



Miliza Korjus

1909 - 1980

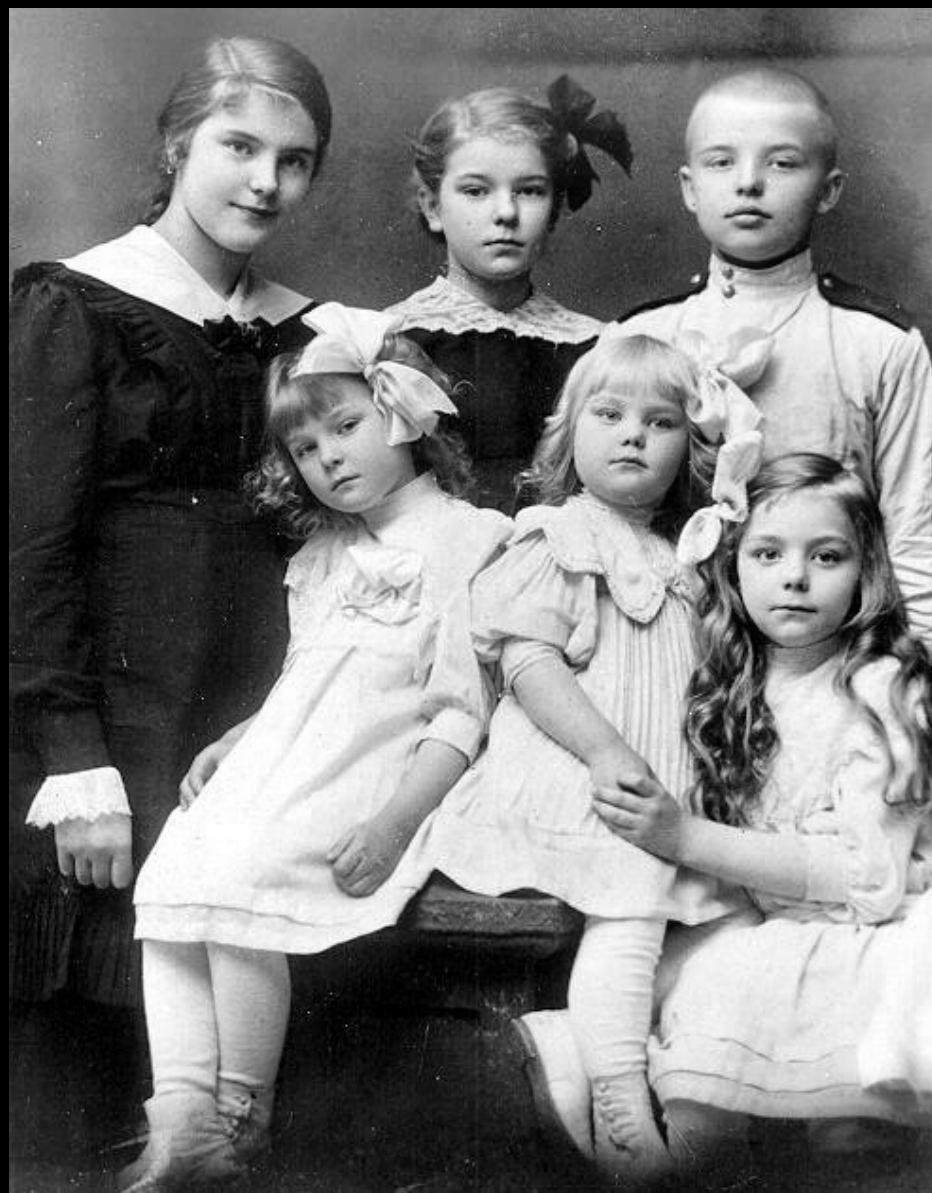
A Life of Song

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Her parents, Arthur Korjus and Anna Gintowt



Miliza and her siblings, around 1914



Korjus Family apartment in Moscow

(Richard and Melissa in front)



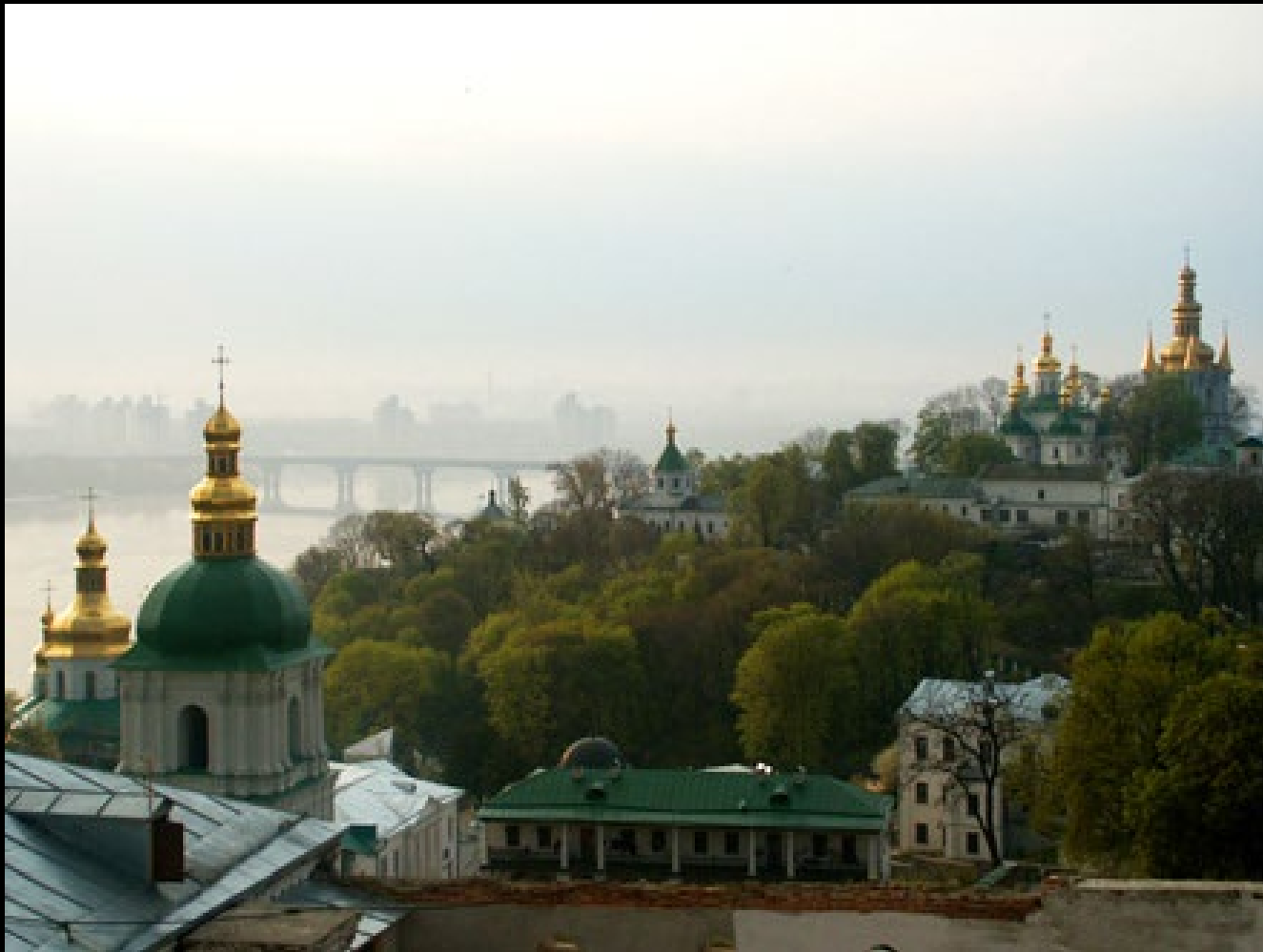
Site of the Elizabeth School for Girls



Local Church Where Miliza first sang

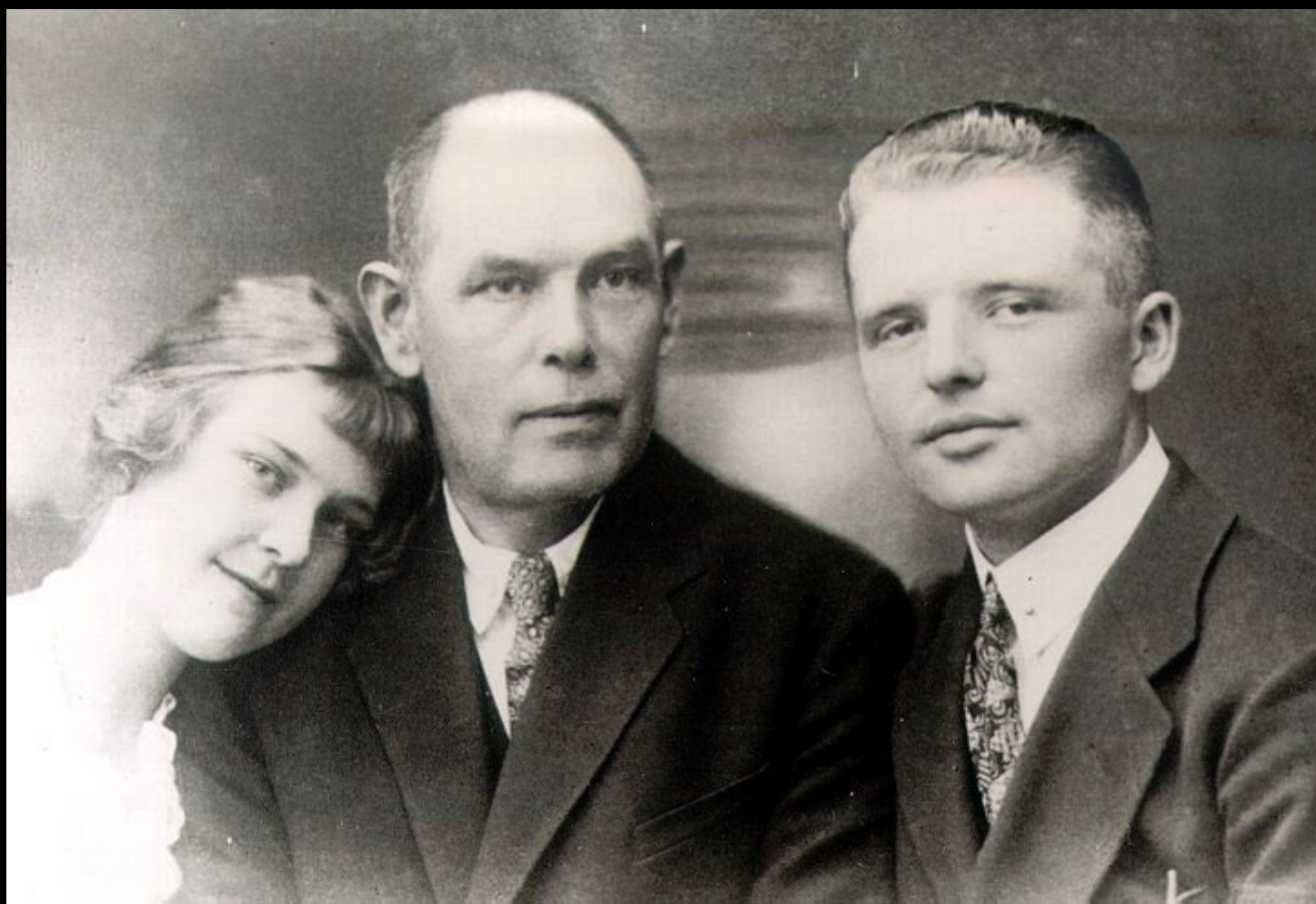


Her mother, Anna Korjus & daughters, probably before the revolution



Kiev-Pechersk Lavra (Monastery of the Caves)



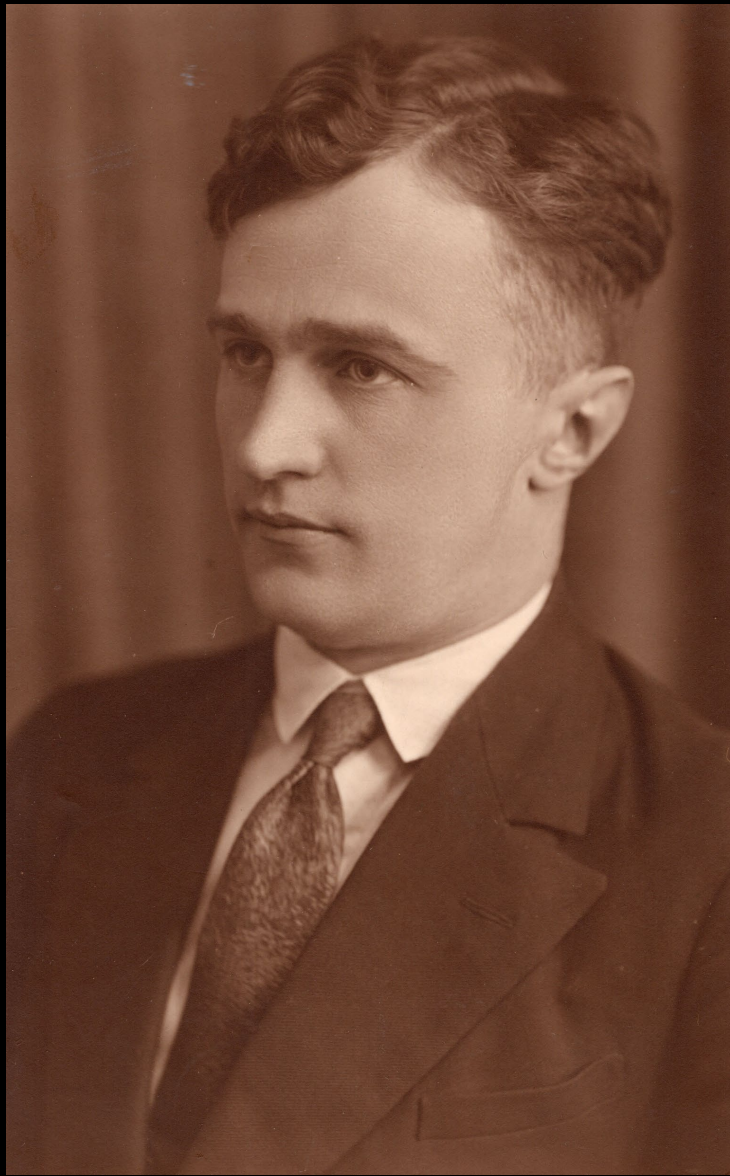


Miliza, her father Arthur and brother Nikolai Korjus

Tallinn, 1928



Miliza at concert in Narva, Estonia, April 1929



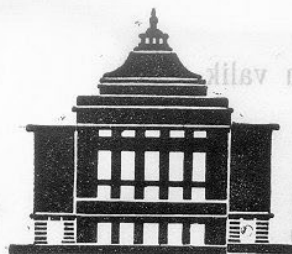
Miliza married physicist Kuno Foelsch in 1929



At concert in Helsinki, Finland, 1930



At concert in Magdeburg, Germany, 8 May, 1930



ESTONIA KONTSERTSAAL

Neljapäeval, 8. septembril 1932 a.

koloratuursoprani

Miliza Korjus'e

ainus

aariate ja laulude õhtu.

Klaveril: **P. P. Lüdig.**

EESKAVA:

I.

1. Bellini. Norma aaria oop. „Norma“.
2. Donizetti. Lucia kavatiin oop. „Lucia di Lammermoor“.
3. Liszt. O komm im Traum.
4. Liszt. Die Loreley.
5. Proch. Teem variatsioonidega.
6. Benedict. Veneetsia karneval.

II

7. Tschalkovski. Забыть так скоро.
8. Rimski-Korsakov. Kuninganna aaria oop. „Kuld kukk“.
9. Verdi. Bolero oop. „Sicilianische Vesper“.
10. Counod. Valss oop. „Mirella“.

Algus kell 8 õhtul.

Kontsertiibklaver BLÜTHNER, Karl Jürgensoni Jaost, Tallinnas.

ESTONIA KONTSERTBÜROO.

- Märkus: 1) Tagastoodud piletite hind võetakse arvesse ainult siis, kui odavam pilet kallima hinnalise vastu vahetatakse.
- 2) Saalis, jalutus- ja filiteeholuruumes on suitsetamine keelatud. Suitsetajad palutakse ainult suitsetamiseks määratud ruume tarvitada, mis alumsel korral einelaua juures.
Korrapidamise teenistuses olevatel ametnikudel on eeskiri, korrariikujate tähepanu sellele korraldusele juhtida, mille alla paenduda palutakse.
- 3) Ettekande ajal on saali ukseid kinni. Estonia kontsertbüroo.

V. Ehrenpreis'i trükk, Tallinnas 1932 a.

Concert in Tallinn, 8 September, 1932 – while pregnant with Melissa



Melissa & Miliza in Berlin



MILIZA KORJUS



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MÄRZ
1935.

*Printed in
England*

“His Master’s Voice”
MUSIKPLATTEN

Miliza vinyl record, Germany, 1935



Irving Thalberg from MGM Studios, made the offer in 1936 for Miliza to go to Hollywood



Hollywood, 1936

Seated: Jeanette McDonald, Miliza Korjus, Lily Pons, Rosa Ponselle,
Irene Dunne

Standing: Lew Ayres on the left

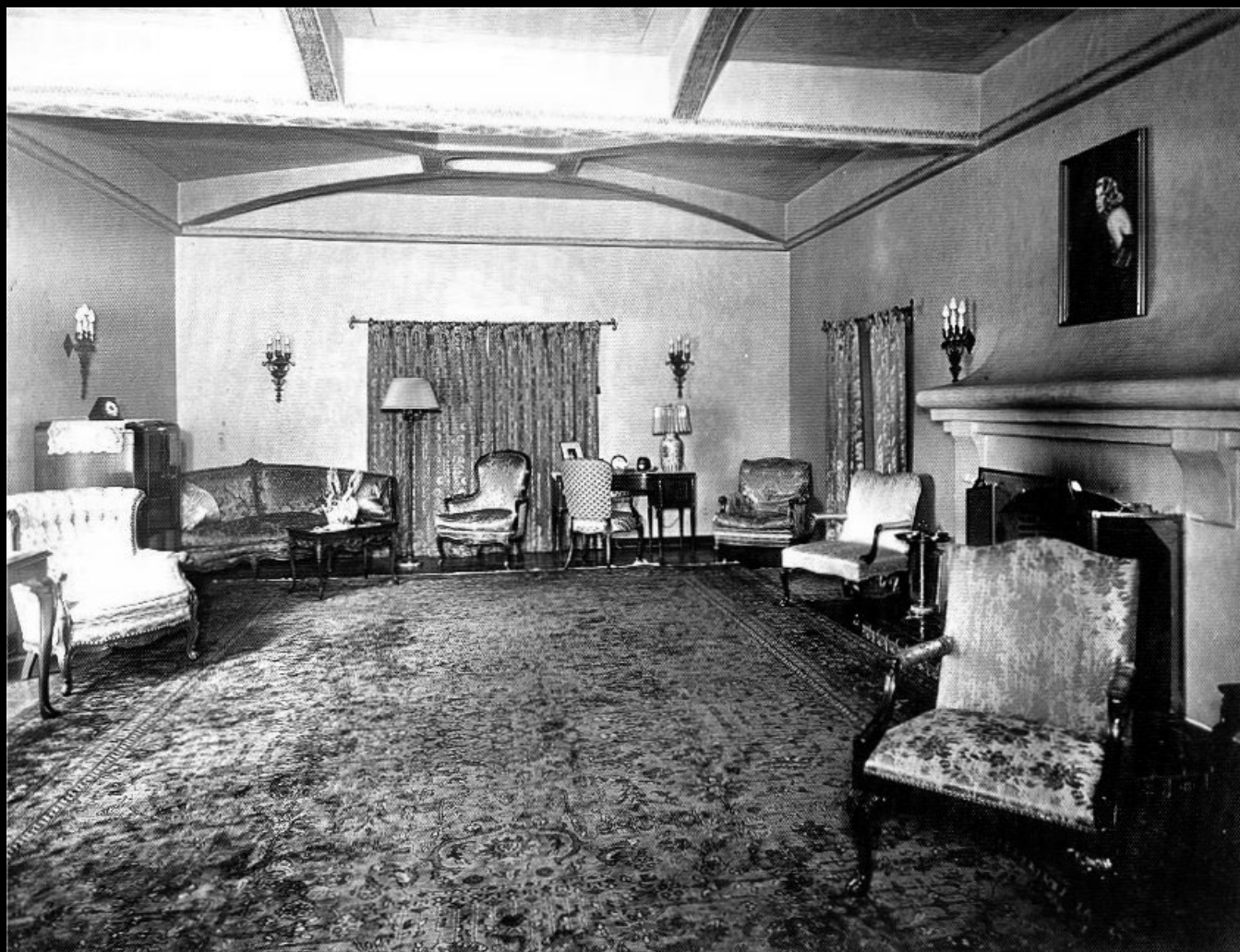


MGM, 1937





Melissa at house in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, 1938



Inside the house on D'Este Drive, Pacific Palisades



With actors Spencer Tracy and Robert Taylor,
in the MGM commissary



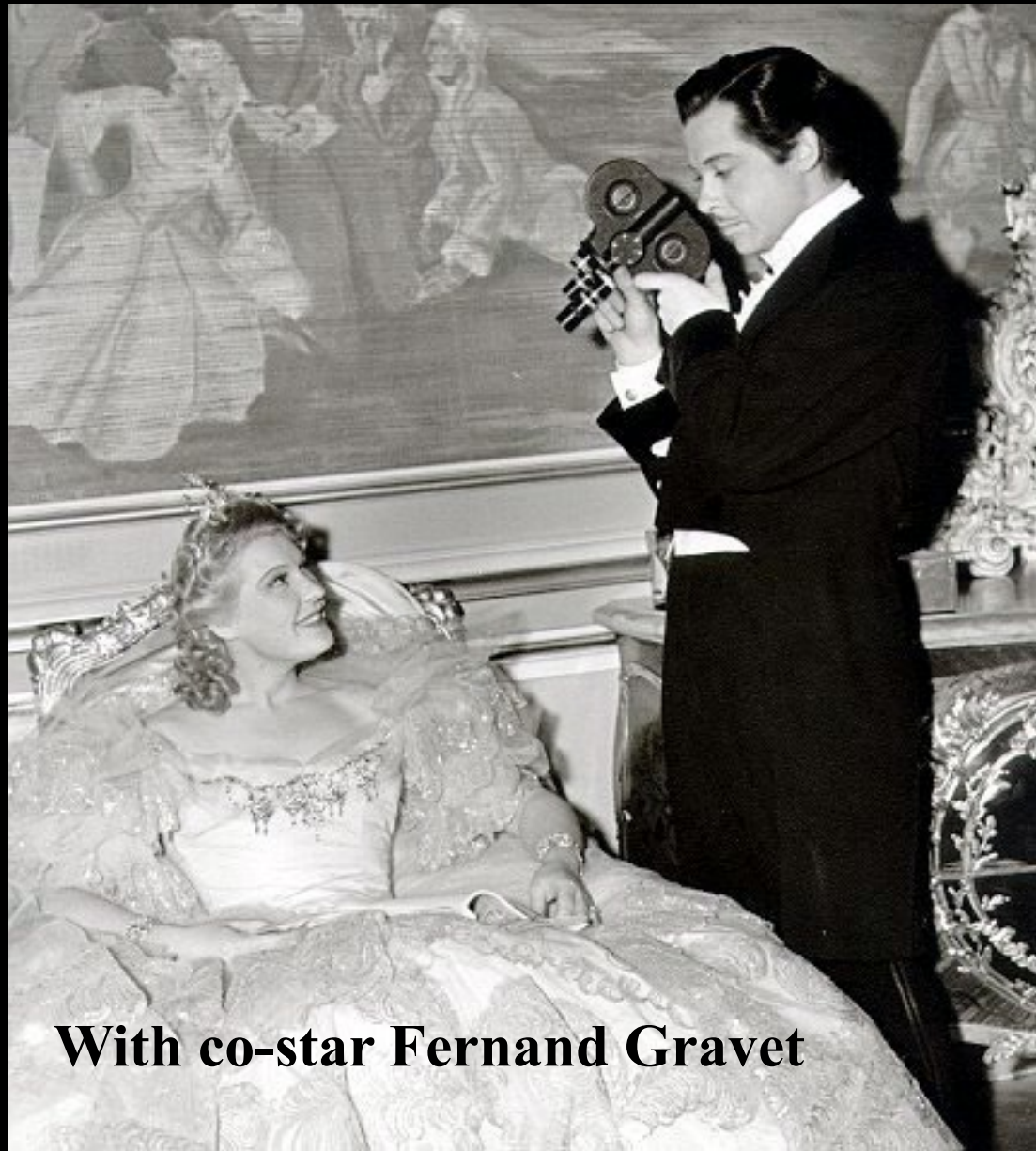
Dance rehearsal for The Great Waltz,
with Albertina Rasch Ensemble



Make-up for The Great Waltz







With co-star Fernand Gravet



Scene from The Great Waltz



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Miliza and Fernand Gravet



MGM “Good News” Radio Show, 1939
with Robert Young, Host





Car damaged in severe accident, 25 May 1940



Mexican Radio Broadcast, 1941



Mexico, 1942

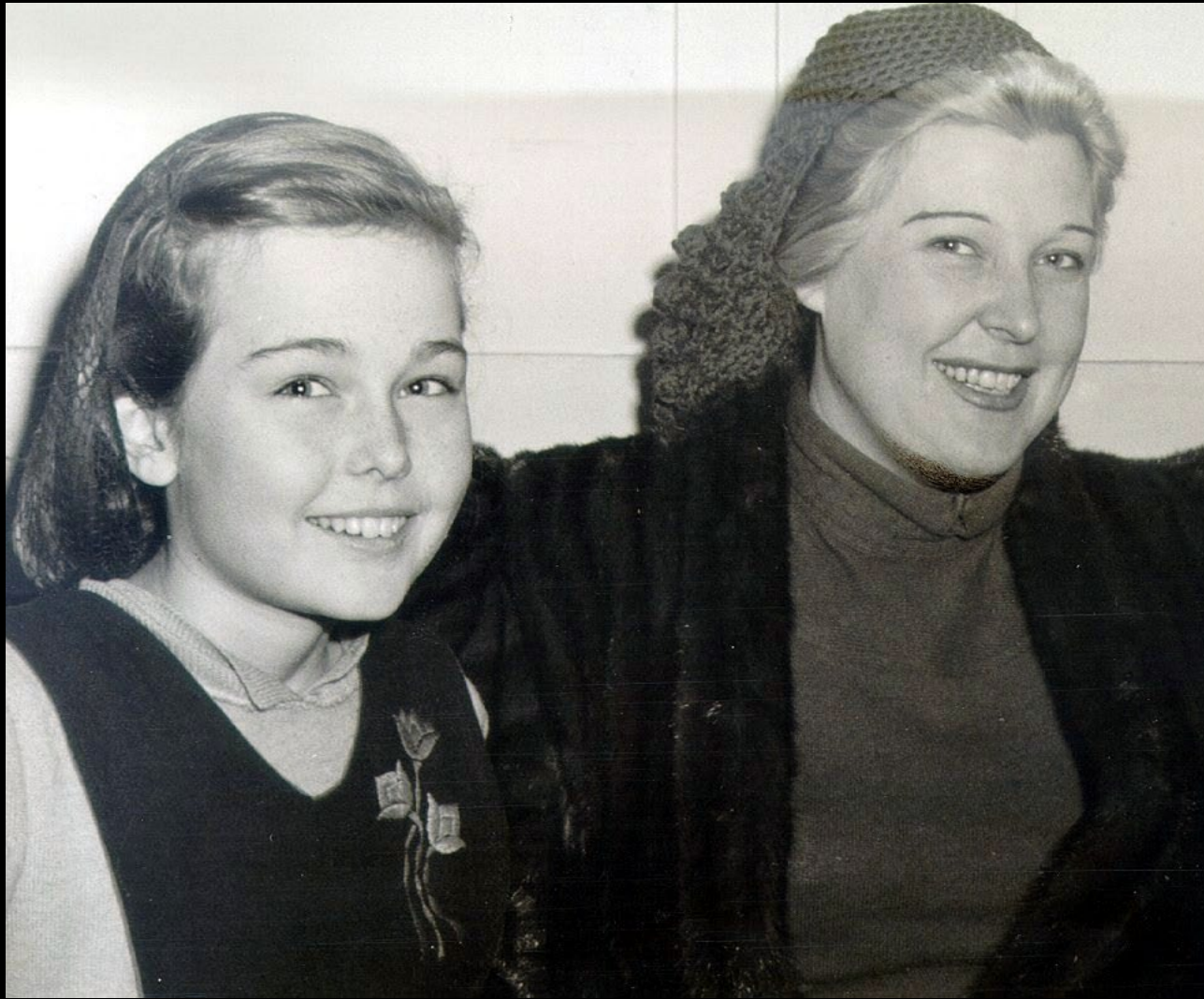
Melissa on left, Austrian conductor Ernst Roemer on right



New York, October 1944

Carnegie Hall Concert





Melissa & Miliza, New York, 1945



New York, 1945



Miliza lived in this house in the Westwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, from 1946 until her last days



Dr. Walter Shector, her second
husband, August 1952



Melissa, left, with brothers Richard and Ernest,
and their mother, 1954



Los Angeles, 1958



Romanoff's Restaurant, Beverly Hills, 1961

With Richard Bonyne, Joan Sutherland, and husband
Dr. Walter Spector



With Maya Pliesetskaya, July 1968



With Jan Peerce in Beverly Hills, 1975



One the last photos of Miliza Korjus



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