Matthias Buchinger (1724)

Abstract

Matthias Buchinger (1674-1739), who had been born without hands and feet, gained popularity and fame as an artist, showman, curiosity and magician after his migration to England and Ireland, where he became known as "the little man from Nuremberg" and a European celebrity. This pamphlet announces one of his performances in London on April 29, 1724, and promises "wonders as have never been done by any." In addition to having a successful career, Buchinger was married several times and had many children. He died in Cork, Ireland, in 1739.

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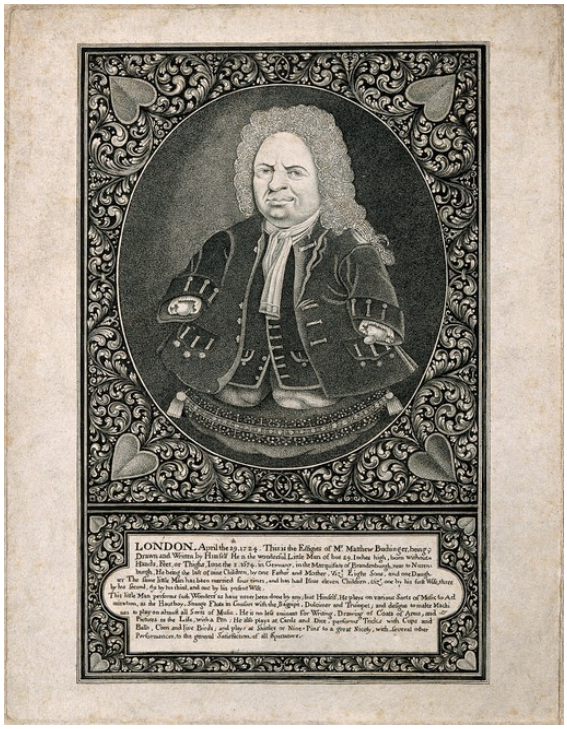

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