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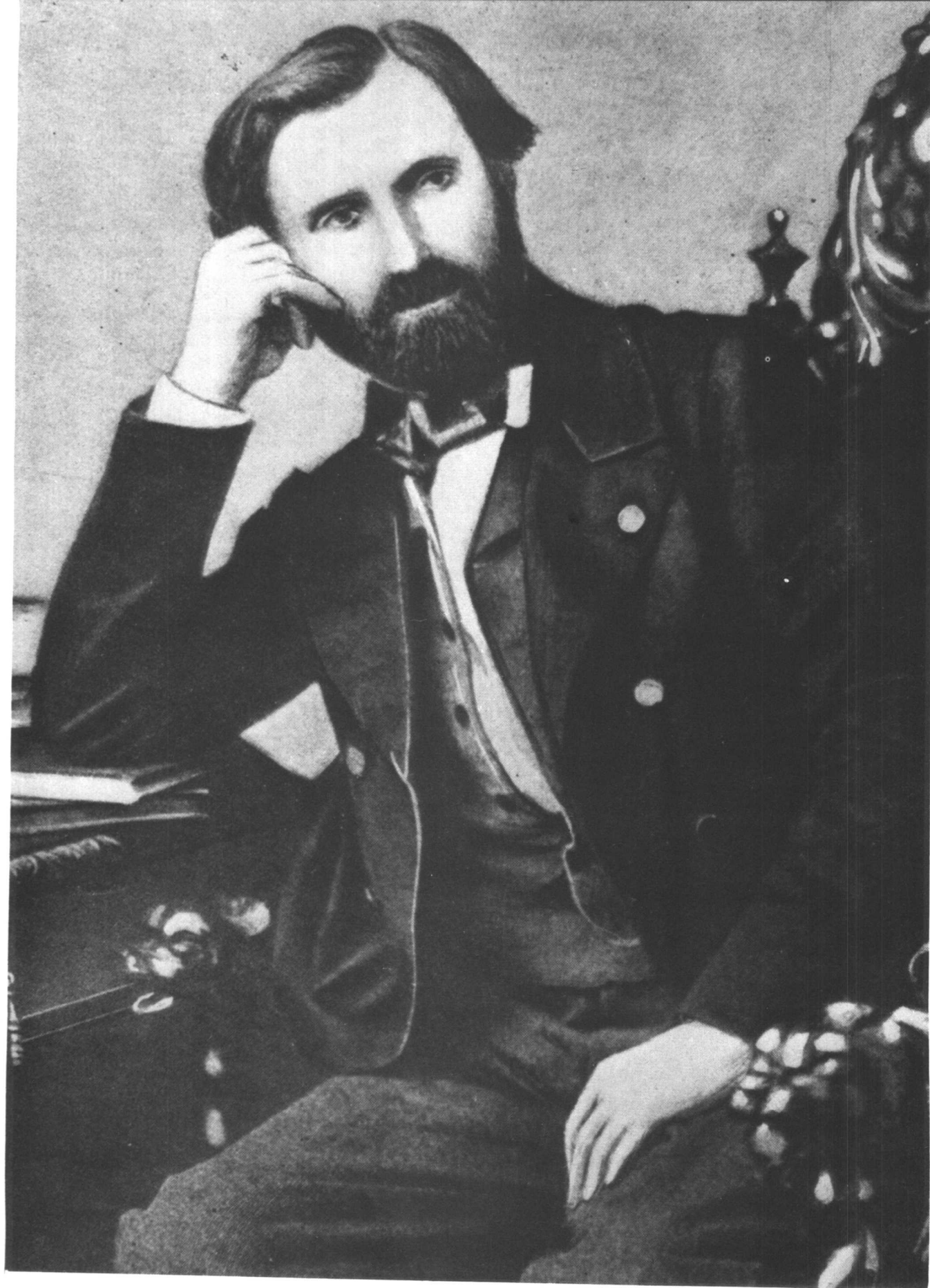
Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), Italian composer

Gioacchino Rossini (1792-1868),
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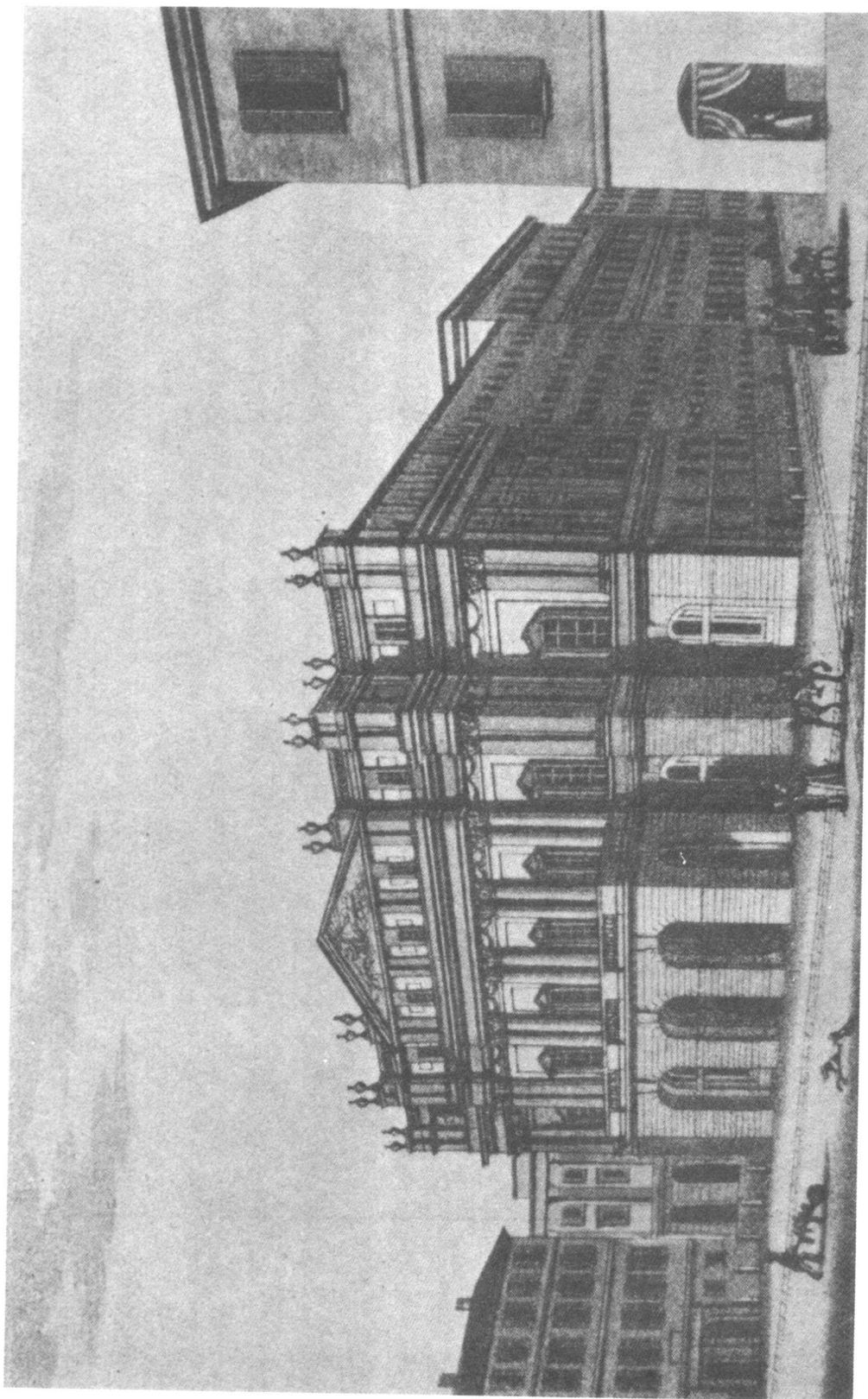




Modern picture of church where Verdi's mother hid her baby



Giuseppe Verdi, about 1840



The Teatro alla Scala in Milan, built by Giuseppe Piermarini in 1776-1778



Arrigo Boito (1842-1918), Italian poet and opera composer



Victor Hugo (1802-1885), French writer and dramatist



George Gordon Byron (1788-1824), English poet



Gaetano Donizetti in a more conventional pose

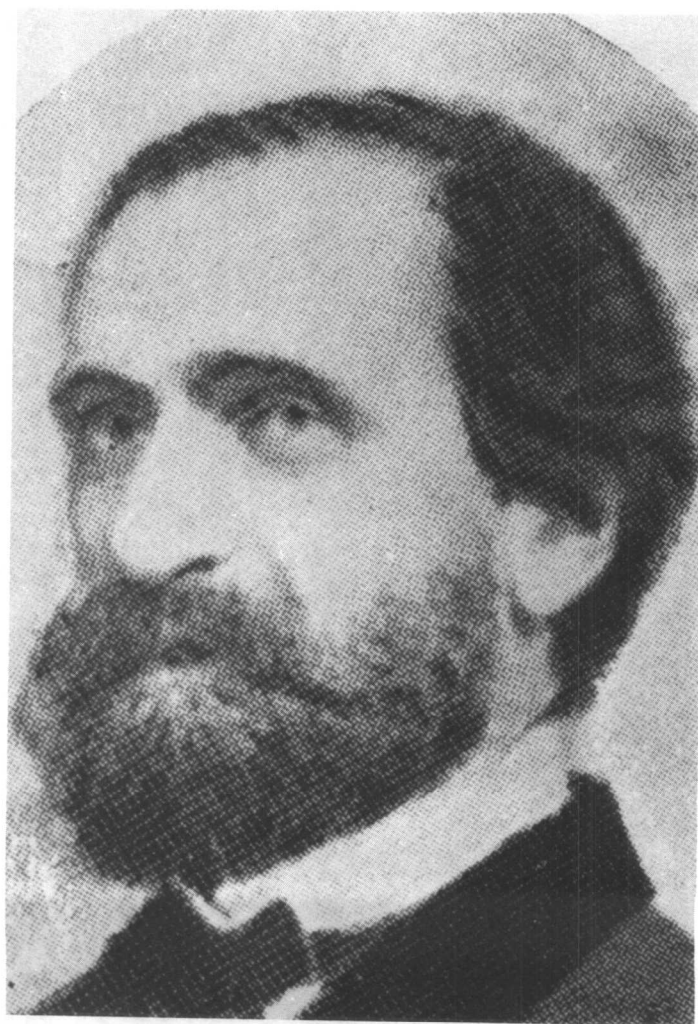


Otto Nicolai (1810-1849), German opera composer



Giuseppina Strepponi

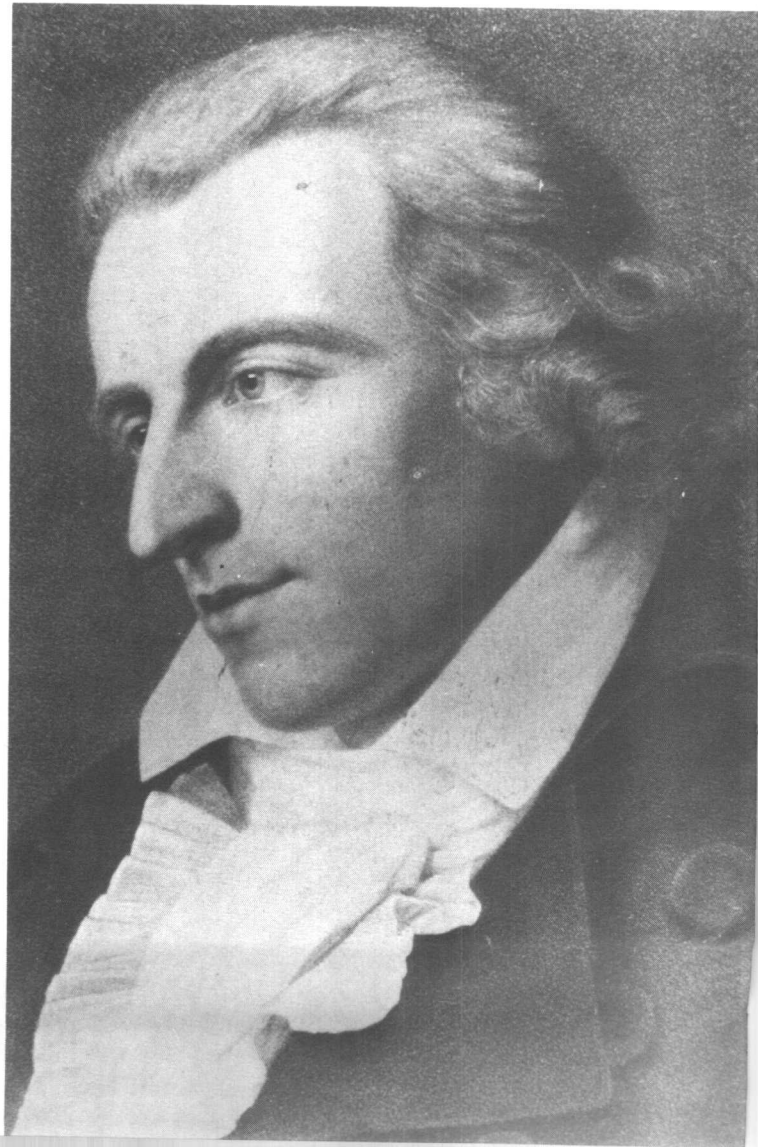
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Frederic Chopin (1810-1849),
painted by Eugene Delacroix in 1838

Friedrich von Schiller (1759-1805),
German poet





Italian soprano Amelita Galli-Curci (1882-1963) in the role of Gilda in *Rigoletto*



Rigoletto quartet
in performance
during early 1900's



American soprano Geraldine Farrar (1882-1967) in the role of Violetta in *La Traviata*



Austrian-American contralto Ernestine Schumann-Heink (1861-1936) in the role of Azucena in *Il Trovatore*