# Jews who contributed to Croatian culture

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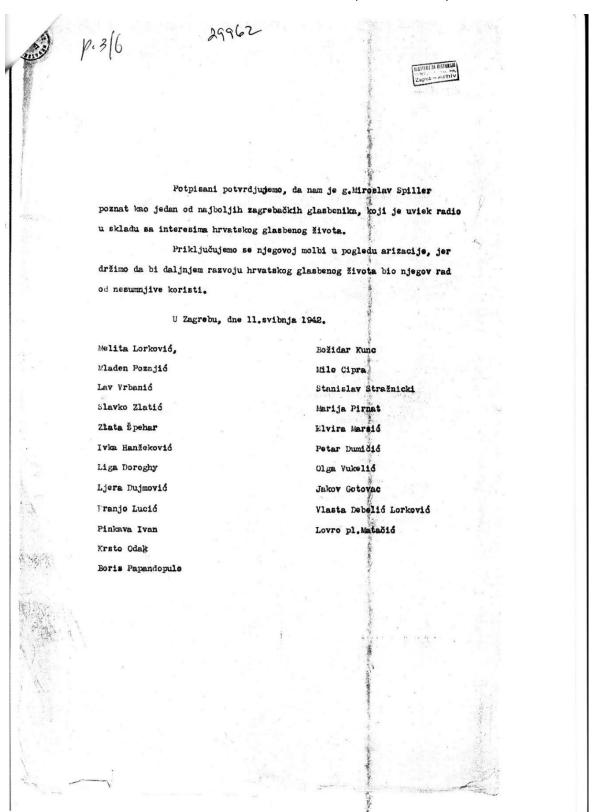
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Document No 1 Croatian musicians on behalf of Miroslav Spiller on 11 May 1942



Translation:

The undersigned hereby confirm that Mr. Miroslav Spiller is one of the best musicians from Zagreb, and that he his work and deeds have always been in accordance with the interests of Croatian musical life.

We are joining his petition regarding the Aryanization, because we believe that his work would be priceless for the further development of Croatian musical life.

In Zagreb, 11 May 1942

(22 signatures – including Boris Papandopulo, Jakov Gotovac)

p. 2/2 27251 I repris pritoge by 1. Hor drusto glunea m I (Me the dustry gluman potrajujemo lau, da ste titi clau Torga drustin id njegovog vonutku pa do dams.

la mjene lareza claustor y naseru drustim, kuo i 14 mjene
lareza angazinnum p Hor. ori kuralistu u layeta pokurali m. unu Ate se huo mjedan karalistan clan i dobu koleya koji uje produrimo vista cive la morgas stortità lilo transista lilo orome lein druston. mil Kansek Varya forija Pily bo 2 GOTOVOM POJEDINI BROJ DINARA PRETPLATA SA DOS due : VOM: ZA CETVRT GOD. D ZA POLA GOD. D ZA CIJELU GOD. D 9 930 UREDNIŠTVO I UPRA Hrvatsko narodno kazalište MAROVSKA UL. BR. DVORISTE. JUBILEJ ČLANA HRVATSKOG KAZALISTA ALFREDA GRÜNHUTA. Član našega kazališta g. Alfred Grünhut proslavio je u četvrtak 15. o. ml. 25-godišnijcu svog lijepog, čestitog i savjesnog umjetničkog rada, kojega je preko dva i pol decenija svojega života posvetio našoj hrvatskoj Thaliji. 4, 38. SVIBNJA 1930. BROJ 16. ke posvetio našoj hrvatskoj Thaliji,

Ime Grünhut nije spojeno samo sa
našim hrvatskim narodnim kazalištem,
već je ono spojeno i sa jednom lakom
historijom; to je historija, koja veže
njega sa imenima jednoga bana Laginje, jednoga Spinciča, jednoga osnivača znamenith, čirijometodskih zidara,
Kornitzera i Oršanića, koli su njegove
glumačke sposobnosti i te kako trebali,
da mogu svojim predstavama, svojim
zabavama, kojima je, priznajemo, duša
blo g. Maričić Ivo, doprinio tisuće i
tisuće za blagostanje i dobro drage
nije nam lstre:

Zato sve one hiljade vrijednih nandie nam stre:

Zato sve one hiljade vrijednih nasih sugradjana, koji su dali svoj obol radi zasluza našeza Grijnhuta za Istru, danas, kad će se sietiti, da on slavi svoju umjetničku slavu, kao glumac, kao jaki član i sin velike hrvatske Inalije, zato će svi oni baš klikmuti njemu zajedno s nama: Zdravo svećarul Zdravo Hrvate!

Translation:

Appendix number 1

#### Croatian Actors' Association

Croatian Actors' Association hereby confirms that you have been our loyal member since its foundation till today.

During that time, you have excelled yourself as no other member of Croatian State Theatre in Zagreb. You have been a fine colleague who has never done anything to harm either theatre or somebody personally.

(2 signatures)

Appendix number 2

**Croatian National Theatre** 

JUBILEE OF ALFRED GRÜNHUT, A MEMBER OF CROATIAN THEATRE.

A member of our theatre, Mr. Alfred Grünhut, has celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his fine, honest and conscientious artistic work this Thursday, 15 May (1930). He has dedicated over two and a half decades of his life to our Croatian Thalia.

Name of Grünhut is not related only to our Croatian National Theatre, but also with history; it is a history that connects his name with the names of *ban* Laginja, Špinčić, one of the founders of the famous cinema *Ćirilometodskih zidara*, Kornitzer and Oršanić, who needed his acting skills (as well as those of Mr. Ivo Maričić, of course) to contribute thousands and thousands for the welfare of our dear and beloved Istria.

This is why thousands of our worthy citizens, when we remind them that of Grünhut's merits regarding Istria and the fact that he is celebrating his acting anniversary, as a member and a son of great Croatian Thalia; this is why all of them will acclaim his work saying: Hail the man of the hour! Hail the Croat!

## Document No 3 Croatian musicians and artists on behalf of Žiga Hirschler on 26 September 1941



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> USTAŠKO REDARSTVO Židovski odsjek

> > u Zagrebu



Dana ld. rujna o.g. otpremljen je u skupni logor za židove u Jasenovac, ŽIGA HIRSCHLER, skladatelj i glazbeni kritičar, rodj. g. 1894. u Trnovitici u Hrvatskoj, rkt. vjere, nastanjen u Zagrebu, Boškovićeva ul. 21, priz.

Potpisani hrvatski glazbenici i umjetnici slobodni su zamoliti sl. naslov, da bi se spomenuti Žiga Hirschler otpustio iz skupnog logora, te da bi mu se dozvolio povratak i slobodan boravak u gradu Zagrebu.

Žiga Hirschler bio je u svome dugogodišnjem radu uvijek nada sve pošten i korektan i stekao si je znatne zasluge za promicanje hrvatske umjetnosti. U svojim kazališnim, simfonijskim, te komornim djelima, iznosio je redovito hrvatski folklor i isticao je hrvatski narodni duh u svojim radovima, bilo kao skladatelj, ili kao pisae.

Njegove opere i operete izvedene su na kazalištima u Zagrebu i u Osijeku, dok su ostala djela izvodili: Zagrebačka filharmonija, Zagrebački kvartet, Zagrebački kom. trio, te mnogi naši istaknuti umjetnici.

Zstim je bio suradnik dnevnika Jutarnji List, Večer i Hrvatski List u Osijeku. O njegovome kritičarskom radu može dati najbolje informacije urednik Hrvatskog Lista, g. Krvarić u Osijeku.

U posljednja 2 mjeseca 2. Hirschler izgubio je smrću svoja dva brata, tako da je njegov 86 godišnji, bolesni otac ostao ovisan samo o njemu, a njegovim je odlaskom izgubio posljednji oslon.

Molbu za sticanje arijskog prava predao je početkom lipnja.

S obzirom na ispravan i pošten rad Žige Hirschlera, koji se
nikada nije ogriješio o interese hrvatskog naroda, već naprotiv, iste
je konzekventno zastupao i promicao, smatramo, da se smijemo založiti
za istog i stoga hitno molimo za njegovo otpuštanje iz skupnog logora.

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U Zagrebu, 26. rujna 1941.

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Jois Capandopulo, Moupositor dirizent other Dr. Azalista Badnid og Francis urt. Zagreb – Arhiv

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Koarleko,

Outur Dobronie

Skowotelji.

Prof. Imberus Pathi

Translation:

To

Ustasha Police

Jewish Department

In Zagreb

ŽIGA HIRSCHLER, a composer and a music critic, born in 1894 in Trnovitica in Croatia (Roman Catholic, inhabitant of Zagreb, 21 Bošković Street, ground floor) was relocated to Jasenovac Jewish camp on 18 September 1941.

The undersigned Croatian musicians and artists are taking the liberty of submitting this petition to the esteemed addressee in order to set the mentioned Žiga Hirschler free and allow him to return and live freely in the city of Zagreb.

In his long time work Žiga Hirschler has always been fair and correct and has gained merits for promoting Croatian art. In his theatrical, symphonic, and chamber works, he would always put emphasis on Croatian folklore and has always emphasized Croatian national spirit in his works, either as a composer or as a writer. His operas and operettas have been staged in theatres in Zagreb and Osijek, while the other works have been performed by: Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra, Zagreb Quartet, Zagreb Chamber Trio, and many other distinguished artists. He has been an associate of *Jutarnji List* daily newspaper, *Večer* and *Hrvatski List* in Osijek. The editor of *Hrvatski List*, Mr. Krvarić from Osijek, could perhaps provide you with most accurate information regarding Mr. Hirschler's work as a critic.

In the last 2 months Ž. Hirschler has lost, by death, two brothers, and also their ill 86-year-old father is dependent on him; by his departure, he has lost any support.

Žiga Hirschler applied for acquisition of Aryan rights in early June.

Considering the honorable work of Žiga Hirschler, who has never done anything against the interest of Croatian people – on the contrary, he has consistently represented and promoted – we believe we are allowed to make this petition for him and therefore we plead for his release from the common camp.

In Zagreb, 26 September 1941.

FOR HOMELAND - READY!

(8 signatures)

**Document No 4** Former members of the Board of Directors of the Radio-Zagreb on behalf of Miroslav Spiller

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Potpisani, kao bivši članovi Upravnog odbora Radio-Zagreba

potvrdjujemo ovime, da je g.Miroslav Spiller od podržavljenja bivše Radio-Stanice

Zagreb, t.j. od mjeseca travnja 1940. bio po nama preuzet u svojstvu glazbenog

referenta, dirigenta i pratioca na Radio-Zagrebu, te da se kroz cijelo vrijeme

sve do njegovog otpusta dne 15.travnja god.1941. vladao u svakom pogledu

besprikorno, a napose da je povjerenu mu dužnost obavljao vrlo sdušno i

savjesno.

Ivan Bačac ,v.r. bivši predsjednik i član upravnog odbora

> Hinko Krenčić, v.r. član bivšeg upravnog odbora

> > Ing.Peterčić, v.r.

član bivšeg upravnog odbora.

#### Translation:

The undersigned, as former members of the Board of Directors of Radio-Zagreb, hereby confirm that Mr. Miroslav Spiller was a musical referent, conductor and an accompanier from the nationalization of the former Radio Station Zagreb (April, 1940) till he was fired on 15 April 1941. During that period his behavior was <u>impeccable in every possible way</u>, especially having in mind that he was performing his duties wholeheartedly and conscientiously,

(3 signatures)

### Source:

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