

Monday 28th September - opera 1 lecture.

Opera 1 ; introduction & Monteverdi
what will be covered over the coming weeks?

* swift intro to opera from 17th - 20th c.

During the 19th c opera was a popular art form; it was seen as a "window on history," an expression of national identity and a political action.

Suggested reading

◦ Parker ; "The Oxford Illustrated History of Opera"

◦ Grove ; Oxford music online

◦ Arbasser ; *What is Opera?* : politics

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~ Monteverdi & the Birth of opera ... ~

where/why did opera arise?

① Courtly entertainments

② Intellectual debate : the Cammerata.

1:

◦ originated in Florence

◦ used to present the wealth and power of the court

connections / renowned for extravagance.