuçon
- James Ehnes
- Richard Tognetti
- Kristóf Baráti
- Arturo Delmoni
- Frank Peter Zimmermann
- Augustin Hadelich
- Joshua Bell

### What were the most played composers and works of 2016?

#### Top 10 composers

- Beethoven
- Mozart
- Bach
- Haydn
- Schubert
- Brahms
- Schumann
- Tchaikovsky
- Handel
- Mendelssohn

#### Top 10 works

- Symphony no.5, Beethoven
- Symphony no.7, Beethoven
- Symphony Concerto, Tchaikovsky
- Symphony no.3, Beethoven
- Symphony no.6, Beethoven
- Violin Concerto, Beethoven
- Piano concerto no.2, Brahms
- Piano Concerto no.5, Beethoven
- Messiah, Handel
- Symphony no.1, Brahms

#### Top 10 Operas

- Die Zauberflöte, Mozart
- Le nozze di Figaro, Mozart
- La bohème, Puccini
- Carmen, Bizet
- La traviata, Verdi
- Don Giovanni, Mozart
- Madama Butterfly, Puccini
- Il barbiere di Siviglia, Rossini
- Così fan tutte, Mozart
- Tosca, Puccini

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