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theodor w adorno goes beyond conventional thematic analysis to gain a more complete understanding of mahler s music through his character his social and philosophical background and his moment in musical history adorno examines the composer s works as a continuous and unified development that began with his childhood response to the marches and folk tunes of his native bohemia since its appearance in 1960 in german mahler has established itself as a classic of musical interpretation now available in english the work is presented here in a translation that captures the stylistic brilliance of the original theodor w adorno 1903 69 one of the foremost members of the frankfurt school of critical theory studied with alban berg in vienna during the late twenties and was later the director of the institute of social research at the university of frankfurt from 1956 until his death his works include aesthetic theory introduction to the sociology of music the jargon of authenticity prism and philosophy of modern music sophisticated and engaging this volume explores and compares musical irony in the works of major composers from mozart to mahler a new physiognomy of jewish thinking is a search for authenticity that combines critical thinking with a yearning for heartfelt poetics a physiognomy of thinking addresses the figure of a life lived where theory and praxis are unified this study explores how the critical essays on music of german jewish thinker theodor wiesengrund adorno 1903 1969 necessarily accompany the downfall of metaphysics by scrutinizing a critical juncture in modern intellectual history marked in 1931 by adorno s founding of the frankfurt institute for social research neglected applications of critical theory to jewish thought become possible this study proffers a constructive justification of a critical standpoint reconstructively shown how such ideals are seen under the genealogical proviso of recognizing their original meaning recognition of a new physiognomy of jewish thinking redresses neglected applications of negative dialectics the poetics of god the metaphysics of musical thinking reification in zionism the transpoetics of physics and metaphysics as well as correlating aesthetic theory to jewish law halakhah in bluebeard s castle 1911 the wooden prince 1916 17 the miraculous mandarin 1919 24 rev 1931 and cantata profana 1930 bartók engaged scenarios featuring either overtly grotesque bodies or closely related transformations and violations of the body in this book julie brown argues that bartók s concerns with stylistic hybridity high low east west tonal atonal modal the body and the grotesque are inter connected all three were thoroughly implicated in cultural constructions of the modern during the period in which bartók was composing from the composer s lifetime to the present day gustav mahler s music has provoked extreme responses from the public and from experts poised between the romantic tradition he radically renewed and the austere modernism whose exponents he inspired mahler was a consummate public persona and yet an impassioned artist who withdrew to his lakeside hut where he composed his vast symphonies and intimate song cycles his advocates have produced countless studies of the composer s life and work but they have focused on analysis internal to the compositions along with their programmatic contexts in this volume musicologists and historians turn outward to examine the broader political social and literary changes reflected in mahler s music peter franklin takes up questions of gender talia pecker berio examines the composer s jewish identity and thomas peattie charles s maier and karen painter consider respectively contemporary theories of memory the theatricality of mahler s art and fin de siècle politics and the impinging confrontation with mass society the private world of gustav mahler in his songs and late works is explored by leading austrian musicologist peter revers and a german counterpart camilla bork and by the american mahler expert stephen hefling mahler s symphonies challenged europeans and americans to experience music in new ways before his decision to move to the united states the

composer knew of the enthusiastic response from America's urban musical audiences. Mahler and his world reproduces reviews of these early performances for the first time edited by Zoë Lang. The Mahler controversy that polarized Austrians and Germans also unfolds through a series of documents heretofore unavailable in English edited by Painter and Bettina Varwig and the terms of the debate are examined by Leon Botstein in the context of the late twentieth century Mahler revival. Roth Family Foundation Music in America imprint in the years approaching the centenary of Mahler's death this book provides both summation of and starting point for an assessment and reassessment of the composer's output and creative activity authored by a collection of leading specialists in Mahler scholarship. Its opening chapters place the composer in socio-political and cultural contexts and discuss his work in light of developments in the aesthetics of musical meaning. Part II examines from a variety of analytical interpretative and critical standpoints the complete range of his output from early student works and unfinished fragments to the sketches and performing versions of the Tenth Symphony. Part III evaluates Mahler's role as interpreter of his own and other composers' works during his lifelong career as operatic and orchestral conductor. Part IV addresses Mahler's fluctuating reception history from scholarly, journalistic, creative, public and commercial perspectives with special attention being paid to his compositional legacy. The essay advocates a theory of the musical work as a social object which is based on a trace informed by a normative value such a normativity is explored in relation to three ways of fixing the trace: orality, notation and phonography. Byron Almén proposes an original synthesis of approaches to musical narrative from literary criticism, semiotics, historiography, musicology and music theory resulting in a significant critical reorientation of the field. This volume includes an extensive survey of traditional approaches to musical narrative illustrated by a wide variety of musical examples that highlight the range and applicability of the theoretical apparatus. Almén provides a careful delineation of the essential elements and preconditions of musical narrative organization: an eclectic analytical model applicable to a wide range of musical styles and repertoires; a classification scheme of narrative types and subtypes reflecting conceptually distinct narrative strategies; a wide array of interpretive categories and a sensitivity to the dependence of narrative interpretation on the cultural milieu of the work. Its various audiences and the analyst. A theory of musical narrative provides both an excellent introduction to an increasingly important conceptual domain and a complex reassessment of its possibilities and characteristics. Examines how Nietzschean ideas influenced the composition of Mahler's first four so-called Wunderhorn symphonies. Gustav Mahler and Friedrich Nietzsche both exercised a tremendous influence over the twentieth century all the more fascinating than is Mahler's intellectual engagement with the writings of Nietzsche given the limited and frequently cryptic nature of the composer's own comments on Nietzsche. Mahler's specific understanding of the elusive thinker is achieved through the examination of Nietzsche's reception amongst the people who introduced composer to philosopher members of the Pernerstorfer circle at the University of Vienna. Mahler's Nietzsche draws on a variety of primary sources to answer two key questions: the first is hermeneutic: what do Mahler's allusions to Nietzsche mean? The second is creative: how can Mahler's own characterization of Nietzsche as an epoch-making influence be identified in his compositional techniques? By answering these two questions the book paints a more accurate picture of the intersections of the arts, philosophy and politics in fin de siècle Vienna. Mahler's Nietzsche will be required reading for scholars and students of nineteenth and early twentieth century German music and philosophy. At the beginning of his career in the 1920s Adorno sketched a plan to write a major work on the theory of musical reproduction, a task he returned to time and again throughout his career but never completed. The choice of the word reproduction as opposed to interpretation indicates a primary supposition that there is a clearly defined musical text whose precision exceeds what is visible on the page and that the performer has the responsibility to reproduce it as accurately as possible beyond simply playing what is written. This task according to Adorno requires a detailed understanding of all musical parameters in their historical context and his reflections upon this task lead to a fundamental study of the nature of notation and musical sense in the various

notes and texts brought together in towards a theory of musical reproduction one finds adorno constantly circling around an irresolvable paradox interpretation can only fail the work yet only through it can music's true essence be captured while he at times seems more definite in his pronouncement of a musical score's absolute value just as a book is read silently not aloud his discourse repeatedly displays his inability to cling to that belief it is this quality of uncertainty in his reflections that truly indicates the scope of the discourse and its continuing relevance to musical thought and practice today drawing upon the philosophical insights of Friedrich Schlegel, Walter Benjamin, Theodor W. Adorno, and Blixia Bargeld this book explores the persistence of a critical deconstructive approach to musical production consumption and reception in the German cultural sphere of the last two centuries the American musical has long provided an important vehicle through which writers, performers, and audiences reimagine who they are and how they might best interact with the world around them musicals are especially good at this because they provide not only an opportunity for us to enact dramatic versions of alternative identities but also the material for performing such alternatives in the real world through songs and the characters and attitudes those songs project this book addresses a variety of specific themes in musicals that serve this general function: fairy tale and fantasy, idealism and inspiration, gender and sexuality, and relationships among others it also considers three overlapping genres that are central in quite different ways to the projection of personal identity: operetta, movie musicals, and operatic musicals among the musicals discussed are Camelot, Candide, Chicago, Company, Evita, Gypsy, Into the Woods, Kiss Me, Kate, A Little Night Music, Man of La Mancha, Meet Me in St. Louis, The Merry Widow, Moulin Rouge, My Fair Lady, Passion, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Singin' in the Rain, Stormy Weather, Sweeney Todd, and The Wizard of Oz complementing the author's earlier work The American Musical and the Formation of National Identity this book completes a two-volume thematic history of the genre designed for general audiences and specialists alike this collection brings fresh perspectives to bear upon key questions surrounding the composition, performance, and reception of musical modernism in this new and final collection Richard Taruskin gathers a sweeping range of keynote speeches, reviews, and critical essays from the first twenty years of the twenty-first century with twenty-three essays in total this volume presents five lectures delivered in Budapest on Hungarian music and ten essays on Russian music reviews of contemporary work in musicology and reflections on the place of music in society showcase Taruskin's trademark wit and breadth Musical Lives and Times Examined is an essential collection, a comprehensive portrait of a distinguished figure in music studies illuminating the ideas that have transformed the discipline and will continue to do so a bold restorative vision of Mozart's works and Western art music generally as manifestations of an idealism rooted in the sociable nature of humans for over a generation now many leading performers, critics, and scholars of Mozart's music have taken a rejection of transcendence as axiomatic this essentially modernist, antiromantic orientation attempts to neutralize the sorts of aesthetic experiences that presuppose an enchantment with Mozart's art an engagement traditionally articulated by such terms as intention, mimesis, author, and genius and what is true of much recent Mozart interpretation is often manifest in the interpretation of Western art music more generally Edmund Goehring's Coming to Terms with Our Musical Past explores what gets lost when the vocabulary of enchantment is abandoned the book then proceeds to offer an alternative vision of Mozart's works and of the wider canon of Western art music a modernized poetics Goehring argues reduces art to mechanism or process it sees less because it excludes a necessary and enlarging human presence the generative and receiving in this fascinating new book-length essay is addressed to any reader interested in the performing arts, visual arts, and literature and their relationship to the broader culture Goehring draws on seminal thinkers in art criticism and philosophy to propose that such works as Mozart's radiate an idealism that has human sociability both as its source and its object Edmund J. Goehring is professor of music history at the University of Western Ontario European Romanticism gave rise to a powerful discourse equating genres to constrictive rules and forms that great art should transcend and yet without the categories and intertextual references we hold in our minds music would be

meaningless noise musical genre and romantic ideology teases out that paradox charting the workings and legacies of romantic artistic values such as originality and anti commercialism in relation to musical genre genre s persistent power was amplified by music s inevitably practical social spatial and institutional frames furthermore starting in the nineteenth century all music even the most anti commercial was stamped by its relationship to the marketplace entrenching associations between genres and target publics whether based on ideas of nation gender class or more subtle aspects of identity these newly strengthened correlations made genre if anything more potent rather than less despite romantic claims in case studies from across nineteenth century europe engaging with canonical music by bizet chopin verdi wagner and brahms alongside representative genres such as opéra comique and the piano ballade matthew gelbart explores the processes through which composers performers critics and listeners gave sounds and themselves a sense of belonging he examines genre vocabulary and discourse the force of generic titles how avant garde music is absorbed through and into familiar categories and how interpretation can be bolstered or undercut by genre agreements even in a modern world where transcription and sound recording can take any music into an infinite array of new spatial and social situations we are still locked in the romantics ambivalent tussle with genre how is it possible to talk or write about music what is the link between graphic signs and music what makes music meaningful in this book distinguished scholar leo treitler explores the relationships among language musical notation performance compositional practice and patterns of culture in the presentation and representation of music treitler engages a wide variety of historical sources to discuss works from medieval plainchant to berg s opera lulu and a range of music in between interpretation is often considered only in theory or as a philosophical problem but this book demonstrates and reflects on the interpretive results of analysis here translated for the first time jean jacques nattiez s widely hailed comparative guide to the techniques of music analysis focuses on a single vivid passage from wagner s tristan and isolde great music arouses wonder how did the composer create such an original work of art what was the artist s inspiration and how did that idea become a reality cultural products inevitably arise from a context a submerged landscape that is often not easily accessible to bring such things to light studies of the creative process find their cutting edge by probing beyond the surface opening new perspectives on the apparently familiar in this intriguing study william kinderman opens the door to the composer s workshop investigating not just the final outcome but the process of creative endeavor in music focusing on the stages of composition kinderman maintains that the most rigorous basis for the study of artistic creativity comes not from anecdotal or autobiographical reports but from original handwritten sketches drafts revised manuscripts and corrected proof sheets he explores works of major composers from the eighteenth century to the present from mozart s piano music and beethoven s piano trio in f to kurtág s kafka fragments and hommage à r sch other chapters examine robert schumann s fantasie in c mahler s fifth symphony and bartók s dance suite kinderman s analysis takes the form of genetic criticism tracing the genesis of these cultural works exploring their aesthetic meaning and mapping the continuity of a central european tradition that has displayed remarkable vitality for over two centuries as accumulated legacies assumed importance for later generations revealing the diversity of sources rejected passages and movements fragmentary unfinished works and aborted projects that were absorbed into finished compositions the creative process in music from mozart to kurtág illustrates the wealth of insight that can be gained through studying the creative process the grotesque is one of art s most puzzling figures transgressive comprising an unresolvable hybrid generally focussing on the human body full of hyperbole and ultimately semantically deeply puzzling in bluebeard s castle 1911 the wooden prince 1916 17 the miraculous mandarin 1919 24 rev 1931 and cantata profana 1930 bartngaged scenarios featuring either overtly grotesque bodies or closely related transformations and violations of the body in a number of instrumental works he also overtly engaged grotesque satirical strategies sometimes as in two portraits ideal and grotesque indicating this in the title in this book julie brown argues that bart concerns with stylistic hybridity high low east west tonal

atonal modal the body and the grotesque are inter connected while bartel developed each interest in highly individual ways and did so separately to a considerable extent the three concerns remained conceptually interlinked all three were thoroughly implicated in cultural constructions of the modern during the period in which bartas composing korstvedt explains key concepts from bloch s musical philosophy making his complex ideas accessible for modern musical scholars the music of gustav mahler repeatedly engages with romantic notions of redemption this is expressed in a range of gestures and procedures shifting between affirmative fulfilment and pessimistic negation in this groundbreaking study stephen downes explores the relationship of this aspect of mahler s music to the output of benjamin britten kurt weill and hans werner henze their initial admiration was notably dissonant with the prevailing zeitgeist britten in 1930s england weill in 1920s germany and henze in 1950s germany and italy downes argues that mahler s music struck a profound chord with them because of the powerful manner in which it raises and intensifies dystopian and utopian complexes and probes the question of fulfilment or redemption an ambition manifest in ambiguous tonal temporal and formal processes comparisons of the ways in which this topic is evoked facilitate new interpretative insights into the music of these four major composers no one doubts that gustav mahler s tenure at the vienna court opera from 1897 1907 was made extremely unpleasant by the antisemitic press the great biographer henry louis de la grange acknowledges that it must be said that antisemitism was a permanent feature of viennese life unfortunately the focus on blatant references to jewishness has obscured the extent to which ordinary attitudes about jewish difference were prevalent and pervasive yet subtle and covert the context has been lost wherein such coded references to jewishness would have been immediately recognized and understood by painstakingly reconstructing the language of antisemitism knittel recreates what mahler s audiences expected saw and heard given the biases and beliefs of turn of the century vienna using newspaper reviews cartoons and memoirs knittel eschews focusing on hostile discussions and overt attacks in themselves rather revealing how and to what extent authors call attention to mahler s jewishness with more subtle language she specifically examines the reviews of mahler s viennese symphonic premieres for their resonance with that language as codified by richard wagner though not invented by him an entire chapter is also devoted to the viennese premieres of richard strauss s tone poems as a proof text against which the reviews of mahler can also be read and understood accepting how deeply embedded this way of thinking was not just for critics but for the general population certainly does not imply that one can find antisemitism under every stone what knittel suggests ultimately is that much of early criticism was unease rather than objective reactions to mahler s music a new perspective that allows for a re evaluation of what makes his music unique thought provoking and valuable adorno s poetics of critique is a critical study of the marxist culture critic theodor w adorno a founding member of the frankfurt school and widely regarded today as its most brilliant exponent steven helmling is centrally concerned with adorno s notoriously difficult writing a feature most commentators acknowledge only to set it aside on the way to an expository account of what adorno is saying by contrast adorno s complex writing is the central focus of this study which includes detailed analysis of adorno s most complex texts in particular his most famous and complicated work co authored with max horkheimer dialectic of enlightenment helmling argues that adorno s key motifs dialectic concept negation immanent critique constellation are prescriptions not merely for critical thinking but also for critical writing for adorno the efficacy of critique is conditioned on how the writing of critique is written both in theory and in practice adorno urges a poetics of critique that is every bit as critical as anything else in his critical theory includes companion website with annotated short scores and larger diagrams and figures at a time of both rising anti semitism and burgeoning jewish nationalism how and why did russian music become the gateway to jewish modernity in music loeffler offers a new perspective on the emergence of russian jewish culture and identity a face strikes us immediately as sad and so too do a mourner a willow tree a house on a prairie and a group of onlookers the spontaneous emergence of affective and other qualities of people things places and events falls under the heading

of physiognomy a phenomenon discussed since at least aristotle and a key feature of evolutionary theory psychology and perception as well as professional practice profiling and popular talk however physiognomy is a controversial topic because of a suspect history and is often renamed as non verbal communication the expressiveness of perceptual experience physiognomy reconsidered examines this venerable attractive and contentious topic within the unique perspective of research oriented psychology included are the processes involved primarily perceptual origins mainly evolutionary and social cultural factors as supplements discussed within a holistic experiential phenomenological aesthetic framework are physiognomy s ties to the arts as well as emotions synesthesia learning development and personality empirical investigations are summarized including the author s sibylle baumbach s study offers new insight into shakespeare s modes of characterisation and his art of performance in shakespeare s plays the human face is a focal point as an area where expression and impression meet and ideally correspond its reliability and trustworthiness are frequently put to the test sparking off a controversy which serves as a significant and highly challenging subtext to the overall plot encounters in performance philosophy is a collection of 14 essays by international researchers which demonstrates the vitality of the field of performance philosophy the essays address a wide range of concerns common to performance and philosophy including the body language performativity mimesis and tragedy though many well known german philosophers have devoted considerable attention to music and its aesthetics surprisingly few of their writings on the subject have been translated into english stefan lorenz sorgner a philosopher and oliver fürbeth a musicologist here fill this important gap for musical scholars and students alike with this compelling guide to the musical discourse of ten of the most important german philosophers from kant to adorno music in german philosophy includes contributions from a renowned group of ten scholars including some of today s most prominent german thinkers all of whom are specialists in the writers they treat each chapter consists of a short biographical sketch of the philosopher concerned a summary of his writings on aesthetics and finally a detailed exploration of his thoughts on music the book is prefaced by the editors original introduction presenting music philosophy in germany before and after kant as well as a new introduction and foreword to this english language addition which places contemplations on music by these german philosophers within a broader intellectual climate a book of landmark importance it is unprecedented in its design a brilliantly selected group of essays on music coupled with lucid deeply incisive and in every way masterly analysis of adorno s thinking about music no one who studies adorno and music will be able to dispense with it and if they can afford only one book on adorno and music this will be the one for in miniature it contains everything one needs a collection of exceptionally important writings on all the principal aspects of music and musical life with which adorno dealt totally reliable scholarship and powerfully illuminating commentary that will help readers at all levels read and re read the essays in question rose rosengard subotnik author of deconstructive variations music and reason in western society an invaluable contribution to adorno scholarship with well chosen essays on composers works the culture industry popular music kitsch and technology leppert s introduction and commentaries are consistently useful his attention to secondary literature remarkable his interpretation responsible the new translations by susan gillespie and others are outstanding not only for their care and readability but also for their sensitivity to adorno s forms and styles lydia goehr author of the quest for voice music politics and the limits of philosophy with its careful full edition of adorno s important musical texts and its exhaustive yet eminently readable commentaries richard leppert s magisterial book represents a brilliant solution to the age old dilemma of bringing together primary text and interpretation in one volume james deaville director school of the arts mcmaster university the developing variations of adorno s life long involvement with musical themes are fully audible in this remarkable collection what might be called his literature on notes brilliantly complements the notes to literature he devoted to the written word richard leppert s superb commentaries constitute a book length contribution in their own right which will enlighten and challenge even the most learned of adorno scholars martin jay author of the

dialectical imagination a history of the frankfurt school and the institute of social research there is afoot in anglo american musicology today the first wholesale reconsideration of adorno s thought since the pioneering work of rose rosenzweig subotnik around 1980 essays on music will play a central role in this effort it will do so because richard leppert has culled adorno s writings so as to make clear to musicologists the place of music in the broad critique of modernity that was adorno s overarching project and it will do so because leppert has explained these writings in commentaries that amount to a book length study so as to reveal to non musicologists the essentially musical foundation of this project no one interested in adorno from any perspective or for that matter in modernity and music all told can afford to ignore essays on music gary tomlinson author of metaphysical song an essay on opera this book is both a major achievement by its author editor and a remarkable act of scholarly generosity for the rest of us until now english translations of adorno s major essays on music have been scattered and often unreliable until now there has been no comprehensive scholarly treatment of adorno s musical thinking this volume remedies both problems at a single stroke it will be read equally and eagerly for adorno s texts and for richard leppert s commentary on them both of which will continue to be essential resources as musical scholarship seeks increasingly to come to grips with the social contexts and effects of music no one knows adorno better than leppert and no one is better equipped to clarify the complex interweaving of sociology philosophy and musical aesthetics that is central to adorno s work from now on everyone who reads adorno on music whether a beginner or an expert is in richard leppert s debt for devoting his exceptional gifts of learning and lucidity to this project lawrence kramer author of musical meaning toward a critical history virginia woolf famously claimed that around december 1910 human character changed aesthetic technologies addresses how music especially opera the phonograph and film served as cultural agents facilitating the many extraordinary social artistic and cultural shifts that characterized the new century and much of what followed long thereafter even to the present three tropes are central the tensions and traumasÑcultural social and personalÑassociated with modernity changes in human subjectivity and its engagement and representation in music and film and the more general societal impact of modern media sound recording the development of the phonograph in particular and the critical role played by early century opera recording a principal focus of the book is the conflicted relationship in western modernity to nature particularly as nature is perceived in opposition to culture and articulated through music film and sound as agents of fundamental sometimes shocking transformation the book considers the sound vision world of modernity filtered through the lens of aesthetic modernism and rapid technological change and the impact of both experienced with the prescient sense that there could be no turning back

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Varieties of Musical Irony 2017-04-27

sophisticated and engaging this volume explores and compares musical irony in the works of major composers from mozart to mahler

A System of Practical and Scientific Physiognomy 1890

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From 1989, Or European Music and the Modernist Unconscious *2017-01-24*

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A Theory of Musical Narrative 2017-09-04

drawing upon the philosophical insights of friedrich schlegel walter benjamin theodor w adorno and blixia bargeld this book explores the persistence of a critical deconstructive approach to musical production consumption and reception in the german cultural sphere of the last two centuries

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musical and the formation of national identity this book completes a two volume thematic history of the genre designed for general audiences and specialists alike

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this collection brings fresh perspectives to bear upon key questions surrounding the composition performance and reception of musical modernism

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in this new and final collection richard taruskin gathers a sweeping range of keynote speeches reviews and critical essays from the first twenty years of the twenty first century with twenty three essays in total this volume presents five lectures delivered in budapest on hungarian music and ten essays on russian music reviews of contemporary work in musicology and reflections on the place of music in society showcase taruskin s trademark wit and breadth musical lives and times examined is an essential collection a comprehensive portrait of a distinguished figure in music studies illuminating the ideas that have transformed the discipline and will continue to do so

The American Musical and the Performance of Personal Identity 2010-06-21

a bold restorative vision of mozart s works and western art music generally as manifestations of an idealism rooted in the sociable nature of humans for over a generation now many leading performers critics and scholars of mozart s music have taken a rejection of transcendence as axiomatic this essentially modernist antiromantic orientation attempts to neutralize the sorts of aesthetic experiences that presuppose an enchantment with mozart s art an engagement traditionally articulated by such terms as intention mimesis author and genius and what is true of much recent mozart interpretation is often manifest in the interpretation of western art music more generally edmund goehring s coming to terms with our musical past explores what gets lost when the vocabulary of enchantment is abandoned the book then proceeds to offer an alternative vision of mozart s works and of the wider canon of western art music a modernized poetics goehring argues reduces art to mechanism or process it sees less because it excludes a necessary and enlarging human presence the generative and receiving i this fascinating new book length essay is addressed to any reader interested in the performing arts visual arts and literature and their relationship to the broader culture goehring draws on seminal thinkers in art criticism and philosophy to propose that such works as mozart s radiate an idealism that has human sociability both as its source and its object edmund j goehring is professor of music history at the university of western ontario

Transformations of Musical Modernism 2015-10-26

European romanticism gave rise to a powerful discourse equating genres to constrictive rules and forms that great art should transcend and yet without the categories and intertextual references we hold in our minds music would be meaningless noise. Musical genre and romantic ideology teases out that paradox charting the workings and legacies of romantic artistic values such as originality and anti-commercialism in relation to musical genre. Genre's persistent power was amplified by music's inevitably practical social, spatial, and institutional frames. Furthermore, starting in the nineteenth century, all music, even the most anti-commercial, was stamped by its relationship to the marketplace, entrenching associations between genres and target publics, whether based on ideas of nation, gender, class, or more subtle aspects of identity. These newly strengthened correlations made genre, if anything, more potent rather than less, despite romantic claims. In case studies from across nineteenth-century Europe, engaging with canonical music by Bizet, Chopin, Verdi, Wagner, and Brahms alongside representative genres such as opéra comique and the piano ballade, Matthew Gelbart explores the processes through which composers, performers, critics, and listeners gave sounds and themselves a sense of belonging. He examines genre vocabulary and discourse, the force of generic titles, how avant-garde music is absorbed through and into familiar categories, and how interpretation can be bolstered or undercut by genre agreements, even in a modern world where transcription and sound recording can take any music into an infinite array of new spatial and social situations. We are still locked in the Romantics' ambivalent tussle with genre.

Musical Lives and Times Examined 2023-03-14

How is it possible to talk or write about music? What is the link between graphic signs and music? What makes music meaningful? In this book, distinguished scholar Leo Treitler explores the relationships among language, musical notation, performance, compositional practice, and patterns of culture in the presentation and representation of music. Treitler engages a wide variety of historical sources to discuss works from medieval plainchant to Berg's opera *Lulu* and a range of music in between.

Coming to Terms with Our Musical Past 2018

Interpretation is often considered only in theory or as a philosophical problem, but this book demonstrates and reflects on the interpretive results of analysis.

Musical Genre and Romantic Ideology 2022-09-30

Here translated for the first time, Jean-Jacques Nattiez's widely hailed comparative guide to the techniques of music analysis focuses on a single vivid passage from Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde*.

Physiognomy Illustrated, Or, Nature's Revelations of Character 1887

great music arouses wonder how did the composer create such an original work of art what was the artist's inspiration and how did that idea become a reality cultural products inevitably arise from a context a submerged landscape that is often not easily accessible to bring such things to light studies of the creative process find their cutting edge by probing beyond the surface opening new perspectives on the apparently familiar in this intriguing study william kinderman opens the door to the composer's workshop investigating not just the final outcome but the process of creative endeavor in music focusing on the stages of composition kinderman maintains that the most rigorous basis for the study of artistic creativity comes not from anecdotal or autobiographical reports but from original handwritten sketches drafts revised manuscripts and corrected proof sheets he explores works of major composers from the eighteenth century to the present from mozart's piano music and beethoven's piano trio in f to kurtág's kafka fragments and hommage à r. sch. other chapters examine robert schumann's fantasie in c mahler's fifth symphony and bartók's dance suite kinderman's analysis takes the form of genetic criticism tracing the genesis of these cultural works exploring their aesthetic meaning and mapping the continuity of a central european tradition that has displayed remarkable vitality for over two centuries as accumulated legacies assumed importance for later generations revealing the diversity of sources rejected passages and movements fragmentary unfinished works and aborted projects that were absorbed into finished compositions the creative process in music from mozart to kurtág illustrates the wealth of insight that can be gained through studying the creative process

Reflections on Musical Meaning and Its Representations 2011-09-07

the grotesque is one of art's most puzzling figures transgressive comprising an unresolvable hybrid generally focussing on the human body full of hyperbole and ultimately semantically deeply puzzling in bluebeard's castle 1911 the wooden prince 1916-17 the miraculous mandarin 1919-24 rev. 1931 and cantata profana 1930 bartók's scenarios featuring either overtly grotesque bodies or closely related transformations and violations of the body in a number of instrumental works he also overtly engaged grotesque satirical strategies sometimes as in two portraits ideal and grotesque indicating this in the title in this book julie brown argues that bartók's concerns with stylistic hybridity high low east west tonal atonal modal the body and the grotesque are interconnected while bartók developed each interest in highly individual ways and did so separately to a considerable extent the three concerns remained conceptually interlinked all three were thoroughly implicated in cultural constructions of the modern during the period in which bartók was composing

Analytical Strategies and Musical Interpretation 2004-01-29

korstvedt explains key concepts from bloch's musical philosophy making his complex ideas accessible for modern musical scholars

Musical Analyses and Musical Exegesis *2021*

the music of gustav mahler repeatedly engages with romantic notions of redemption this is expressed in a range of gestures and procedures shifting between affirmative fulfilment and pessimistic negation in this groundbreaking study stephen downes explores the relationship of this aspect of mahler s music to the output of benjamin britten kurt weill and hans werner henze their initial admiration was notably dissonant with the prevailing zeitgeist britten in 1930s england weill in 1920s germany and henze in 1950s germany and italy downes argues that mahler s music struck a profound chord with them because of the powerful manner in which it raises and intensifies dystopian and utopian complexes and probes the question of fulfilment or redemption an ambition manifest in ambiguous tonal temporal and formal processes comparisons of the ways in which this topic is evoked facilitate new interpretative insights into the music of these four major composers

New Physiognomy and External Forms, and Especially in "the Human Face Divine." 1868

no one doubts that gustav mahler s tenure at the vienna court opera from 1897 1907 was made extremely unpleasant by the antisemitic press the great biographer henry louis de la grange acknowledges that it must be said that antisemitism was a permanent feature of viennese life unfortunately the focus on blatant references to jewishness has obscured the extent to which ordinary attitudes about jewish difference were prevalent and pervasive yet subtle and covert the context has been lost wherein such coded references to jewishness would have been immediately recognized and understood by painstakingly reconstructing the language of antisemitism knittel recreates what mahler s audiences expected saw and heard given the biases and beliefs of turn of the century vienna using newspaper reviews cartoons and memoirs knittel eschews focusing on hostile discussions and overt attacks in themselves rather revealing how and to what extent authors call attention to mahler s jewishness with more subtle language she specifically examines the reviews of mahler s viennese symphonic premieres for their resonance with that language as codified by richard wagner though not invented by him an entire chapter is also devoted to the viennese premieres of richard strauss s tone poems as a proof text against which the reviews of mahler can also be read and understood accepting how deeply embedded this way of thinking was not just for critics but for the general population certainly does not imply that one can find antisemitism under every stone what knittel suggests ultimately is that much of early criticism was unease rather than objective reactions to mahler s music a new perspective that allows for a re evaluation of what makes his music unique thought provoking and valuable

The Creative Process in Music from Mozart to Kurtag *2012-09-16*

adorno s poetics of critique is a critical study of the marxist culture critic theodor w adorno a founding member of the frankfurt school and widely regarded today as its most brilliant exponent steven helmling is centrally concerned with adorno s notoriously difficult writing a feature most commentators acknowledge only to set it aside on the way to an expository account of what adorno is saying by contrast adorno s complex writing is the central focus of this study which includes detailed analysis of adorno s most complex texts in particular his most famous and complicated work co authored with

max horkheimer dialectic of enlightenment helming argues that adorno s key motifs dialectic concept negation immanent critique constellation are prescriptions not merely for critical thinking but also for critical writing for adorno the efficacy of critique is conditioned on how the writing of critique is written both in theory and in practice adorno urges a poetics of critique that is every bit as critical as anything else in his critical theory

Bartók and the Grotesque *2017-07-05*

includes companion website with annotated short scores and larger diagrams and figures

Listening for Utopia in Ernst Bloch's Musical Philosophy *2010-07*

at a time of both rising anti semitism and burgeoning jewish nationalism how and why did russian music become the gateway to jewish modernity in music loeffler offers a new perspective on the emergence of russian jewish culture and identity

After Mahler 2013-09-19

a face strikes us immediately as sad and so too do a mourner a willow tree a house on a prairie and a group of onlookers the spontaneous emergence of affective and other qualities of people things places and events falls under the heading of physiognomy a phenomenon discussed since at least aristotle and a key feature of evolutionary theory psychology and perception as well as professional practice profiling and popular talk however physiognomy is a controversial topic because of a suspect history and is often renamed as non verbal communication the expressiveness of perceptual experience physiognomy reconsidered examines this venerable attractive and contentious topic within the unique perspective of research oriented psychology included are the processes involved primarily perceptual origins mainly evolutionary and social cultural factors as supplements discussed within a holistic experiential phenomenological aesthetic framework are physiognomy s ties to the arts as well as emotions synesthesia learning development and personality empirical investigations are summarized including the author s

Essays on Physiognomy 1878

sibylle baumbach s study offers new insight into shakespeare s modes of characterisation and his art of performance in shakespeare s plays the human face is a focal point as an area where expression and impression meet and ideally correspond its reliability and trustworthiness are frequently put to the test sparking off a controversy which serves as a significant and highly challenging subtext to the

overall plot

Seeing Mahler: Music and the Language of Antisemitism in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna 2016-04-01

encounters in performance philosophy is a collection of 14 essays by international researchers which demonstrates the vitality of the field of performance philosophy the essays address a wide range of concerns common to performance and philosophy including the body language performativity mimesis and tragedy

Adorno's Poetics of Critique 2009-03-09

though many well known german philosophers have devoted considerable attention to music and its aesthetics surprisingly few of their writings on the subject have been translated into english stefan lorenz sorgner a philosopher and oliver fürbeth a musicologist here fill this important gap for musical scholars and students alike with this compelling guide to the musical discourse of ten of the most important german philosophers from kant to adorno music in german philosophy includes contributions from a renowned group of ten scholars including some of today s most prominent german thinkers all of whom are specialists in the writers they treat each chapter consists of a short biographical sketch of the philosopher concerned a summary of his writings on aesthetics and finally a detailed exploration of his thoughts on music the book is prefaced by the editors original introduction presenting music philosophy in germany before and after kant as well as a new introduction and foreword to this english language addition which places contemplations on music by these german philosophers within a broader intellectual climate

Mahler's Symphonic Sonatas 2015

a book of landmark importance it is unprecedented in its design a brilliantly selected group of essays on music coupled with lucid deeply incisive and in every way masterly analysis of adorno s thinking about music no one who studies adorno and music will be able to dispense with it and if they can afford only one book on adorno and music this will be the one for in miniature it contains everything one needs a collection of exceptionally important writings on all the principal aspects of music and musical life with which adorno dealt totally reliable scholarship and powerfully illuminating commentary that will help readers at all levels read and re read the essays in question rose rosengard subotnik author of deconstructive variations music and reason in western society an invaluable contribution to adorno scholarship with well chosen essays on composers works the culture industry popular music kitsch and technology leppert s introduction and commentaries are consistently useful his attention to secondary literature remarkable his interpretation responsible the new translations by susan gillespie and others are outstanding not only for their care and readability but also for their sensitivity to adorno s forms and styles lydia goehr author of the quest for voice music politics and the limits of philosophy with its careful full edition of adorno s important musical texts and its exhaustive yet eminently readable

commentaries richard leppert s magisterial book represents a brilliant solution to the age old dilemma of bringing together primary text and interpretation in one volume james deaville director school of the arts mcmaster university the developing variations of adorno s life long involvement with musical themes are fully audible in this remarkable collection what might be called his literature on notes brilliantly complements the notes to literature he devoted to the written word richard leppert s superb commentaries constitute a book length contribution in their own right which will enlighten and challenge even the most learned of adorno scholars martin jay author of the dialectical imagination a history of the frankfurt school and the institute of social research there is afoot in anglo american musicology today the first wholesale reconsideration of adorno s thought since the pioneering work of rose rosengard subotnik around 1980 essays on music will play a central role in this effort it will do so because richard leppert has culled adorno s writings so as to make clear to musicologists the place of music in the broad critique of modernity that was adorno s overarching project and it will do so because leppert has explained these writings in commentaries that amount to a book length study so as to reveal to non musicologists the essentially musical foundation of this project no one interested in adorno from any perspective or for that matter in modernity and music all told can afford to ignore essays on music gary tomlinson author of metaphysical song an essay on opera this book is both a major achievement by its author editor and a remarkable act of scholarly generosity for the rest of us until now english translations of adorno s major essays on music have been scattered and often unreliable until now there has been no comprehensive scholarly treatment of adorno s musical thinking this volume remedies both problems at a single stroke it will be read equally and eagerly for adorno s texts and for richard leppert s commentary on them both of which will continue to be essential resources as musical scholarship seeks increasingly to come to grips with the social contexts and effects of music no one knows adorno better than leppert and no one is better equipped to clarify the complex interweaving of sociology philosophy and musical aesthetics that is central to adorno s work from now on everyone who reads adorno on music whether a beginner or an expert is in richard leppert s debt for devoting his exceptional gifts of learning and lucidity to this project lawrence kramer author of musical meaning toward a critical history

The Most Musical Nation *2010-01-01*

virginia woolf famously claimed that around december 1910 human character changed aesthetic technologies addresses how music especially opera the phonograph and film served as cultural agents facilitating the many extraordinary social artistic and cultural shifts that characterized the new century and much of what followed long thereafter even to the present three tropes are central the tensions and traumasÑcultural social and personalÑassociated with modernity changes in human subjectivity and its engagement and representation in music and film and the more general societal impact of modern media sound recording the development of the phonograph in particular and the critical role played by early century opera recording a principal focus of the book is the conflicted relationship in western modernity to nature particularly as nature is perceived in opposition to culture and articulated through music film and sound as agents of fundamental sometimes shocking transformation the book considers the sound vision world of modernity filtered through the lens of aesthetic modernism and rapid technological change and the impact of both experienced with the prescient sense that there could be no turning back

The Expressiveness of Perceptual Experience 2013-10-31

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