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Summary

Creator: Gounod, Charles, 1818-1893

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Abstract: Charles Gounod was a French composer. Sapho, his first opera, was first performed in 1851. His best known opera is Faust. The letter, beginning "Cher Enfant," is written to an unnamed young singer. Gounod congratulates her for the opportunity of studying the part of Sapho under Pauline Viardot, who created the role. He discusses proposed cuts in the performance and gives advice about interpretation. He also mentions that he has just finished the finale of the 3rd act of Faust.

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Key Terms

Occupations

Composers
Singers

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Letters (correspondence)

Names

Gounod, Charles, 1818-1893
Viardot-Garci_a, Pauline, 1821-1910