

Giacomo Grandi (Jacobus Grandi), violist

G.'s first known employment was at the Polish court of Vladimir IV 1642-45 and Johan II Casimir 1650-51. After a seven month stay at the Danish court (1 September 1652 till 1 April 1653), G. had a position at the Swedish court (1 September 1653 till June 1654). Based on the salary that G. received here, Sundström and later Kjellberg assumed that he was a castrato. In Danish sources, however, he is only mentioned as *violist*. According to Przybyszewska-Jarminska, G.s family came from Ferrara (Przybyszewska-Jarminska 2007:173).

G. was employed at the Danish court 1 September 1652, the same day as the new *Kapelmester* Kaspar Förster. They probably arrived together from the Polish court, where they both worked in the early 1650s. According to three preserved copies of G.'s letter of employment, his annual salary was to be 300 rd. G. quit his position and received a salary of 175 rd. for the period from 1 September 1652 till 1 April 1653. He was meant to stay longer, which is emphasized by a comment added to the second copy of his employment letter: "Has run from his duty and is paid fully off".

The reason why he left Copenhagen is not documented in Danish sources, but he possibly received an offer from the Swedish court, where several Italian musicians were employed. Also the two Italian singers Amadei and Bandini left for Stockholm around this time.

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j ct lxxv [= 175] Enkende Rxdr:

Dend 25 Aprilis Giffuen *Jacobus Grandi* forige *violist* 7 maaneders Besolsding fra dend 1 Septembr 1652 hand først i Tieniste er Antagen, Och til dend 1 Aprilis neruerende Aar 1653 hand aff Tieniste er forløffuet aarl: 300 Rxdr.

[Payment to Grandi for the period from 1 September 1652 where he was appointed until 1 April 1653 where he left his position. Notice that he is given the money almost one month after he left the court.]

Rigsarkivet (København), Danske Kancelli, Bestallingsbøger, 3A, fol. 67r.

Fredericus Tertius

Giøre Alle witterligt, At wi Naadigst haffuer Antaget och bestillet, Saa och hermed Antager och bestiller Neruerende *Jacobus Grandi* til at lade sig bruge i woreß *Capell* for en *violist*, Och schall hand wdi samme sin tieniste sig flitteligen och vfortrøden lade finde och bruge vdi bemelte woriß *Capel*, och andensted, huor wy hans tieniste behoffuer, Och hand aff wores *Capelmester* thilsiges, Och efftersom hand haffuer loffuet at wille were Oß wore Riger och lande huld och Tro, woris och deßen gaffn och beste af yderste formue fordre och fremme, Saa och schaade och Nachdeel hindre och afwerge, da haffuer wy for saadan hanß troe och flittig Tieniste Naadigst loffuet och tilsagt at wille lade giffue han-nem # [in the margin: Aarlig] thil løn och besolding aff wort Rendtecammer Tre Hun-

drede [= 300] Rixdaler, Huilche for.^{ne} hanß Aarlig *pension* schall
begynde och Angaa fra dend 1. *Septembris* och siden Aar
effter annet forfølges Imedens och ald dend stund hand er wdj
wor tieniste. Thi bede wy och biude wore Rendtemeste-
re De som nu erre eller her effter kommendiß worden, Att
i indtil anderlediß forordnet worder for.^{ne} Aarlig *pension*
och Besolding, Erlegge och Affbetaler, Ey giørendiß hannem
der paa hinder i Nogenmaader. Giffuett paa wort
Slott Kiøbenhaffn Dend 20 *decembr. Ao 1652*
Under wort Zignett
Frederich

Rigsarkivet (København), Danske Kancelli, Bestallingsbøger, 2A, fol. 12r.
[copy of the letter above, dated 20 December 1653 [= 1652]]
In the margin is written:
"Forløffuett aff Tienniste och gandsche affbetald"

Rigsarkivet (København), Danske Kancelli, Sjællandske Registre, 1651-1655, fol. 305r-v
[copy of the letter above, dated 20 December 1652]