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| Gian-Francesco Malipiero (1882-1973) |
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| Further reading:  (Keller)  (Cattelan)  (Danuser)  (Gatti)  (Nicolodi)  (Waterhouse)  Stable URL for a collection of photos and resources on Malipiero:  <http://www.rodoni.ch/malipiero/homepagegfm.html>  Stable Spotify Link to selected music by Malipiero: [Gian Francesco Malipiero](http://open.spotify.com/artist/4EyY6oleYBgqoIGLu4WS2o) |