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The Terezín Music Academy to present the very first operetta by a female composer

From 14 to 17 August, the third edition of the Terezín Music Academy will take place in Terezín, Litoměřice and Prague within the Musica non grata project, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Prague and the Terezín Composers Institute. The highlight is a performance of a concert version of the very first operetta composed by a woman. Just like in previous years, the Terezín Music Academy has invited young professional artists. Open to the general public, it features free concerts and lectures in Terezín, Litoměřice and Prague.

Selected parts of the operetta *Die Dorfkomtesse* (The Village Countess) by the Dutch composer **Rachel Danziger van Embden** (1870–1946?) will be performed in concert by gifted young artists from Germany, Greece, the UK and other European countries, as arranged by the musicologist **Kai Hinrich Müller**. The piece will be presented in modern-day premiere more than a century after its most recent staging, in Berlin in 1910 (the production was even mentioned in the *New York Times*). Music lovers can attend free of charge the dress rehearsal on 16 August in Terezín and the concluding concert on 17 August at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Prague.

This year's Terezín Music Academy again includes the traditional **Conference of the Terezín Composers Institute**, whose theme encompasses the musical life in the Theresienstadt ghetto between 1942 and 1944. The composer and pianist **Jan Dušek** will lead workshops for pupils of the Music School in Litoměřice, which will be rounded off by a concert on 16 August in Litoměřice.

The complete programme can be found at www.musicanongrata.cz. All the events are open to the public free of charge.

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