

BACHTRACK: CLASSICAL MUSIC IN 2023

The year in statistics

In 2023 Bachtrack listed 31,309 concerts, opera and dance performances.

16,336
CONCERTS

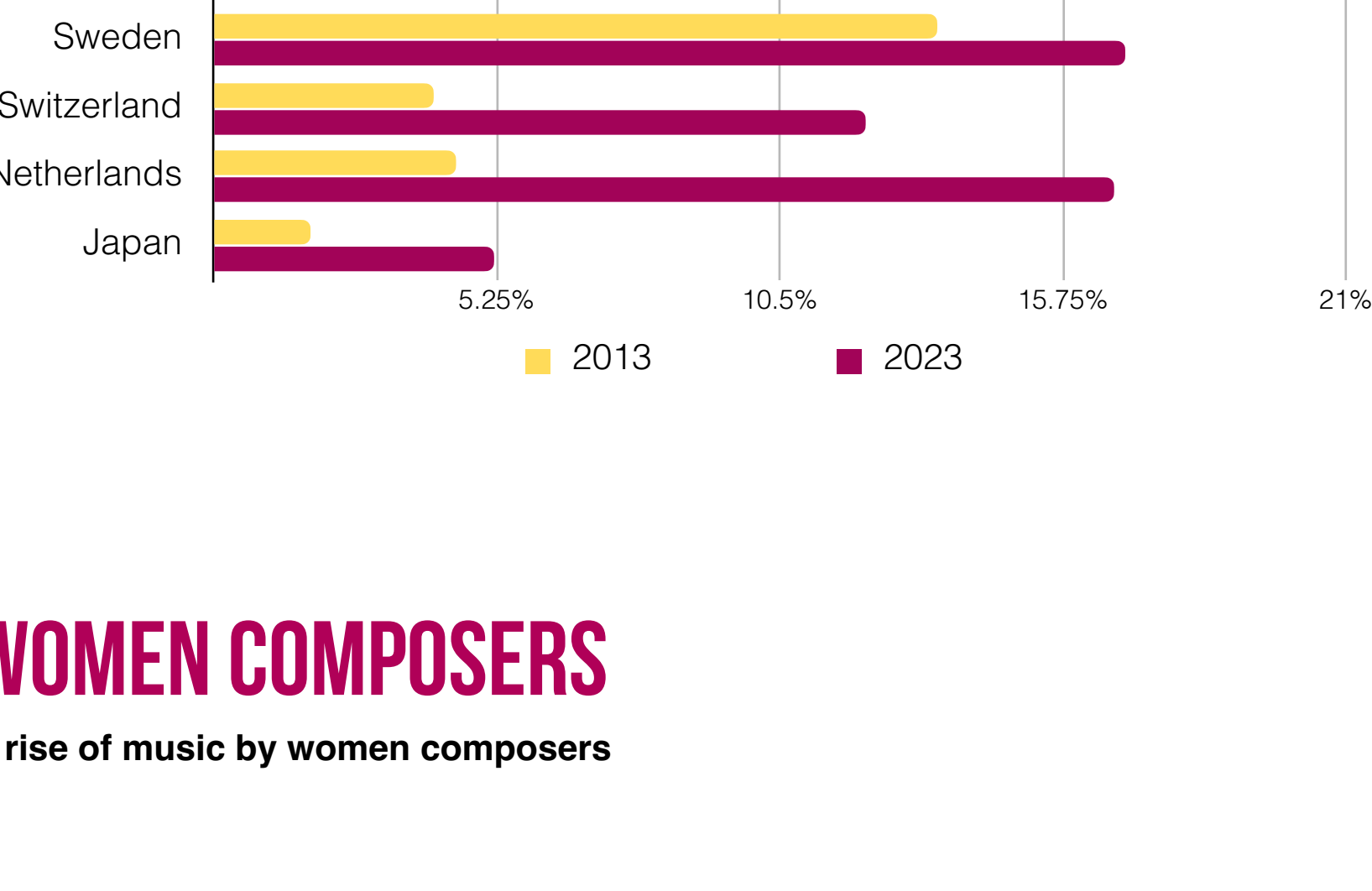
9,271
OPERA

5,702
DANCE

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Steady rise of music by living composers

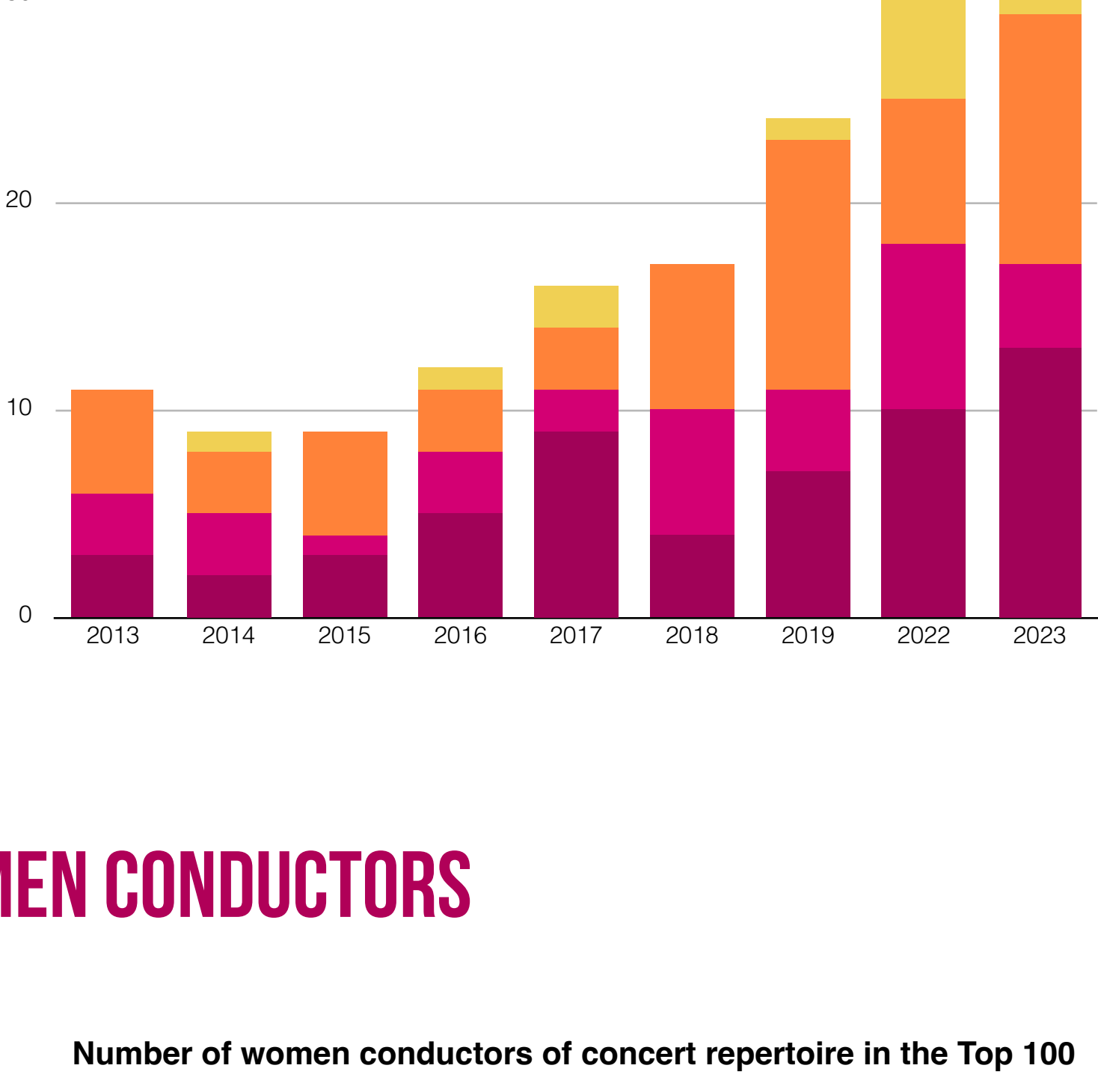
Percentage of contemporary music by year



WOMEN COMPOSERS

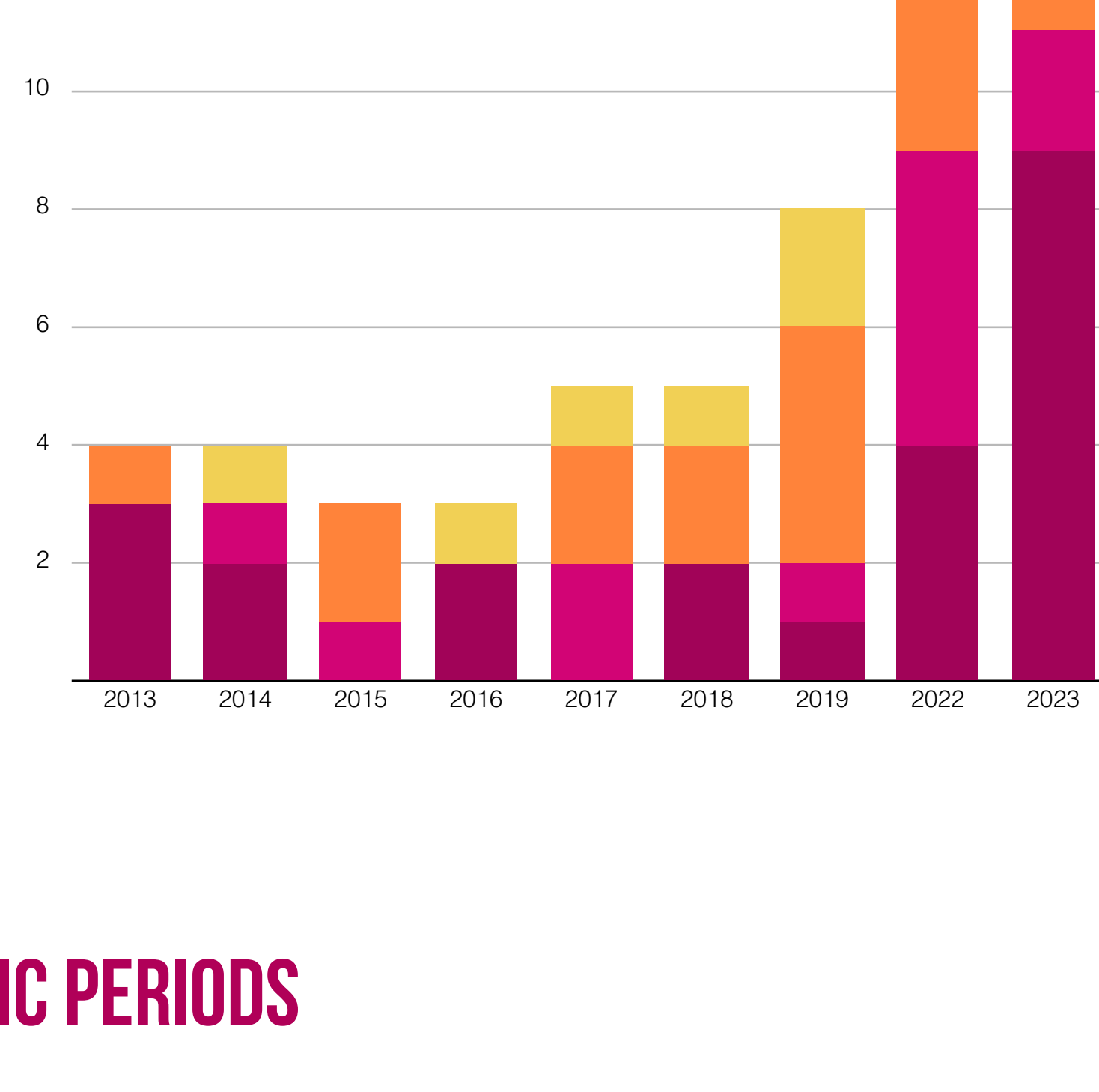
A rise of music by women composers

Number of women composers in the Top 100 contemporary composers



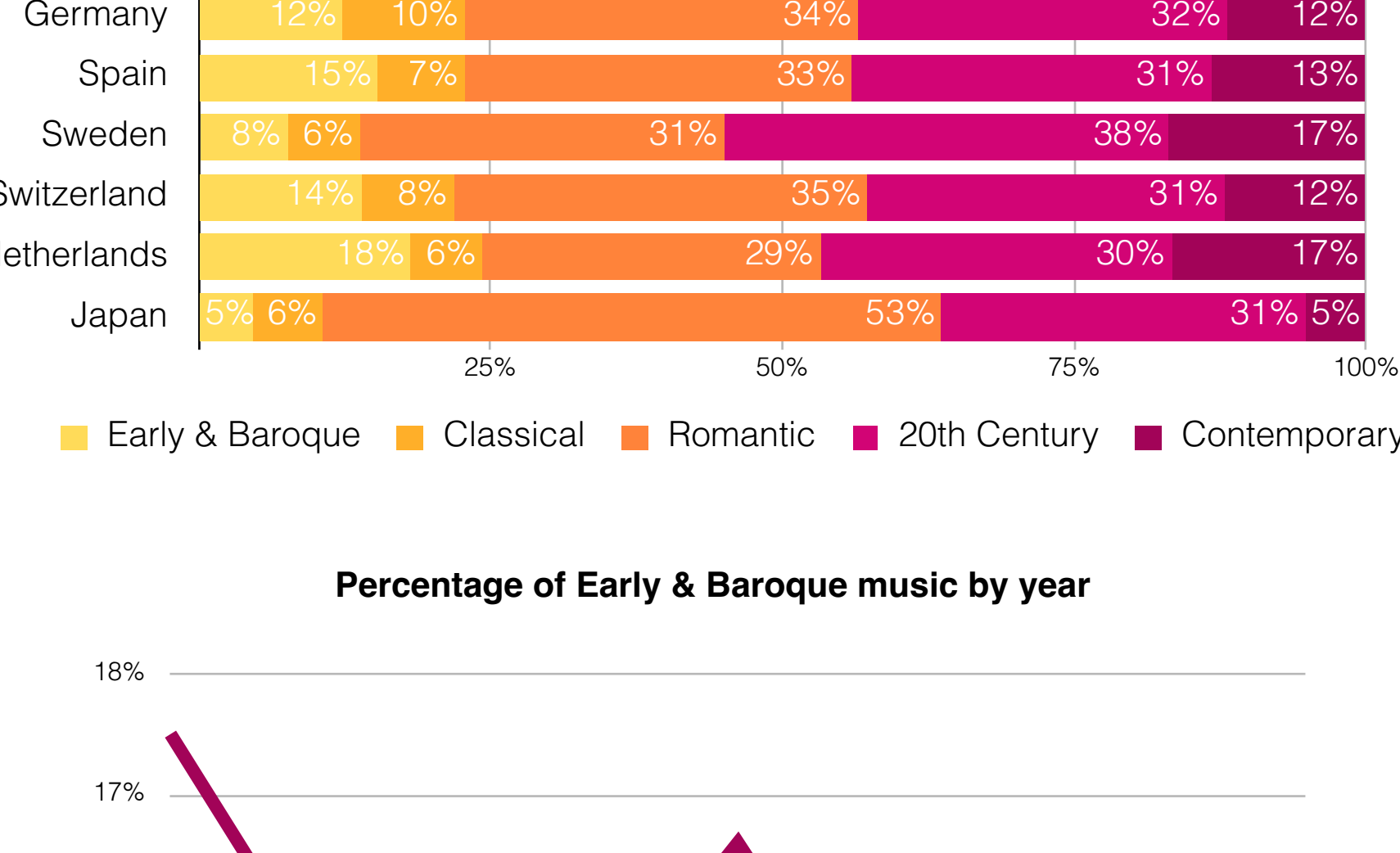
WOMEN CONDUCTORS

Number of women conductors of concert repertoire in the Top 100

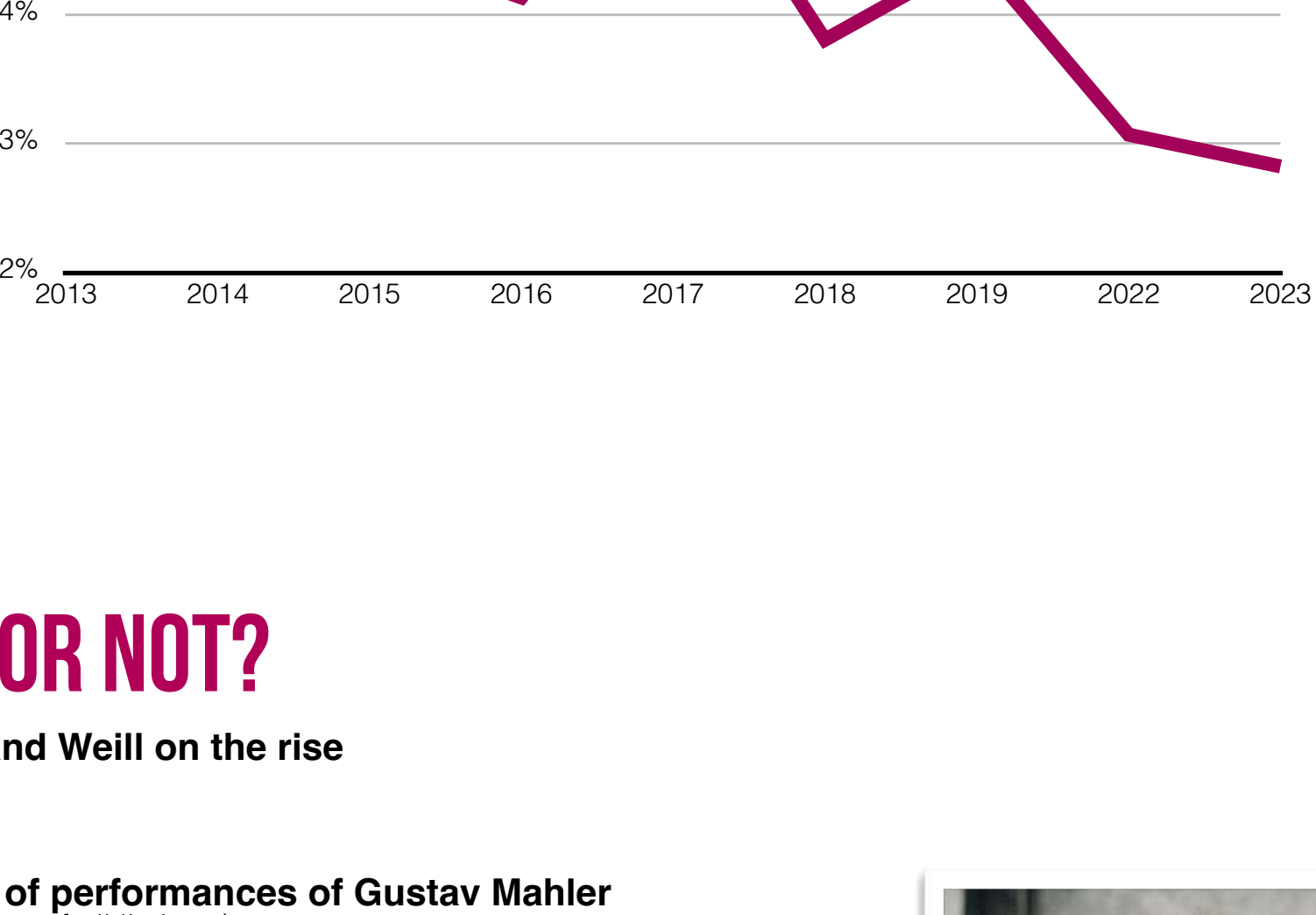


MUSIC PERIODS

Percentage of music from different eras performed in 2023 by country



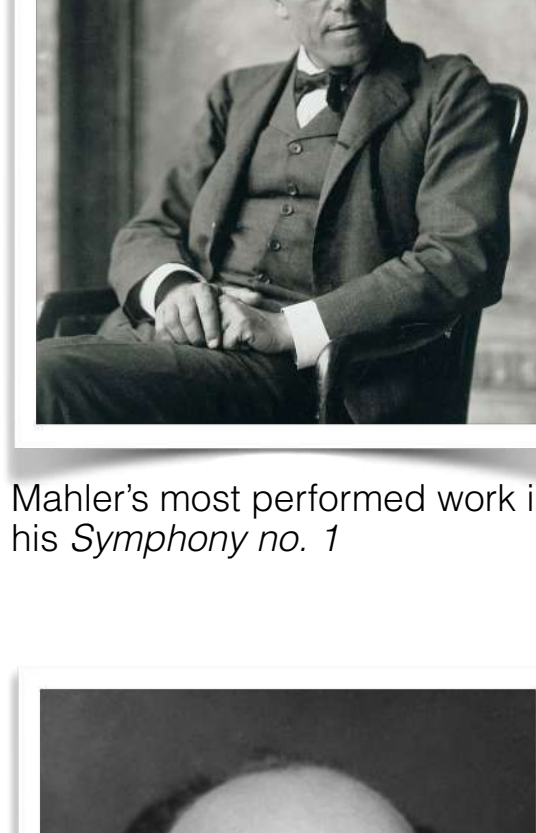
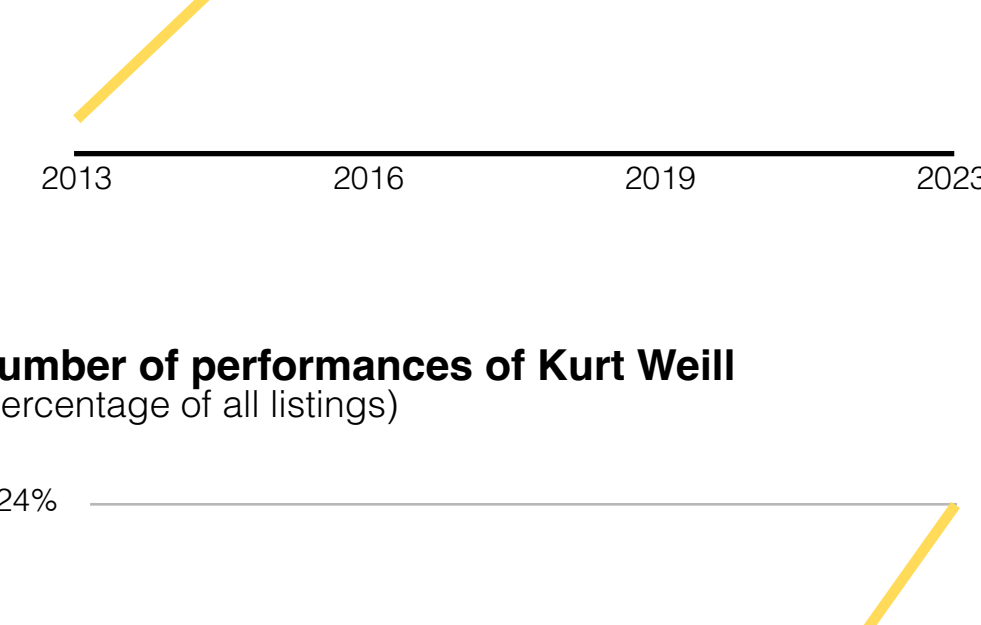
Percentage of Early & Baroque music by year



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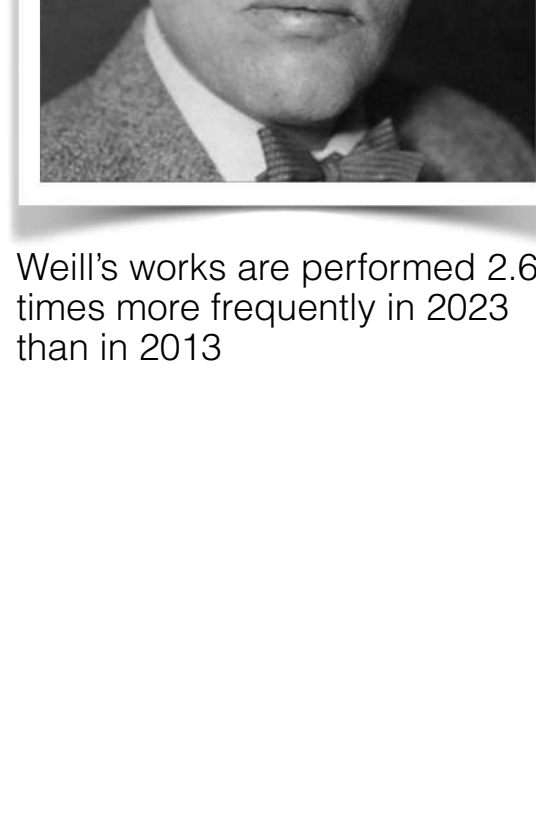
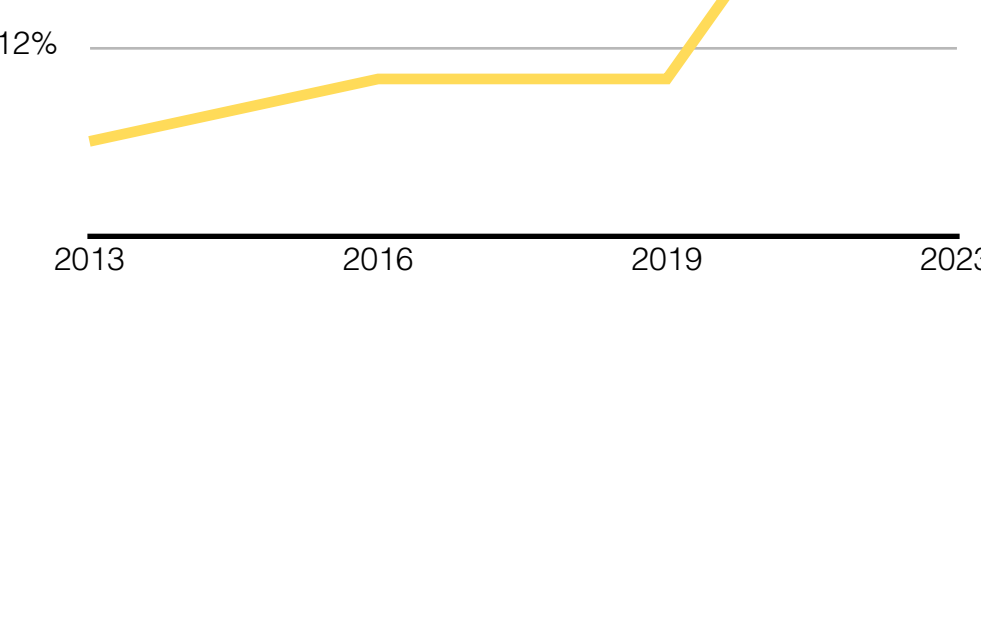
Mahler and Weill on the rise

Number of performances of Gustav Mahler (percentage of all listings)



Mahler's most performed work is his *Symphony no. 1*

Number of performances of Kurt Weill (percentage of all listings)



Weill's works are performed 2.6 times more frequently in 2023 than in 2013

DANCE



Once again there is only one woman in the Top 20 choreographers: Sharon Eyal at position 13.

TOP COMPOSERS

Top 10 concert composers

1. Mozart, W.A.
2. Beethoven, Ludwig van
3. Bach, Johann Sebastian
4. Brahms, Johannes
5. Schubert, Franz
6. Rachmaninov, Sergei
7. Tchaikovsky, Pyotr Ilyich
8. Strauss, Richard
9. Schumann, Robert
10. Ravel, Maurice

Top 10 living composers

1. Williams, John
2. Pärt, Arvo
3. Widmann, Jörg
4. Adès, Thomas
5. Adams, Philip
6. Adams, John
7. Gubaidulina, Sofia
- =8 Shaw, Caroline
- =8 Chin, Unsuk
10. Clyne, Anna

TOP CONCERT WORKS

Most performed concert works

1. Rachmaninov, *Symphonic Dances*
2. Rachmaninov, *Piano Concerto no. 3 in D minor*
3. Dvořák, *Symphony no. 9 in E minor, "From the New World"*
4. Rachmaninov, *Piano Concerto no. 2 in C minor*
- =5 Beethoven, *Symphony no. 7 in A major*
- =5 Beethoven, *Symphony no. 5 in C minor*
7. Brahms, *Symphony no. 4 in E minor*
8. Beethoven, *Symphony no. 3 in E flat major "Eroica"*
9. Tchaikovsky, *Symphony no. 6 in B minor, "Pathétique"*
10. Stravinsky, *Le Sacre du printemps*



Rachmaninov's *Symphonic Dances* was the most performed concert work in 2023

TOP CONCERTOS

Top 10 Piano Concertos

1. Rachmaninov, *Piano Concerto no. 3*
2. Rachmaninov, *Piano Concerto no. 2*
3. Schumann, *Piano Concerto in A minor*
4. Beethoven, *Piano Concerto no. 4*
5. Grieg, *Piano Concerto in G major*
6. Ravel, *Piano Concerto in A major*
7. Beethoven, *Piano Concerto no. 5*
8. Beethoven, *Piano Concerto no. 3*
9. Tchaikovsky, *Piano Concerto no. 1*
10. Chopin, *Piano Concerto no. 2*

Top 5 Violin Concertos

1. Tchaikovsky, *Violin Concerto in D*
2. Mendelssohn, *Violin Concerto in E minor*
3. Beethoven, *Violin Concerto in D*
4. Brahms, *Violin Concerto in D*
5. Sibelius, *Violin Concerto in D minor*

Top 3 Cello Concertos

1. Dvorak, *Cello Concerto in B minor*
2. Schumann, *Cello Concerto in A minor*
3. Haydn, *Cello Concerto no. 1 in C major*

BUSIEST CONCERT PERFORMERS

Top 10 conductors

1. Andris Nelsons
2. Klaus Mäkelä
3. Paavo Järvi
4. Jakub Hruša
5. Manfred Honeck
6. Fabio Luisi
- =7 Cristian Măcelaru
- =7 Iván Fischer
9. Esa-Pekka Salonen
10. Herbert Blomstedt

Top 10 orchestras

1. Berliner Philharmoniker
2. Chicago Symphony Orchestra
3. New York Philharmonic
4. San Francisco Symphony
5. Boston Symphony Orchestra
6. Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia
7. Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra
8. Wiener Philharmoniker
9. Los Angeles Philharmonic
- =10 Wiener Symphoniker
- =10 Toronto Symphony Orchestra

Top 10 pianists

1. Kirill Gerstein
2. Daniil Trifonov
3. Seong-Jin Cho
4. Yuja Wang
5. Vikingur Ólafsson
6. Alexandre Kantorow
7. Sir András Schiff
8. Igor Levit
9. Jean-Yves Thibaudet
10. Pierre-Laurent Aimard

Top 10 violinists

1. Augustin Hadelich
2. Renaud Capuçon
3. Joshua Bell
4. Leonidas Kavakos
5. Janine Jansen
6. Patricia Kopatchinskaja
7. Isabelle Faust
8. Alina Ibragimova
9. Frank Peter Zimmermann
10. Hilary Hahn

Top 10 cellists

1. Sheku Kanneh-Mason
2. Gautier Capuçon
3. Nicolas Altstaedt
4. Sol Gabetta
5. Jean-Guihen Queyras
6. Pablo Ferrández
7. Kian Soltani
8. Alban Gerhardt
9. Alisa Weilerstein
10. Steven Isserlis

OPERA



Verdi is the no. 1 opera composer with two works in the Top 10

Top 10 opera composers

1. Verdi, Giuseppe
2. Puccini, Giacomo
3. Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus
4. Wagner, Richard
5. Donizetti, Gaetano
6. Rossini, Gioachino
7. Strauss, Richard
8. Handel, George Frideric
9. Offenbach, Jacques
10. Bizet, Georges

Top 10 operas

1. Mozart, *Die Zauberflöte*
2. Puccini, *La bohème*
3. Puccini, *Madama Butterfly*
4. Mozart, *Don Giovanni*
5. Verdi, *La traviata*
6. Mozart, *Le nozze di Figaro*
7. Puccini, *Tosca*
8. Bizet, *Carmen*
9. Verdi, *Aida*

DANCE

Top 10 ballet/dance works

1. Tchaikovsky, *The Nutcracker*
2. Tchaikovsky, *Swan Lake*
3. Tchaikovsky, *The Sleeping Beauty*
4. Prokofiev, *Romeo and Juliet*
5. Prokofiev, *Cinderella*
6. Adam, *Giselle*
7. Minkus, *Don Quixote*
8. Various, *Revelations*
9. Ellington, *Night Creature*
10. Marsalis, *For Four*