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Encounters with Verdi Marcello Conati, 1986 An anthology of reminiscences interviews memoirs and essays by a wide ranging group of people journalists musicians impresarios or chance acquaintances who met the reclusive and secretive composer at various moments during his long life Each entry has a relevant place within the chronology of Verdi's life and every reference to an unfamiliar event or name in the text is explained in the copious footnotes

Interviews and Encounters with Verdi Marcello Conati, 1984-01-01 Verzameling documenten van en over de Italiaanse componist 1813 1901 voorafgegaan door uitgebreide commentaren

Not without Madness Fabrizio Della Seta, 2012-11-22 Opera often seems to arouse either irrational enthusiasm or visceral dislike Such madness as Goethe wrote is indispensable in all theater and yet in practice sentiment and passion must be balanced by sense and reason Exploring this tension between madness and reason Not without Madness presents new analytical approaches to thinking about eighteenth and nineteenth century opera through the lenses of its historical and cultural contexts In these twelve essays Fabrizio Della Seta explores the concept of opera as a dramatic event and an essential moment in the history of theater Examining the meaning of opera and the devices that produce and transmit this meaning he looks at the complex verbal musical and scenic mechanisms in parts of *La sonnambula* *Ernani* *Aida* *Le nozze di Figaro* *Macbeth* and *Il trovatore* He argues that approaches to the study of opera must address performance interpretation composition reception and cultural ramifications Purely musical analysis does not make sense unless we take into account music's dramatic function Containing many essays available for the first time in English Not without Madness bridges recent divisions in opera studies and will attract musicologists musicians and opera lovers alike

The Birth of an Opera: Fifteen Masterpieces from Poppea to Wozzeck Michael Rose, 2013-03-18 The Birth of an Opera offers illuminating insight into how operas are written and the personalities incidents and musical circumstances that have shaped their composition Through a deft compilation of primary sources letters memoirs and personal accounts from composers librettists and performers Michael Rose re-creates for his readers the circumstances that gave rise to fifteen operatic milestones From Monteverdi and Mozart to Puccini and Berg each chapter focuses on a well-known opera and tells the story that lies behind its creation Rather than retreading familiar ground with pages of historical and musical analysis Rose places each opera firmly in the context of the composer's life and provides an engaging text in which the varied and colorful personalities involved are seen to discuss comment and contribute in one way or another to the progress of its composition The reader will find Mozart with a new and flamboyant librettist tackling the risky enterprise of *Le Nozze di Figaro* Wagner confessing his hidden love for the woman who inspires him as he creates the passionate drama of *Tristan und Isolde* Verdi deep in Shakespearean discussion with Boito as they remodel the tragedy of *Otello* and Debussy coming almost literally to blows with Maeterlinck over the soprano to take the leading role in *Pell as et M lisande* Throughout Rose offers his readers the most direct possible link to events that have often become twisted or obscured by operatic myth and in so

doing he captures the bizarre interactions of chance genius practical necessity and dogged determination that accompanied the making of some of opera's most enduring masterpieces The Diaries of Giacomo Meyerbeer: The last years, 1857-1864 Giacomo Meyerbeer, 1999 Volume 4 is devoted to the last years 1857-64 while age and declining health saw a waning of the composer's personal optimism It contains a series of glossaries listing his compositions and the musical and theatrical works he attended throughout his life as well as a bibliography *The Cambridge History of Italian Literature* Peter Brand, Lino Pertile, 1999-08-28 Italy possesses one of the richest and most influential literatures of Europe stretching back to the thirteenth century This substantial history of Italian literature provides a comprehensive survey of Italian writing since its earliest origins Leading scholars describe and assess the work of writers who have contributed to the Italian literary tradition including Dante Petrarch and Boccaccio the Renaissance humanists Machiavelli Ariosto and Tasso pioneers and practitioners of commedia dell'arte and opera and the contemporary novelists Calvino and Eco The Cambridge History of Italian Literature sets out to be accessible to the general reader as well as to students and scholars translations are provided along with a map chronological chart and substantial bibliographies **The Cambridge Companion to Conducting** José Antonio Bowen, 2003-11-20 In this wide ranging inside view of the history and practice of conducting analysis and advice comes directly from working conductors including Sir Charles Mackerras on opera Bramwell Tovey on being an Artistic Director Martyn Brabbins on modern music Leon Botstein on programming and Vance George on choral conducting and from those who work closely with conductors a leading violinist describes working as a soloist with Stokowski Ormandy and Barbirolli while Solti and Abbado's studio producer explains orchestral recording and one of the world's most powerful managers tells all The book includes advice on how to conduct different types of groups choral opera symphony early music and provides a substantial history of conducting as a study of national traditions It is an unusually honest book about a secretive industry and managers artistic directors soloists players and conductors openly discuss their different perspectives for the first time

Lastingness Nicholas Delbanco, 2011-01-24 America grows older yet stays focused on its young Whatever hill we try to climb we're over it by fifty and should that hill involve entertainment or athletics we're finished long before But if younger is better it doesn't appear that youngest is best we want our teachers doctors generals and presidents to have reached a certain age In context after context and contest after contest we're more than a little conflicted about elders of the tribe when is it right to honor them and when to say step aside In *Lastingness* Nicholas Delbanco one of America's most celebrated men of letters profiles great geniuses in the fields of visual art literature and music Monet Verdi O'Keeffe Yeats among others searching for the answers to why some artists work diminishes with age while others reaches its peak Both an intellectual inquiry into the essence of aging and creativity and a personal journey of discovery this is a brilliant exploration of what determines what one needs to do to keep the habits of creation and achievement alive Verdi's Theater Gilles de Van, 1998-09-15 But in the musical drama reality begins to blur the musical forms lose their excessively neat patterns and

doubt and ambiguity undermine characters and situations reflecting the crisis of character typical of modernity Indeed much of the interest and originality of Verdi's operas lie in his adherence to both these contradictory systems allowing the composer-dramatist to be simultaneously classical and modern traditionalist and innovator *Nuove prospettive nella ricerca verdiana* Istituto di studi verdiani, 1987

Choral Masterpieces Nicholas Tarling, 2014-05-16 In *Choral Masterpieces* Major and Minor historian Nicholas Tarling surveys the landscape of choral works some standard masterpieces that are commonly performed by choruses around the world others deserving a second closer look As noted in the foreword by Uwe Grodd music director of the Auckland Choral Society this work is a collection of essays about a number of outstanding works including Beethoven's *Mass in D minor* and Britten's *War Requiem* but he also invites attention to lesser masterpieces If the choral movement which includes both singers and listeners is to survive new works must be created and repertoire expanded The book is an easy and captivating read even if you are not a chorister *Choral Masterpieces* Major and Minor features short essays on over 28 works from major masterpieces such as Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *St Matthew's Passion* to off the beaten path choral works such as Samuel Coleridge Taylor's *Hiawatha* and Frederick Delius's *A Mass of Life* Throughout Tarling offers assessments that sparkle with unique insights and at the same time ground listeners in the historical contexts of the work's production and performance Each work is transformed in Tarling's able hands from musical work into a window into the mind and milieu of the composer *Choral Masterpieces* Major and Minor mixes choral mainstays with works that demand revisiting Choral singers and their audiences as well as choral societies and their directions and promoters will find ample food for thoughts in these meditations on the choral tradition *Periodica Musica*, 1985

Song Carol Kimball, 2006-12 *Naslagwerk van de liedkunst en de literatuur hierover*

The Urbanization of Opera Anselm Gerhard, 1998-08-15 Why do so many operas end in suicide murder and death Why do many characters in large scale operas exhibit neurotic behaviors worthy of psychoanalysis Why are the legendary grand operas much celebrated in their time so seldom performed today

The Time of Your Life John Burningham, 2009-09-07 Ageing is that part of the future that we try to keep in the future And nobody likes to get old that doesn't mean to say you have to be an old fart sitting in the pub talking about what happened in the 1960s Mick Jagger John Burningham has collected fine examples of the wisdom and wit that comes with age from those in the know woven with a rich selection of quotes and fifty poignant drawings by Burningham himself

Classical and Romantic Music David Milsom, 2017-07-05 This volume brings together twenty-two of the most diverse and stimulating journal articles on classical and romantic performing practice representing a rich vein of enquiry into epochs of music still very much at the forefront of current concert repertoire In so doing it provides a wide range of subject-based scholarship It also reveals a fascinating window upon the historical performance debate of the last few decades in music where such matters still stimulate controversy

Reader's Guide to Music Murray Steib, 2013-12-02 The *Reader's Guide to Music* is designed to provide a useful single volume guide to the ever increasing number of English language books

length studies in music Each entry consists of a bibliography of some 3 20 titles and an essay in which these titles are evaluated by an expert in the field in light of the history of writing and scholarship on the given topic The more than 500 entries include not just writings on major composers in music history but also the genres in which they worked from early chant to rock and roll and topics important to the various disciplines of music scholarship from aesthetics to gay lesbian musicology

America in Italy Axel Körner, 2017-06-13 America in Italy examines the influence of the American political experience on the imagination of Italian political thinkers between the late eighteenth century and the unification of Italy in the 1860s Axel Körner shows how Italian political thought was shaped by debates about the American Revolution and the U S Constitution but he focuses on the important distinction that while European interest in developments across the Atlantic was keen this attention was not blind admiration Rather America became a sounding board for the critical assessment of societal changes at home Many Italians did not think the United States had lessons to teach them and often concluded that life across the Atlantic was not just different but in many respects also objectionable In America utopia and dystopia seemed to live side by side and Italian references to the United States were frequently in support of progressive or reactionary causes Political thinkers including Cesare Balbo Carlo Cattaneo Giuseppe Mazzini and Antonio Rosmini used the United States to shed light on the course of their nation's political resurgence Concepts from Montesquieu Rousseau and Vico served to evaluate what Italians discovered about America Ideas about American domestic manners were reflected and conveyed through works of ballet literature opera and satire Transcending boundaries between intellectual and cultural history America in Italy is the first book length examination of the influence of America's political formation on modern Italian political thought

Remaking the Song Roger Parker, 2006-04-20 Publisher Description Otello James A. Hepokoski, 1987-06-18 Summarises what is currently known about Otello and interprets its significance within Verdi's career

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