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**The Ballets Russes and Beyond** Hodder Education

Un son, une note, une mélodie et voilà... le cerveau en effervescence. Mais pourquoi certains airs arrivent-ils à nous tirer des larmes, à nous donner la chair de poule, à nous enthousiasmer ou à nous faire danser ? Pourquoi sommes-nous touchés par les symphonies de Beethoven, par les performances vocales de Céline Dion, par les reels endiablés de Ti-Jean Carignan ou encore par les concerts d'Arcade Fire ? Bien sûr, tout commence par l'oreille. Les ondes sonores produites par un piano, une flûte ou un violon s'y engouffrent et sont transformées en influx nerveux pour rejoindre diverses régions du cerveau. Journaliste scientifique aguerrri, Michel Rochon nous entraîne dans une exploration fascinante du cerveau musical. Il nous révèle les plus récentes découvertes en intelligence artificielle, en neuropsychologie, en linguistique et même en mathématiques qui nous font comprendre autrement les harmonies sonores. Nous ne sommes d'ailleurs pas au bout de nos surprises, car les chercheurs cernent de mieux en mieux les bienfaits cliniques et thérapeutiques de la musique. En fermant ce livre, vous ne pourrez plus entendre du rock, du jazz, du classique, de l'opéra, du traditionnel, du rap ou de la techno de la même manière. Et il n'y a aucun doute : c'est la musique qui nous a rendus plus humains.

*Experiencing Rhythm* Columbia University Press

Belle-époque Paris witnessed the emergence of a vibrant and diverse dance scene, one that crystallized around the Ballets Russes, the Russian dance company formed by impresario Sergey Diaghilev. The company has long served as a convenient turning point in the history of dance, celebrated for its revolutionary choreography and innovative productions. This book presents a fresh slant on this much-told history. Focusing on the relation between music and dance, Davinia Caddy

approaches the Ballets Russes with a wide-angled lens that embraces not just the choreographic, but also the cultural, political, theatrical and aesthetic contexts in which the company made its name. In addition, Caddy examines and interprets contemporary French dance practices, throwing new light on some of the most important debates and discourses of the day.

The Musical Quarterly Hodder Education

Is music just matter of hearing and producing notes? And is it of interest just to musicians? By exploring different authors and philosophical trends of the Roman Empire, from Philo of Alexandria to Alexander of Aphrodisias, from the rebirth of Platonism with Plutarch to the last Neoplatonists, this book sheds light on different ways in which music and musical notions were made a crucial part of philosophical discourse. Far from being mere metaphors, notions such as harmony, concord and attunement became key philosophical tools in order to better grasp and conceptualise fundamental notions in philosophical debates from cosmology to ethics and from epistemology to theology. The volume is written by a distinguished international team of contributors.

*Russian Music at Home and Abroad* Fayard

What is music, and why does it move us? From Pythagoras to the present, writers have struggled to isolate the essence of "pure" or "absolute" music in ways that also account for its profound effect. In *Absolute Music: The History of an Idea*, Mark Evan Bonds traces the history of these efforts across more than two millennia, paying special attention to the relationship between music's essence and its qualities of form, expression, beauty, autonomy, as well as its perceived capacity to disclose philosophical truths. The core of this book focuses on the period between 1850 and 1945. Although the idea of pure music is as old as antiquity, the term "absolute music" is itself relatively recent. It was Richard Wagner who coined the term, in 1846, and he used it as a pejorative in his efforts to expose the limitations of purely instrumental music. For Wagner, music that was "absolute" was isolated, detached from the world, sterile. His contemporary, the Viennese critic Eduard Hanslick, embraced this quality of isolation as a guarantor of purity. Only pure, absolute music, he argued, could realize the highest potential of the art. Bonds reveals how and why perceptions of absolute music changed so radically between the 1850s and 1920s. When it first appeared, "absolute music" was a new term applied to old music, but by the early decades of the twentieth century, it had become-paradoxically--an old term associated with the new music of modernists like Schoenberg and Stravinsky. Bonds argues that the key developments in this shift lay not in discourse about

music but rather the visual arts. The growing prestige of abstraction and form in painting at the turn of the twentieth century-line and color, as opposed to object-helped move the idea of purely abstract, absolute music to the cutting edge of musical modernism. By carefully tracing the evolution of absolute music from Ancient Greece through the Middle Ages to the twentieth-century, Bonds not only provides the first comprehensive history of this pivotal concept but also provokes new thoughts on the essence of music and how essence has been used to explain music's effect. A long awaited book from one of the most respected senior scholars in the field, *Absolute Music* will be essential reading for anyone interested in the history, theory, and aesthetics of music.

**Absolute Music** Univ of Nebraska Press

"One can only marvel at the instinct of Parisian painters to keep their art in the hands of poets."- Robert Motherwell. At the height of the Cubist movement in Paris, no fewer than fifteen significant poets kept company with the painters. "Every writer had his painter," said Blaise Cendrars. "I myself had Delaunay and Liger, Max Jacob had Picasso, Reverdy Braque, and Apollinaire had everybody." The painters illustrated the poets' poems and painted their portraits; the poets wrote the painters' praise and defended them in journalistic wars. They loaned each other money, gave shelter to each other in times of need, inspired each other, and fortified each other's resolve through thick and thin. *The Cubist Poets in Paris* evokes the capital city of Cubism in all its flamboyant bustle. It includes groups of poems by Guillaume Apollinaire, Pierre Albert-Birot, Blaise Cendrars, Jean Cocteau, Sonia Delaunay, Paul Dermie, Pierre Drieu la Rochelle, Charlotte Gardelle, Vicente Huidobro, Max Jacob, Marie Laurencin, Hilhne Baronne d'Oettingen, Raymond Radiguet, Pierre Reverdy, and Andri Salmon. Each poem is presented in French and in English translation. Fifteen illustrations suggest the painters' close ties with the poets, including works by Juan Gris, Giorgio de Chirico, and Liopold Suvage. LeRoy C. Breunig has taught at Cornell University, Harvard, Columbia University, and at Barnard College, where he was Dean of Faculty and interim president. He has edited Guillaume Apollinaire's *Chroniques d'art* and *Apollinaire on Art*. His articles have appeared in *Mercure de France*, *Comparative Literature*, and *Yale French Studies*.

**LA MUSIQUE : UN ENSEIGNEMENT OBLIGATOIRE** Montréal : A. Lévesque

David Friddle explores choral methods and community choral ensembles that originated in the nineteenth century. Using more than one hundred musical examples, illustrations, tables, and photographs, he documents the expansion of choral singing beginning in the early 1800s.

**French for the IB MYP 4 & 5 (Capable-Proficient/Phases 3-4, 5-6)** Taylor & Francis

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.

**Pourquoi la musique ?** Rowman & Littlefield

A fascinating aspect of the study of music in medieval Islamic and Judaic writings is the broad and interdisciplinary nature of the works and treatises in which it is covered. In addition, such works verbalize an art that was transmitted orally and took shape spontaneously, typically with improvisation during performance. As a result of this outlook the musical concept (or science) is often intertwined with practice (or history). This second collection by Amnon Shiloah brings together twenty-two studies exemplifying such multi-faceted viewpoints on the world of sounds and its virtue.

The first studies concern the origin and originators of music and to how its essential constituents came into being; included here is the art of dance along with the controversial attitudes towards it. Next comes the symbolic, philosophical and metaphorical interpretation of music; one of the major ideas epitomizing this approach claimed that the pursuit of knowledge is the path to human perfection and happiness. There follow studies on the transmission of knowledge, along with some annotated key works dealing with therapeutic effects. The last articles focus on cultural traditions elaborated on European soil developing a particular style and musical practice, centred on the Iberian Peninsula, which was the scene of one of the most fascinating examples of cultural interchange.

**Music and its Virtues in Islamic and Judaic Writings** Univ of California Press

In the second edition of the definitive account of Igor Stravinsky's life and work, arranged in two separate sections, Eric Walter White revised the whole book, completing the biographical section by taking it up to Stravinsky's death in 1971. To the list of works, the author added some early pieces that have recently come to light, as well as the late compositions, including the *Requiem Canticles* and *The Owl and the Pussycat*. Four more of Stravinsky's own writings appear in the Appendices, and there are several important additions to the bibliography.

**Monde de la Musique** Editions L'Harmattan

Centre de formation de musiciens intervenant à l'école Faut-il vraiment donner à tous les enfants une éducation musicale ? Pourquoi est-ce important ? Et dans ce cas comment le faire ? Des personnes, représentant tous les acteurs de l'éducation musicale ont cherché à définir, de leur point de vue et selon leur responsabilité, quels sont les enjeux d'une initiation et d'une pratique de la musique pour un enfant, pourquoi une activité artistique n'est pas facultative pour une vie d'homme.

**Pourquoi la Musique ? Son Importance Dans la Vie Des Enfants** Oxford University Press

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**Journal - Canadian Association of University Schools of Music** McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP

This new collection views Russian music through the Greek triad of "the Good, the True, and the Beautiful" to investigate how the idea of "nation" embeds itself in the public discourse about music and other arts with results at times invigorating, at times corrupting. In our divided, post-Cold War, and now post-9/11 world, Russian music, formerly a quiet corner on the margins of musicology, has become a site of noisy contention. Richard Taruskin assesses the political and cultural stakes that attach to it in the era of Pussy Riot and renewed international tensions, before turning to individual cases from the nineteenth century to the present. Much of the volume is devoted to the resolutely cosmopolitan but inveterately Russian Igor Stravinsky, one of the major forces in the music of the

twentieth century and subject of particular interest to composers and music theorists all over the world. Taruskin here revisits him for the first time since the 1990s, when everything changed for Russia and its cultural products. Other essays are devoted to the cultural and social policies of the Soviet Union and their effect on the music produced there as those policies swung away from Communist internationalism to traditional Russian nationalism; to the musicians of the Russian postrevolutionary diaspora; and to the tension between the compelling artistic quality of works such as Stravinsky's *Sacre du Printemps* or Prokofiev's *Zdravitsa* and the antihumanistic or totalitarian messages they convey. *Russian Music at Home and Abroad* addresses these concerns in a personal and critical way, characteristically demonstrating Taruskin's authority and ability to bring living history out of the shadows.

**Ouvres Completes, Accompagnées D'une Notice Sur Sa Vie Ses Ouvrages** Wilfrid Laurier Univ. Press

How is "rhythm" experienced? What role does "rhythm" play in musicians' search for a collective musical identity? These questions are answered in this book on the fascinating blend of musical styles and influences within contemporary Malagasy music. Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world, "the footprint between Africa and Asia," with a history marked by many waves of migration. Over the centuries, a wide range of styles of music, of instruments and of dance have become a part of the island's musical palette. Despite this and the resulting diversity of regional musical particularities, musicians claim there is one element they all share: a common rhythmical base. To explore this claim and the meaning of "rhythm" in the Malagasy context, Jenny Fuhr makes use of her dual role as musician and researcher. Self-reflexive field research combined with learning to play and perform Malagasy music enables a profound intercultural dialogue. This book shows how her intense involvement in music-making and a constant dialogue between musical experiences and discourses opens up new paths of understanding. In doing so, it challenges prevalent Western analytical perspectives on music and demonstrates the need for a more performance-based approach to ethnomusicology.

**Le Guide Musical** Cambridge Scholars Publishing

This is the final volume in the set of four collections of Michel Huglo's articles to be published in the *Variorum* series, and focuses on medieval music theory. The point of departure for Huglo's research was his doctoral dissertation on tonaries, published in 1971: as a consequence, he studied the manuscripts of music theory concerning plainchant, and, later, those with writings on music by authors of Late Antiquity as well as the *Liber glossarum*, with its many definitions of musical terms. In this volume, certain articles consider the interpretation or dissemination of texts, instruction in the art of plainchant, and musical instruction at the university. Others concern the manuscripts of St Augustine's *De musica* and of the writings of Calcidius, Macrobius, Helisachar, Hucbald, Gerbert of Aurillac, Abbo of Fleury, John of Afflighem, and Hieronymus de Moravia, amongst others. The volume closes with a bibliography of Michel Huglo complementing that published in 1993 and a summary list of his reviews of books on music and liturgy. Ce volume des articles de Michel Huglo termine la série de quatre dans la collection *Variorum*. Il est centré sur la théorie musicale médiévale. Le point de départ des recherches de Michel Huglo sur la théorie musicale du Moyen Âge est formé par sa thèse sur les tonaires, éditée en 1971: en conséquence il étudia les manuscrits de théorie musicale

concernant le plain-chant et, plus tard, les auteurs de l'Antiquité tardive et le *Liber glossarum* qui contient des définitions de nombreux termes musicaux. Dans ce volume, certains articles traitent de l'interprétation ou de la dissémination des textes, des instructions sur l'art du chant, et sur l'enseignement de la musique à l'Université. Ils concernent les manuscrits du *De musica* d'Augustin, de Calcidius, Macrobe, Helisachar, Hucbald, Gerbert d'Aurillac, Abbon de Fleury, Jean d'Afflighem, Hieronymus de Moravia, et d'autres auteurs. Le volume se termine par une bibliographie de Michel Huglo complétant celle publiée en 1993 et une liste sommaire de ses recensions d'ouvrages sur la musique et la liturgie.

*Choral Treatises and Singing Societies in the Romantic Age* Pendragon Press  
International music studies.

**Procès-verbaux** Manchester University Press

'...discusses virtually all the musical writings which figure in this tome of the *Oeuvres complètes* and may even be read as a companion volume, providing a key to the understanding of its various texts...O'Dea's vividly textured and finely nuanced reading of Rousseau's musical imagination plainly does complement the Pleiade collection in two striking ways...it offers a general interpretation of the place of the philosophy of music in Rousseau's thought that is addressed to concepts which flit in and out of particular works, articulated in a voice whose clarity of tone is unmatched by a chorus of editors. Second, it pursues its case across a range of texts spread far beyond the limits of any collection of Rousseau's essays on music.' - Robert Wokler, *French Literature* This new study of Jean-Jacques Rousseau suggests that his early articles on music for the *Encyclopédie* give a unique insight into his thinking on aesthetics, affectivity and desire. Rousseau is shown as moving subsequently between two opposed tendencies. He celebrates the voice as the vehicle for the most intense moments of human experience but also frequently attacks the surrender to passion implicit in that celebration, denouncing the arts and arguing that women must be confined to the domestic sphere.

**La théorie de la musique antique et médiévale** Springer

*Music Traditions, Cultures, and Contexts* is a tribute to the ethnomusicologist Beverley Diamond in recognition of her outstanding scholarly accomplishments. The volume includes essays by leading ethnomusicologists and music scholars as well as a biographical introduction. The book's contributors engage many of the critical themes in Diamond's work, including musical historiography, musical composition in historical and contemporary frameworks, performance in diverse contexts, gender issues, music and politics, and how music is nested in and relates to broader issues in society. The essays raise important themes about knowing and understanding musical traditions and music itself as an agent of social, cultural, and political change. *Music Traditions, Cultures, and Contexts* will appeal to music scholars and students, as well as to a general audience interested in learning about how music functions as social process as well as sound.

[La symphonie neuronale](#) Bouquino

Hip-hop and rap music have been a central part of youth cultures all around the world for decades. While every country has its own scene with a specific social and cultural context, the global hip-hop phenomenon also allows young people to integrate their regional identities within an increasingly international environment. The inclusion of rap and hip-hop lyrics in foreign language teaching makes a unique, transcultural approach possible that connects directly to the students'

interests. This guidebook offers both teachers and students a wealth of authentic rap and hip-hop lyrics that can be used in Spanish and French as foreign-language classes. They can serve as exercises for listening and reading comprehension of all levels or as templates for entire teaching units. The accompanying website ([www.rapromania.de](http://www.rapromania.de)) lends itself to the integration in various forms of multimedia teaching and learning.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Music, Illusion and Desire Univ of California Press

Calixa Lavallée, the composer of “O Canada,” was the first Canadian-born musician to achieve an international reputation. While primarily remembered for the national anthem, Lavallée and his work extended well beyond Canada, and he played a multitude of roles in North American music as a composer, conductor, administrator, instrumentalist, educator, and critic. In *Anthems and Minstrel Shows*, Brian Thompson analyzes Lavallée’s music, letters, and published writings, as well as

newspapers and music magazines of the time, to provide a detailed account of musical life in nineteenth-century North America and the relationship between music and nation. Leaving Quebec at age sixteen, Lavallée travelled widely for a decade as musical director of a minstrel troupe, and spent a year as a bandsman in the Union Army. Later, as a performer and conductor, he built a repertoire that prepared audiences for the intellectually challenging music of European composers and new music by his US contemporaries. His own music extended from national songs to comic operas, and instrumental music, as he shifted between the worlds of classical and popular music. Previously portrayed as a humble French Canadian forced into exile by ignorance and injustice, Lavallée emerges here as ambitious, radical, bohemian, and fully engaged with the musical, social, and political currents of his time. While nationalism and nation-building are central to this story, *Anthems and Minstrel Shows* asks to which nation – or nations – Lavallée and “O Canada” really belong.