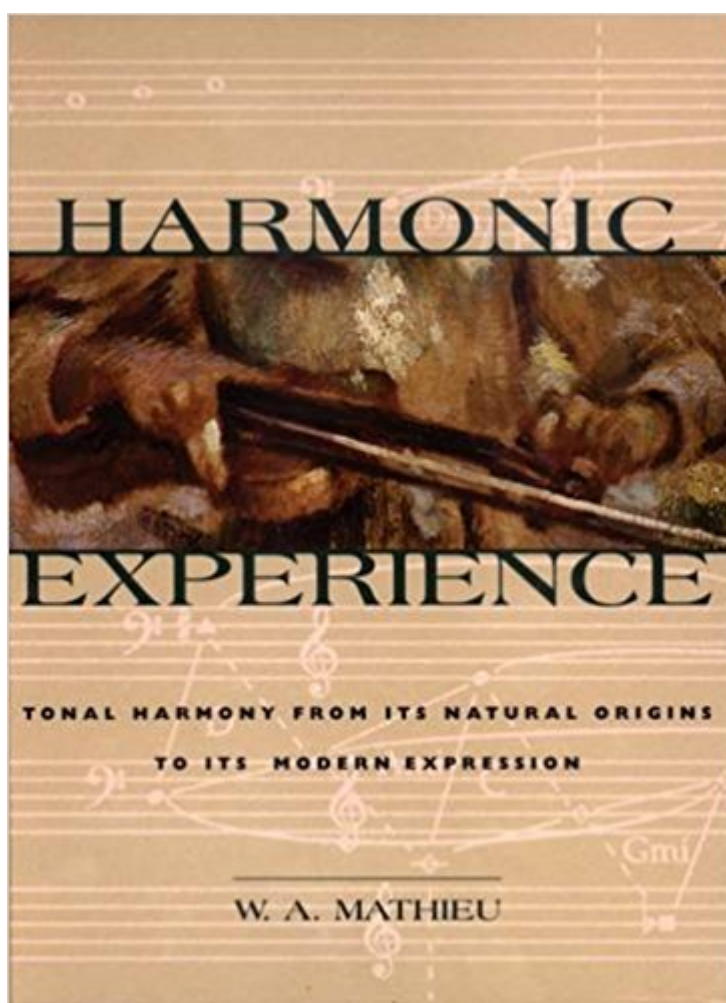


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Harmonic Experience: Tonal Harmony From Its Natural Origins To Its Modern Expression



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An exploration of musical harmony from its ancient fundamentals to its most complex modern progressions, addressing how and why it resonates emotionally and spiritually in the individual. W. A. Mathieu, an accomplished author and recording artist, presents a way of learning music that reconnects modern-day musicians with the source from which music was originally generated. As the author states, "The rules of music--including counterpoint and harmony--were not formed in our brains but in the resonance chambers of our bodies." His theory of music reconciles the ancient harmonic system of just intonation with the modern system of twelve-tone temperament. Saying that the way we think music is far from the way we do music, Mathieu explains why certain combinations of sounds are experienced by the listener as harmonious. His prose often resembles the rhythms and cadences of music itself, and his many musical examples allow readers to discover their own musical responses.

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W. A. Mathieu is the author of The Listening Book and The Musical Life. His compositions and solo piano music have been extensively recorded. He lives in Sebastopol, California, where he writes, composes, and teaches.

I purchased this book from , upon the suggestion of the author, after lamenting that I had not seen it available in local bookstores. This book offers food for the soul - as it blends the technical with the experiential in its lucid exposition of the universal art of music. Here, analogy and humor balance with science to evoke a deeper cognizance of the varied facets of this multi-cultural form of human experience. Here too, the universal power of the 'Divine Art' of Music is well-expressed, so that it may be passed on - in the tradition of the 'bards' of every age. Any musical novice, journeyman, or master would benefit from the experience that this book offers. Many thanks to Maestro Mathieu.

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excellent

Brilliant in all regards. Do yourself a favour and buy it.

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Mathieu really helps you get into your bones what all the tuning systems are about and, in process, I really got some deep insights into a variety of scales.

Super, I simply hear different now, wonderfull...

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