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Carlo Broschi Farinelli (1705-1782) was one of the most important Italian singers of the first half of the 18th century and a leading figure in the advancement of the vocal “new style” (as defined by Charles Burney), a musical and poetic/dramaturgical taste that captivated European audiences following the Venetian opera season of 1725/6.

Despite his importance there are significant gaps in the literature on Farinelli, not least concerning his artistic personality and his relationships with patrons and musical institutions. Much remains to be discovered.

This international conference aims to rethink and provide fresh insights into Farinelli’s experience as a performer and cultural/artistic promoter, with special attention to his activity in Italy, Austria and Spain.

The four-day international conference will be held in Vienna, on May 9-12, 2019. A guided tour of the Austrian National Library Music Collection and an official dinner for conference attendees will complete the program.

Proposals for papers are particularly welcome on the following and related topics:

- ☒ Farinelli’s vocal skills (sources, analysis, and improvisation), his output as a composer, and his abilities in the fields of set design, staging, and stagecraft;
- ☒ Farinelli’s favoured dramatic and vocal roles, and how composers and poets dealt with them;
- ☒ Farinelli’s Spanish period, with special attention to the Spanish sources, his institutional roles at court, and his relationship with artists such as Giacchino, Amigoni, Bonavia Battaglioli and musicians such as Porretti, Herrando, Castellini et al.;
- ☒ Farinelli’s relationships with patrons, sponsors and religious institutions;
- ☒ Farinelli’s iconography;
- ☒ Farinelli’s reception .

Please submit a 250-word abstract as an email attachment (pdf) to stilegalante@gmail.com and include the following information: name, email address and AV requirements.

The official languages of the conference is ENGLISH. Papers in German, Dutch and Italian will be also accepted. Proceedings are going to be published in English only.

Stile Galante will provide a complete list of facilities for travel, accommodation and meals.

The CFP is open to: musicologists and historians of art, fashion, literature, theatre, and social sciences. The attendance to the conference is free of charges. The official dinner is not included and will need to be booked in advance.

Deadline for the receipt of abstract: January 1, 2019.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by February 1, 2019.



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