

Pietro Giacomo Manzoni (Calusco d'adda , 26/04/1870 – Bergamo 31/07/1910)

1) ACT OF BIRTHS – AND DEATH OF THE FAMILY MANZONI OF CALUSCO

From those acts we intend that the real name of Giacomo Manzoni of Calusco was Pietro Giacomo Manzoni (the second name was the same of his grandfather) and that his father Costanzo was a carver and a farmer with a wealthy condition that had married Filippini Giovanna of Achilles, an housewife , and that have probably had a close relationship, meanwhile, with a peasant, certain Felicita Zonca starting from the last decade of the XIX century . Probably Giacomo have spent his first years in the native house in Via Luprita 43 , moving across the 1877 to the number 12 of the same road. He would have probably studied carving under his father's aegis .

A) PIETRO GIACOMO MANZONI OF CALUSCO

N. 24 , Atto di Nascita di Pietro Giacomo Manzoni (tr. = Act of Birth of Pietro Giacomo Manzoni), Archivio di Stato di Bergamo¹, Stato civile italiano, Calusco D'Adda, Nati, 1870, Vol. 111.

"N. 24

In the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy , in the day twenty nine of the month of April, in the city hall, at 12 o'clock, in the morning. In front of me, Foglieni Fedele, Secretary of the Calusco city council, Circondary and Province of Bergamo, deputy to accomplish to the functions of Officer of the Civil Registry for the acts of birth and death from the city major of this city hall of Calusco, with the act of the day two of the month of February one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight , number thirty seven, compared Manzoni Costanzo² of the late Giacomo, of years 41, wealthy, domiciled in Calusco , that have presented me a child of male sex , that declares that was born to him the day 26 of the month of April , at the 10 of the night , from his wife Filippini Giovanna of Achille , domiciled with him into the house of his residence settled in this city of Calusco in Via Luprita at the civic number forty-three , to whom son he intend to give the names of Pietro Giacomo. This declaration is made with the presence of Colleoni Giovanni of the late Francesco of 48 years old and of Manzoni Sebastiano of the late Paolo of 42 years old , both wealthy and domiciled in Calusco, made witnesses by the same that declares and , after having had a lecture of the present verbal process made at the same time on the two registers originals, have , with me and the declarant, subscribed.

Manzoni Costanzo , declarant

Colleoni Giovanni, witness

Manzoni Sebastiano , witness

¹ Tr.: Bergamo state Archive .

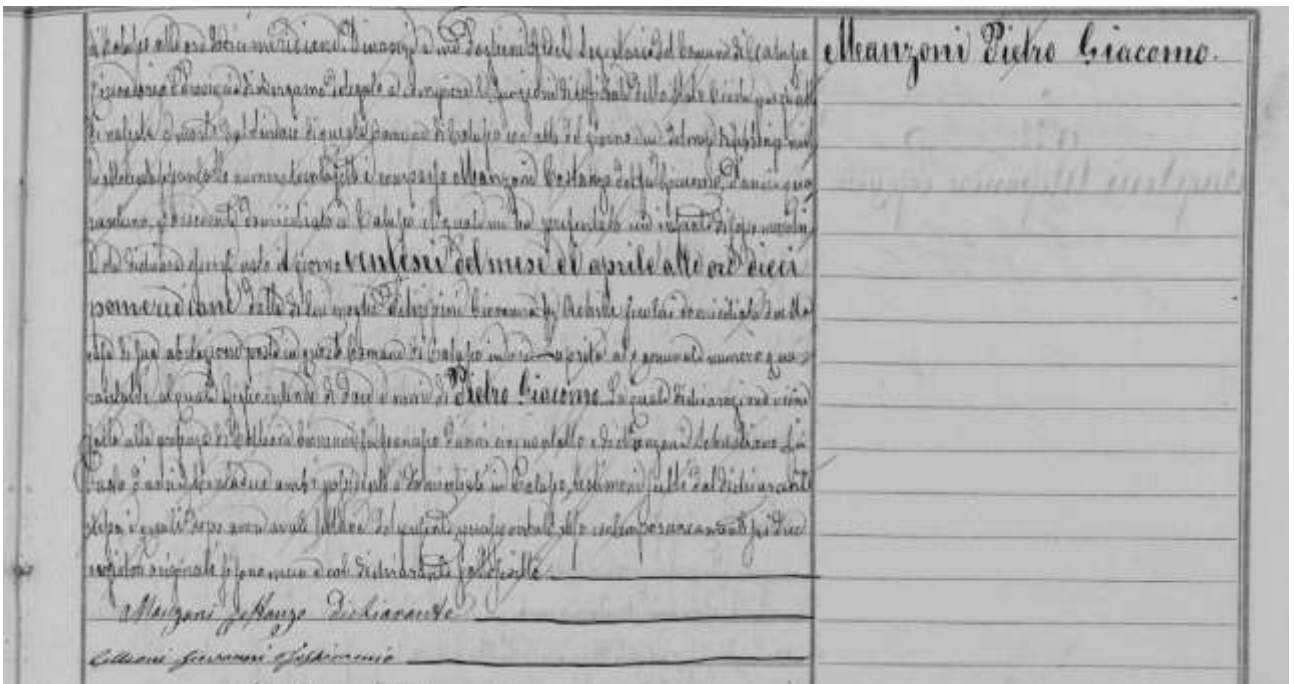
² Reported wrongly also as Costante in other documents .

Foglieni Fedele, deputy officer “.



Source : database « Antenati gli archivi per la ricerca anagrafica” (tr. = Ancestors the archives from the genealogic research) , Direzione Generale degli Archivi (tr. = General direction of Archives) - Sistema Archivistico Nazionale (tr. = National Archive System) , Ministero dei Beni culturali e del Turismo (tr.= Ministry of the cultural goods and tourism)

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B) N. 17 , Act of Birth of Giulia Maria Clotilde Manzoni , Archivio di Stato di Bergamo, Stato civile italiano, Calusco D’Adda, Nati, 1877, Vol. 111.

The supposed to be only one sister (the scanned documents start from 1860) of Pietro Giacomo was born the 20 April 1877 by Costanzo Manzoni, mentioned another time as a person living into a “*wealthy*”, and the mother as a subject living a “*civil condition of cohabitant*”. From the same act we know also that she would get married the 20/01/1901 in Bergamo with certain “Giuseppe Colombi was Francesco” and that the family has moved to via “Luprita 12”.

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C) N. 24 , Act of birth of Giorgio Enrico Manzoni , Archivio di Stato di Bergamo, Stato civile italiano, Calusco D’Adda, Nati, 1882, Vol. 111.

The first brother of Pietro Giacomo was born the 19/01/1882 from Manzoni Costanzo - at those time said of 53 years and carver- and from Filippini Giovanna, described as the “wife” of Costanzo , a “housekeeper” and “cohabitant”.

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D) N. 90, Act of death of Elisa Manzoni , Archivio di Stato di Bergamo, Stato di Civile Italiano, Calusco d’Adda, Morti 1890, Vol. 111.

The 5 October 1890 was dead to” Costanzo Manzoni , farmer “and “Zonca Felicita, peasant ...unmarried”, the little Manzoni Elisa of 37 days.

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E) N. 10, Act of death of Giovanni Manzoni , Archivio di Stato di Bergamo, Stato di Civile Italiano, Calusco d’Adda, Morti 1896, Vol. 111, part 1.

The 22 February 1896 was dead to “ Costanzo Manzoni , farmer “and “Zonca Felicita, peasant ... unmarried”, the young Giovanni Manzoni of two years. Comparing as witness for the declaration of death there is a certain “Fumagalli Alessandro of 43 , carpenter”. To left the declaration of death there was certain “Zonca Pietro, of 36 years, teacher, living in Calusco d’Adda”, maybe a relative of the mother of the young dead child.

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3) The Academic Career of Manzoni Pietro Giacomo into the Carrara Art Academy

The results of this archivist search were kindly given by the Professor of the University of Pavia and Conservator of the Carrara Museum of Bergamo (and there responsible of the historic Archive of the Carrara Art Academy) , PhD Paolo Plebani, yesterday afternoon at 5.45 pm, through an email of recap and

by sending some scanned pages of the six documents kept into the Archivio della Commissaria, ACBG (= Accademia Carrara Bergamo³), Fascicolo Personale (= personal folder), Manzoni Giacomo⁴ and some information taken by the registers linked to the classes that Manzoni have attended.

Part 1)

Archivio della Commissaria, ACBG (= Accademia Carrara Bergamo⁵), Fascicolo Personale (= personal folder), Manzoni Giacomo⁶

The paper folder reports by outside these words: “Manzoni Giacomo di Costanzo born in Calusco the 26 April 1870 / years of School / 1896 – 1897= School of painting, first year, frequented the school of nude /1897 – 1899, the same, second, the same, the same”⁷.

Those are the documents kept into the folder that unveil, for example, that Giacomo Manzoni, has begun to carve before the 1896, due to the fact that he defines himself as a “carver” in his first signature dating to November 1897 :

A) GIACOMO MANZONI, Richiesta inviata alla Onorevole commissaria per l’ammissione alle lezioni di nudo tenute nella scuola dell’Accademia Carrara, da Bergamo, 16/11/1898 (tr. = Letter of request of admission to the classes of the nude school held into the Carrara Art Academy sent to the Hon. Commisaria by (Pietro) Giacomo Manzoni “sculptor “from Bergamo the 16 November 1898).

“To the honorable Commissaria Carrara/ of the Academy of Arts, / Bergamo / Me, the undersigned Giacomo Manzoni sculptor, / ask this respectable Commissaria in order to be admitted to the nude / school at this academy, the year 1898 - 1899. / Certain to be accepted, I advance / many thanks. Very devoted, / Manzoni Giacomo sculptor. / Bergamo 16 November 1898”.

B) GIACOMO MANZONI, richiesta di ammissione alle classi di nudo tenute nella Accademia Carrara, inviata alla Onorevole Commissaria, da Bergamo, 8/11/1897 (tr=

³ Maybe will be suitable to report somewhere in the text of the final cataloguing sheet also that this special reference has something to deal with the historical archive of the Carrara art Academy of Bergamo and that it’s also connected to the Archives of the Museum. As I have reported before, this condition is particular and it doesn’t happen in all the art academies of Italy. In Brera, for example, the two archives are separated and the historical archive of the Art academy is kept by the same educational institute and not by the Gallery.

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⁶ This part of the archive is ordered alphabetically.

⁷ “Manzoni Giacomo nato a Calusco il 26 aprile 1870/ Anni di Scuola /1896 - 1897 = Scuola di pittura, primo anno, frequenta la scuola di nudo /1897 – 1899, idem, 2°, idem. “

Letter of request of admission to the classes of the nude school held into the Carrara Art Academy sent to the Hon. Commissaria by (Pietro) Giacomo Manzoni "carver" , from Bergamo the 8 November 1897).

"Honorable Commissaria Carrara/ of the Academy of Arts, / Bergamo / Me, the undersigned Giacomo Manzoni / advance the request to be admitted / to the frequentation of the nude school / into this Academy for the / academic year 1897 - 1898 / With respect/ very devoted/ Manzoni giacomo garver /. Bergamo 8 November 1897.

C) GIACOMO MANZONI , Lettera alla Direzione della Commissaria, s.p. s.d. (tr= Letter to the Direction of the Commissaria Carrara from Manzoni Giacomo, s.p., s.d.).

"Honorable Direction / The undersigned asks to / be enrolled / as student of figure / in the nude school /of this Academy/ Reserving to present / the due document in days / waiting for him from Calusco d'Adda, being this my hometown. Sure of his production, he sends you his heartfelt thanks. Manzoni Giacomo.

D) COMUNE DI CALUSCO D'ADDA, DISTRETTO DI BERGAMO, Certificato di Vaccinazione, 26/10/1896 (tr. =Certificate of vaccination produced by the city hall of Calusco d'Adda , Bergamo district, the 26 October 1896) .

Art (icle 23) of the regulation 30 October 1859⁸

City hall of Calusco , District of Bergamo

CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION

The undersigned attests that Manzoni Giacomo
of years 26
native of Calusco d'Adda
living in Bergamo
son of the living Costanzo
and of the living Filippini Giovannina
had been with success vaccinated the day 25
of the month of September 1870

In faith, Given by Calusco d'Adda the 26 November 1896

The Vaccinator
F. Foglieni Secretary

E) Copy of the act of birth of Pietro Giacomo Manzoni taken from the parrish registers of Calusco by the priest Gioacchino Valsecchi the 2 November 1896.

*Province and department of Bergamo
Mandament of Ponte S Pietro
City Hall and Parrish of Calusco
The day 2 November 1896
Me undersigned priest declares of reporting
from those Parrish registers that Manzoni Pietro Giacomo of the living Costante
and of the have lived Giovanna Filippini*

⁸ The n. 3713 on vaccinations.

was born in this Parrish the day
26 of the month of April of the year
1870 - One thousand eight hundred seventy.
In faith
The clergyman Gioacchino e Valsecchi Priest

F) certificate of Good behavior of Giacomo Manzoni living in Bergamo , released by the office of the public surveillance of the city hall of Bergamo the 3 April 1892.

(Coat of arms of the city of Bergamo)

Municipality of Bergamo
office of public surveillance
N. 4223 Prot. (ocol) Gen . (eral)
N. 1316 Div. (ision) VIII
Object (tr. = Oggetto)

Bergamo the 3 April 1892

The Major of Bergamo
certificates
that Manzoni Giacomo of
Costanzo, of 22 years worker (or, student, or servant?)
carver , lives in this city
Pontida square N. 36 is person of
good manners and behavior .
It's released on ordinary paper
for charity.

Signed for the city major

Unknown signature

(Stamp of the Municipality of Bergamo)

Part 2

The Academy registers

The following information are also derived by the search done by Professor Plebani on the registers of the Archive of the Commissaria . I will only translate some of the information given by Professor Plebani, following the order given by him .

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ACBg, Archivio della Commissaria, busta (= folder) 50, fascicolo (= file) 716, Anno Scolastico (tr. = Academic year) 1896-1897. *Elenco degli alunni iscritti nella Scuola di Pittura*: “Allievi che chiedono di essere iscritti per il I anno [...] Manzoni Giacomo. Non presenta nessun documento attendendoli da Calusco.” (tr. = List of the students enroled into the School of Painting: “Scholars that ask to be enroled for the first year [...] Manzoni Giacomo. He hasn't presented any document , by waiting from it from Calusco ”)

ACBg, Archivio della Commissaria, busta 50, fascicolo 716, Anno Scolastico 1896-1897. *Elenco degli alunni iscritti nella Scuola di Pittura*: “Allievi che chiedono di essere iscritti per il I anno [...] Manzoni Giacomo di

Costante. Condizione della famiglia: Intagliatore. Domicilio: Bergamo. Nato il 26 aprile 1870. Anni di Scuola: 1.”

(tr = List of the students enroled into the School of Painting “Scholars that ask of being enroled for the first year [...] Giacomo Manzoni of Constate. Family condition: carver. Domicile: Bergamo . Born the 26 april 1870. Years of School: one”).

ACBg, Archivio della Commissaria, busta 51, fascicolo 717, *Anno Scolastico 1897-1898. Elenco degli alunni iscritti nella Scuola di Pittura*: “Frequentano la sola Scuola del Nudo [...] Manzoni Giacomo di Costante. Condizione della famiglia: Intagliatore. Domicilio: Calusco. Nato il 26 aprile 1870. Anni di Scuola: 2. Classe: Nudo. Annotazioni: Frequentò la Scuola nel solo Inverno e saltuariamente.”

(tr= List of the students enroled into the School of Painting “Frequent the only nude school [...] Manzoni Giacomo of Costante . Family condition: carver. Domicile: Calusco. Born the 26 april 1870. Years of School: two, Class : nue. Notes: Frequented the school in the whole winter and occasionally “)

ACBg, Archivio della Commissaria, busta 51, fascicolo 717, *Anno Scolastico 1898-1899. Elenco degli alunni della Scuola di Pittura*: “Manzoni Giacomo di Costante. Condizione della famiglia: Scultore. Domicilio: Calusco. Nato il 26 aprile 1870. Anni di Scuola: 2. Classe: Nudo. Annotazioni: Iscritto nella sola Scuola del Nudo.”

(tr= List of the students enroled into the Painting School: “Manzoni Giacomo di Costante . Family condition: carver. Domicile: Calusco. Born the 26 april 1870. Years of School: two, Class : nue. Notes: Inscribed only in the nude school”)

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3) LOCAL PRESS REGARDING THE CERIMONY OF INAUGURATION OF THE BUST TO A PIATTI AND THE DEATH OF GIACOMO MANZONI

All those local press published for the dedicational ceremony for the Manzoni’s bust to Alfredo Piatti was kindly sent and shared by the central civic library Angelo Mai of Bergamo and by the responsible of the department of newspaper and press of the over mentioned cultural institute , Dr Luca Guaschetti, only for this research. It was pointed out and shared at 16.09 of yesterday with an email and by sending some scans , with *We transfert* service, of the article published by the Eco di Bergamo local newspaper. I have chosen to give here under a complete translated transcription of the texts , where possible, reporting some sections of the Italian text .

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S. N. , L’inaugurazione del Busto ad A. Piatti al Teatro Donizetti n: L’Eco di Bergamo, n. 89, 21-22 /04, Bergamo, 1910, p. 3. (tr= The inauguration of the Bust to A. Piatti into the Theatre Donizetti)

<p>La cerimonia inaugurale (=The inauguration ceremony)</p> <p>At 16 the Lobby of the Theatre Donizetti is getting more crowded ; on the two sides of the door that faces to the Sentierone rise, over two beautiful corbels , on the right the bust of the tenor Rubini, gifted by Mrs Ortolani , on the left the Piatti’s one executed by the sculptor</p>	<p>has created for the European audiences the more noble musics. His exhorter image relies to this marble : his spirits lays on ethereal thalamus. The wonderful speech was acclaimed by lively applauses . Talks then the city major knight Preda.</p> <p>Il discorso del Sindaco (The speech of the city Major).</p>
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Giacomo Manzoni . With the electric lighting, the lobby has a solemn and snug atmosphere. We notice, between the present the M.(aestr)o Arrigo Boito, Mrs. Fanny Davies, Mr Marchetti, Miss Gates, the Rev. Dachworth, Anglican Abbot of Westminster, the barrister Ferrario, counselor in prefecture, the president of the Congregazione di Carità (Congregation of Charity) the knight Ferrario, the city major barrister and knight Preda, the Commendatore (commander) Nievo, a lot of professors and scholars of the musical institute of the flag, the Hons. Rota and Benaglio, the M. (aestr)o Donnini, the librarian Prof. Mazzi, the M. (aestr)o Ferroni in representation of the Conservatory of Milan, the Professor Loverini and much more sirs and ladies. Makes the honors of the house owner the knight and doctor Camplani .

Parla l'ing Fornoni (Talks the engineer Fornoni) .

Talks as first the engineer and knight Elia Fornoni, vice president of the Artistic Circle "Talks as first the engineer and knight Elia Fornoni, vice president of the Artistic Circle "To honor men that with their works have illustrated our nation into the field of arts and to point out them as an example for the future generations ; to favorite with the available mediums the development of all the arts in their own manifestation , it's one of the main aims of our Artistic Circle , and as in the musical field it procured to honorate the Mayr, the Petrali and the Cagnoni , he wouldn't forgot Alfredo Piatti who have had his birth in our city and not to catch the so luckily chance it was presented . For the initiative of the Professors of the Conservatory Giuseppe Verdi of Milan and of some artistic figures of that city , in the December 1908 emerged the need to honor the memory of the students of that institute in the occasion of the centenary feasts for the foundation of the Conservatory and it was decided to place a bust of Alfredo Piatti in the concert hall, alongside those of Ponchielli, Bazzini, Coronaro, Catalani and other musicians. Apart from distinguished personalities from Milan, many others from Italy and abroad took part in the open subscription, so that the memory was worthy of the fame of our fellow citizen, a memory illustrated by the noble epigraph dictated by the illustrious master Arrigo Boito. The board of the local artistic club, learning of this, met expressly and upon proposal of the councilor Dr Camplani resolved to compete in the subscription publicly for that memory and sitting immediately opened a subscription, to which then, for the interest of the local press , took part the town hall, the Congregation of Charity, the Quartet Society, and all those who were admirers and friends of Piatti. Meanwhile , into the same Club , was born the laudable thought , soon accepted with enthusiasm , of remembering the fellow citizen also in Bergamo into a public meeting place, in order to keep his memory alive even in his hometown , so that , paid the amount already allocated for the subscription of Milan, this was kept alive and covered with other donations from the citizens of the provincial deputation and of the local credit institutions, competing the City Hall with a second offer. Meanwhile, in London, where the memory of Piatti remains alive and tenacious, his friends, at the head of which the famous pianist Fanny Davies, played a great concert in his honor which was attended by his old friends, pupils and admirers. The sum thus obtained came with a delicate and kind thought of the distinguished artist sent to Italy, to be destined partly to Milan, partly to Bergamo, as a contribution of the Londoners to the conceived honors. The Circolo wanted the inscription to be placed under the bust of the Piatti to remember the bond of affection that unites Bergamo and London in the present honors. The location chosen by the commission selected to perform and place the desired memory was the atrium of this temple of art, where several times the melodies created by the Bergamasco swan gushed clear and incomparably brilliant from Piatti's cello, next to the bust that recalls a another equally noble and brilliant interpreter in the singing part. or the choice of the bust, a jury was created composed of the gentlemen comm Butti, knight Bignami and Dott Camplani, and among the present essays the sketch prepared by the sculptor Giacomo Manzoni was chosen, which translated into marble, with an acute feeling of art today ago to relive in our eyes the noble and modest features of the artist. The memory of our Piatti will not be easily forgotten by those who were lucky enough to hear the miraculous harmonies treated by his instrument, but will last for posterity in gratitude to those who brought the name of his homeland honored to distant countries. The Artistic Club through me delivers this bust to the

"Bergamo, called with a good reason the predestinated city to great music players, cheers today with complacency this feast of the musical art , in which the clever and benevolent effigy of Alfredo Piatti reappears with his glance into a marble bust of exquisite workmanship, made through civic subscriptions. Best place it couldn't be found if not there , in the lobby of our highest, alongside of the bust of Rubini, as if to join in a beautiful harmony "all that immense voluptuousness of singing " which could give human voice, that I am about to say divine, which was released by the touch of the magic string. Cavaliere Ciro Caversazzi has already spoken to you about the Piatti; I only allow myself to remember the happily synthetic phrase of Arrigo Boito that defined the Piatti "the most perfect distiller of musical essences". And such he was, whether he made the echo of his delightful harmonies resound on the banks of the Lario, or whether in London he promoted, among many others, a concert, fifty years ago and precisely on the date to remember of 1860, for the benefit of poor families of Bergamo volunteers enrolled in the Garibaldian ranks. I think it is appropriate to remember here this fact , because it was Piatti who for this purpose began a subscription between the elected society of the metropolis of England, remitting to the mayor of Bergamo, a substantial sum with the names of the donors, many of whom accompanied the offer with the most lively expressions of sympathy for the Italian cause. And today, in the run-up to the fiftieth anniversary of the legendary expedition of dei Mille (= The Thousands), the Mayor of Bergamo, who has the honor of speaking to you, is proud to receive, in the name of the city, this bust of the great fellow citizen, hoping that the memory of glorious times here for art and for the homeland always live in the heart of Bergamo, as the sweet and pure echo of the magical notes of Alfredo Piatti ". Even this speech , vibrant of patriotism , is greeted by applauses . After the ceremony , the signing of the deed of delivery of the monument, signed by notary Francesco Finardi. It is signed by the Major, the engineer Giuseppe Fornoni and the Count Giuseppe Malliani, as well as the witnesses dr. Campanini and prof . Levorini.

Il busto (=The bust).

The bust of Piatti is an excellent work of the sculptor Giacomo Manzoni of our city and is in Carrara marble: the work, as is known, won the competition held by the artistic club. The bust is of a great resemblance and of easy and sure execution, so as to do great honor to the fellow citizen sculptor, who does his second work in marble; the first was a bust of Alfredo Piatti which is now in the London Academy.

Honorable Theater Society, so that it will be preserved with admiration by our fellow citizens and those who love our glories. Everything is passenger in this world, and if by a case, certainly painful, the Society comes to melt, pass this memory to the City Hall which will keep it dear, since this doesn't only represent the homage of the city to one of its most worthy children, but also the brotherhood of two cities far from each other, but bound by the same feeling in honoring art and great artists. "

Il Cavaliere Ciro Caversazzi (=the Knight Ciro Caversazzi).

After the engineer Fornoni, speaks the knight and doctor Ciro Caversazzi.

Artist of the energetic and shaping word, he carves with love artistic figure of Alfredo Piatti, through his biography, but the late hour doesn't allow us to give a summary of the beautiful speech. He wonders why the bust of the Piatti, performer and composer of pure music, is inaugurated here in the theater of art. It could be said, he replies, that it is done because Piatti played often in this theater, which is the home to the major musical events in the city; But the main reason is this, that the Piatti sang on the cello in the beautiful manner of the singers of his country; he had the perfection of the vocal timbre of the virtuous, which acts on the sense, the accent and the expression which acts on the feeling; and had the virtue of style, which acts on the intellect, clairvoyance that is not learned and not taught, that is not judged and is not defined, for which Arrigo Boito, who honors this conference, defined the Piatti " ? of souls, distiller of musical quintessence ". Honor and gratitude therefore to the one who

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S. N., Per Alfredo Piatti (tr.=For Alfredo Piatti), Tra carte e documenti (tr.=Between papers and documents) in: ANGELO FRANCESCO ROMANENGI (Gerente Responsabile; tr. = managing editor), Bollettino della civica Biblioteca di Bergamo (tr. = Bulletin of the civic library of Bergamo), Vol. 1 and 3, 01-09, Milano, Tip. Luigo Cogliaghi, 1910, p. p. 43 – 45.

<https://www.bdl.servizirl.it/bdl/bookreader/index.html?path=fe&cdOggetto=3925#page/44/mode/2up>

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"last 21 April in the lobby of the Donizetti Theater a marble bust was inaugurated to the famous cellist from Bergamo (1822 - 1901). The pedestal bears the following inscription: "To Alfredo Piatti- Bergamo and London - sisters in remembrance ". Ciro Caversazzi gave a commemorative speech (1); and the ceremony was made solemn by the presence, as well as the authorities and Representatives, of Arrigo Boito, of the pianist Fanny Davies and of Rev. Dachword, Abbot of Westminster. Furthermore, on the proposal of Caversazzi himself, the Congregazione di Carità (= Charity Congregation) entitled the largest concert hall of the Donizetti Music Institute to the artist's name. We will note here that for the life of Piatti must be consulted the biographical sketch that Morton Latham drew up in 1901 and that Piatti partly revised, translated into French by Dr Samuel Bonjour in 1905 (2) and the biographical notes given to the prints by Dr Vittorio Camplani in 1902 (3). The two works complement each other (4) we add to the details referring to

both the one concerning the triumphant concert held by Piatti in London in 1856 with Bazzini, Arditi and Bottesini; where the five string quartets written by Donizetti when he was only nineteen, quartets long time ignored and played then for the first time (5). We still publish two documents that greatly honor Piatti as artist and as man: A letter from Giuseppe Verdi remained unknown to the cellist's biographers, and the text of the London address dictated by Mr. Giuseppe Bennet and presented to Piatti, on illuminated parchment by Miss Agnes Lynch in 1898 when he retired from the arthristic life (6). A precious photographic reproduction of the parchment was just donated to Our Library by the Countess Rosa Piatti lochis.

Footnotes

(1)Published by the Istituto d'arti grafiche by the Artistic Circle to which the monument's initiative its' also owed.

(2)Nantes, Impr , Saliers.

(3)Bergamo, Tip. Mariani.

(4) ee also Bull, (etin) ,a (= y) II, p. 142, where in note, about the concert Malibran must be corrected the 1834 in 1835 ; ed id. id., n. 4, p. 281.

(5) *The violin makers from Brescia*, reading with notes by Prof ANGELO BARENZI, Brescia, 1890 1 st note, p.22

(6) The first of the many illustrious signatures to be read on the parchment is that of Alexandra Victoria of Wales

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c) S. N. , Cronaca. L'inaugurazione del busto ad A . Piatti (The inauguration of the Bust to A. Piatti) , in: Gazzetta provinciale di Bergamo, Vol. 94, 22-23/04, Bergamo, 1910 a XXXIV, p. 2.

Yesterday at 16 , into the Lobby of the Theatre Donizetti, in presence of a selected and welcomed presence of authorities and representatives , of guests , took place for the initiative of the Circolo artistic, the solemn inauguration of the bust to Alfredo Piatti, famous work of the sculptor of Bergamo Giacomo Manzoni . Among the presents we notice : Arrigo Boito, Mrs. Fanny Davies, Mr Marchetti, Miss Gates, the Rev. Dachworth, Anglican Abbot of Westminster the , the Hons. Rota and Benaglio , the city major Preda, the counselor Ferrario, the Prefect, the Count Comm. Malliani, the Count knight Malliani, the Noble Colleoni of the provincial deputation, the Prof. Loverini, the Comm. Nievo, the Kinght Fumagalli, the President of the Congregazione di Carità (Congregation of Charity) , many professors and scholars of the musical institute Donizetti with the flag, the librarian Prof. Mazzi , the M. (aestr)o Ferroni in representation of the Conservatory of Milan , the prof. Magrini of the Conservatory of Milan. Talks first the engineer Fornoni , vice president of the Circolo Artistico who briefly reports of the beautiful initiative of this partnership, of the public subscription for the bust and of the bond of affection that unites Bergamo and London in the present honors. “

the memory of our late Piatti - Fornoni finally says - will not be easily forgotten by those who were lucky enough to hear the miraculous harmonies drawn by his instrument, but will last for posterity in gratitude to those who brought the honored name of the homeland to distant countries. The Artistic Club through me delivers this bust to the Honorable Theater Society, so that it will be preserved with admiration by our fellow citizens and those who love our glories. Everything is passenger in this world, and if by a case, certainly painful, the Society comes to melt, pass this memory to the City Hall which will keep it dear, since this doesn't only represent the homage of the city to one of its most worthy children , but also the brotherhood of two cities far from each other, but bound by the same feeling in honoring art and

In the end, Dr. Caversazzi made a sign of a cordial, warm-hearted demonstration. Those who were present crowd around him to shake their hands; among the first we note Arrigo Boito who indicates with great pleasure the points of the superb speech that he particularly admired.

Il discorso del Sindaco (The speech of the city major).

Speaks after the city major , barrister and Knight Preda:

“Bergamo, called with a good reason the predestinated city to great music players, cheers today with complacency this feast of the musical art , in which the clever and benevolent effigy of Alfredo Piatti reappears with his glance into a marble bust of exquisite workmanship, made through civic subscriptions. Best place it couldn't be found if not there , in the lobby of our highest, alongside of the bust of Rubini, as if to join in a beautiful harmony “all that immense voluptuousness of singing “ which could give human voice, that I am about to say divine, which was released by the touch of the magic string. Cavaliere Ciro Caversazzi has already spoken to you about the Piatti; I only allow myself to remember the happily synthetic phrase of Arrigo Boito that defined the Piatti "the most perfect distiller of musical essences". And such he was, whether he made the echo of his delightful harmonies resound on the banks of the Lario, or whether in London he promoted, among many others, a concert, fifty years ago and precisely on the date to remember of 1860, for the benefit of poor families of Bergamo volunteers enrolled in the Garibaldian ranks. I think it is appropriate to remember here this fact , because it was Piatti who for this purpose

great artists."After the applauded words of the Fornoni the bust was discovered among the ovations of those who were present.

Il discorso di Ciro Caversazzi (=the speech of Ciro Caversazzi).

Doctor Ciro Caversazzi then takes the floor for the official commemoration. His stupendous speech for height and density of thought, for originality and balance of structure, for nobility and energy of oratory movement, isn't one of those that force themselves into the dryness of a summary, even widespread; and yet we can only overshadow the essential lines. The speaker begins with a question, which perhaps one of those present is tacitly formulating: why and how is placed in a melodrama theater, next to the bust of an opera singer, the bust of a musician who was a chamber music performer? The speaker sees the possibility of many answers: because the Italic genius had his last exposure in the 19th century in the melodramatic theater, which was the temple of the major musical manifestations; because in this theater, where the bust is inaugurated, the memories of the childhood of the musician who honors himself, arise; because, finally, Piatti was familiar with great opera singers and especially with Rubini. But none of these reasons can satisfy him. Nor he is satisfied by the explanation that the work of the composer Piatti is in part connected to the Theater music; because, if Alfredo Piatti didn't know, or wouldn't sometimes to escape from the fashion of fantasies on opera motifs, his eminent qualities of musician must be sought in concerts of original inspiration and in the transcriptions and reductions from the ancients, with which he rendered invaluable service to true and serious art. Performer, he was a great interpreter of classical music, and as such hailed in England one of the greatest artists of the Victorian era, and everywhere, the greatest cellist in Europe. The real reason why we honor him in this place is that "he sang on the cello in the beautiful way of the singers of his country" - so the speaker concludes, among the applause, the first part of the brilliant speech, in which he found the opportunity to illustrate, with a skilful glimpse, the ascensional life of the great cellist, and to graft, with effective sobriety and right relief, the most significant notes that he remembers, always keeping interest in the audience alive. The speaker, mentioning the invention - which was Italian, or rather Lombard - of the cello, outlines its history in Italy; and he says of the nobility of the instrument, of its structure, of its soul, with such precision and together with such lyricism as to arouse a long murmur of admiration; An admiration that is repeated, when he makes present with a broad and penetrative sense of art and very rich color, the paintings of a Bergamo's artist who painted musical instruments in a singular atmosphere of poetry and loved cellos when no one had appeared in Bergamo who could revealed the whole harmonious soul: the painter Evaristo Baschenis. And the great revealer was the great Alfredo Piatti, whose name is legitimately linked to the name of Boccherini. The speaker then undertakes the analysis and definition of the artistic personality of Piatti, who possessed all the perfections of the great cello player; the quality and the vocal timbre of the sound, which acts on the sense, the accent and the expression which act on the feeling; the virtue of style, which acts on the intellect; virtue, this one, that is not learned and not taught, that is not judged and is not defined. For which Arrigo Boito, who honors today this conference, has defined the Piatti "squeezer of souls, distiller of musical quintessence". The explanation of Alfredo Piatti's artistic individuality succeeds in an admirable and spontaneous glimpse of musical aesthetics, a masterly and passionate painting of moods, to which suggestion and relief hints at episodes taken from the mystique of San Francesco and some superb creation of the Shakespearean theater which is Jessica, daughter of Shylock. The speaker sees in the extreme desire of Alfredo Piatti the symbol of all his art, the meaning and the conscience of his whole life. The supreme aspiration of the dying musician is evident in the poetry of Mathias Claudius, which inspired the melody of the andante of the quartet in D minor by Schubert, which Piatti wanted to be performed on his grave. Death says to the girl "Here I am in good spirits - I am not coming to punish you. You will sleep sweetly in my arms". The hands that gave so many emotions are now given to the earth; the exhorting image is here entrusted to marble: But the soul sleeps, conforming. He hoped for ethereal thalami. And death, not the horrible death, but the

began a subscription between the elected society of the metropolis of England, remitting to the mayor of Bergamo, a substantial sum with the names of the donors, many of whom accompanied the offer with the most lively expressions of sympathy for the Italian cause. And today, in the run-up to the fiftieth anniversary of the legendary expedition of dei Mille (= The Thousands), the Mayor of Bergamo, who has the honor of speaking to you, is proud to receive, in the name of the city, this bust of the great fellow citizen, hoping that the memory of glorious times here for art and for the homeland always live in the heart of Bergamo, as the sweet and pure echo of the magical notes of Alfredo Piatti ". Even this speech, vibrant of patriotism, is greeted by applauses. After the ceremony, in the theatre dressing room, it proceeds with the signing of the deed of delivery of the monument, drawn up by notary dott. Francesco Finardi. It is signed by the Major, the engineer Giuseppe Fornoni and the Count Giuseppe Malliani, as well as the witnesses dr. Campanini and prof. Levorini. As soon as the ceremony was over, Maestro Arrigo Boito had to go to Milan to attend the commemoration of Martucci, who was sad that he could not attend the great concert of the Munich orchestra.

<p>serene death which is in the verses of Mathias Claudius, repeats to him the fatal and consoling words whispered to the girl; And Schubert's rhythm measures the breath of the drowsy. The powerful and human poetry of the epilogue deeply moves the audience who listened to the clear speaker with religious attention, totally dominated by his suggestive and impetuous eloquence.</p>	
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d) FELICE CARNAZZI, INNOCENTE SEBASTIANO CARNAZZI, Giacomo Manzoni scultore, Necrologie e ritratti a cura dei compilatori (tr. = obituaries and portraits curated by the compilers) in : Diario e guida della Città di Bergamo (tr. = Diary and guide of the city of Bergamo) , Bergamo, Ufficio Carnazzi (Milano, Stabilimento Lito tipografico G. Abbiati = printer) , 1912 – 1913 , a. XX, LVII – LIX .

“In the afternoon of July 31, 1910 in our city, the sculptor Giacomo Manzoni, not yet forty years of age, died of a liver cirrhosis that had troubled him for about four months, leaving in the heartbreak the young bride Narcisa, his sister Elisa and his brother Achille, colleagues and friends. Giacomo Manzoni learned the first rudiments of art in the industrial evening school of good Zenoni⁹. Later he went to the Carrara Academy and the valiant Caesar Tallone¹⁰ was his teacher: he was one of the first distinguished pupils. Awarded at our Academy with a special prize from the Society of Fine Arts; Praised at the national exhibition in Milan he had the satisfaction of selling several works to the artist Novelli. He received praise for the bust of Alfredo Piatti sent to London. He won the competition for the late Avv. Maironi¹¹. The distinguished sculptor Butti praised him for the bust of Piatti at the Donizzetti theater, and shook his hand in esteem, saying: "Come on young man, the future is yours, you have talent and health!" His funeral was very impressive: on his coffin the Cav Prof. Ponziano Loverini had words of regret. To the relatives all desolated by this loss we send expressions of the deepest condolences”.

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⁹ Probably Giuseppe Zenoni teacher of the school of design modeling and plaster, and assistant into the school of design into scuole operaie serali e festive (tr. = Evening and festive worker’s school) opened by the Scuola industriale Bergamasca (tr. = Industrial School of Bergamo) into the space of the Scuola ai Tre Passi (S. N. Almanacco provinciale bergamasco per l’anno 1881, Bergamo, Gaffuri e Gatti, 1881, A LVIII, p. 146) .

¹⁰ Cesare Tallone (Savona , 11/08/1853- Milan, 21/06/1919) , had been a very famous painter (well known as portraits), moreover in Milan , between the second half of XIX century and the beginning of the following one who has taught painting at Carrara Art Academy from 1884 to 1891.

¹¹ The socialist depute and barrister Federico Maironi (Bergamo, 20/02/1866 – 10/02/1906) nicknamed the “lawyer of the poors “ for a giving free legal patronage to the workers.