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The European Music Manuscript collection at the British Library includes many special bequests of outstanding quality, the Stefan Zweig and Dragonetti collections being just the two best known. Among the individual acquisitions however, there are also autographs of immense significance by French, German, Austrian, Russian, Czech and Spanish composers.

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There are also ten Schubert manuscripts, six of them autographs, including dances for piano and “An die Musik”, two Mendelssohn autographs and, among many others, manuscripts by Meyerbeer, Pachelbel, Schumann, J.C., C.P.E. and J.S.Bach (the entire Wohltemperierte Klavier being at Add. Ms. 35021 in a manuscript of 1744. Other composers include Telemann, Dittersdorf, Weber, Stamitz and Schutz, with his autograph of Der Schwanengesang of 1671 at Zweig Ms. 84.

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