

0731a.¹ MOZART TO MARTHA ELISABETH, BARONESS VON WALDSTÄTTEN,² VIENNA

[Vienna, 22nd March, 1783]

Most highly esteemed,
gracious Baroness!³

I herewith take the liberty of placing at Your Grace's disposal a *box* for my *concert* on the coming Sunday, but beg you not to do as you did last year, for in fact Your Grace would shame me too much by that, since you were not in the least willing to allow me to show the gratitude I owe to you in any manner at all; – all the more so since Your Grace herself knows that even if I were the richest man in Vienna and were invested with the weightiest *responsibility* and consequently certainly always in a position to provide you with services of significance, I would still never be in a position to return all the good deeds and acts of friendship with which Your Grace has utterly overwhelmed me! – Now, since I am neither of both of these, how powerless – how insignificant must I necessarily feel! I therefore beg Your Grace not to take offence at liberty I have taken of placing a *box* at your disposal, and my wife and I, as we kiss your hands 1000 times and furthermore commend ourselves to your graciousness and friendship, both remain, with the greatest respect,

my gracious Baroness,
your most obedient children,
W: *et* C: Mozart mp⁴

From my home, 22nd March, 1783.

¹ Text in BD VIII, p. 54.

² BD: Martha Elisabeth, Baronin Waldstätten (1744-1811), a supporter of Mozart and also an outstanding pianist. Lived separated from her husband Hugo Joseph Dominik, Baron Waldstätten, a high official.

³ “Baronin”.

⁴ mp = “*manu propria*” = “in his/her own hand”.