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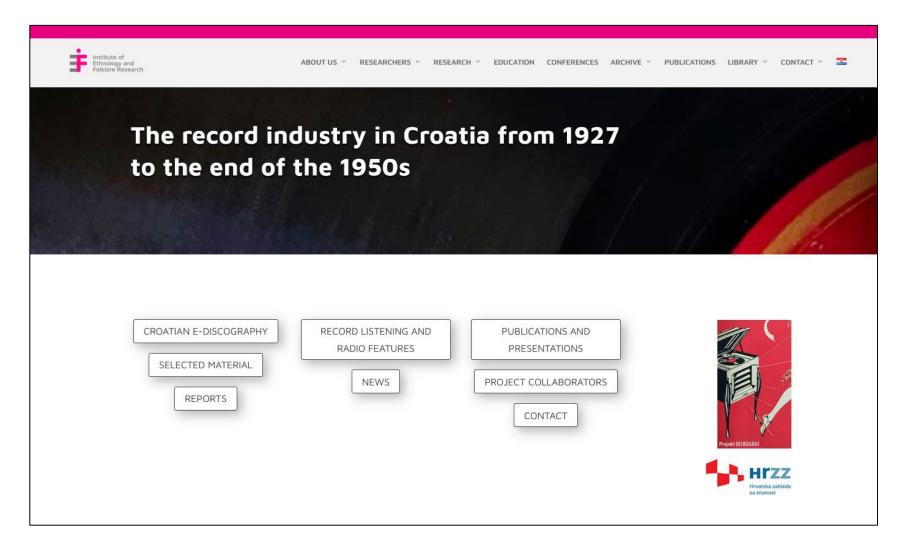
"New Kid in Town" - beginnings and topography of the record industry in Zagreb (Croatia)







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The Record Industry in Croatia from 1927 to the end of the 1950s



"78 rpm at home: Local perspectives on the early recording industry"

Zagreb, March 2023

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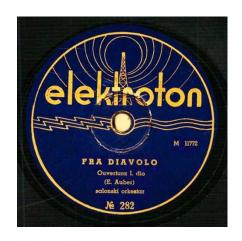
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The Record Industry in Croatia from 1927 to the end of the 1950s

= the first instance of a systematic scholarly approach to the topic of record industry in Croatia

1927 – end of the 1950s = the era of shellac records produced by three first shellac record companies based in Zagreb







c. 1200 records c. 600 c. 900

The Record Industry in Croatia from 1927 to the end of the 1950s

database Croatian e-discography (repozitorij.dief.eu)

more than 2000 records and 7000 recordings;

located in Croatia, ex Yugoslavia (Belgrade, Ljubljana) and USA



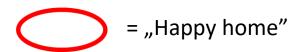
Sounds of the past - collection 78' Croatian audio heritage

National and University Library, Zagreb

http://mz.nsk.hr/zbirka78







"Domestic music for entertainment in your home"

"MUSIC OF THE WHOLE WORLD"



1. Edison Bell Penkala, 1926-1937

1924. Edison Bell International Ltd. (London) branch in Zagreb

1926. Edison Bell International Ltd.

+ Zagreb factory of writing utensils Penkala

= Edison Bell Penkala, d.d.

1927. production of Croatian records

Slavoljub Eduard Penkala (1871-1922)

Croatian chemist and inventor of Polish origin





Inventions:
mechanical pencil, 1906.
fountain pen
material for gramophone records
first Croatian earoplane, 1910.
etc.

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trademark

2. Elektroton, 1938-1947

1937. Odeon-Parlaphon branch in Ljubljana

1938. Zagreb branch of Elektroton

1945. nationalized



3. Jugoton, 1947- (from 1991 Croatia Records)

the first and biggest record company in Yugoslavia





Zagreb panorama

Musical Topography

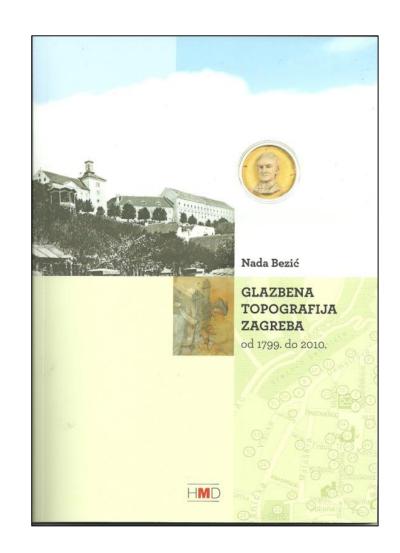
- = the totality of manifestations of music in a city:
- venues where music is listened to or performed
- venues where music is taught
- venues that keep alive the memory of musicians by way of memorials
- venues that are dedicated to the distribution of sheet music, audio recordings or musical instruments

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Glazbena topografija Zagreba : prostori i spomen-obilježja

Zagreb: Croatian Musicological Society, 2012

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1799 to 2010
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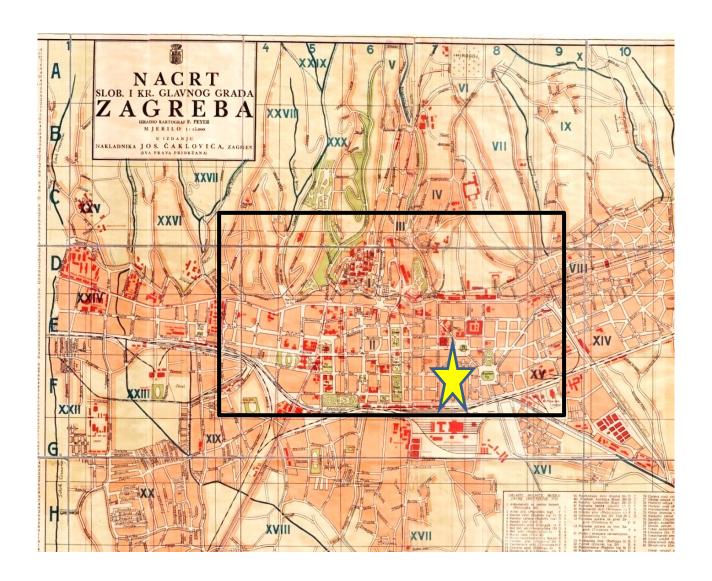
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Edison Bell Penkala factory

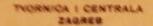
Edison Bell Penkala

1910, architecture and construction company Hönigsberg & Deutsch 1919-1922 building upgrade: Rudolf Lubynski



Branimirova Street 43





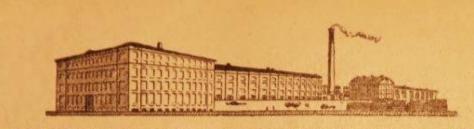
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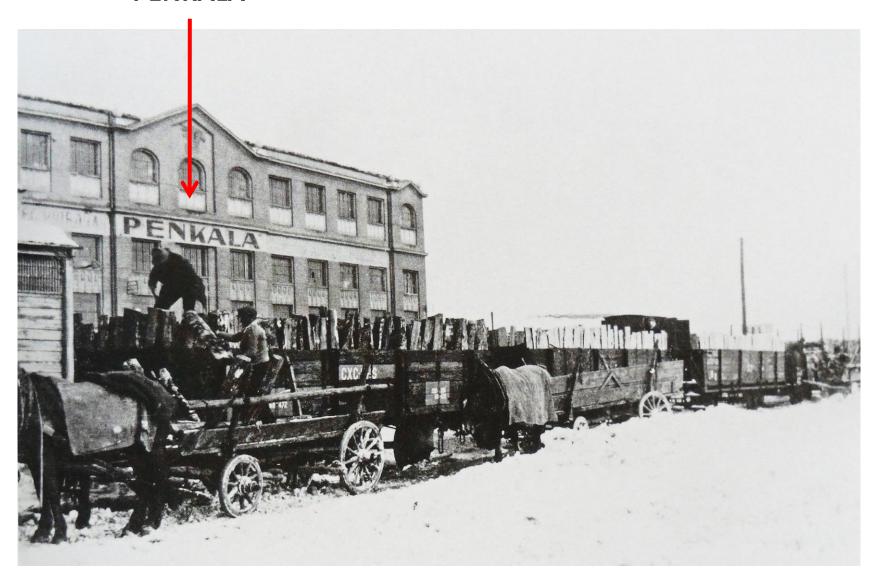
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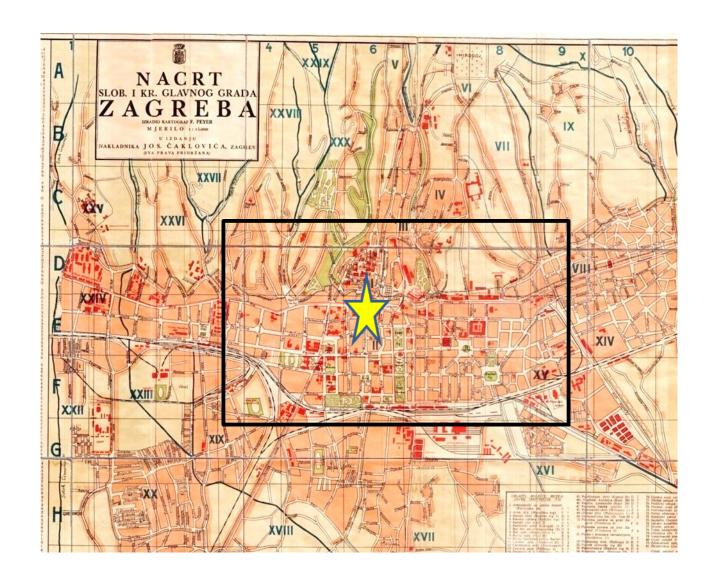
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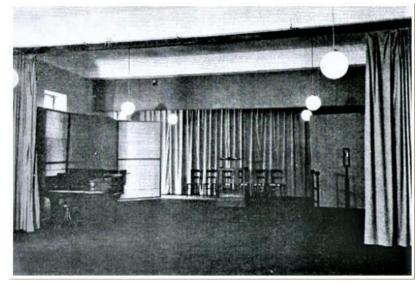




Edison Bell Penkala recording studio

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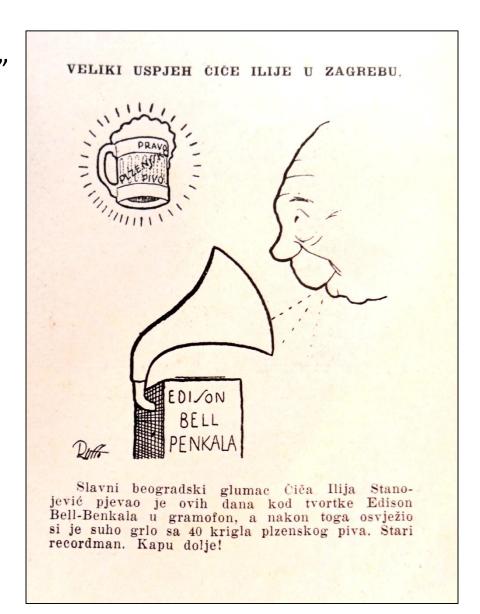


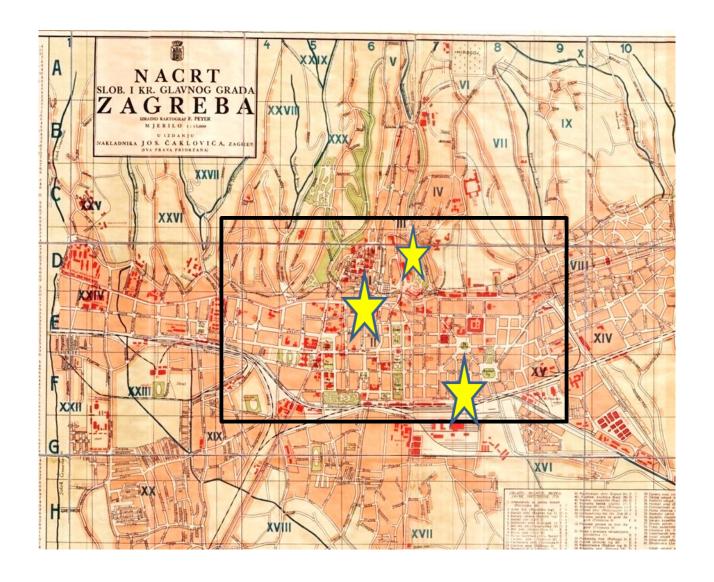
recording studio 1927-1933

Tesla Street 7, today theatre Zagrebačko kazalište mladih

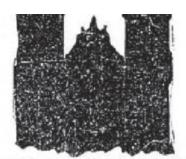
"Great success of Čiča Ilija in Zagreb" magazin *Kulisa*, 1928

Čiča Ilija Stanojević (1859-1930), Serbian comedian actor, recorded for Edison Bell Penkala





1927
Edison Bell Penkala factory and recording studio + cathedral



obavit će domaća tvornica gramofona i gramofonskih ploča EDISON BELL PENKALA Ltd. Zagreb

gramofonsko

snimanje na daljinu

Snimat će se božične pjesme pjevane od zagrebačkih klerika, uz sudjelovanje prisutne publike, pod osobnim ravnanjem g. N. Faliera, opernog ravnatelja. Gramofonsko snimanje na daljinu, pomoću telefonskog električnog voda, predstavlja danas

senzaciju tehnike!

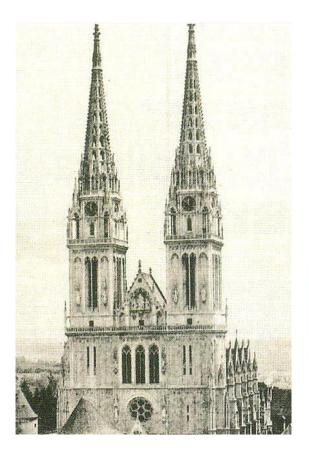
Da bi ove ploče naših božlćnih pjesama ispale što savršenije i veličajnije

pozivarno zagrebačko gradianstvo

da u što većem broju prisustvuje ovom velikom činu u našoj stolnoj crkvi, te da sudjeluje skupnim pjevanjem.

Vaš glas u gramofonu!

Edison Bell Penkala Ltd Zagreb





recording Christmas carols in the cathedral December 1927

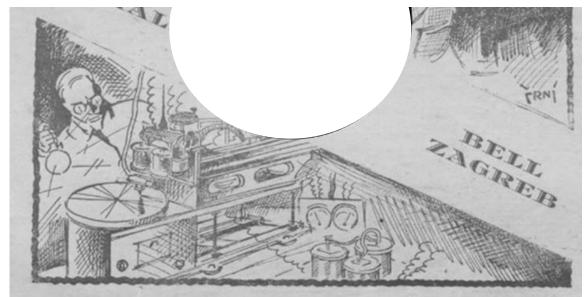


tvrtka Edison-Bell-Penkala takvo snimanje gramofonskih ploča. Na našoj slici vidin

title: Photographing the voice magazine Kulisa, 1927

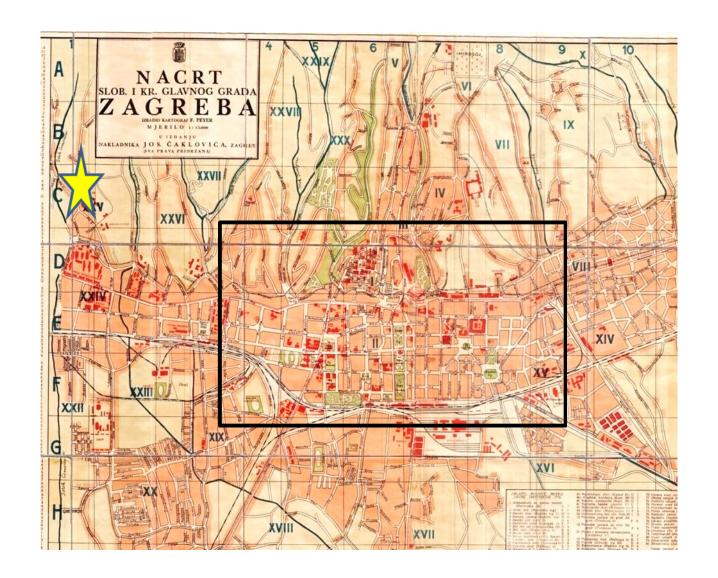


Edison Bell Penkala record envelope





"How gramophone records are made", Svijet, 1930

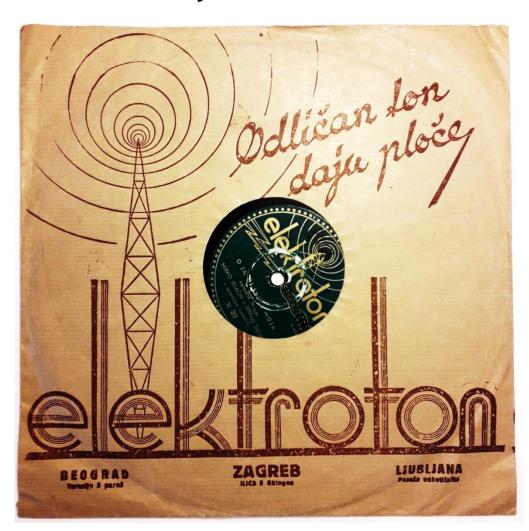


Elektroton factory

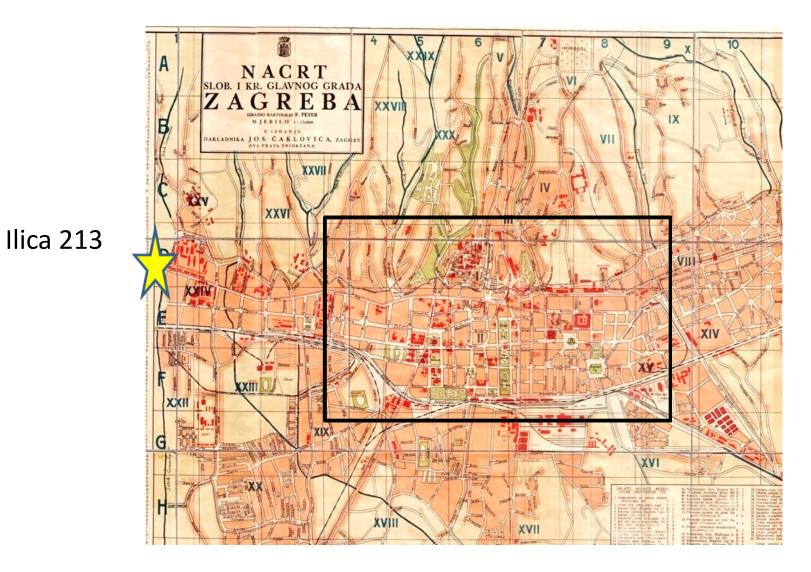
Elektroton

"Great tone from records Elektroton"

Sveti duh Street 50a



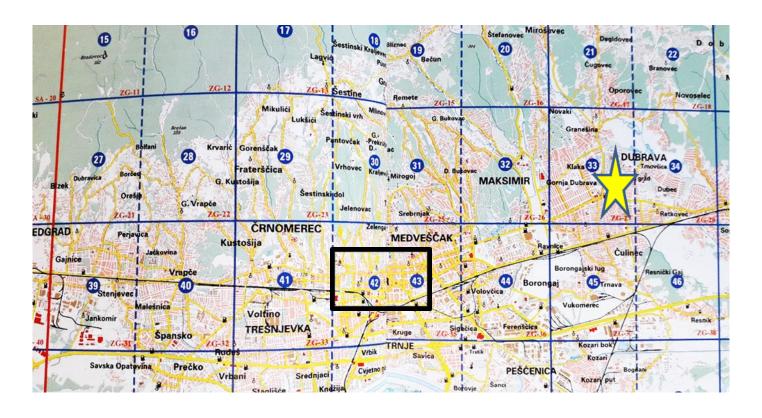
Elektroton Belgrade Zagreb Ljubljana



Jugoton factory



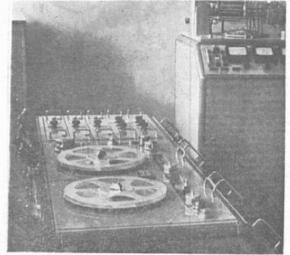
Niška Street – today Makarska Street 3



Jugoton factory



Zabavna muzika izgradila džina



Detalj odeljenja za pressimavanje. U fabrici postoji i moderna akuatična dvorana i vevače. Oni če ovde moti da slukaju najcanovnije kompozicije u originalnom izvo6...ju i da ih pressime na svoje magnetofonske trake. To če biti garancija brže
izmeste repertoraza

NOVA _JUGOTONO-VA" TVORNICA PLO-CA NIJE SAMO SPEK TARL ZA OKO ♥ VI-SE, BOLJE, KVALI-TETNIJE, LEPSE, JEP TINIJE _ OBECAVA CITAOCIMA_RITMA* DIRUG SLAVKO KO-PUN, DIREKTOR _JU GOTONA*

u sredu, 11, septembra u 11 česova pre svečano puštena u pogo nova tvoenica gramofonskih ploča, "Jugotona", impozantno zdanje koje omo gučuje kompletan proces savremene moderne proizvodnje.

Najpre se obraćamo odi na koji voje statistiku: no va tvornica gramofonskih ploča zahvata preotor od 35.000 kwadratnih metara površine, od čega je na 8000 igrađeno il objekata rance veličine. Eleganine, svetle, supermoderne zgrade koje se ne skile sunca.

Nova tvornica — nov re zultat rada. Od nespretne, nedotevane i zanatske pra"New Jugoton is born"

"Popular music has built a giant"

Siniša Škarica:

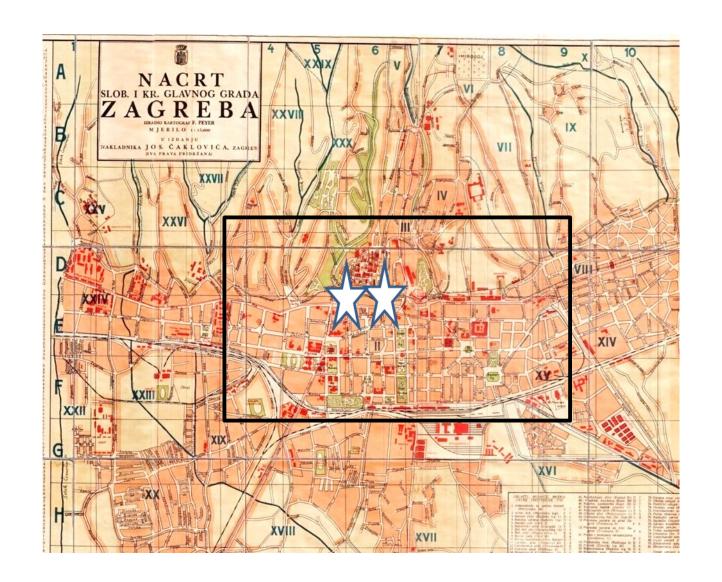
Tvornica glazbe – priče iz Dubrave (Music factory – stories from Dubrava

exhibition Istočno od raja (East of Eden)

"JUGOTON"



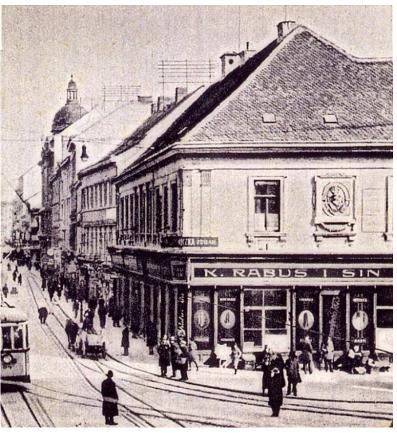
Bus for workers, from the city centre of to Jugoton factory



record and gramophone shops



Mavro Drucker shop, Ilica Street 39



Edison Bell Penkala shop

passage Oktogon, Ilica 5 the palace of the bank Prva hrvatska štedionica architect: Josip Vancaš, 1899

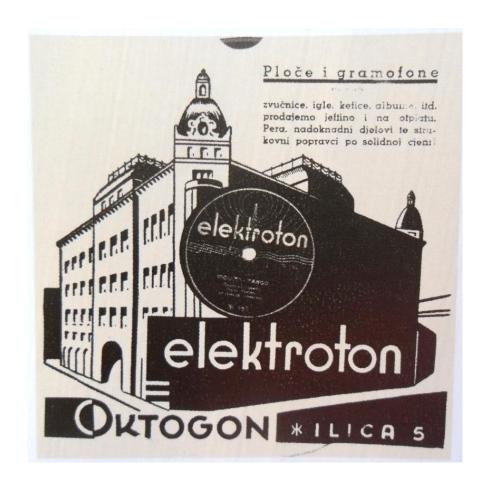




Oktogon, today







Elektroton record envelope



Irma Pollak (Polak), soprano (Ljubljana, 1875-Zagreb, 1931)

manager of the Edison Bell Penkala gramophone salon

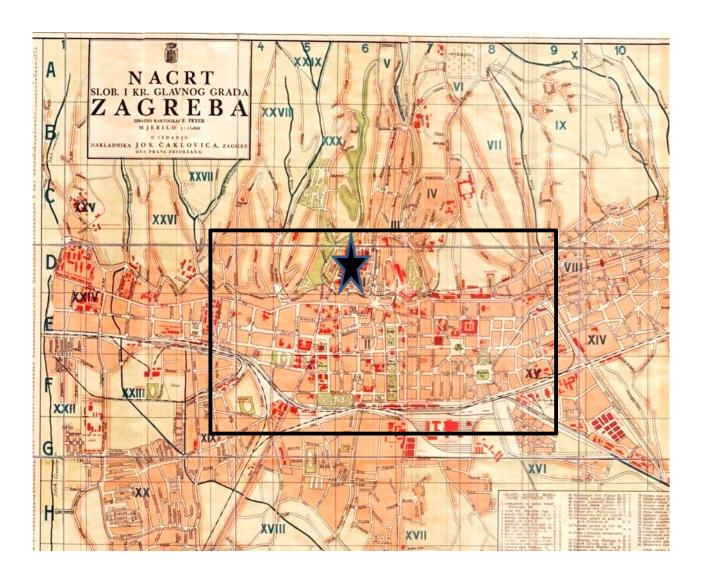




Zagrebački zbor = Zagreb fair



ad for the pavilion at Zagreb fair, September 1927



Radio station

Radio station



First location of Radio Zagreb station, 1926 Trg svetog Marka 9

Venues connected to listening of records



Hotel Esplanade



dancing competition with EBP records, 1928



records in middle class Zagreb families:

Erlich – Zdvoržak

Mirnik

etc.

"Dance music in your own home"

"Dance music in your own home **both old and youg**" magazine *Svijet*, December 1926







"The most pleasant companion is a gramophone"

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Jutarnji list, 1927

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Locations where records are kept in 2022

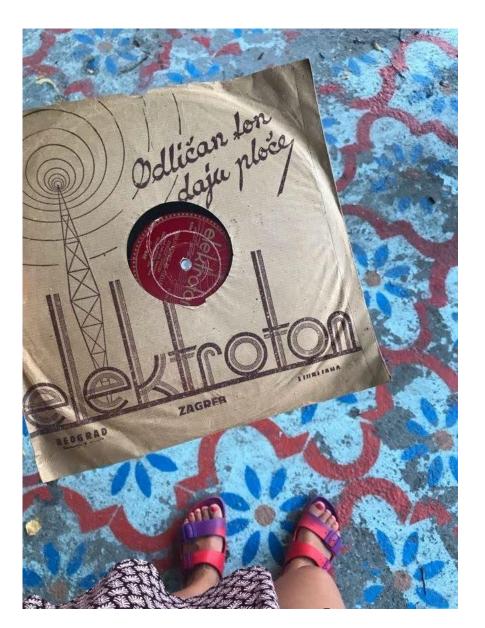
5. Libraries, archives, museums and private collections

shellac record listening, Ro&Do bar, Zagreb, July 2022 organizer: Project Diskograf, Dora Dunatov





Mikula Marušić Pederin and his records



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