DRAMATIS PERSONAE & ARTISTIC PROGRAM IN THE PLAY “NEW CENTURY’S EVE WITH THE CREATIVE PARAGONS” BY JACQUES CORY

**PROTAGONISTS GUESTS:** 18 FRENCH, 3 BRITISH, 2 AMERICANS, 2 RUSSIANS, 2 ITALIANS, 2 AUSTRIANS, 2 GERMANS, 1 SPANISH, 1 SWEDISH, 1 PORTUGUESE, 1 HUNGARIAN, 1 NORWEGIAN, IN TOTAL – 36 GUESTS FROM 12 NATIONALITIES, HALF FRENCH. THE MAIN PROTAGONISTS ARE – 2 FRENCH – 1 HOST, 1 CHORUS.

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE:

Ernesta Stern, 45, French, Salonniere, Author – Host

Jacque Corot, 80, French, Witness – (Greek) Chorus

Émile Zola, 59, French, Author and Journalist

Lev Tolstoy, 71, Russian, Author

Henrik Ibsen, 71, Norwegian, Playwright

Georges Clemenceau, 58, French, Statesman and Journalist

Oscar Wilde, 45, Irish/British, Playwright

George Bernard Shaw, 43, Irish/British, Playwright and Polemicist

Claude Monet, 59, French, Painter

Claude Debussy, 37, French, Composer

Giacomo Puccini, 41, Italian, Composer

Enrico Caruso, 26, Italian, Operatic Tenor

Edmond Rostand, 31, French, Playwright

Sarah Bernhardt, 55, French, Stage Actress

Louis Lumière, 35, French, Engineer, Industrialist, Inventor of the Cinematograph

Theodor Herzl, 39, Austrian Jewish Journalist, Playwright, Writer, Father of Political Zionism

José Echegaray, 67, Spanish, Civil Engineer, Mathematician, Statesman, Playwright

Gustave Eiffel, 67, French, Civil Engineer

Jules Chéret, 63, French, Painter, Lithographer

Marcel Proust, 28, French, Author

Marie Curie, 32, Polish/French, Physicist, Chemist

Ragnar Sohlman, 29, Swedish, Chemical Engineer, Manager, Creator of Nobel Foundation

Wilhelm Röntgen, 54, German, Mechanical Engineer, Physicist

Sigmund Freud, 43, Austrian, Neurologist and Founder of Psychoanalysis

Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), 64, American, Author and Humorist

Yvette Guilbert, 34, French, Cabaret Singer, Actress

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, 35, French, Painter, Printmaker and Caricaturist

W.S. (William Schwenck) Gilbert, 63, English, Dramatist, Librettist, collaborated with composer Arthur Sullivan

Jules Verne, 71, French, Author and Futurist

Isadora Duncan, 22, American, Dancer, Mother of Modern Dance

Eça de Queirós, 54, Portuguese, Author and Diplomat

Richard Strauss, 35, German, Composer and Conductor

Camille Saint-Saens, 64, French, Composer, Conductor, Organist, Pianist, Writer, Critic

Joseph Joachim, 68, Hungarian, Violinist, Conductor, Composer and Teacher

Georges Feydeau, 37, French, Playwright

Auguste Rodin, 59, French, Sculptor

Dmitri Mendeleev, 65, Russian, Chemist

Emile Durkheim, 41, French, Sociologist

**OTHERS – GUESTS, ACTORS, MUSICIANS, ET AL:**

108 IN TOTAL FROM FRANCE, US, ROMANIA, NETHERLANDS (DUTCH), SWEDEN, NORWAY, ITALY, RUSSIA, AUSTRIA, FINLAND, POLAND, GERMANY, UKRAINE (YIDDISH, HEBREW), BRAZIL (PORTUGUESE), TURKEY (TURKISH, LADINO), VENEZUELA, SPAIN, UK, CROATIA, PUERTO RICO, DENMARK, GREECE, SWITZERLAND (GERMAN), INDIA, CUBA, CZECHIA, BELGIUM (FRENCH), JAPAN, CHINA, SERBIA, EGYPT (ARABIC), SYRIA (ARABIC), TUNISIA (JUDEO-ARABIC).

[Henry James](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_James), American/British, Author

Hendrik Christian Andersen, Norwegian/American, Sculptor

[Gabriele d’Annunzio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gabriele_D%27Annunzio), Italian, Author

[Anton Chekhov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton_Chekhov), Russian, Author

[Konstantin Stanislavski](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konstantin_Stanislavski), Russian, Director, Actor

[Olga Knipper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olga_Knipper), Russian, Actress

[Arthur Schnitzler](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Schnitzler), Austrian, Playwright

[Arturo Toscanini](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arturo_Toscanini), Italian, Conductor

Constant Coquelin, French, Actor

Rosemonde Gerard, French, Author, Wife of Edmond Rostand

Arthur Rubinstein, Polish, Pianist

[John Philip Sousa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Philip_Sousa), American, Composer, Conductor

Jane Avril, French, Dancer

[Charles Lecocq](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Lecocq), French, Composer

[Robert Planquette](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Planquette), French, Composer

[Andre Messager](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andr%C3%A9_Messager), French, Composer

[Ludovic Halevy](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludovic_Hal%C3%A9vy), French, Author, Playwright, Librettist

Jules Barbier, French, Librettist

Pierre Curie, French, Physicist, Husband of Marie Curie

Max Schiller, French, Impresario, Husband of Yvette Guilbert

Aristide Bruant, French, Chansonnier/Singer/Author/Composer, Actor, Nightclub Owner

[Reynaldo Hahn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reynaldo_Hahn), Venezuelan/French, Composer, Conductor, Pianist, Singer

[Machado](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hendrik_Christian_Andersen) de Assis, Brazilian, Author in Portuguese

[Armand Silvestre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Armand_Silvestre), French, Poet

[Max Bruch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Bruch), German, Composer, Conductor

[Edvard Grieg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edvard_Grieg), Norwegian, Composer, Pianist

[Georges Méliès](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georges_M%C3%A9li%C3%A8s), French, Illusionist, Actor, Film Director

Bronislaw Huberman, Polish, Violinist

[Jeanne Hugo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeanne_Hugo), French, Socialite, Granddaughter of the Author Victor Hugo

[Jean-Baptiste Charcot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-Baptiste_Charcot), French, Scientist, Explorer, Husband of Jeanne Hugo

Pablo Casals, Spanish, Cellist

Camille Chevillard, French, Composer, Conductor of Orchestre Lamoureux

Lionel Tertis, British, Violist

Maurice Ravel, French, Pianist

Adelina Patti, Italian, Opera Singer

Antonio Paoli, Puerto Rican, Opera Singer

Karl Mantzius, Danish, Actor, Opera Singer

Luisa Tetrazzini, Italian, Opera Singer

Leon Rothier, French, Opera Singer

Edyth Walker, American, Opera Singer

Francesco Tamagno, Italian, Opera Singer

Clara Butt, British, Opera Singer

[Jose-Maria de Heredia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9-Maria_de_Heredia), Cuban/French, Poet, Translator

Carl Spitteler, Swiss, Poet in German

Janko Veselinovic, Serbian, Writer

Rabindranath Tagore, Indian, Writer

Lie Kim Hok, Chinese, Writer

Koda Rohan, Japanese, Writer

Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian, Playwright in French

Antun Gustav Matos, Croatian, Poet

Louis Stern, French, Banker, Art Collector, Husband of Ernesta Stern

Jean Stern, French, Banker, Fencer, Son of Ernesta and Louis Stern

[Edmond de Rothschild](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edmond_James_de_Rothschild), French, Banker, Philanthropist, Donor and Supporter of Zionism

[Maurice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurice_de_Rothschild) de Rothschild, French, Financier, Philanthropist, Son of Edmond de Rothschild

[Zoe de Rothschild](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zo%C3%A9_Lucie_Betty_de_Rothschild), French/Belgian, Painter, Niece of Edmond de Rothschild

[Leon Lambert](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/L%C3%A9on_Lambert_(banquier)), Belgian, Banker, Husband of Zoe de Rothschild

Claude Lambert, Belgian, Daughter of Leon Lambert and Zoe de Rothschild

Henriette Stern, French, Sister of Louis Stern

Georges Halphen, French, Banker, Diamond Merchant, Husband of Henriette Stern

[Fernand Halphen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernand_Halphen), French, Composer, Son of Georges Halphen and Henriette Stern

Jacques Stern, French, Banker, Brother of Louis Stern

[Sophie Croizette](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sophie_Croizette), French, Actress, Wife of Jacques Stern

[Isaac Albeniz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isaac_Alb%C3%A9niz), Spanish, Composer, Pianist

Manuel de Falla, Spanish, Composer, Pianist

[Pablo de Sarasate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pablo_de_Sarasate), Spanish, Composer, Violinist

Berthe Marx, French, Pianist

Francisco Tarrega, Spanish, Composer, Guitarist

Alfred Cottin, French, Guitarist, Composer

Camille Pissarro, Danish/French, Painter

[Gustave Kahn](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustave_Kahn), French, Poet

[Alfred Jarry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Jarry), French, Playwright

[Willy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Gauthier-Villars), Henry Gauthier-Villars, French, Author

[Colette](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colette), Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette, French, Author, wife of Willy

[Marguerite Durand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marguerite_Durand), French, Journalist, Feminist

[Gustav Mahler](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_Mahler), Austrian, Composer, Conductor

[Alexander Glazunov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Glazunov), Russian, Composer, Professor

[Antonin Dvorak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anton%C3%ADn_Dvo%C5%99%C3%A1k), Czech, Composer

[Tomas Masaryk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom%C3%A1%C5%A1_Garrigue_Masaryk), Czech, Philosopher, Humanist, Ethicist

[Marcellus Emants](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcellus_Emants), Dutch, Author

[Ion Luca Caragiale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ion_Luca_Caragiale), Romanian, Writer

[Tevfik Fikret](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tevfik_Fikret), Turkish, Writer

[Ahmed Shawqi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ahmed_Shawqi), Egyptian, Poet in Arabic

[Khalil Mutran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khalil_Mutran), Palestinian/Syrian/Egyptian, Writer in Arabic

Giuseppe Verdi, Italian, Composer

[Sholem Aleikhem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sholem_Aleichem), Ukrainian, Yiddish Author, Playwright

[Hayim Nahman Bialik](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hayim_Nahman_Bialik), Ukrainian, Hebrew Poet

[Elia Carmona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elia_Carmona), Turkish, Ladino Judeo-Spanish Author

[Jacob Chemla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob_Chemla), Tunisian, Judeo-Arabic Author, Journalist

[Kostis Palamas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kostis_Palamas), Greek, Poet

[Pierre de Coubertin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_de_Coubertin), French, Educator, Historian, Father of the Modern Olympic Games

[Henryk Sienkiewitcz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henryk_Sienkiewicz), Polish, Author

[Selma Lagerlof](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selma_Lagerl%C3%B6f), Swedish, Author

[Georg Brandes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg_Brandes), Danish, Author

[Johan Jacob Ahrenberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johan_Jacob_Ahrenberg), Finnish, Writer, Artist, Architect

[Anna de Noailles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anna_de_Noailles), French, Author, Socialite

[Leon Bonnat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/L%C3%A9on_Bonnat), French, Painter

[Carolus-Duran](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carolus-Duran), French, Painter

Pauline Croizette, French, Painter, Wife of Carolus-Duran and Sister of Sophie Croizette

[Paul Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Adam_(French_novelist)), French, Novelist

[Camille Flammarion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camille_Flammarion), French, Astronomer, Author

[Joseph Reinach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Reinach), French, Writer, Politician

[Jean Richepin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Richepin), French, Poet, Novelist, Playwright

[Henri de Regnier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri_de_R%C3%A9gnier), French, Poet

[Marie de Regnier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marie_de_R%C3%A9gnier), French, Author, Wife of Henri de Regnier, Daughter of J. M. de Heredia

[Pierre Louys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pierre_Lou%C3%BFs), French, Poet, Writer

Louise de Heredia, French, Wife of Pierre Louys, Sister of Marie de Regnier

Ferdinand von Zeppelin, German, former General, Constructor of the Airship Zeppelin

Camille Jenatzy, Belgian, Race Car Driver

**AND** - Moulin Rouge can-can show,

4 Actors of the Gilbert show,

Ensemble of musicians from the Lamoureux Orchestra,

Ensemble of singers and dancers from the Garnier Opera in Paris.

IN TOTAL – 180 GUESTS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, COMPOSERS, SCIENTISTS, MUSICIANS, INVENTORS, ET AL, FROM 36 NATIONALITIES, IN 30 LANGUAGES.

**ARTISTIC PROGRAM**

\* Monet’s paintings are screened, while Claude Debussy plays on the piano his Arabesques

\*Enrico Caruso sings 12 opera arias by Puccini, Verdi, Donizetti, Leoncavallo, Gounod, Bizet

\* Sarah Bernhardt plays Duke Reichstadt’s monologues from Edmond Rostand’s L’Aiglon

\* 10 short films by Lumiere are screened accompanied by Scott Joplin’s ragtime piano music played by Arthur Rubinstein, who continues with a recital by Chopin, Brahms, Mendelssohn

\* Photos & films of Paris around 1899 are screened, as well as Jules Cheret’s posters, with a performance of a Moulin Rouge can-can show and scenes from famous French operettes

\* Yvette Guilbert sings 10 French Belle Epoque’s songs, as well as traditional songs

\* 4 actors play famous scenes from The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance, H.M.S. Pinafore…

\* Isadora Duncan dances, accompanied by the piano music of Reynaldo Hahn

\* Armand Silvestre recites his poem Les fils de Promethee, accompanied alternately by piano extracts from Le feu celeste by Camille Saint-Saens, performed by him & Arthur Rubinstein

\* Joseph Joachim & Edvard Grieg play a recital of piano and violin compositions by Chopin, Saint-Saens, Grieg, Fauré, Brahms, Liszt, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann & Mendelssohn

\* Potpourri of 1899 Georges Melies films, including a film on the Dreyfus Affair. Accompanied by Bronislaw Huberman on the violin in a classical, sacred and popular recital

\* Jeanne Hugo recites a poem from La Legende des Siecles by Victor Hugo, her grandfather

\* Jose-Maria de Heredia recites poems by the Spanish poet Pedro Antonio de Alarcon

\* Olga Knipper plays Tatiana writing to Eugene Onegin by Pushkin and Tchaikovsky’s opera

\* A concert of compositions by composers who died recently, with Orchestre Lamoureux ensemble and soloists Pablo Casals, Bronislaw Huberman, Lionel Tertis and Maurice Ravel

\* Arias & ballets with Garnier Opera group and Adelina Patti, Antonio Paoli, Karl Mantzius, Luisa Tetrazzini, Leon Rothir, Edyth Walker, Francesco Tamagno, Clara Butt

\* Isaac Albeniz, Francisco Tarrega and Pablo de Sarasate give a recital of their compositions

\* Standing ovation to Giuseppe Verdi, while singing a cappella Va Pensiero from Nabucco. The opera singers sing arias from Verdi’s operas, ending with Triumphal March from Aida

\* The actors, musicians and guests sing and play the Ode to Joy from Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony, while the Parisian New Century fireworks outside the windows are seen & heard

\* Screening of the 1900 Paris World Exposition’s new buildings/monuments, John Philip Sousa enters with his March Band performing American, English & French military marches

IN TOTAL – 20 PROGRAMS – POEMS, PLAYS, FILMS; PAINTINGS, POSTERS, PHOTOS, ARCHITECTURE, SCULPTURES; RECITALS - PIANO, VIOLIN, GUITAR, CELLO, VIOLA; CHAMBER MUSIC, SYMPHONIES, CONCERTI; CLASSICAL, SACRED, POPULAR, MARCHES; OPERAS, OPERETTES, RAGTIME, CHANSONS, TRADITIONAL SONGS, CHOIRS; CAN-CAN SHOW, BALLETS, MODERN DANCING; FIREWORKS. IN FRENCH, ENGLISH, GERMAN, SPANISH, RUSSIAN AND ITALIAN.

  





