

Thierry Sforza

LYRICIST & LIBRETTISTE



Of Italian origin, Thierry was born into the world of songwriting under the prestigious patronage of *Pierre Delanoë*. The renowned lyricist recognized Thierry's talent for songwriting early on and sponsored him at SACEM...

Thierry recalls: "It was a tremendous honor for me to be sponsored by Pierre, without a doubt the greatest variety writer of the last half-century. My regret? Never having dared to collaborate with him. So, I listened to him a lot and worked on his advice to be worthy of his choice."

The objective was seemingly achieved, since a few years later, in 2009, SACEM awarded Thierry Sforza its "Grand Prix" and the following year honored him with the title of "Permanent Member." SACD also soon celebrated him in the same way.

Eclectic in his tastes, after his poetry collection "Souvenirs du temps présent" (Memories of the Present Time), which won him first prize from the newspaper "Libération," Thierry first gained recognition on the radio, writing sketches and parodies for numerous comedians, including Laurent Gerra, Pascal Brunner, Chantal Gallia, Nicolas Canteloup, Didier Gustin, and Eric Blanc.

Then on television where he worked on shows by Michel Drucker, Philippe Bouvard, Patrick Sébastien, Karl Zéro, Les Guignols de l'Info...

Alongside his songs about the albums of Gilbert Bécaud, Mariah Carey and Florent Pagny, Patrick Bruel, Patricia Kaas, Mélanie C (Spice Girls), Julie Zenatti, Natasha St-Pier, Zaz, Gilbert Montagné, Lorie, Angun, Valentina or even... Ginette Reno, whose song "La Grosse" went platinum and won the album of the year award in Quebec.

To be thorough, let's mention three other major songs:

- **"F.R.A.NCE"** performed by Candice Parise, which was the closing song of the July 14, 2022 parade at Place de la Concorde, in front of 14 million television viewers.
- **"VICTORIA,"** again performed by Candice Parise, was the opening song of the 2024 Paralympic Games, performed for the entire world!
- **"ALL FIRE, ALL FLAME"** performed by the Paris Fire Brigade, during the opening of the July 14, 2025 parade at the Arc de Triomphe in front of 12 million viewers.

Furthermore, Thierry Sforza is a lifelong musical theatre enthusiast. His list of achievements includes:

- **The Shadow of a Giant**, (Mogador Theatre) in collaboration with François Valéry.
- **My alter ego Hugo** (directed by Jacques Weber and awarded a Molière) with G. Berliner
- **Dracula**, (Trianon)

- **Casanova** (Renaissance) with Michel Cywie
- **Music-hall comedy** (Gymnasium – directed by Odile Bastien)
- **The Hell of Angels** (written with MC Solaar)
- **Coming out** (written with Pierre Palmade, Stéphane Bern and Laurent Ruquier)
- **The Children of the Olympia** (Trianon) will be revived in 2022 at the Forum
- **Charlie Chaplin** (written with Warren Zavatta)
- **Symphonicmania** (Congress Palace)
- **Zorro** (Conceived and written with Franco Dragone - Cirque du Soleil)
- **Juliette Drouet**, (Théâtre Hébertot) directed by Bernard Schmitt
- **Léonie** (Taken from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol " and composed by Romano Musumarra)
- **Rise, When music became a crime...** (Thierry Sanchez)
- **Arsène Lupin**, (Music by Philippe Rombi, Libretto by Grégory Antoine)
- **Da Vinci**, directed by François Girard
- **Who killed Madeleine?** At the Théâtre Libre, a musical show based on the characters from Jacques Brel's songs.
- **BB**, the first musical comedy about Brigitte Bardot. Production: Dominic Rousseau & Alain Williams, Music: René Baldacini.
- **I, Victor Hugo**, designer, librettist and lyricist, directed by Pierre Boileau.
- **XaiLia**, the first musical show about AI, composed by Fred Martin, will have its world premiere on February 12, 2026 at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes.

On the series side, Thierry is preparing two biopics with Thierry Binisti, one on Jacques Prévert "En Prévert et contre Tout", the other on Jacques Offenbach "Back to Offenbach".

One last word about Thierry Sforza's career. It also unfolded in the children's playground, as his creations include:

- **Pinocchio** (EMI) Tweety and Sylvester (Warner)
- **Titou the Bunny** (Warner)
- **Polux and the Magic Roundabout** (directed by Stéphane Joly)
- **Uggy** (Universal)
- **Arthur and the Megamoys** (Sony)
- **Kidibli** (Animaj)

Finally, it should be noted that Thierry collaborated with Jacques Séguéla on the advertising side.

Did you say eclectic or electric?