

The book was found

Mahler's Voices: Expression And Irony In The Songs And Symphonies



Synopsis

Passionate and intense in one moment, ironic or brash in the next, Mahler's music speaks with a diversity of voices that often undermine its own ideals of unity, narrative struggle and transcendent affirmation. The composer plays constantly with musical genres and styles, moving between them without warning in a way that often bewildered his contemporaries. Ranging freely across Mahler's symphonies and songs in a thoughtful and thorough study of his musical speech, Julian Johnson considers how this body of music foregrounds the idea of artifice, construction and musical convention while at the same time presenting itself as act of authentic expression and disclosure. Mahler's Voices explores the shaping of this music through strategies of calling forth its own mysterious voice--as if from nature or the Unconscious--while at other times revealing itself as a made object, often self-consciously assembled from familiar and well-worn materials. A unique study not of Mahler's works as such but of Mahler's musical style, Mahler's Voices brings together a close reading of the renowned composer's music with wide-ranging cultural and historical interpretation. Through a radical self-awareness that links the romantic irony of the late 18th-century to the deconstructive attitude of the late 20th-century, Mahler's music forces us to rethink historical categories themselves. Yet what sets it apart, what continues to fascinate and disturb, is the music's ultimate refusal of this position, acknowledging the conventionality of all its voices while at the same time, in the intensity of its tone, speaking "as if" what it said were true. However bound up with the Viennese modernism that Mahler prefigured, the urgency of this act remains powerfully resonant for our own age.

Book Information

Hardcover: 376 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (April 17, 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0195372395

ISBN-13: 978-0195372397

Product Dimensions: 9.3 x 1.3 x 6.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.5 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #2,937,511 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #65 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Sheet Music & Scores > Composers > Mahler #382 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Sheet Music & Scores > Forms & Genres > Symphonies #867 in Books > Humor

Customer Reviews

"Blazes innovative trails for scholars in several areas...Johnson finds the perfect balance between specificity and generality, making this book useful to anyone interested in learning more bout Mahler, musical narrative, or both." --Notes

Julian Johnson is Professor of Music, Department of Music at Royal Holloway, University of London. From 2001-2007 he was a Reader in Music and a Fellow of St. Anne's College at the University of Oxford, and recipient of the Dent Medal (2005) awarded by the Royal Musical Association for "outstanding contributions to musicology." Author of *Webern and the Transformation of Nature* (Cambridge, 1999) and *Who Needs Classical Music?* (OUP, 2002).

it is very fast delivery. awesome and very well. Great product! Cuts vegetables like butter. i love it , Received as described.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Mahler's Voices: Expression and Irony in the Songs and Symphonies Gustav Mahler: Songs and Symphonies of Life and Death Why Mahler?: How One Man and Ten Symphonies Changed Our World Gustav Mahler: Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2 in Full Score Gustav Mahler: The Symphonies Gustav Mahler: The Symphonies Paperback The Mahler Symphonies: An Owner's Manual (includes 1 CD) Tuba Player's Orchestral Repertoire: Mahler Symphonies 7-9 Symphonic Repertoire for Timpani - Mahler Symphonies 1-3 Symphonic Repertoire for Timpani: Mahler Symphonies No. 4-6 Irony and Sound: The Music of Maurice Ravel (Eastman Studies in Music) Irony, Satire, Parody and the Grotesque in the Music of Shostakovich: A Theory of Musical Incongruities To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World The Big Book of Irony The Irony of American History The Irony of Democracy: An Uncommon Introduction to American Politics Folk Songs for Two: 11 Folk Songs Arranged for Two Voices and Piano . . . For Recitals, Concerts, and Contests (For Two Series) Ukulele Song Book 1 & 2 - 50 Folk Songs With Lyrics and Ukulele Chord Tabs - Bundle of 2 Ukulele Books: Folk Songs (Ukulele Songs) Elijah: An Oratorio for Full Chorus of Mixed Voices, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Baritone Soli (Double Solo Quartet of Mixed Voices) and Piano (G. Schirmer's Editions of Oratorios and Cantatas) Voices of Lung Cancer: The Healing Companion: Stories for Courage, Comfort and Strength (Voices Of series)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)