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A portrait of Marie Duplessis!

25. DUMAS fils, A. 2pp ALS, nd. concerning a portrait of Marie Duplessis, his courtesan mistress who was the basis for his play "La Dame Aux Camelias", which in turn became Verdi's *La Traviata*.. "I haven't gone to Paris since you left the portrait of Marie Duplessis at my house," In over 35 years of selling autographs, this is the first Dumas letter we've seen in which the playwright mentions his iconic doomed lover.....\$450.00
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- Conservatoire. Especially famous for his singing of Gluck, Garat was one of the greatest teachers of the period; his pupils included Branchu and Nourrit.....\$250.00
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39. GRISI, Carlotta. 1p ALS [1845] "*Mademoiselle Carlotta Grisi presents her compliments to Monsieur Lumley and would be infinitely grateful to him, if he would kindly arrange the order for the Saturday evening performance in a way so that the Esmeralda ballet precedes the potpourri of the Petits Danseuses Viennoises, to finish the performance very gaily.*" (Benjamin Lumley, 1811-1875, influential manager of Her Majesty's Theater. 1845 was the year he electrified London by presenting the Perrot-choreographed *Pas de Quatre*, starring Taglioni, Grisi, Cerrito and Grahn. *La Esmeralda*, choreographed by Perrot, premiered at His Majesty's Theater in March 1844, starring Grisi and Perrot. Grisi, 1819-99, was the first Giselle.).....\$450.00
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46. KSCHESSINSKA, Mathilde. Extremely rare autograph "*Princess M. Krasinsky, Paris*" superbly matted with an original photograph of the ballerina who was mistress of the Tsar Nicholas and the most famous of all Russian ballerinas of her time. She was the first Russian ballerina to dance the 32 fouettés in *Swan Lake*. She was the last to hold the official title "*Prima Ballerina Assoluta*" Only the second we have offered.....\$385.00
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50. LISZT, Franz. Magnificent original cabinet photo by Louis Held of Weimar. Near mint condition.....\$650.00
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53. MacDOWELL, Edward. Brief ADS on Columbia University note paper, 1899. A ticket of admission, "*Please give Mr. Hendrickson two seats for my recital and oblige your Edward MacDowell.*" Rare, the first admission pass we've seen from him.....\$375.00
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63. NORDICA, Lillian. Very rare 4pp ALS, 1908. "*I am so busy doing a million things. I have not much time to dwell for long on one subject...You give me such unstinted praise in your letter; I hardly know what to say. Are you not afraid I shall be attacked with that incurable malady, the big head? I am!*" With envelope. The first lengthy letter of Nordica that we've seen.....\$225.00
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71. PIATIGORSKY, Gregor. Signed concert program, 1934...\$120.00
- Don Giovanni – Un successo immenso!*
72. PINZA, Ezio. Important ALS, in Italian, 1934, from Salzburg announcing his grand success as Don Giovanni, which he

- describes as "*Un successo immenso*".....\$150.00
73. PONCHIELLI, Amilcare. 2pp autograph musical MS. A sketch leaf for *La Gioconda*, Act II scene 8. Written fully on both sides, undated [1875-6]. The leaf contains the passage from the scene for Gioconda and Enzo beginning at the words "*Vedi là, nel canal morto*" and ending at "*Dove é la motre, là impavido io sto.*" The words and melodic lines are given in full, and sometimes there are ideas for the harmony. *La Gioconda*, Ponchelli's masterpiece, was first performed on April 8, 1876. at La Scala. Working manuscripts of the major 19th Century Italian masterworks are very seldom found on the market.....\$6000.00
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78. REGER, Max. Brief ALS in German on both sides of a correspondence card about his appearances in Stuttgart...\$75.00
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80. RUBINSTEIN, Anton. ANS in German signed "*Rubinstein*" on a large page, sending his printed program for an 1893 concert, included. Worn on the edges, otherwise fine.....\$225.00
81. SCHMIDT, Harvey. Extremely rare AMusQS from "*The Fantasticks*," "*Try To Remember*," dated 1969. The first we have seen of this seminal standard of the 1960's.....\$750.00
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89. STEINER, Max. 1p TLS, 1946, to George Kean, on Warner Brothers Studio stationery: "*Naturally I will be happy to see your son when he comes out here and will do what I can for him. I also remember our games of Hearts and the big cigar that Charlie brought from Havana...*" Letters of arguably the most famous composer in Hollywood history ("*Gone With The Wind*" and "*King Kong*") are rare. With envelope.....\$750.00
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91. STIGNANI, Ebe. Fabulous vintage SPc as Amneris.....\$150.00
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98. THIBAUD, Jacques. Scarce signed 1934 recital program with his photo on the cover. Folds, otherwise very fine.....\$250.00
- The Manuscript has been found...Verdi is well!*
99. VERDI, Giuseppina Strepponi. Exceptional long 2pp ALS, in Italian, Genoa, March 8, 1872. An important letter: "*The manuscript has been found. I had promised to send it to you, and I am doing so now. As far as my writing to you and your softly teasing me, all the while praising me, always with your wit and graciousness...Verdi is well and he is always distracted and when with you, so confused by his absent-mindedness that he can call himself lucky, as I do this time, to have taken on the, so confused by his absent-mindedness that he can call himself lucky, as I do this time to have taken on the thankful task of writing to you in order to return to you, 'in his sense' your short yet so beautiful work Pensieri sulla musica. I would like to have a copy of it...You will laugh when I tell you that I read your piece on madness in one sitting...this frightening and mysterious illness has always interested me very much...With new discoveries, new vocabulary will be necessary to label and define them. I try to figure out the meaning of those big words through their etymology, esp. the Greek Roots.*" Giuseppina Strepponi (1815-97) was the first Italian dramatic soprano creating the prototype Verdi spinto role, Abigaille in 1842.....\$500.00
100. VIARDOT, Pauline. Fine 2p ALS in Italian, a letter of introduction to her brother Manuel Garcia, Jr, on behalf of the niece of the Russian composer Alexei Lvov. "*The young lady that will hand this letter to you is a niece of General Lvov, a distinguished amateur and very enthusiastic about singing, even though she has some fortune and a very nice position she wishes to become an artist...You can make her study seriously and she will thank you for it. She is supremely amiable and I hope that in all ways there will be an understanding for which you will have my thanks.*" An unusually interesting letter of Viardot.....\$285.00
101. VIDAL, Gore. Signed "*The Best Man*" program cover, also signed by the cast, including Melvyn DOUGLAS, Lee TRACY, Joanne WOODWARD and Frank LOVEJOY.....\$50.00
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103. WINDGASSEN, Wolfgang. Fine SPc as Sigmund.....\$100.00
104. YSAYE, Eugene & RUBINSTEIN, Beryl. 1917 Berkeley Music Association program boldly signed in pencil by both the great violinist and famous pianist.....\$200.00
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106. COLBRAN, Isabella. Rossini's *Zelmira* at the Hoftheater, May 1822. Extremely rare broadside with an extraordinary cast: Isabella Colbran, Giovanni David, A. Ambrogio, and A. Nozzari, among the most famous singers of the early *bel canto* era. This rare oblong double broadside is excellent.....\$400.00
107. FORREST, Edwin. *Othello!*, Double broadside for the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, 1836, some wear, otherwise fine.....\$200.00
108. KELLY, Michael. *Shakespear's Tempest* at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Nov 24, 1790. Rare appearance by the famous singer and composer in a Shakespeare play. Michael Kelly created Don Basilio in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* and wrote a famous memoir about Mozart.....\$75.00
109. LIND, Jenny. *CONCERT*. Large German broadside, 1847. Also features Jos. Hellmesberger.....\$250.00
110. MALIBRAN, Maria. *Last Night But One of Mad. Schroeder Devrient who will perform her celebrated character of EURYANTHE*, Theatre Royal Covent Garden, June 29, 1833, with an announcement for *Madame Malibran in her popular character of LA SONNAMBULA*. This was the British premiere of *Euryanthe*. Schroeder Devrient, perhaps the most important German soprano of the 19th century, and Malibran together on one playbill is truly extraordinary.....\$600.00
111. *THE MESSIAH, A GRAND SELECTION, Composed by G. F. Handel, with Additional Accompaniments by W. A. Mozart*, Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, 1818. The singers include Corri, Braham, and Stephens. Early Messiah broadsides are scarce. Worn at the edges.....\$50.00
112. NILSSON, Christine. *Otello* at the K.K. Hof-Operntheater, 1878. Fascinating cast for Rossini's *Otello* includes Mariano Padilla. Scarce double broadside.....\$50.00
113. ALICE RAVEAU: *Orphée*, October, 1924, at the Strasbourg Opéra. A rare 4pp program with the most famous protagonist of the role since Pauline Viardot. Recordings of Raveau in the role confirm her reputation.....\$40.00

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117. [MATISSE, Henri]. ARMA, Paul. *Chant funèbre pour un guerrier*. Paris: Heugel, 1953. Folio. PN 31642. 4pp. Superb, original wrappers illustrated by Henri Matisse, dated 1951. First edition, first issue. Text by Claude Avelline.....\$250.00

118. MUSSORGSKY, M.P. *Boris Godunow. Musikalisches Volksdrama. Bearbeitet und Instrumentiert von N. Rimsky-Korsakow. Klavierauszug*. Leipzig, Breitkof & Härtel (Peters) (St. Petersburg, W. Bessel & Co.). [1920] PN 6736. Variant of the first edition of the Rimsky-Korsakov version. The first edition of *Boris Godunov* was issued in 1896. Early scores of *Boris* are extremely rare and desirable. Original boards.....\$250.00

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Part 3. RARE AND EARLY PRINTED MUSIC

114. AUBER, Daniel-François-Esprit. *La Muette de Portici. Opéra en 5 actes Représenté pour la 1ère fois sur le Théâtre de l'Académie Royale de Musique le 29 Février 1828*. Paris: E. Troupenas [c1828]. Full score, engraved, folio. PN 240. 723pp. Title page inscribed: 'A Mademoiselle Nélia de la part de l'auteur'. Occasional old ownership stamps. Contemporary half calf, green boards, rebacked and recorned. First edition. Hirsch II.26. Loewenberg 711-713. "The history of grand opéra begins with *La Muette de Portici*. The characteristics of the genre include a new degree of magnificence in the sets and sensationally dramatic technical stage effects, the culmination of each act in a large tableau and ingeniously staged crowd scenes...The climax...the eruption of Vesuvius [and Fenella throwing herself into the lava] was a sensation, and its influence was felt in grand opéra from Meyerbeer and his contemporaries to Wagner's *Götterdämmerung*" (Opera Grove). The title role (the heroine) played by the mute fishermaid, Fenella, is the greatest role created by a ballerina in opera. First performed by Lise Noblet it subsequently was a vehicle for star ballerinas notably Fanny Cerrito. The score includes two extensive dances (*Guarache* and *Bolero*) in Act I and a *Tarentelle* in Act III. Very fine.....\$2500.00

The First Edition of the Minute Waltz

115. CHOPIN, Frederic. *Trois Valses pour le piano...Op. 64. No. 1*. Leipzig, Breitkopf & Härtel, [1847]. First edition. 7pp, engraved folio. PN 7715, unbound. Paper repair to spine, but a good copy. Platzman p 200. The first edition of the Minute Waltz...\$750.00

116. CHOPIN, Frederic. *Grand Concerto pour le Pianoforte avec Accompagnement d'Orchestre ou de Quintuor ad libitum...Oeuvre 11*. [Piano score] sans Accomp. Leipzig, Fr.