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## **Classical Composers**

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classical music is a vast field spanning more than five centuries so it can be difficult to get an overview of many composers and their countless works this introduction to classical music is built upon more than 250 biographies of the most important composers with detailed descriptions of their works the most essential and characteristic works of each composer have been highlighted as listening suggestions and as a guidance for new listeners and concert goers interested in exploring the exciting and rewarding world of classical music the book contains a comprehensive index for easy referencing

## **Poetics of Music in the Form of Six Lessons**

1970-02-26

one of the greatest of contemporary composers has here set down in delightfully personal fashion his general ideas about music and some accounts of his own experience as a composer every concert goer and lover of music will take keen pleasure in his notes about the essential features of music the process of musical composition inspiration musical types and musical execution throughout the volume are to be found trenchant comments on such subjects as wagnerism the operas of verdi musical taste musical snobbery the influence of political ideas on russian music under the soviets musical improvisation as opposed to musical construction the nature of melody and the function of the critic of music musical people of every sort will welcome this first presentation in english of an unusually interesting book

## **The Loves of Great Composers**

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digicat publishing presents to you this special edition of the loves of great composers by gustav kobbé digicat publishing considers every written word to be a legacy of humankind every digicat book has been carefully reproduced for republishing in a new modern format the books are available in print as well as ebooks digicat hopes you will treat this work with the acknowledgment and passion it deserves as a classic of world literature

## ***The Muse that Sings***

2003

the muse that sings is a unique behind the scenes look at both twentieth century music and the nuts and bolts of creative work here twenty five of america s leading composers from adams to zorn from bolcom to vierk talk candidly about their craft their motivations their difficulties and how they how proceed from musical idea to finished composition while focusing on the process and the stories behind specific works the composers also touch on topics that will interest anyone involved in creative work they discuss teachers and mentors the task of revision relationships with performers and the ongoing struggle for a balance between freedom and discipline they reveal sources of inspiration artistic goals and the often unexpected ways their musical ideas develop some describe personal tonal systems others discuss the impact of computers and other electronic tools on their work still others reflect philosophically on the inner impulses and outer influences that continue to drive them while serious music has a reputation for being difficult and inaccessible the muse that sings provides a powerful antidote the composers in this book speak clearly and thoughtfully in response to key questions of concern to all readers interested in contemporary music each interview has been edited to stand alone as a concise meditation on muse and technique and the book includes selected discographies as well as brief biographical sketches anyone with an interest in twentieth century music or in the creative process will find this lively collection a valuable source of inspiration and insight

## Schubert

1999-04-01

of all the great composers none not even mozart has been so dogged by myth and misunderstanding as franz schubert the notion of schubert as a pudgy lovelorn bohemian schwammerl mushroom scribbling tunes on the back of menus in idle moments has never quite been eradicated in this major new biography brian newbould balances discussion of schubert s compositions with an exploration of biographical influences that shaped his musical aesthetics schubert the music and the man offers an eminently readable description of a musician who was compulsively dedicated to his art a composer so prolific that he produced over a thousand works in eighteen years gifted with an intuitive know how coupled with a mozartian facility for composition schubert combined the relish and wonder of an amateur with the discipline and technical rigor of a professional he moved quickly and comfortably among genres and sometimes composed directly into score but many pieces required painstaking revision before they satisfied his growing self criticism examining afresh the enigmas surrounding schubert s religious outlook his loves his sexuality his illness and death newbould offers above all a celebration of a unique genius an idiosyncratic composer of an astonishing body of powerful enduring music

## **The Courage of Composers and the Tyranny of Taste**

2017

bálint andrás varga is perhaps the world's most respected interviewer of living composers for the courage of composers and the tyranny of taste reflections on new music varga has confronted thirty three composers with quotations carefully chosen to elicit their thoughts about an issue that is crucial for any serious creative artist how can one find courage to deal with the sometimes tyrannical expectations of the outside world the result is an imaginary roundtable at which we encounter fresh revealing previously unpublished statements from such world renowned composers as john adams friedrich cerha george crumb sofia gubaïdulina georg friedrich haas giya kancheli györgy kurtág helmut lachenmann libby larsen robert morris and wolfgang rihm also represented are composers who are becoming more prominent with the passing years chaya czernowin pascal dusapin and rebecca saunders as well as conductor composer michael gielen festival director nicholas kenyon and music critics paul griffiths and arnold whittall in the courage of composers and the tyranny of taste composers and other insightful individuals comment on choices made traps avoided unforeseen consequences proud accomplishments occasional regrets the whole range of experiences central to artistic creativity bálint andrás varga is the acclaimed author of györgy kurtág three interviews and ligeti homages three questions for 65 composers and from boulangier to stockhausen interviews and a memoir all available from university of rochester press

## **The Music of Silence**

1999

john tavener's career has always been in the public eye in the 1960s his music appeared on the beatles apple label and he was one of the youngest composers to be commissioned by the royal opera house the protecting veil the sensation of the 1989 proms and one of the best selling classical recordings of all time made tavener a household name and his song for athene was heard by millions around the world when it was played at princess diana's funeral yet behind this glittering façade is a spiritual dimension which became explicit after tavener was received into the russian orthodox church in 1977 with his wide intellectual curiosity and searching musical imagination it can come as no surprise that he possesses a profound and far reaching musical philosophy the music of silence gives voice to this philosophy based on extensive conversations in his greek island retreat between the composer and his close friend brian keeble it covers the influences of his formative years the technical aspects of his composition his attitude and often controversial reactions to the music of his contemporaries his love of the landscape and ethos of greece and the sacred and

religious underpinning of his faith



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## Calling on the Composer

2005-07-10

across europe more than three hundred houses and museums commemorate the composers who lived and worked in them in calling on the composer two distinguished musicologists guide the musically curious traveler or reader to these sites and provide essential information on their content and significance whether lakeside hut or moated castle clock tower or cave village school or fine town house the physical context for musical genius and the artefacts of day to day existence have a powerful impact on how we perceive the figure behind the music we know and love julie and stanley sadie have journeyed to thirty one countries to compile this unique travel companion and reference source they offer practical information for the visitor seasoned insights and lively commentary richly illustrated and supported by thorough maps the entries on individual composers trace their steps through the practicalities of life and reveal to us the context of creativity

## Early English Composers and the Credo

2022-03-23

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widely adaptable tool for the analysis of musical textual relationships

## **Samuel Barber**

2019-12-27

Samuel Barber (1910–1981) is one of the most admired and honored American composers of the twentieth century. An unabashed romantic, largely independent of worldwide trends and the avant-garde, he infused his works with poetic lyricism and gave tonal language and forms new vitality. His rich legacy includes every genre, including the famous Adagio for Strings (Knoxville, Summer of 1915), three concertos, a plethora of songs, and two operas: the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Vanessa and Antony* and *Cleopatra*, the commissioned work that opened the new Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center in 1966. Generously documented by letters, sketches, autographs, manuscripts, and interviews with friends, colleagues, and performers with whom he worked, this ASCAP Award-winning book is still unquestionably the most authoritative biography on Barber, covering his entire career and interweaving the events of his life with his compositional process. This second edition benefits from many new discoveries, including a violin sonata recovered from an artist's estate, a diary Barber kept his seventeenth year, a trove of letters and manuscripts that were recovered from a suitcase found in a dumpster, and documentation that dispels earlier myths about the composition of Barber's violin concerto and research of scholars that was stimulated by Heyman's work. Barber's intimate relations are discussed when they bear on his creativity. A testament to the lasting significance of Romanticism, Samuel Barber stands as a model biography of an important musical figure.

## ***Stravinsky***

2020-07-15

Widely regarded the greatest composer of the twentieth century, Igor Stravinsky was central to the development of modernism in art, deeply influential and wonderfully productive. He is remembered for dozens of masterworks, from *The Firebird* and *The Rite of Spring* to *The Rake's Progress*. But no dependable biography of him exists. Previous studies have relied too heavily on his own unreliable memoirs and conversations, and until now no biographer has possessed both the musical knowledge to evaluate his art and the linguistic proficiency needed to explore the documentary background of his life. A life whose span extended from Tsarist Russia to Switzerland, France, and ultimately the United States, in this revealing volume the first of two, Stephen Walsh follows Stravinsky from his birth in 1882 to 1934. He traces the composer's early Russian years in new and fascinating detail, laying bare the complicated relationships within his family and showing how he first displayed his extraordinary talents within the provincial musical circle around his teacher, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. Stravinsky's

brilliantly creative involvement with the ballets russes is illuminated by a sharp sense of the internal artistic politics that animated the group portraying stravinsky's circumstances as an émigré in france trying to make his living as a conductor and pianist as well as a composer while beset by emotional and financial demands walsh reveals the true roots of his notorious obsession with money during the 1920s and describes with sympathy the nature of his long affair with vera sudeykina while always respecting stravinsky's own insistence that life and art be kept distinct stravinsky makes clear precisely how the development of his music was connected to his life and to the intellectual environment in which he found himself but at the same time it demonstrates the composer's remarkably pragmatic psychology which led him to consider the welfare of his art to be of paramount importance before which everything else had to give way hence for example his questionable attitude toward hitler and mussolini and his reputation as a touchy unpredictable man as famous for his enmities as for his friendships stephen walsh long established as an expert on stravinsky's music has drawn upon a vast array of material much of it unpublished or unavailable in english to bring the man himself in all his color and genius to glowing life written with elegance and energy comprehensive balanced and original stravinsky is essential reading for anyone interested in the adventure of art in our time praise from the british press for stephen walsh's *The Music of Stravinsky* one of the finest general studies of the composer wilfrid mellers *Composer Times Literary Supplement* the beautiful prose of the music of stravinsky is itself a fund of arresting images for those who already love stravinsky's music walsh's essays on each work will bring a smile of recognition and joy at new kernels of insight for those unfamiliar with many of the works he discusses walsh's commentaries are likely to whet appetites for performances of the works john shepherd notes this book sent me scurrying back to the scores and made me want to recommend it to other people above all it is a good read anthony pople *Music and Letters*

## ***From Handel to Hendrix***

1999-12-17

this study examines the composer as a public figure it examines the fate of the composer through successive incarnations and investigates a range of themes such as subjectivity and identity

## **A Dictionary of Pianist and Composers for the Pianoforte**

2014-01-29

from the preface of all musical instruments the pianoforte is decidedly the most popular and with but few exceptions every composer of instrumental music has written

longer or shorter works for it the interest we take in a composer and performer is certainly enhanced by knowing the country and time of his birth or death the names respectively of his teachers and pupils what his appointments were and the distinctions which were conferred on him to give some short and concise information on these points is the aim of this book which follows the scheme of the popular and useful fachslexica issued at Leipzig by the Bibliographical Institute it is a special book which deals only with the piano and thus the productions of composers in other branches of the musical art are not within its scope a great difficulty in compiling a biographical book is to draw the line between names which should be mentioned and those which should be omitted although it was my earnest desire to act in the most impartial manner I am fully prepared to be accused of injustice done to professors who in a small sphere of activity have helped to promote the progress of the art and to awaken interest in it but to become acquainted with the names of musicians and teachers who have not published any of their works is exceedingly difficult all articles marked contain personal information complete lists of the works of classical composers are given according to the published thematic catalogues the pieces marked have been pointed out either by the composers themselves or selected by myself according to my experience as teacher as worthy of notice

## Music Globalization and the Composer

2024-02-27

Music globalization and the composer the case of Franz Xaver Scharwenka 1850-1924 examines the life milieu and music of composer Franz Xaver Scharwenka Mikołaj Rykowski argues that Scharwenka held the ability to function on a global scale relatively early in music history founding conservatories in Berlin and New York becoming one of the first artists to record music using cutting edge audio technology of his time namely the Welte Mignon rolls and by staging his own opera at the Met using a relatively new methodological perspective called music globalization Rykowski enables us to explore the composer's cultural roots in Poland and observe how the nineteenth century global sense of nationality influenced his musical output

## The Listening Composer

1990-06-11

George Perle takes us into the composer's workshop as he reevaluates what we call twentieth century music a term used to refer to new or modern or contemporary music that represents a radical break from the tonal tradition or common practice of the preceding three centuries he proposes that this music in the course of breaking with the tonal tradition presents coherent and definable elements of a new tradition in spite of the disparity in their styles idioms and compositional methods he argues what



unites scriabin stravinsky bartók and the viennese circle schoenberg berg and webern is more important than what separates them if we are to understand the connections among these mainstream composers we also have to understand their connections with the past through an extraordinarily comprehensive analysis of a single piece by varèse density 21 5 for unaccompanied flute perle shows how these composers refer not only to their contemporaries but also to wagner debussy and beethoven perle isolates the years 1909 10 as the moment of revolutionary transformation in the foundational premises of our musical language he asks what are the implications of this revolution not only for the composer but also for the listener what are the consequences for the theory and teaching of music today in his highly original answers perle relates the role of intuition in the listening experience to its role in the compositional process perle asserts that the post schoenbergian serialists have preoccupied themselves with secondary and superficial aspects of schoenberg s twelve tone method that have led it to a dead end but he also exposes the speciousness of current alternatives such as chance music minimalism and the so called return to tonality he offers a new and more comprehensive definition of twelve tone music and firmly rejects the notion that accessibility to the new music is reserved for a special class of elite listeners

## **Saint-Saens**

2008-10-27

saint saëns s writings provide a well argued counter discourse to the strong modernist music critics who rallied around debussy and ravel during the fin de siecle and above all they demonstrate a brilliantly sharp and active brain expressing itself through prose of a classical purity and balance enlivened throughout with flashes of wit and at times of sheer malice

## **Expositions and Developments**

1981-01-01

here is a critical survey of stravinsky s entire output in chronological order from an authoritative and lucid guide

## **The Music of Stravinsky**

1993

christopher palmer discusses the life and work of eleven great hollywood composers steiner korngold newman waxman tiomkin webb rozsa herrmann north bernstein and rosenman analyzing the scores of many well known films each chapter is written in

clear non technical language for the general reader as well as film and music enthusiasts

## **The Composer in Hollywood**

1990

one of the foremost composers of the french baroque operatic tradition rameau is often cited for his struggle to steer lyric tragedy away from its strict lullian form inspired by spoken tragedy and toward a more expressive musical style in this fresh exploration of rameau s compositional aesthetic charles dill depicts a much more complicated figure one obsessed with tradition music theory his own creative instincts and the public s expectations of his music dill examines the ways rameau mediated among these often competing values and how he interacted with his critics and with the public the result is a sophisticated rethinking of rameau as a musical innovator in his compositions rameau tried to highlight music s potential for dramatic meanings but his listeners who understood lyric tragedy to be a poetic rather than musical genre were generally frustrated by these attempts in fact some described rameau s music as monstrous using an image of deformity to represent the failure of reason and communication dill shows how rameau answered his critics with rational theoretical arguments about the role of music in lyric tragedy at the same time however the composer sought to placate his audiences by substantially revising his musical texts in later performances sometimes abandoning his most creative ideas monstrous opera illuminates the complexity of rameau s vision revealing not only the tensions within the music but also the conflicting desires that drove the man himself caricatured by his contemporaries as a monster originally published in 1998 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

## **Monstrous Opera**

1998

the composer himself offers intriguing glimpses of his life and personality in excerpts from letters to family and friends extensive annotations provide background for thoughts on music religion love other matters

## **Mozart**

2016-10-07

this is a new release of the original 1945 edition

## **Famous Composers for Young People**

2013-10

this is the first full length study of british women s instrumental chamber music in the early twentieth century laura seddon argues that the cobbett competitions instigated by walter willson cobbett in 1905 and the formation of the society of women musicians in 1911 contributed to the explosion of instrumental music written by women in this period and highlighted women s place in british musical society in the years leading up to and during the first world war seddon investigates the relationship between cobbett the society of women musicians and women composers themselves the book s six case studies of adela maddison 1866 1929 ethel smyth 1858 1944 morfydd owen 1891 1918 ethel barns 1880 1948 alice verne bredt 1868 1958 and susan spain dunk 1880 1962 offer valuable insight into the women s musical education and compositional careers seddon s discussion of their chamber works for differing instrumental combinations includes an exploration of formal procedures an issue much discussed by contemporary sources the individual composers reactions to the debate instigated by the society of women musicians on the future of women s music is considered in relation to their lives careers and the chamber music itself as the composers in this study were not a cohesive group creatively or ideologically the book draws on primary sources as well as the writings of contemporary commentators to assess the legacy of the chamber works produced

## **British Women Composers and Instrumental Chamber Music in the Early Twentieth Century**

2013-10-28

shortly after chopin s death in 1849 franz liszt wrote the first full length biography of his fellow composer as one of chopin s friends liszt created a unique biography that allows the reader to experience the world of chopin through the memories of one of his most adamant supporters this translation is the starting volume of janita hall swadley s the collected writings of franz liszt the very first production of liszt s entire literary collection in english in addition to the english translation of liszt s gesammelte schriften collected and edited by lina ramann and published in germany in 1880 83 each volume contains a foreword written by a scholar and expert on liszt and that volume s topic new research and perspectives in the field of liszt studies are presented

in the introduction to each book in the series and the translations themselves are enhanced with annotations in accordance with modern standards of musicological research in volume 1 liszt provides insight into chopin s early childhood and musical development the cultural traditions and customs that inspired the polonaises and mazurkas and the final days and hours of the composer before he died liszt also offers the reader a psychological view of the composer that had not been seriously undertaken by anyone prior to liszt although liszt offered what some scholars regard as perhaps an idealized image of the composer readers will enjoy the personal anecdotes and memories that only one close to the late composer could have known liszt even takes on the sensitive topic of the love affair between chopin and the great french woman writer george sand much to the displeasure of the former s family the collected writings of franz liszt volume 1 f chopin includes a thorough discussion of liszt as an author and the tainted past that surrounded his writings beginning in the 1930s the much neglected topic of liszt s relationship with his publishers is explored and the critical questionnaires that liszt had sent to chopin s sister in preparation for writing the biography are included finally a discussion of the professional and personal relationship between chopin and liszt is provided making this volume a valuable addition to the study of both composers

## **The Collected Writings of Franz Liszt**

2011-07-15

this book is a comprehensive filmography of biographical films featuring the lives of 65 great classical composers performances analyzed include richard burton as richard wagner cornel wilde as frederic chopin gary oldman as ludwig van beethoven tom hulce as mozart and katharine hepburn as clara schumann among others arranged alphabetically by composer s name and illustrated with stills and posters the text provides a brief biography of each composer and analyzes the feature films portraying him or her emphasis is given to the factual accuracy of the screenplay the validity of the portrayal and the film s presentation of the composer s music

## **The Great Composers Portrayed on Film, 1913 through 2002**

2015-07-11

mendelssohn is the only great composer of the last 150 years of whom there does not exist a comprehensive standard biography the reasons for this strange fact are explained in this book the author the first scholar who was granted access to the hitherto closely guarded archives of the mendelssohn family worked on the book for over a decade mendelssohn has been identified with a certain type of drawing room romanticism or simply dismissed as a shallow eclectic the author shows how these

prejudices were based either upon ignorance of his great works his heavily censored correspondence or even upon certain slogans coined by richard wagner g b shaw or german racists the author reveals a totally new image of the man his personality his work and his time the author examined more than 8000 unpublished letters written by or to the composer in one case he discovered a flagrant forgery of documents concerning mendelssohn s relationship with robert schumann and there are many other instances where his study of these records uncovers new vistas and destroy old impressions some of these letters deal with problems of judaism and christianity the spiritual heritage of grandfather mozes mendelssohn and the problems of assimilation in general in the analytical chapters the author a noted composer and musicologist discusses some of the 200 unpublished compositions and most of the published works of the master he treats the music from a modern point of view stressing hidden thematic integrations and finesses of form emphasizing certain highly original conceptions finally the author comes to grips with the concept of musical romanticism his views on this subject are radical and they will certainly evoke interest and controversy the closing chapter is devoted to mendelssohn s problematic status in the history of music covering the life of the composer the social and genealogical background of his family the position of german jewry before the emancipation mendelssohn s relations with goethe hegel heine berlioz dickens wagner chopin schumann and other leading figures of his time and the influence of his work on later music

## **Mendelssohn**

1963

this book develops an innovative approach for understanding the relationship between music and words in the works of five major composers of the english renaissance john taverner christopher tye john sheppard thomas tallis and william byrd focusing on these composers settings of the latin credo the author shows how musical and linguistic emphasis can be used to understand the composers theological interpretations of the text by combining markedness theory with style analysis this study demonstrates that the composers used their musical skills to not only create beautiful music but also raise certain elements of the text to the foreground of perception and relegate others to supporting roles inviting listeners to experience the familiar words of the liturgy in unique ways providing new insights into the changing musical and religious world of the sixteenth century this book is relevant to anyone researching music or religion in early modern england while offering a flexible and widely adaptable tool for the analysis of musical textual relationships

## ***Early English Composers and the Credo***

2022-03-23

this scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original due to its age it may contain imperfections such as marks notations marginalia and flawed pages because we believe this work is culturally important we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting preserving and promoting the world s literature in affordable high quality modern editions that are true to the original work

## ***Contemporary Composers (1918)***

2008-06

richard wagner has arguably the greatest and most long term influence on wider european culture of all nineteenth century composers and yet among the copious english language literature examining wagner s works influence and character research into the composer s impact and role in russia and eastern european countries and perceptions of him from within those countries is noticeably sparse wagner in russia poland and the czech lands aims to redress imbalance and stimulate further research in this rich area the eight essays are divided in three parts one each on russia the czech lands and poland and cover a wide historical span from the composer s first contacts with and appearances in these regions through to his later reception in the communist era the contributing authors examine his influences in a wide range of areas such as music literary and epistolary heritage politics and the cultural histories of russia the czech lands and poland in an attempt to establish wagner s place in a part of europe not commonly addressed in studies of the composer

## **Wagner in Russia, Poland and the Czech Lands**

2013-12-28

esteemed by many of his most distinguished contemporaries including arnold schoenberg alexander zemlinsky 1871 1942 was a protégé of brahms and mahler despite this he was overshadowed by the composers of the second viennese school and for many years after his death was remembered merely as the brother in law of schoenberg but with centenary celebrations of zemlinsky s birth scholars began a careful examination of his works and realized they had discovered a forgotten master zemlinsky s wonderful melodic gift was manifested in operas choral works chamber music and symphonic pieces but was realized most fully in his more than one hundred songs in this important new study the first such work in english lorraine gorrell focuses on these songs revealing the ways in which they represented a bridge between the 19th century romantic lied and the 20th century avant garde of interest to scholars studying both the german art song and the development of the second viennese school gorrell s work uses zemlinsky s songs as a lens through which to examine an important highly influential musical figure

## **Discordant Melody**

2002-09-30

concepts of time in post war european music gives a historical and philosophical account of the discussions of the nature of time and music during the mid twentieth century the nature of time was a persistent topic among composers in paris and darmstadt in the decades after world war ii one which influenced their musical practice and historical relevance based on the author s specialized knowledge of the relevant philosophical discourses this volume offers a balanced critique of these composers attempts at philosophizing about time touching on familiar topics such as adorno s philosophy of music the writings of boulez and stockhausen and messiaen s theology this volume uncovers specific relationships among varied intellectual traditions that have not previously been described each chapter provides a philosophical explanation of specific problems that are relevant for interpreting the composer s own essays or lectures followed by a musical analysis of a piece of music which illustrates central theoretical concepts this is a valuable study for scholars and researchers of music theory music history and the philosophy of music

## **Concepts of Time in Post-War European Music**

2020-10-29

first published in 1998 music scored for film has only relatively recently received the critical attention which it merits many composers in the twentieth century have written works for films or documentaries a number feeling that this aspect of their output has been undervalued this dictionary complements other studies which have appeared in recent years which look at the technical and theoretical issues concerned with film music composition arranged alphabetically by composer the volume comprises over 500 entries covering all nationalities each entry includes very brief biographical information on the composer followed by a list of the films with dates for which he or she has composed details of recordings are also given the dictionary s international coverage ensures that it will become a standard reference work for all those interested in the history of twentieth century music and the development of film

## **Soundtracks**

2019-05-03

this is a short book but a teeming one boiling over with the insights that have accrued over forty years and more ever since pieter van den toorn set the musicological world on its ear with his revelations about stravinsky s creative methods deduced from an unprecedentedly close and fruitful examination of the published scores since then he

has been at the manuscripts as well and has made even further reaching observations about stravinsky s epochal rhythmic innovations all of this he now places at the disposal of musicians and general readers laid out with a chronology of the composer s life and times a great gift to us all and a fitting crown to a most distinguished scholarly career richard taruskin author of stravinsky and the russian traditions born and raised in st petersburg russia igor stravinsky 1882 1971 divided his time between law studies and music until 1906 when under the tutelage of composer nikolai rimsky korsakov he dedicated himself exclusively to composition five years later he achieved international fame with his ballet scores the firebird petrushka and the rite of spring the last of which caused a riot at its paris premiere in 1913 for the next 50 years both stravinsky s music style and his life were characterized by dramatic changes as he moved from his russian period to neo classicism to serialism and from russia to switzerland to france to the united states yet no matter how much his style changed his music was always distinctively his and his compositions remain among the greatest produced in the twentieth century in simply stravinsky professor pieter van den toorn takes a fresh look at the composer and his legacy providing a compact exciting and accessible introduction to the twentieth century s most celebrated composer and his timeless music from stravinsky s apprenticeship in st petersburg to his life among the émigré community in southern california prof van den toorn shows how the composer s music was tied to his personality and how it came to influence artists from aaron copland to philip glass designed for classical music beginners as well as those who want to know more about one of the great musical innovators simply stravinsky is an insightful and highly readable portrait of the man who helped define modern music

## ***Simply Stravinsky***

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herbert howells 1892 1983 was a prodigiously gifted musician and the favourite student of the notoriously hard to please sir charles villiers stanford throughout his long life he was one of the country s most prominent composers writing extensively in all genres except the symphony and opera yet today he is known mostly for his church music and there is as yet relatively little serious study of his work this book is the first large scale study of howells s music affording both detailed consideration of individual works and a broad survey of general characteristics and issues its coverage is wide ranging addressing all aspects of the composer s prolific output and probing many of the issues that it raises the essays are gathered in five sections howells the stylist examines one of the most striking aspect of the composer s music its strongly characterised personal voice howells the vocal composer addresses both his well known contribution to church music and his less familiar but also important contribution to the genre of solo song howells the instrumental composer shows that he was no less accomplished for his work in genres without words for which in fact he first made his name howells the modern considers the composer s rather overlooked contribution to the development of a modern voice for british music and howells in



mourning explores the important impact of his son's death on his life and work the composer that emerges from these studies is a complex figure technically fluent but prone to revision and self doubt innovative but also conservative a composer with an improvisational sense of flow who had a firm grasp of musical form an exponent of british musical style who owed as much to continental influence as to his national heritage this volume comprising a collection of outstanding essays by established writers and emergent scholars opens up the range of howells's achievement to a wider audience both professional and amateur phillip cooke is lecturer in composition at the university of aberdeen david maw is tutor and research fellow in music at oriel college oxford holding lectureships also at christ church the queen's and trinity colleges contributors byron adams paul andrews graham barber jonathan clinch phillip a cooke jeremy dibble lewis foreman fabian huss david maw diane nolan cooke lionel pike paul spicer jonathan white foreword by john rutter

## **The Encyclopedia of Music**

2005

the classical revolution studies the recent emergence of a new brand of classical music one rooted in pre modern tonal traditions through polemical essays on the conflict between re emergent tradition and the usual bland modern music in which academic atonalism process music and attempts to borrow some life from pop and world music form a rather isolated territory borstlap examines both the philosophical and aesthetic positions of these new classical composers positions too often misunderstood because they create a new and unexpected category not in the margins of music life but directly related to the central performance culture as borstlap points out part of the ongoing problem of contemporary music a problem first created by modernism is a profound misunderstanding of musical modernism itself at the heart of his argument is the distinction between music and sonic art a distinction that renders superfluous the loaded labels of progressive and conservative in disputes over music addressing questions of cultural identity musical meaning and the aesthetics of beauty the classical revolution closely examines the institutional biases of the modern music establishment and its all too solid grip on the production and reception of new music by drawing attention to new classical composers in a traditionalist mold borstlap illustrates how their increasing success in the realm of performance as opposed to academic study bespeaks a broader set of trends in serious contemporary composition the classical revolution is an accessible and informative polemic for music lovers with an interest in the meaning of classical music in general and the classical tradition in particular which seems to be re emerging in the 21st century it should equally interest academics music directors promoters programmers musicians and music students alike since here a wide field of new musical experience opens itself up with a hopeful perspective on the future of music

## The Music of Herbert Howells

2013

this volume uniquely combines a lively biography of one of the best loved composers of the nineteenth century with a detailed chronological guide to much of his oeuvre from the most popular swan lake or the 1812 overture to the lesser known pieces david brown enthusiastically and sensitively guides the reader through tchaikovsky s music in the context of his life his writing on the music is accessible and informative both for the professional musician and the keen amateur listener the biographical writing includes fascinating quotations from the composer s letters and those of his friends the tchaikovsky that emerges is despite his periodic struggle with depression a man with a positive attitude to life and a kind and supportive friend to many around him this is essential reading for anyone with an interest in tchaikovsky his music or the culture of the time one of the finest one volume biographies to have appeared in recent years written with such insight that it feels as though one is on a hot line to the composer himself by the end i felt i knew tchaikovsky so much better a classic classic fm magazine i can t imagine a more intelligently sympathetic treatment of the man and his music bbc music magazine

## The Classical Revolution

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eye catching illustrations engaging text and delightful musical selections on the accompanying 70 minute cd lead children ages 8 to 12 and parents too on an exciting and educational tour through the instruments and music of the orchestra illustrated in exquisite and colourful detail with over 100 original drawings and photographs this package is a fun and exciting musical journey for children the engaging text is broken into three sections an introduction to each instrument of the orchestra from the cello to the timpani the stories of famous composers from bach to stravinsky and an explanation of different musical styles from baroque to modern each step of the way children can listen to actual musical examples of what they are learning about young readers will hear the sound of an actual violin as they study the instrument and enjoy the playful tune of a mozart minuet as they read about the composer s precocious exploits as a child

## ***Tchaikovsky***

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the music of the polish composer karol szzymanowski 1882 1937 has enjoyed a resurgence of interest in recent years despite wide recognition in his own lifetime

szzymanowski s works were somewhat overlooked in the decades following his death outside poland changing fashions militated against acceptance of his achievement and subsequent generations of polish composers regarded his music as too reactionary to provide a basis on which to found a national musical identity in this full scale study of karol szzymanowski s life and music alistair wightman explores the composer s position as a constant outsider in his own country yet a good european in the ways in which he responded positively to a diverse range of musical talents in particular as stravinsky strauss berg hindemith prokofiev and ravel the book throws light on szzymanowski s relationship to the polish musical establishment the reception of his works at home and abroad his work as an educationalist and the essentially european dimension of his art drawing on letters polemical writings verse theatrical sketches and the memoirs of family friends and contemporaries all of szzymanowski s significant works are discussed illustrated with nearly 140 music examples evaluation is made of the close links existing between the composer s musical and literary works from the earliest stages of his career as well as the various ideological strands that went together to form the unique humanistic synthesis characteristic of his mature work

## ***The Story of the Orchestra***

2001

## **Karol Szymanowski**

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