



**France: Musiques, Cultures, 1789-1918 (FMC)  
Conference programme  
Palazzetto Bru Zane, Venice, 1–4 July 2026**

***Wednesday 1 July***

9.00–9.30 am

*Arrival and Welcome*

9.30–10.30 am

*Symbolism* Chair: Jennifer Walker (Williams College)

Sarah Le Van (University of Pennsylvania), “Déodat de Séverac’s ‘Un rêve’: A Southern French Regionalist’s Intermedial Assimilation of Edgar Allen Poe’s Oneiric Aesthetics”

Adeline Heck (British Academy - University of St Andrews), “The Libretti of *Gwendoline* (1886) and *Briséis* (1894) and the Question of Wagner’s Poetic Legacy in French Opera”

*Morning break:* 10.30–11.00 am

11.00–12.30 pm

*French Music and Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century* Chair: Katharine Ellis (University of Cambridge)

Benedikt Leßmann (Hochschule für Musik und Theater ‘Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy’ Leipzig), “Peace, Musical Memory, and Nostalgia: The *Concours de la paix* (1919) and the French *mélodie*”

Barbara Kelly (University of Leeds), “Robert Brussel and the Making of an Internationalist (1905–1918)”

Kateřina Viktorová (National Museum, Prague), “Cultural Diplomacy and Operatic Networks: Pauline von Metternich in the French Musical Field of the Long Nineteenth Century”

*Lunch:* 12.30–2.00 pm

2.00–4.00 pm

Panel 1: *Re-evaluating Women’s Musical Education in France and Belgium, 1806-1925* Chair: Étienne Jardin Palazzetto Bru Zane

Fauve Bougard (Independent Researcher), “Beyond the Classroom: Navigating Life as a Female Student in 19th-Century Conservatoires”

Hélène Archambault (Université de Montréal), “Mapping Women’s Musical Trajectories at the Conservatoire Femina-Musica”

Clément Noël (École des hautes études en sciences sociales / HEMU Lausanne), “L’Art avant tout? Artistic Education for Seamstresses at the Conservatoire de Mimi Pinson and Gender Stereotypes (1901–1925)”

Emma Kavanagh (University College Dublin), “Music, Gender, and Social Mobility at Gustave Charpentier’s Conservatoire Populaire de Mimi Pinson”

*Afternoon break* 4.00–4.30 pm

4.30–5.30 pm

*Debussy* Chair: Barbara Kelly (University of Leeds)

Marica Bottaro (Conservatorio "G. B. Pergolesi" di Fermo / Università degli Studi di Udine e di Milano), “Debussy à Venise”

Roan Thornton (Royal Holloway, University of London), “Debussy as Flâneur: Analysing the Dynamic Interplay of Teleological and Bergsonian Motion in the Préludes”

5.30–6.00 pm

Tour of Palazzetto Bru Zane

### ***Thursday 2 July***

9.00–10.00 am

*Operatic Trajectories* Chair: Steven Huebner (McGill University)

Kerry Murphy (University of Melbourne), “‘The tale of the bleeding nun is truly terrific’ (Coleridge): Berlioz, Gounod and *La Nonne sanglante*”

Andrea Stefano Malvano (Università degli Studi di Torino), “Le fil de Carmen: histoire et conséquences d’une coupure remarquable dans le labyrinthe des sources et des éditions critiques”

*Morning break* 10.00–10.30 am

10.30–12.30 pm

Panel 2: *Caroline Branchu (1778-1850)* Chair: Alisha Lola Jones (University of Cambridge)

Annelies Andries (Utrecht University), “A Love Story in Romances: Caroline Branchu setting words by Charles Pierquin (1826-1828)”

Julia Doe (Columbia University), “Caroline Branchu and the Legacies of Saint-Domingue”

Alexandre Dratwicki (Palazzetto Bru Zane, Venice), “Comment Caroline Branchu prépare-t-elle un rôle ? Ou les secrets du « style »”

Emmanuela Wroth (University of Cambridge), “Branchu and the Afrodiasporic ‘Right to Opacity’”

*Lunch* 12.30–2.00 pm

2.00–3.30 pm

*French-Italian Opera* Chair: Clair Rowden (University of Glasgow)

Steven Huebner (McGill University, Montréal), “Berlioz and Rossini”

Guillaume Castella (Haute école de musique de Genève), “Un Italien à Paris : de *Crispino e la comare* au *Docteur Crispin*”

Sarah Hibberd (University of Bristol), “Being Rubini”

*Afternoon break* 3.30–4.00 pm

4.00–5.30 pm

*New Histories of Performance* Chair: Emma Kavanagh (University College Dublin)

Jacqueline Waeber (Duke University), “Dénueée de tout sexe connu’: The Figure of Thérésa as Cultural Critique in Second Empire”

Thomas Green (The Royal Conservatory, Toronto), “Prodigies in Paris: Training and Triumphant at the Paris Conservatoire around 1850”

Hervé Lacombe (Université Rennes 2 / IUF), “À l’ombre des grandes figures: la carrière musicale d’Anatole et Hippolyte Lionnet”

*Dinner for FMC presenters, sponsored by the Palazzetto Bru Zane*

### **Friday 3 July**

9.00–10.00 am

*Koechlin* Chair: Tadhg Sauvey (University of Toronto)

Sylvain Caron (Université de Montréal), “Charles Koechlin et la philosophie de la nature”

Christopher Moore (University of Ottawa), “Polytonality as Cultural Mediation in Charles Koechlin’s *Les heures persanes*”

*Morning break* 10.00–10.30 am

10.30–12.30 pm

Panel 3: *Rewriting the History of Nineteenth-Century French Music for the Stage: The Vaudeville and Related Genres* Chair: Sarah Hibberd (University of Bristol)

Katherine Hambridge (University of Durham), “*Vaudeville* as Ubiquitous Curiosity”

Jens Hesselager (University of Copenhagen), “The *Vaudeville* and Anti-Rossinisms in Copenhagen, 1826–29”

David Day (Brigham Young University), “*Vaudeville, airs connus, timbres, and AI*”

Mark Everist (Paris – Charigny, Côte d’Or), “Brave Soldiers and Gentle Ladies: *La dame blanche* in *vaudeville* and Related Repertories”

*Lunch* 12.30–2.00 pm

2.00–3.00 pm

*Definition of Art* Chair: Christopher Moore (University of Ottawa)

Claire Weydt (McGill University, Montréal), “Maurice Ravel’s *La Valse* and the Salon Sublime”

Elena Rovenko (Université de Strasbourg), “Vincent d’Indy’s Theory of Creativity: Rethinking Leo Tolstoy”

*Afternoon break* 3.00–3.30 pm

3.30–5.30 pm

*Business Meeting: 20 Years of FMC*

*Reception sponsored by FMC*

### ***Saturday 4 July***

9.30–10.30 pm

Panel 4: *Familial Experiences of the Music Archive: Materiality, Intimacy, and Legacy* Chair: Sylvain Caron (Université de Montréal)

Fabio Morabito (University of Alberta)

Louise Bernard de Raymond (Université de Tours)

Étienne Jardin (Palazzetto Bru Zane, Venice)

*Morning break* 10.30–11.00 am

11.00–12.30 pm

*Compositional Inspiration* Chair: Kerry Murphy (University of Melbourne)

Emmanuel Reibel (ENS Lyon / CNSMDP), “‘À toute vapeur!’ L’imaginaire des chemins de fer dans le repertoire pianistique du XIXe siècle”

Tadhg Sauvey (University of Toronto), “‘Les chœurs harmonieux des hérétiques’: The Lutheran Chorale in the Nineteenth-Century Catholic Imagination”

Simon Cohen (University of California), “A Corrupted Quadrille: Music Between Theater and Print 1854–1858”

*Lunch* 12.30–2.00 pm

2.00–4.00 pm

*Post-Revolutionary Power Negotiations* Chair: Mark Everist (Paris – Charigny, Côte d’Or)

Jifang Sun (University of Bern), “Legal Discourse in Napoleonic Opéra-Comique: Avis au public and the Public Performance of Law”

Louise Bernard de Raymond (Université de Tours), “L’opéra du grand monde’: le salon de la comtesse Merlin comme espace de mise en scène sociale”

Emiliano Manna (Conservatorio Santa Cecilia, Rome), “*Pour tirer des larmes*: Dussek and Monarchist Nostalgias under the Directory”

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