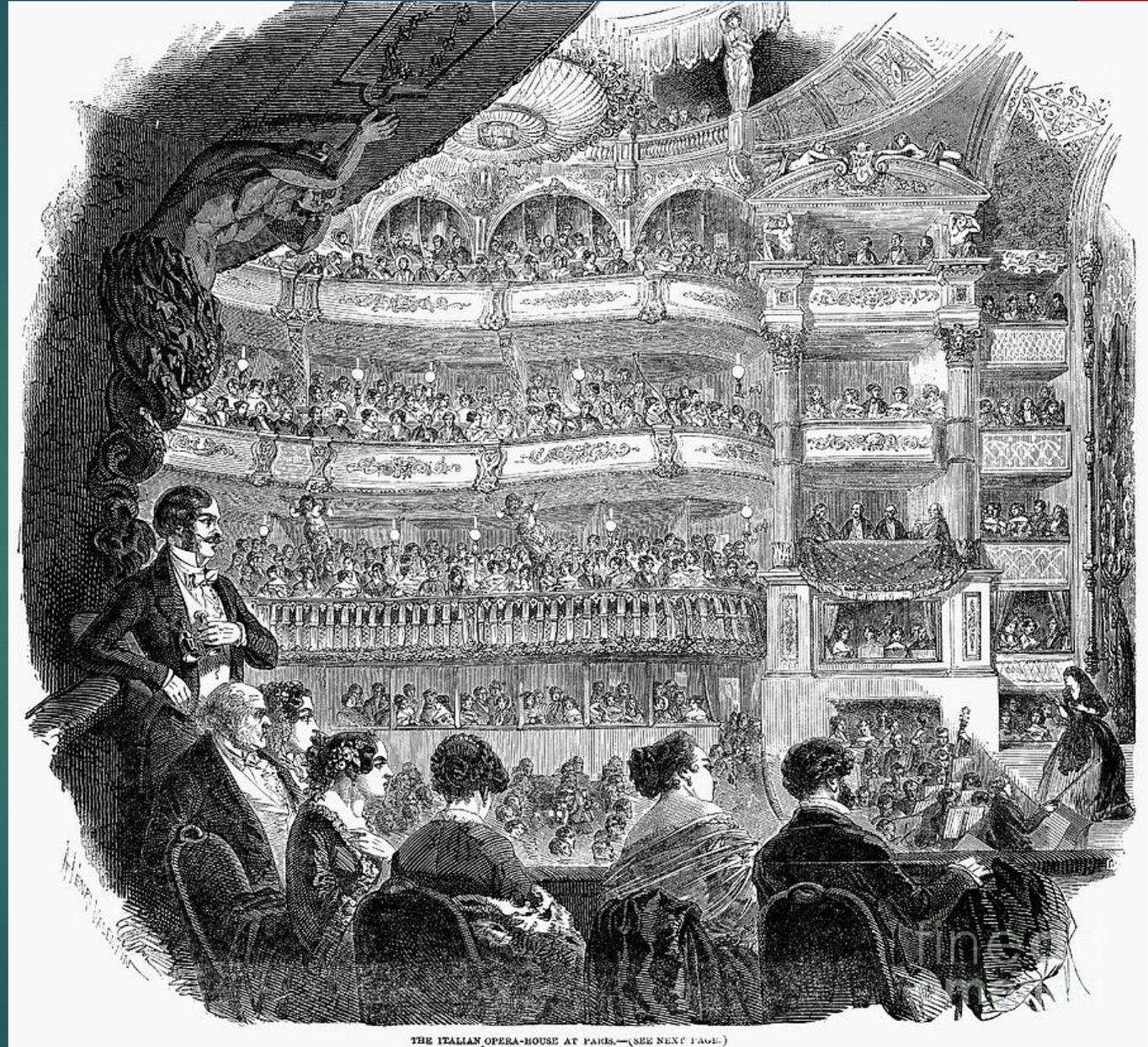
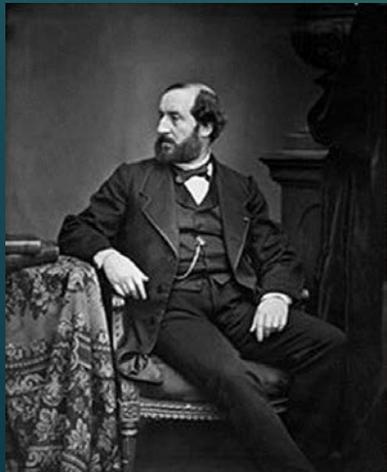
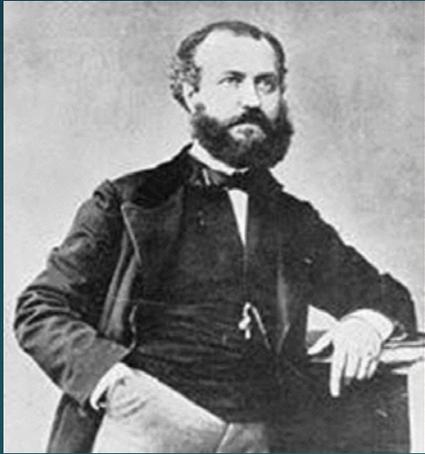




The Age of Tyrants: SAPPHO VIA GOUNOD'S OPERA

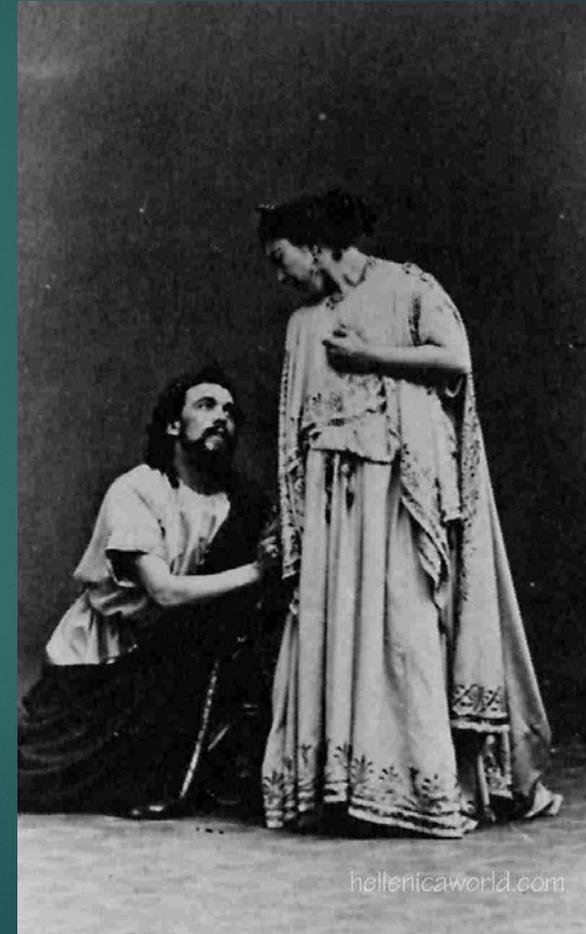
Paris Opéra

Charles Gounod
Émile Augier



THE ITALIAN OPERA-HOUSE AT PARIS.—(SEE NEXT PAGE.)

Pauline Viardot in 1851 as St Cecilia and in Gluck's *Orpheus and Alcestis*



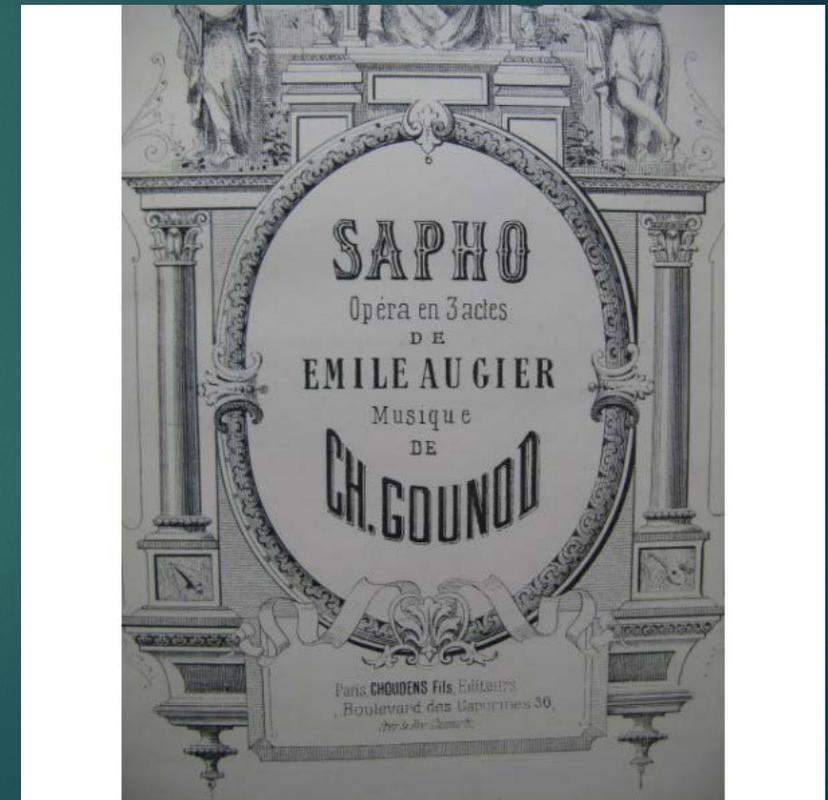
Design sketch by Philippe Chaperon for Act 1 in the 1884 production, Palais Garnier



'Sappho and Phaon' attended by Eros/Cupid.
Jacques-Louis David



Design sketch by Édouard Desplechin for the final scene in the original 1851 production of *Sapho*



'Sappho at Leucate' by Antoine-Jean Gros

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vic7jA1iYgo> [2.03 to 7.42]

O my immortal lyre,
who, in sad times, ever faithful,
through all my misfortunes,
always consoled me!
In vain your gentle murmuring
tries to aid me in my suffering.
No, you cannot heal
my latest wound;
my hurt is in my heart!
Only death can end my anguish!
Farewell, torchlight of the world;
decend into the womb of the sea.
I shal sink beneath the waves
to meet my eternal rest.



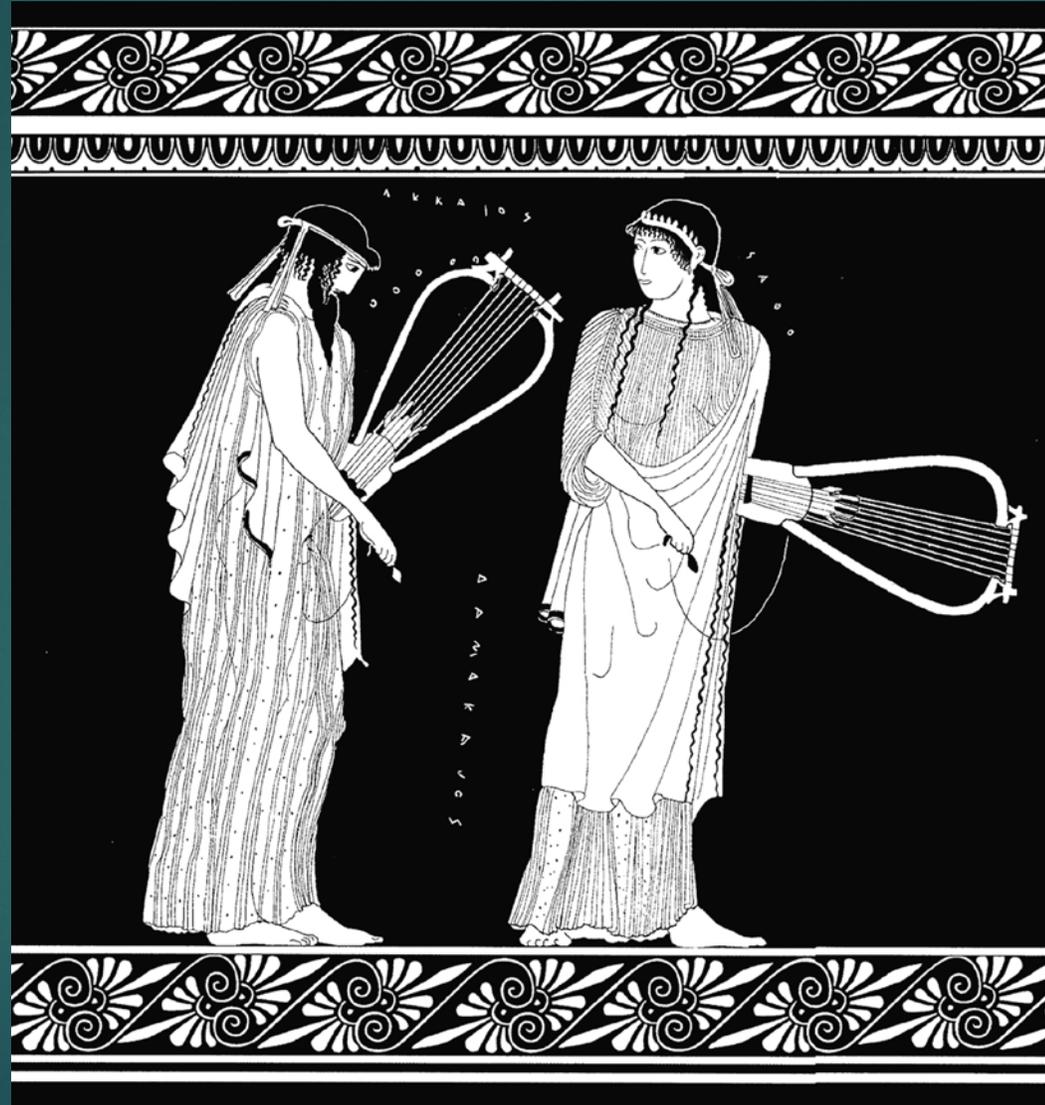
J'nai Bridges sings 'O ma lyre immortelle' from Sapho by Charles Gounod, at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2015



'Sappho and Alcaeus' by Lawrence Alma-Tadema (1881)



Alcaeus and Sappho on a red-figure vase from 5th century BCE



Phaon and Sappho in re-Raphaelite Visualisation;

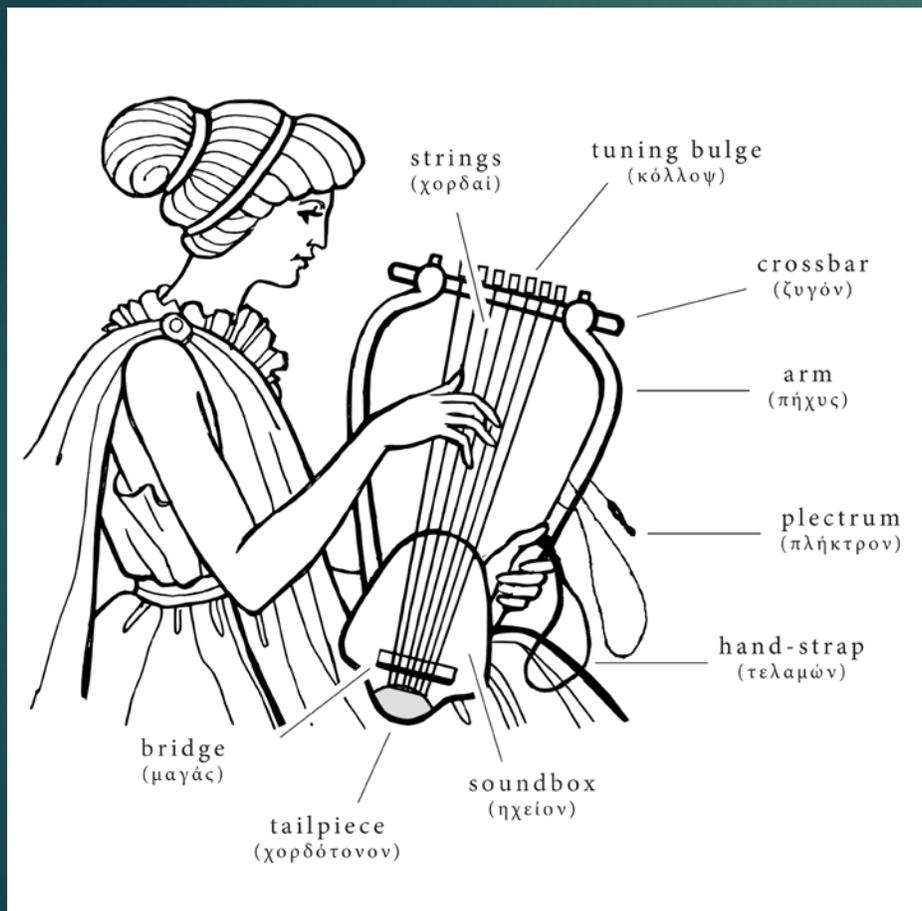


Lydian riches and coins



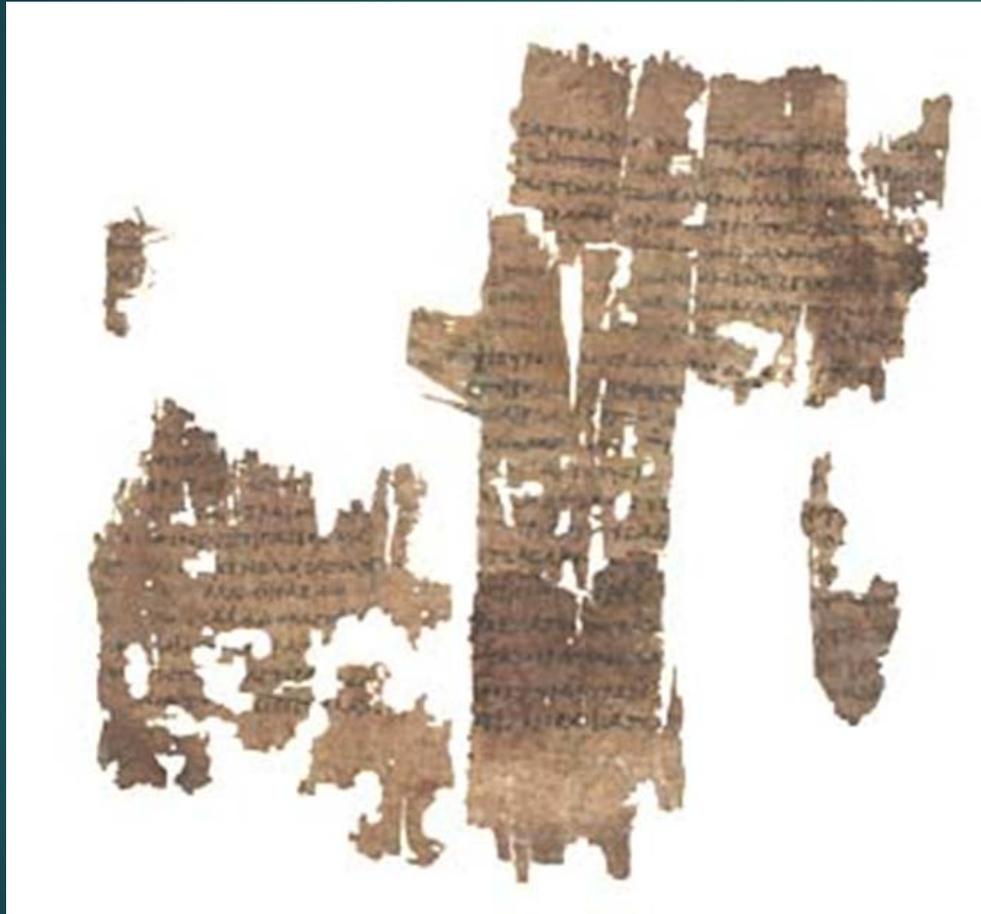


Sappho's Lyre

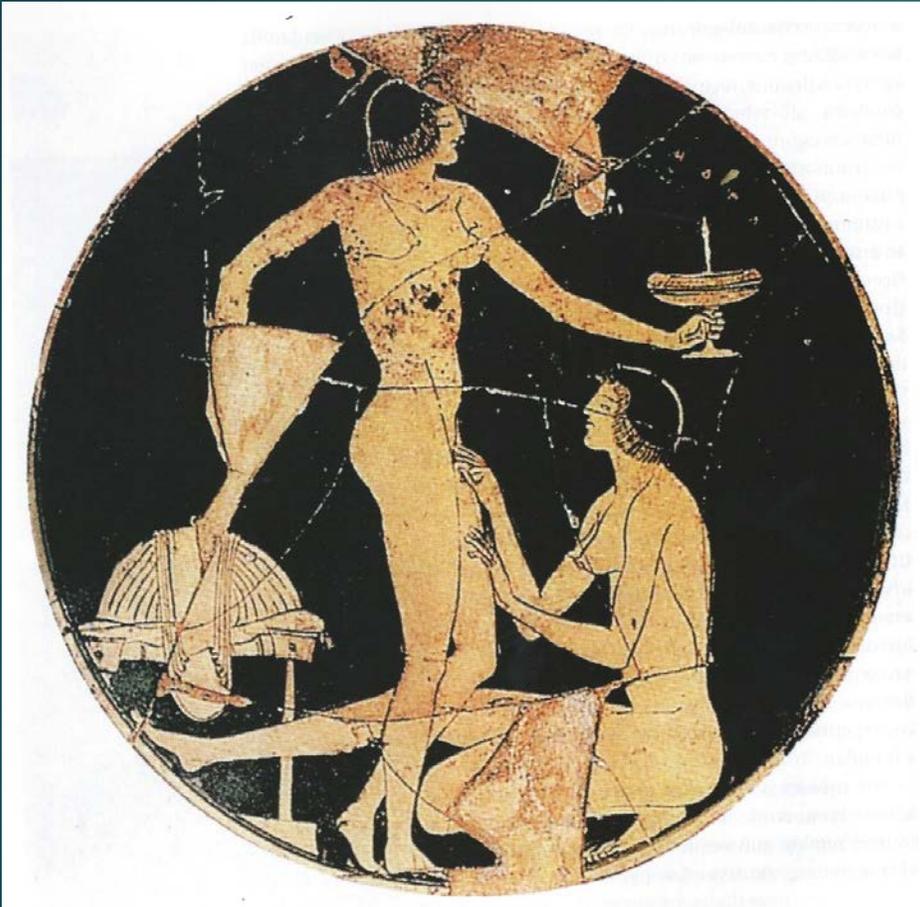


Papyrus with 'Old Age' poem

Dawn & Tithonus



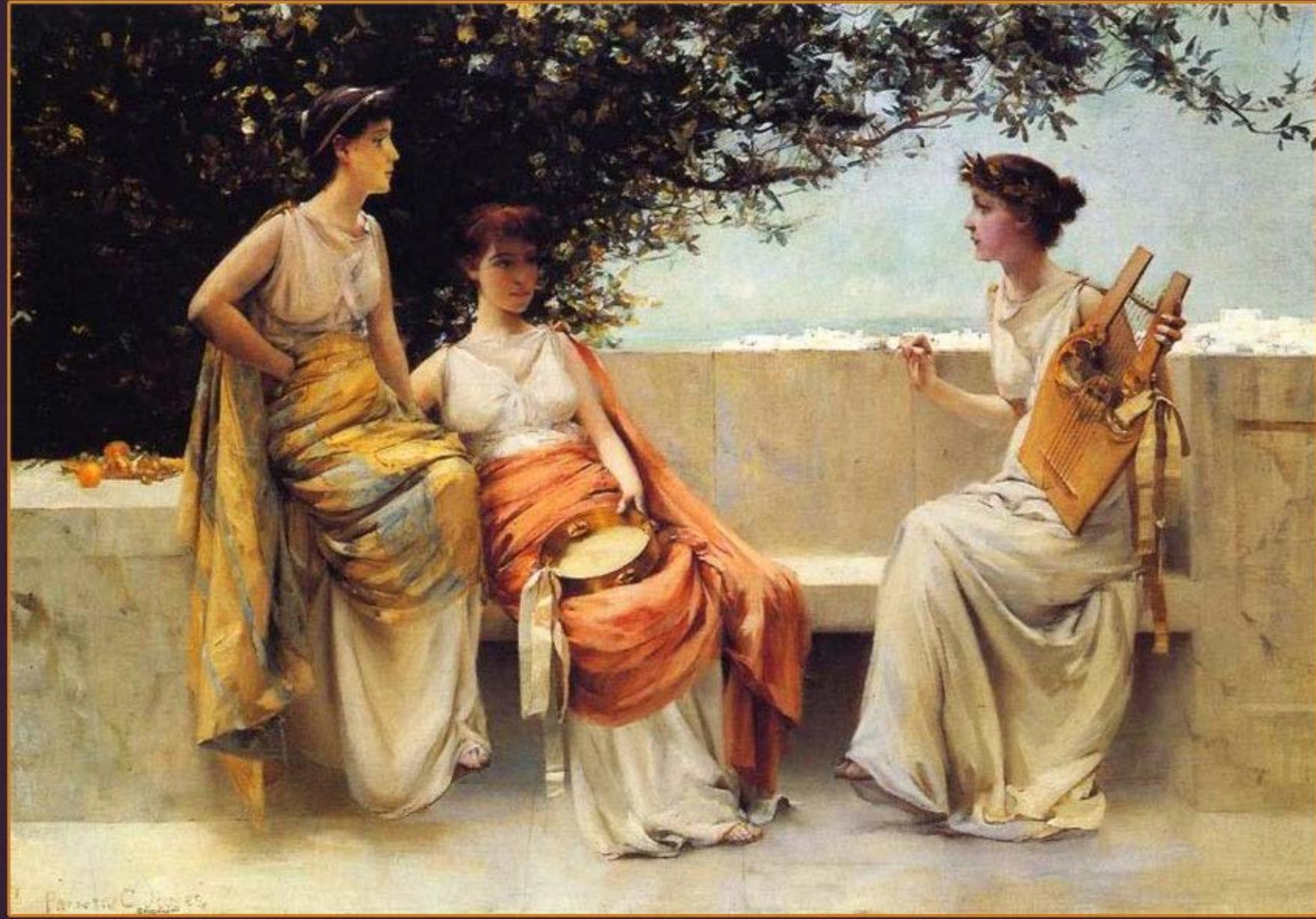
Women Together



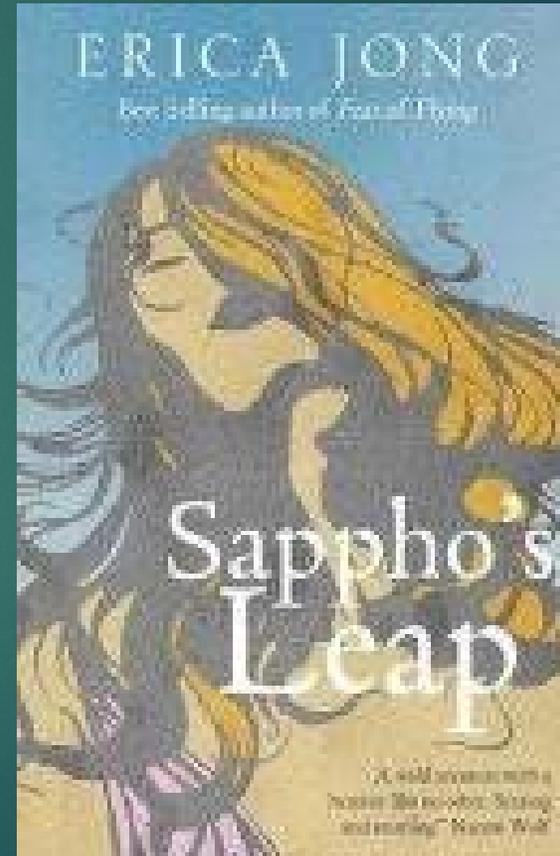
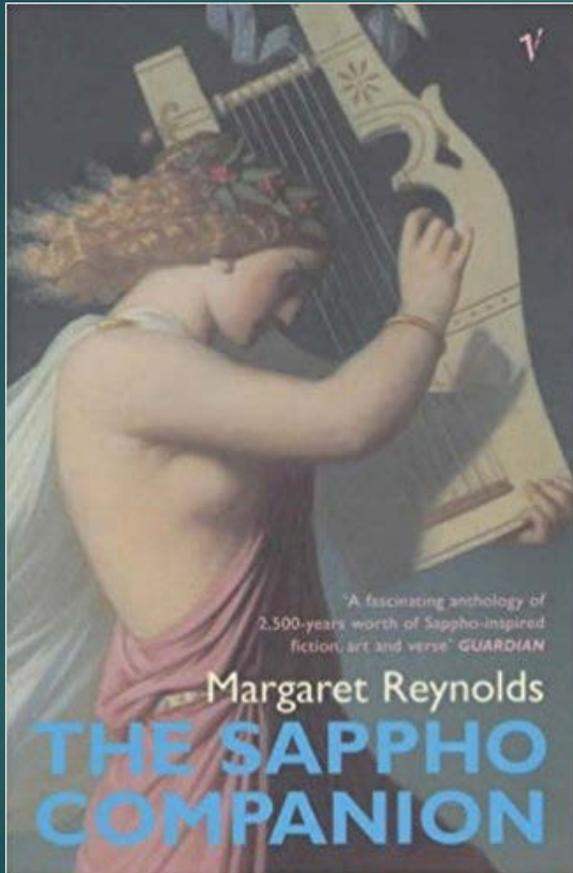
Symposium scenes



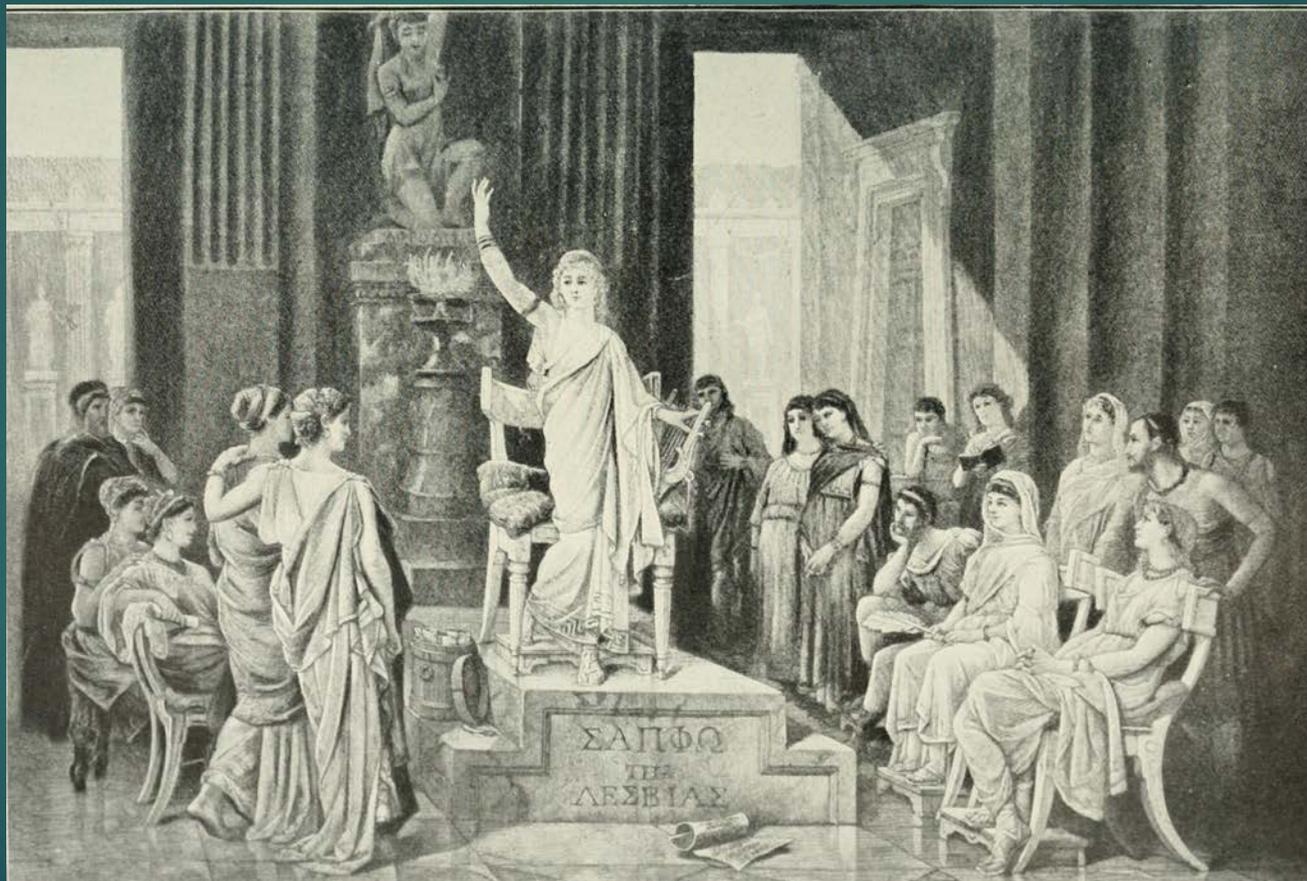




The Sappho Industry going strong



Sappho and her Circle (Louis Hector Leroux)



'Antiochus I and Stratonice' by Jacques-Louis David (1774)



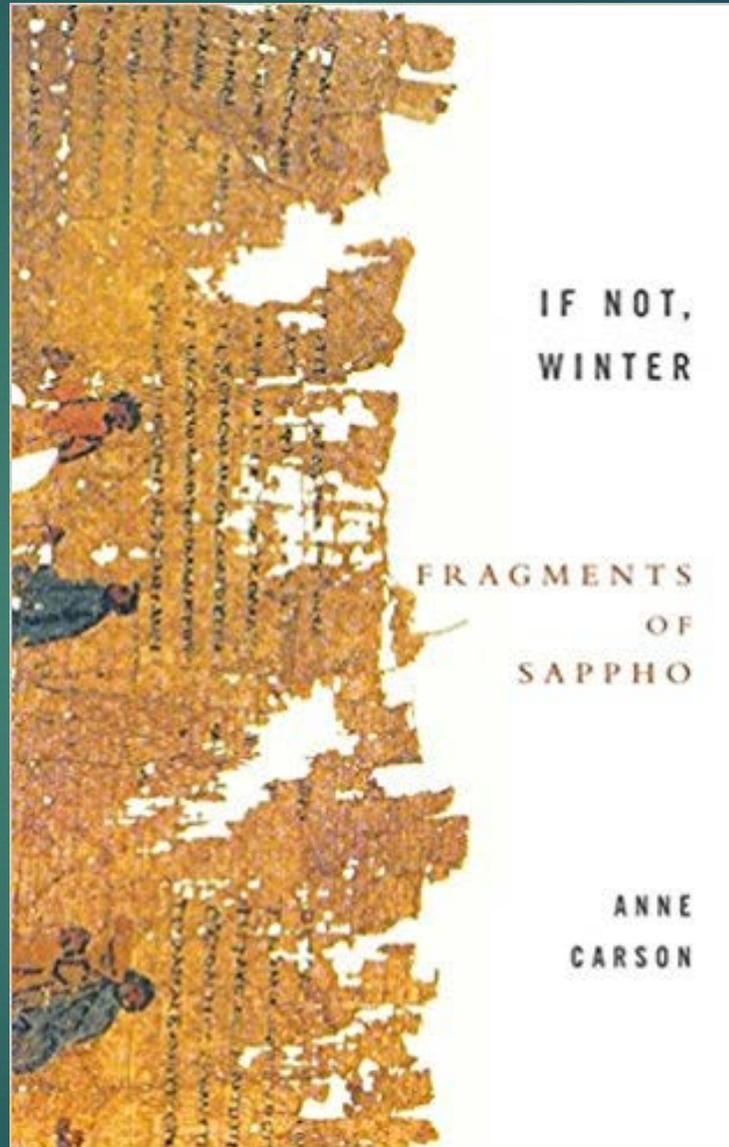


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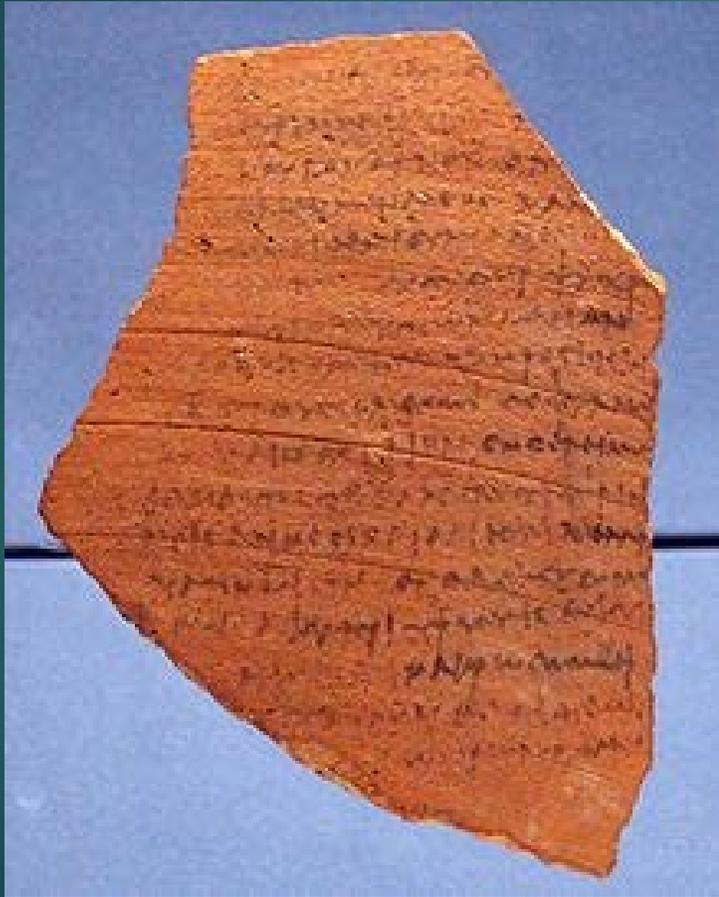
TRANSLATED BY JOSEPHINE BALMER



Temple of Aphrodite on Lesbos



Sappho 2: published by brilliant Italian papyrologist Medea Norsa.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGq1mDYSDnQ>







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