

Nabucco's Band

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“On 9 March 1842, *Nabucco* had its world premiere as a patriotic opera striving for the unity and identity of Italy. Today . . . I will not have *Nabucco* be the funeral song of culture and music.”

Riccardo Muti, Teatro dell’Opera, Rome, 12 March 2011

“At the dress rehearsal we didn’t even know how and when to have the band appear on the stage; Maestro Tutsch was at a loss; I indicate a bar to him: and at the first performance the band enters onstage so in time on the crescendo, that the audience bursts into applause!”

Verdi, Autobiographical Sketch (1879)

Joseph Tutsch (fl. 1840's)

Bandmaster,

Austrian First Infantry Regiment

(stationed in Milan from 1842 to 1848)

Nabucco

- . Performance practice: band make up, directorship
- . Transmission history: band arrangements

Prussian March Catalogue
Armeemärsche-sammlung AM III, 47

“Geschwindmarsch” (1846)

Arrangement by Carl Mangner (1797-1847) for the Prussian Cavalry, based in turn on an arrangement by Joseph Tutsch

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