

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

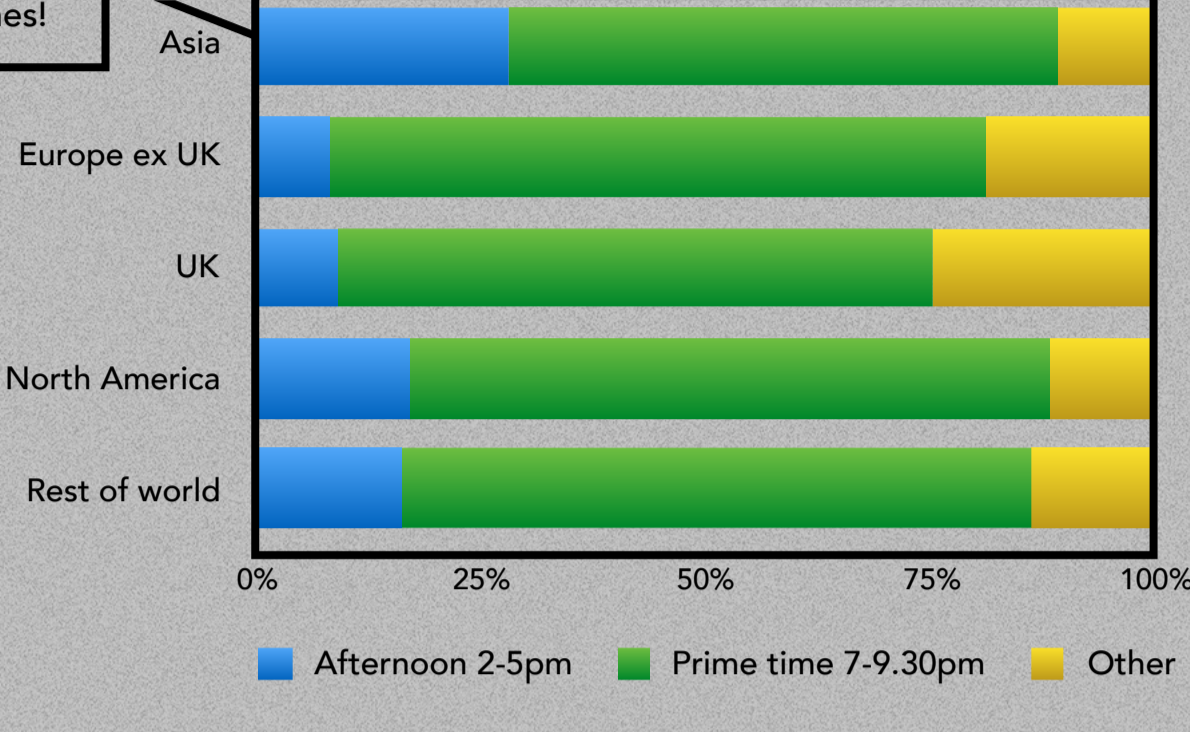
The Japanese are the most Romantic

— Early/baroque
— Classical
— 20th Century
— Contemporary
— Romantic



Asian audiences prefer afternoon concerts

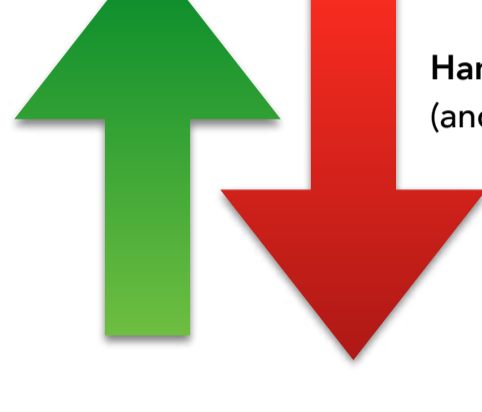
These concerts sell more successfully than the prime time ones!



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



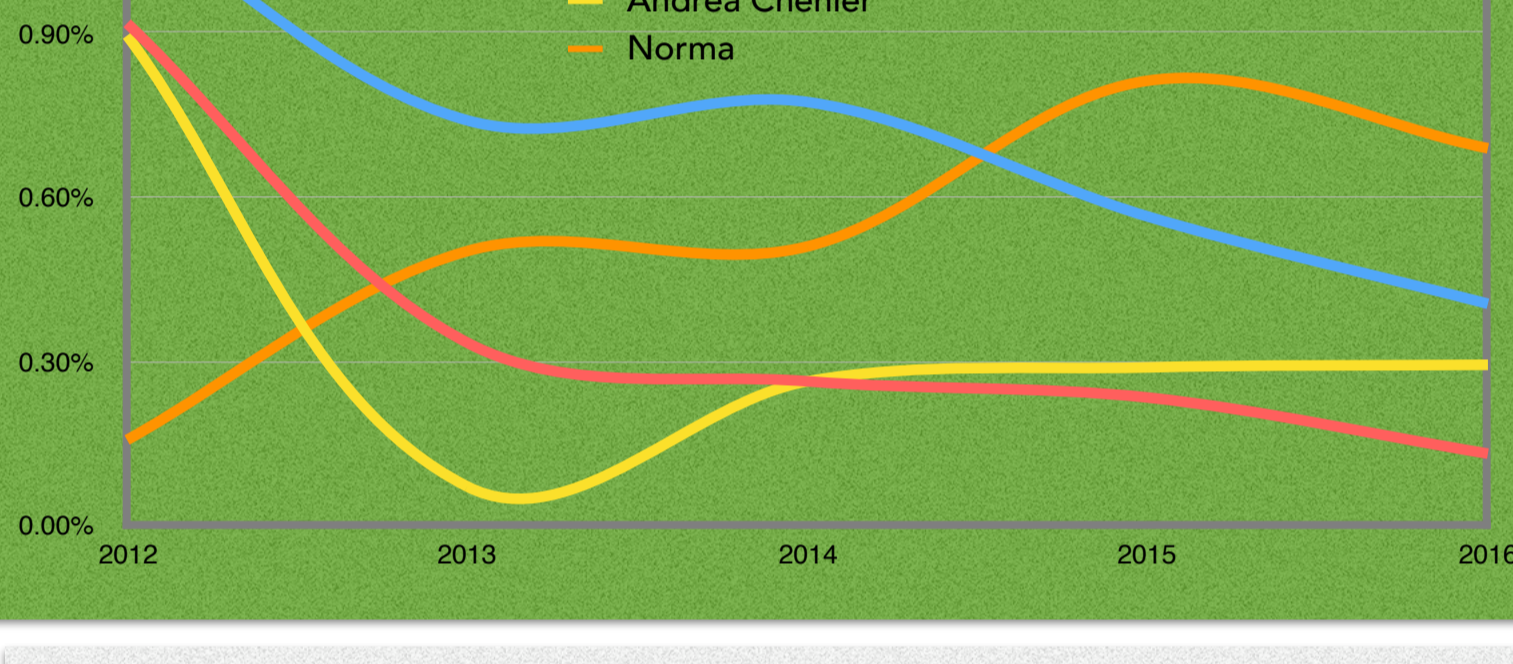
Losers:
Handel The Messiah (and Handel in general)

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



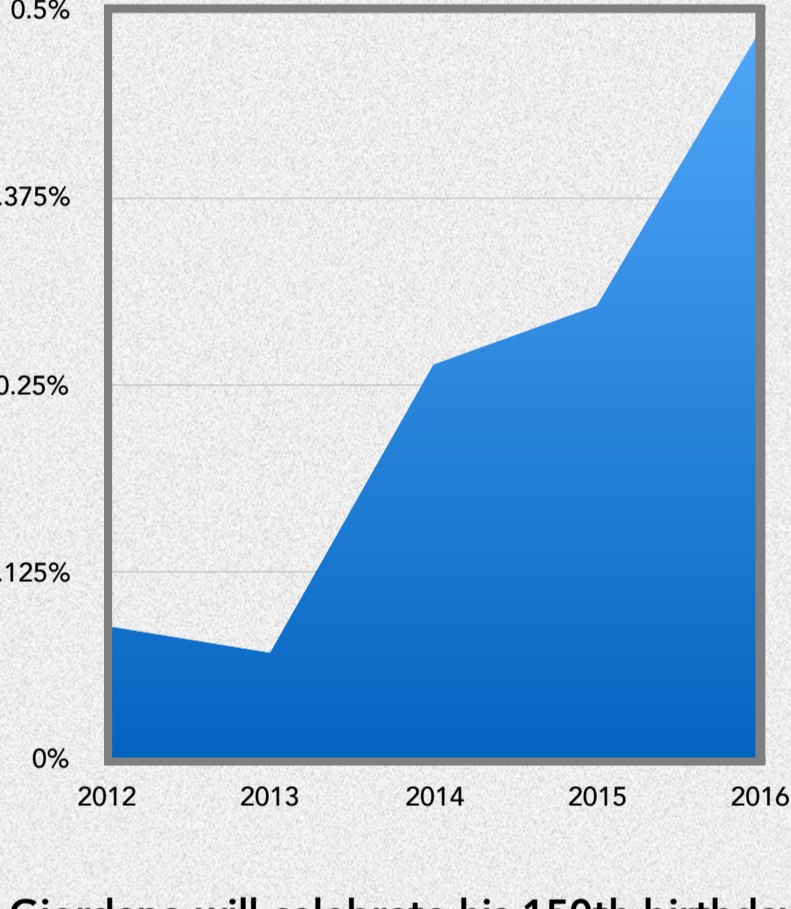
Which opera composer grew most in popularity between 2012-16?

Umberto Giordano:

Best known opera: *Andrea Chénier*.

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

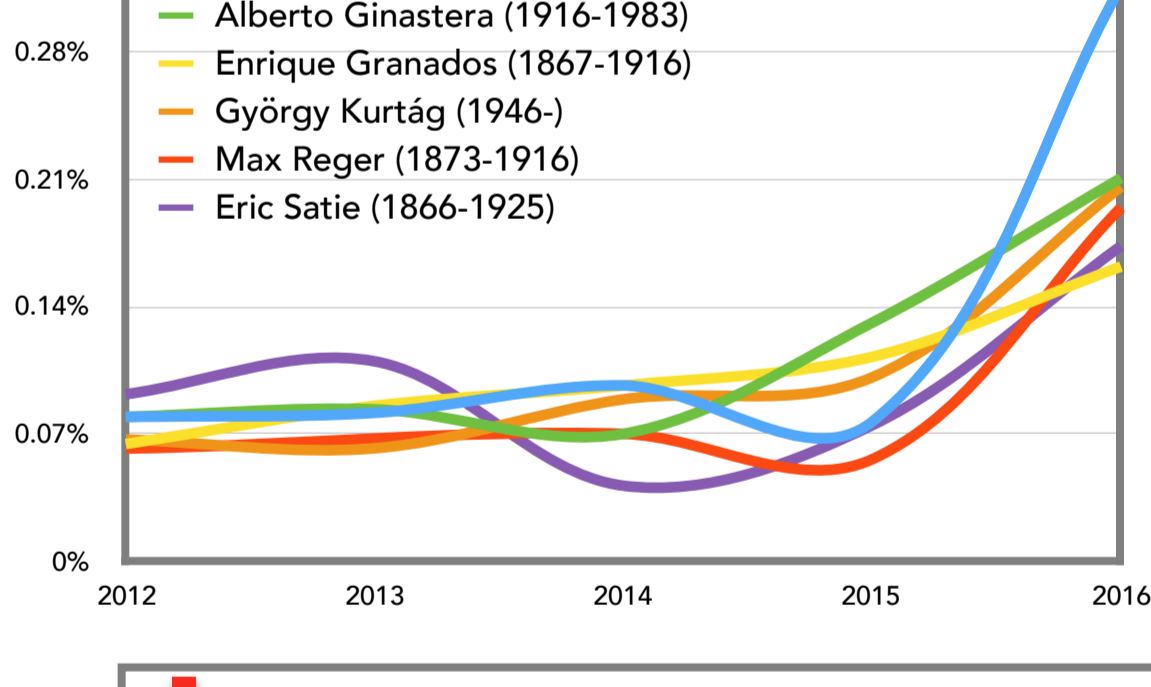
Umberto Giordano was born in Puglia in 1867 and died in 1948. His first opera was written at 21 for a competition promoted by music publishers for a one act opera. The winner was Mascagni's *Cavalleria rusticana*.



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

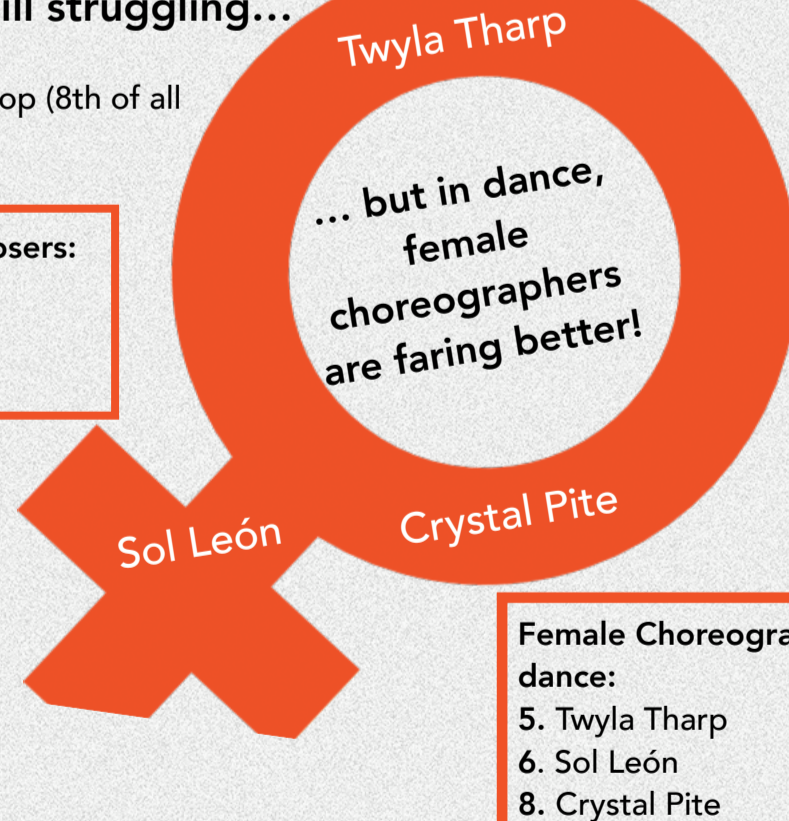
↓ Jean Sibelius fell from 9th to 28th in the rankings (after his 2015 anniversary)

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 Arthur Pita
- 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
- Symphony 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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