



A Musical Journey



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The Places

The Museo Vela is at Ligornetto in the Swiss-Italian canton of Ticino. The galleries have remarkable collections of the works of the Vela family, Lorenzo, Vincenzo and his son Spartaco. The principal part of the collection includes the works in gesso of Vincenzo (1820-1891), plaster-cast figures later reworked in stone. The Museo Vela houses the largest such exhibition in the world.

1-2. Ligornetto: Museo Vela

The Music

Music for the visit is by Chopin, with his piano *Preludes*, written principally during the winter of 1838-39 that he spent in Mallorca with his mistress, the writer George Sand. The stay there brought many difficulties, not least the early signs of the illness that was to bring about Chopin's death ten years later. Other music included is Chopin's *Variations brillantes*, written in 1833, based on a melody from an opera by Hérold and Halévy.



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