Musical Life in the Military Frontier: The Casestudy of the Militär-kommunität Petrinja

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Militär-kommunitäten

- privileged towns
- special administrative and legal status
- town magistrate
- commerce, trade, crafts



Musikverein (1841)

- Department for church music
- Department choir singing
- Department for music theory
- Town music
- Music school

public concerts (professors and pupils, regimental musicians, talented citizens)

Town music

- Town guard's orchestra (1808)
- performances on all important public occasions, often alongside the Regimental orchestra
- 1841 Town guard's orchestra and Musikverein's Town music merged together - Town music
- 1851-1860 stagnation
- 1860-1873 not active



Music school (1841)

- 1841-1852 two years; 1852- three years
- at first just one teacher (singing and violin)
- brass instruments when the second teacher was hired important for the Town music

- School year: 1 November-20 September; fee: 0.5-1 forint; pupils: girls and boys, children of citizens of Petrinja (not just the elite)
- highly motivated and talented

Singing society Slavulj (1864)

- Josef Břiza
- society for "citizens of Petrinja that have a nice voice and a little of music education"
- intention: "to teach them in a private surrounding the art of the national male quartet and thus pose a musical grounds for the cultivation of national song in Petrinja"
- patriotic songs, works by Slavic composers

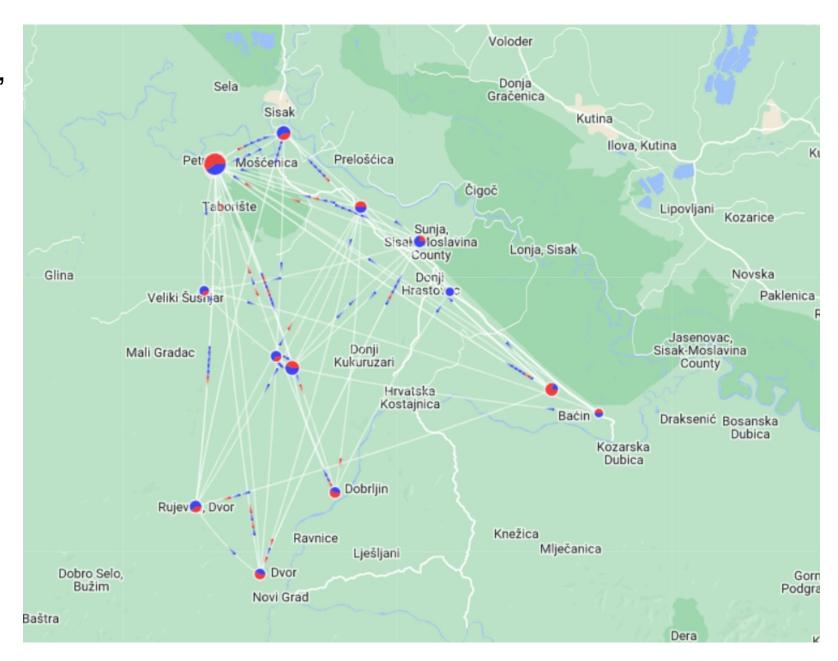
Regimental music

- case-study period 1860-1869
- 1 Regiments-Tambour, drummer(s) and horn player(s) in each company
- 0-3 drummers
- 0-2 horn players
- average: 1 of each

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1866	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	10	10
1867	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	10	10
1868	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	24	0
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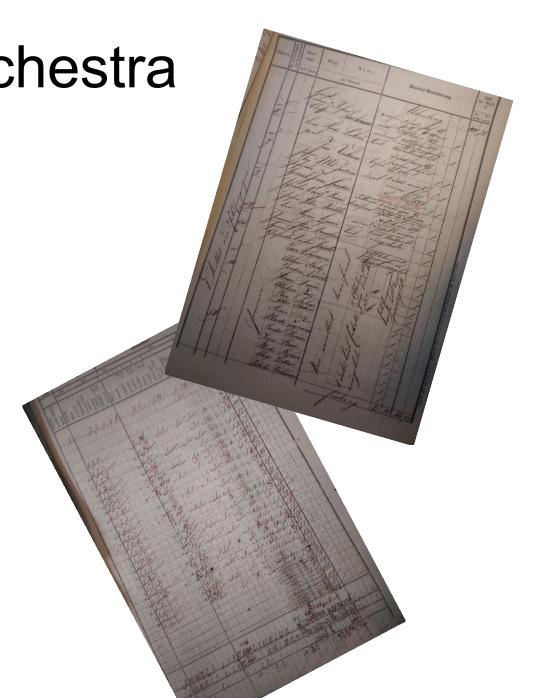
Drummers
Horn
players

- 1860-1869: 84 drummers,
 54 horn players
- mobility
- retirements (37), supernumeriert - to regular soldiers (36), advancement (1)



Regimental orchestra

- high quality of players, instruments and performances
- contemporary European repertoire
- Croatian composers on occasion
- public festivities, state holidays
- 1860-1873 only existing orchestra
- 1873 demilitarization of the Military Frontier



Conclusion

- civil (Musikverein, Music school, Slavulj, Town music) and military institutions (Regimental orchestra, Regimental music, Town guard's band)
- astrong influence of the military on the civilian sphere

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