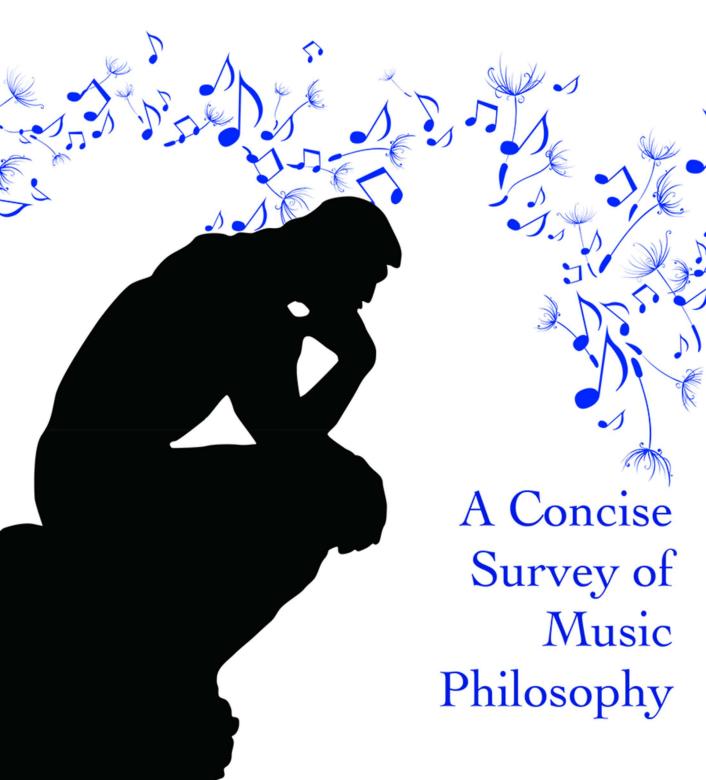
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# Preface

For the past 42 years, music philosophy has been part of my teaching assignment, in both complete courses and units in courses for undergraduate and graduate students. Sometimes these courses (or units) have been comprised of music education students, but more often they have included music majors of all types, and occasionally non-music majors. Throughout these experiences of teaching music philosophy, I have used a variety of textbooks. While these were admirable books for many reasons, I gradually became convinced that I would like a book that had certain features. Finding none that matched exactly what I was looking for, I decided to write one myself. This project has taken many years, and along the way I have used drafts—initially of selected chapters and eventually of the entire book—as the textbook in my classes at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. My colleague and friend, Peter Webster, has also used a draft version in several of his classes at the University of Southern California. Students in these classes provided invaluable feedback that led to numerous adjustments. The features that distinguish this book include breadth, conciseness, clarity, musical examples, insights from research, student empowerment, and applications to musical careers.

#### Breadth

An important feature of this book is that it presents a broad range of philosophical views and approaches. Numerous philosophers have written books to explain and promote their own beliefs about music and one aim of the book is to present readers with a comprehensive overview of this body of literature.

Books written to promote a singular view are often powerfully persuasive. Students who are given only one book with a singular philosophical view as a textbook may be overwhelmed. They may lack the background and experience to read such a book critically and, in fact, may feel that it is their primary task to echo important ideas as if they represented their own beliefs. This situation can be exacerbated when the teacher has also adopted this view and uses the textbook as a means of inculcating this music philosophy among the students. Imagine, for example, that in two different music education classes, one teacher uses Bennett Reimer's *A Philosophy of Music Education* and another uses David Elliott's *Music Matters*. Suppose, too, that each teacher is a strong advocate of the position represented in the book he or she chose. Students in these two classes would get very different orientations, and may even be unaware that there are many other possibilities as well.

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My approach in this book is to present students with the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of philosophical viewpoints. This is a different approach than presentation of a single view, not necessarily a better one. The goal is to help students think through important issues and consider practical applications. I encourage them to ask the question, "If I believe X, what will be the effect on my own musical life (i.e., as a listener, performer, teacher, composer, etc.)?" In the short-term, considering multiple viewpoints may lead to some confusion and uncertainty, but in the long-term it more often than not leads to a stronger, more confidently-held set of beliefs about the nature, meaning, and value of music.

# Conciseness

The music philosophy literature is voluminous and it is unreasonable to expect that students would be able to read even a moderate sampling of it. In addition to providing a broad overview, another feature of this book is its conciseness. It is not a simple matter to reduce the writings of a major philosopher into a manageable size, but I constantly strove to consider just how much a middle school band director or prospective university music theory teacher needed to know about, say, Hegel's or Schopenhauer's thoughts on music. Of course, the danger is in leaving out important concepts or lacking clarity because of missing details. However, I have quoted more liberally in this book than I normally do, so that students would have the opportunity to read core statements in the authors' own words. Also, students are encouraged to read original sources whenever they come across ideas that spark their curiosity or that introduce them to critical concepts about which they wish to know more.

# Clarity

Some philosophical writings are notoriously difficult to understand and students often struggle to make sense of certain passages. My aim has been to explain complex ideas in clear language or to provide illustrations without 'dumbing down' important concepts. Of course, in so doing, it is possible that I have altered or even misconstrued the original. However, my intent has been to stay as true as possible to the original ideas.

# **Musical Examples**

I always encourage students to utilize specific musical examples as they discuss various philosophical issues. These examples are not limited to 'works' *per se*, but can and should include musical experiences, such as teaching a private lesson, performing in a community band, improvising alone in a practice room, singing in a church choir, and so on. Accordingly, I have included numerous examples sprinkled throughout the book. Regarding specific musical works, 199 of them are identified in the text with the superscript icon  $\mathcal{I}$ . The endnote for each composition so marked contains a YouTube link to a recording. A master list of musical works is provided in the front matter. Also, by going to this URL—https://sites.google.com/a/uncg.edu/https-sites-google-com-siteconcisesurveyofmusphil/home—the reader can click on a link to each recording. Because YouTube links change frequently, this is an imperfect system. However, it may provide encouragement for students to listen to works that are unfamiliar. Even when a link is broken, the student can readily find another recording of the same work. Musical examples, supplemented by many musical engagements discussed in the text, cover a wide variety of genres, including:

- Jazz artists: Louis Armstrong, Dave Brubeck, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Billie Holiday, and Thelonius Monk.
- Female composers: Hildegard von Bingen, Nadia Boulanger, Cécile Chaminade, Maria Grever, Tania León, Alma Mahler, Fanny Mendelssohn, Pauline Oliveros, Clara Schumann, and Joan Tower.
- World music: from China, India, Java, Korea, and Zimbabwe.
- Wind band literature: Percy Grainger, Arnold Schoenberg, Frank Ticheli, and Eric Whitacre; movie music: John Barry, Ennio Morricone, and John Williams; country music: Alan Jackson, Anne Murray, and Dolly Parton; gospel music: In HIS Presence Gospel Choir and Mahalia Jackson; and contemporary styles: David Arkenstone & Kostia, Dead Can Dance, Goldfrapp, Elton John, Daniel Licht, Pussy Riot, Britney Spears, Bruce Springsteen, and Beautiful World (Phil Sawyer).
- In Chapter 7: A Philosophical Framework, there are discussions about popular music, 'school' music (especially literature for the wind band), and world music. In Chapter 19: Postmodernism, there is a discussion of Robert Walker's comparison of Beethoven (*To the Distant Beloved*) with Britney Spears ('I'm a Slave 4 U' and 'Baby One More Time'). And so on.

Even with this variety, the bulk of the examples are comprised of Western classical music, ranging from Guillaume Dufay to John Cage. The reason for this imbalance is that, generally speaking, it was not until the second half of the 20th century that philosophers considered and wrote about styles other than Western classical art music. At every point, however, students are encouraged to identify their own examples, again to include musical experiences in addition to specific works.

# Insights from Research

Whenever applicable, music research findings are presented to inform students' thinking about various topics. As indicated in the extended discussion of science and philosophy in Chapter 2, there are a variety of opinions about the role of science in philosophical thinking. Simplistically, one can choose to incorporate or disregard research findings when developing a philosophy. The discussion of research on conceptions of beauty in Chapter 4 provides a good example. Several philosophers are quoted as saying that beauty is no longer an important concept in aesthetics. Yet, several research studies indicate that beauty is still uppermost in the minds of many music listeners. To which one philosopher might say "never mind what people say, philosophically beauty is not a core component of the aesthetic experience," while another might use research findings to bolster her philosophical view that beauty is a core concept of musical aesthetics. No attempt is made to lead readers in one direction or another; rather, students are guided to think through these issues and resolve them according to their own views.

# Student Empowerment

For me, the most important feature of the book and of my teaching approach is encouraging students to find their own voice. As I explain, for younger, less experienced students, the best

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approach may be to identify a viewpoint, among the many presented, that most resonates with their own ideas. In this case, the students' language in expressing their philosophies may be highly imitative of the original. Students with more experience may choose to base their philosophical statement on the ideas of a published philosopher, but may decide to alter some of the language or modify some of the ideas to fit their own conceptions more closely. Finally, some—ideally those with more extensive experience in philosophy, such as some doctoral students—may want to strike out on their own, creating a personalized philosophy that represents their deepest held beliefs about the nature, value, and meaning of music. No matter where a student falls on a continuum from novice to emerging expert, an adopted philosophy should be true to his or her own conception of music. Encouraging student ownership of a music philosophy is a primary goal of this book.

#### Applications to Musical Careers

In this book I make a distinction between a philosophy of music and a philosophy of music education or any other application. The approach is to have students make determinations about the nature, value, and meaning of music and then apply it to specific circumstances, such as teaching music in a school, teaching private studio lessons, working with music therapy clients, and so on. In that case, there may be some distinctions between a philosophy of music and a philosophy of music education (or other), but they should be highly consistent and related to one another. Having a well-articulated philosophy will be of minimal value if it does not influence one's musical life and career. No matter whether one is teaching, performing, composing, listening, working with therapy clients, or examining music from a theoretical-analytic approach, one's choices, decisions, attitudes, and actions should be a reflection of a distinctive philosophical view.

Actually, the process is not a one-way street. That is, one does not have to express a philosophy and then begin to apply it. Rather, often it is helpful for the students to think deeply about how they listen, teach, perform, and so on, and also to draw insights from their daily engagements with music, moving back and forth from a philosophy to the application of it. Students are encouraged not to leave their philosophy sitting 'on the shelf,' but to put it into regular practice.

These, then, are the features I endeavored to incorporate into my book. A final comment concerns my decision to leave my own views out. One reviewer called me to task on this, saying that it was 'odd' to ask students to commit to a philosophical statement when I was not willing to do so. I understand this concern, but I have also seen, repeatedly, how some students will automatically adjust their own views in light of a professor's or author's stance. Some, of course, are not affected, but there are always those who see something in print as the 'correct' view. Occasionally, a student will even veer toward an oppositional view, just to proclaim autonomy. Either way, an authoritarian view can inhibit student growth in independent thinking.

Of course, a professor—or in this case author—has an important role to play in guiding students. However, rather than tell students their emerging philosophical views are right or wrong, I have found it more effective to help them clarify their thinking and their use of language, identifying faulty logic or contradictions, pointing out gaps (i.e., missing ideas and concepts), and encouraging them to provide musical illustrations and make appropriate applications.

Articulating a well-reasoned philosophy of music is not an easy thing. It takes a great deal of practice in writing and speaking. I encourage students to do this in three ways: a formal written statement, a formal verbal presentation, and an informal discussion of philosophical views

in which there is give and take. It is a process, and ideally one that continues throughout one's career. It is my hope that this book will be helpful as the student moves along this important journey.

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Section I Beginning the Journey