

Literature in Opera

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Brief overview of Literature used in Opera

- Florence Italy 16th Century
- Recreate ideals of classic tragedy
- Christolle's description of Drama
"words sweetened by music"

Beginning of Opera as we know it

- Monteverdi
- Florentine Camerata
- Themes from Greek and Roman Tragedies
- Religious themes based on events in the bible
- Joining of music and drama to form opera

Early Opera Composers

- Monteverdi
- Cavallieri
- Cavalli
- Legrenzi

Cities producing Operas 16th Century

- Mantua
- Rome
- Florence

Writers used by Opera Composers

Aeschylus 4 Dumas 9 Poe 5
Hans Christian Anderson 9 Pushkin 20
Beaumarchais 4 Euripides 10
Lord Byron 11 Goethe 12 Schiller 14
Racine 7 Cervantes 7 Gogol 9 Sardou 7
Corneille 8 Gozzi 4 Dante 11 Hugo 14
Scott 10 Dickens 4 Moumier 10 Moliere 10
Shakespeare 22 Dostoyevsky 5 Sophocles 5

Writers used by Opera Composers continued

Tolstoy 6 Henry James Voltaire 15

Hawthorne Wilde 6 A. Sullivan

The Bible

Oral tradition stories

Tacitus and Seneca

- Coronation of Poppea

Monteverdi

Tacitus and Seneca

- Monteverdi
- Orfeo
- Story of Orfeo
- Playlist selection 1

Virgil's Aeneid

- Henry Purcell 1689
- Dido and Aeneas
- Story of Dido and Aeneas
- Playlist 2

Lord Byron

- Verdi
- I Due Foscari
- The story of the two Foscari
- Playlist 3 Jose Cura Tenor

Shakespeare

- Verdi
- Otello
- The story of Otello
- Playlist 4 Renee Fleming and Larissa Diadkowa

Goethe

- Gounod
- Faust
- The story of Faust
- Playlist 5 Placido Domingo and Samuel Ramey

Shakespeare

- Verdi
- Falstaff
- Story of Falstaff
- Playlist 6 Fugue

Victorien Sardou

- Puccini
- Tosca
- The story of Tosca
- Playlist 7 E lucevan le stelle

Jussi Byoerling Tenor singing Cavaradossi

Goethe

- Massenet
- Werther
- The story of Werther
- Playlist 8 Luciano Pavarotti

Pushkin

- Glinka
- Ruslan and Ludmilla
- The story of Ruslan and Lyudmilla
- Playlist 9

Bible Book of Judges

- Saint-Saens
- Samson and Dalila
- The story of Samson and Dalila
- Playlist 10 Mon couer s'ouvre voix
Maria Callas

Folklore

- Wagner
- Tristan and Isolde
- The story of Tristan and Isolde
French Tale
- Playlist 11 Domingo and Voight Love Duett

Voltaire

- Bernstein
- Candide
- The story of Candide
- Playlist 12 Overture

Hawthorne

- Eyerly, Scott
- House of Seven Gables
- The Story of The House of Seven Gables
- Playlist 13 Phoebe Good Day

Hans Christian Anderson

- Dvorak
- Rusalka
- Story of Rusalka
also from Pushkin, Frederick de La Motte Fouquet's Ondine
- Playlist 14 Renee Fleming
O silver moon