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Musical Footprints of Extremadura in the New World: Between Myth and History

Artistic and cultural exchanges between Extremadura and the New World during the colonial period have received sustained attention from historiography for decades. However, music has remained virtually unnoticed until now, with no comprehensive study on the Extremaduran musical presence in Spanish America during the 16th to 18th centuries. In an effort to move beyond the triumphalist perspective that has dominated the study of Extremaduran-American relations, this lecture aims to provide an initial exploration of this evident—yet understudied—bilateral relationship based on documentation found in Latin American and Spanish archives. Through this case study, the main methodological problems and historiographical challenges faced by transatlantic musicology today will be presented in parallel.

Vita

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