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## MALLARMÉ AND DEBUSSY

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Elizabeth McCombie

MallarmГ© and Debussy: Unheard Music, Unseen Text, Elizabeth McCombie, Oxford University Press, 2003, 0199266379, 9780199266371, 219 pages. In this bold approach to the interdisciplinary study of music and poetry, Elizabeth McCombie examines a series of encounters between MallarmĐ"© and Debussy, both radical innovators in their respective arts. In fresh readings of MallarmĐ"©'s critical prose, the author argues that MallarmĐ"©'s poetic theory crates an architecture for the cohabitation of music and letters. Placing works by the artists alongside one another in precise readings, McCombie reveals performative structural motifs, analytical tools that can express our experience of the two arts and their middle ground. The implications of this relational discourse for literary and musical study reach beyond MallarmĐ"© and Debussy. The apparatus of figures derived here provides a dynamic instrument of inter-art investigation, a necessary supplement to the individual criticisms of music and poetry, and a powerful new critical vocabulary for illuminating modernism. --Oxford University Press.

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This book examines afresh the web of similarities and differences between music and poetry using works by Mallarmé and Debussy as case studies. It challenges the easy metaphorical impressionism that has characterized much of the scholarly literature to date. Analyzing Mallarmé's vision of a shared musico-poetic aesthetic, Elizabeth McCombie derives a set of performative structural motifs, analytical tools that express our experience of the two arts and their middle ground.

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In "Mallarme and Dubussy: Unheard Music, Unseen Text," Elizabeth McCombie says of Mallarme's Un coup de des, that "today is still considered one of the works most radically disruptive of established poetic codes." For Mallarme, poetry should never reveal anything directly, but use symbolic language that prompts the reader to think.

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