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The Caucasian chalk circle (Der kaukasische Kreidekreis) The threepenny opera (Die Dreigroschenoper) The trail of Lucullus (Das Verhör des Lukullus The life of Galileo (Leben des Galilei)-v.2. Mother Courage and her children (Mutter Courage und ihre Kinder) St. Joan of the stockyards (Die heilige Johanna der Schlachthöfe) The good person of Szechwan (Der gute Mensch von Sezuan) BRILL

Alongside the usual wide-ranging lineup of research articles, volume 41 features an interview with Berliner Ensemble actor Annemone Haase and an extensive special section on teaching Brecht.

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Die Dreigroschenoper Nach John Gays »The Beggar's Opera« Suhrkamp Verlag

Kurt Weill: The Threepenny Opera Boydell & Brewer

This volume presents a cross-section of current Brecht studies, reflecting a variety of approaches and perspectives ranging from detailed exegesis of particular texts to cultural criticism in the broadest sense. It provides analyses of Brecht's work and investigates his pervasive influence in 20th century literature. The studies collected here cover the whole of Brecht's career, from the early one-acter Kleinbürgerhochzeit of 1919 to the Sinn und Form years immediately preceding his death, as well as his use of tradition and his legacy. By way of redressing a tendency in Brecht reception to regard him mainly as a dramatist, the volume covers novels, poetry, film, photography, journalism and theory as well as plays.

programmes, clippings, advertisements, photographs documenting stage, or occasionally concert, productions of the musical Die Dreigroschenoper by Kurt Weill and Berthold Brecht from 1928 to the present]. Yale University Press

Written by a well-known authority, this book consists of 175 entries that set some of the most popular operas within the context of their composer's career, outline the plot, discuss the music, and more.

*Discography of the Edward J. Smith Recordings : "Unique Opera Records Corporation" (1972-1977), "A.N.N.A. Record Company" (1978-1982), "special-label" Issues (circa 1954-1981), and Addendum to "The Golden Age of Opera" Series* Oxford University Press

The last full production I directed before coming to Graduate School was Bertolt Brecht's Mother Courage and her Children. At the time, I paid little attention to Brecht's theories about Epic Theatre and staged the play "on my terms". Little by little, it overwhelmed me and slipped from my grasp. It was my biggest artistic failure, making me seriously question my abilities as an artist. While my time at UCSD helped me regain my confidence and hone new artistic skills, the thought of revisiting Brecht was a daunting one. The thing I learned about tackling Brecht is that you cannot deal with him as just the playwright. You must also acknowledge "Brecht the Director" and invite him into your

process. Inviting a figure as opinionated as Mr. Brecht into your rehearsal room is always challenging. He and I had our share of disagreements; the staging of some songs or the direction in which I guided a performance or two. Nonetheless, having spent a great deal of preproduction with Brecht's notes, I was hyper-aware of any decisions that contradicted his theories and never made them lightly. It was important for me to try and discover a "Verfremdungseffekt for 21st century America." I arduously labored over each decision, looking for the choice that would most illuminate the spirit of Brecht, if not always his dogma. My collaboration with Bertolt Brecht was an invaluable one, as it revealed to me the limitless artistic potential you can achieve when you commune with giants.

*Die Dreigroschenoper* Cambridge University Press

This is a book on the best known of the Weill-Brecht collaborations which explores the extent and significance of the composer's contribution. After a detailed reconstruction of the work's genesis and continued revision over three decades, Stephen Hinton examines the spin-offs on which Weill and Brecht participated: the instrumental suite, the film, the lawsuit, the novel, and the musical and textual revisions of songs. In a survey of the stage history, Hinton pays particular attention to pioneering productions in Germany and Great Britain. Kim Kowalke provides an exhaustive account of the history of The Threepenny Opera in America, Geoffrey Abbott addresses questions concerning authentic performance practice, and David Drew analyses large-scale motivic relationships in the music. Among the earliest writings on the work reprinted here, those by Theodor W. Adorno, Ernst Bloch and Walter Benjamin appear for the first time in English translation. The book contains numerous illustrations, a discography, and music examples.

*Nach John Gays »The Beggar's Opera«* Universal Editon

When Richard Steele remarked that the greatest Evils in human Society are such as no Law can come at, he was not able to foresee the spectacular success of John Gay's satire of society, the administration of law and crime, politics, the Italian opera and other topics. Gay's The Beggar's Opera, with its mixture of witty dialogue and popular songs, was imitated by 18th century writers, criticized by those on the seats of power, but remained a favourite of the English theatre public ever since. With N. Playfair's 1920 revival and B. Brecht's and K. Weill's 1928 Dreigroschenoper, Gay's play has been a starting-point for dramatists such as V. Havel (Zebrácká opera, 1975), W. Soyinka (Opera Wonyosi, 1977), Ch. Buarque (Ópera do Malandro, 1978), D. Fo (L'opera dello sghignazzo, 1981), A. Ayckbourn (A Chorus of Disapproval, 1984), as well as others such as Latouche, Hacks, Fassbinder, Dear, Wasserman, and Lepage. Apart from contributions by international scholars analysing the above-named plays, the editors' introduction covers other dramatists that have payed homage to Gay. This interdisciplinary collection of essays is of particular interest for scholars working in the field of drama/theatre studies, the eighteenth century, contemporary drama, postcolonial studies, and politics and the stage.

*The Influence of Bertolt Brecht and Weimar Culture in the 1920s*  
Yale University Press

Throughout his life, German-Jewish composer Kurt Weill was fascinated by the idea of America. His European works depict America as a Capitalist dystopia. But in 1935, it became clear that Europe was no longer safe for Weill, and he set sail for New World, and his engagement with American culture shifted. From that point forward, most of his works concerned the idea of "America," whether celebrating her successes, or critiquing her shortcomings. As an outsider-turned-insider, Weill's insights into American culture were unique. He was keenly attuned to the difficult relationship America had with her immigrants, but was slower to grasp the subtleties of others, particularly those surrounding race relations, even though his works reveal that he was devoted to the idea of racial equality. The book treats Weill as a node in a transnational network of musicians, writers, artists, and other stage professionals, all of whom influenced each other. Weill sought out partners from a range of different sectors, including the Popular Front, spoken drama, and the commercial Broadway stage. His personal papers reveal his attempts to navigate not only the shifting tides of American culture, but the specific demands of his institutional and individual collaborators. In reframing Weill's relationship with immigration and nationality, the book also puts nuance contemporary ideas about the relationships of immigrants to their new homes, moving beyond ideas that such figures must either assimilate and abandon their previous identities, or resist the pull of their new home and stay true to their original culture.

**The Opera Lover's Companion** CUP Archive

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**The Letters of Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya** BRILL

Examining the life of Kurt Weill, this text explores the phases of the composer's life, from his childhood as the son of a cantor in the Jewish section of Dessau, Germany, to his renunciation of Germany in 1933. It also looks at his emigration to America (1935) and his premature death (1950).

[DIE DREIGROSCHENOPER and its origin](#) W. W. Norton & Company  
Teens on Stage Ensemble Series.

*a piece with music in a prelude and eight scenes after the English*

*of John Gay* Greenwood Publishing Group

A companion volume to the EJS: Discography of the Edward J. Smith Recordings cataloguing Smith's remaining private releases under the A.N.N.A. Record Company label, under the Unique Opera Records Corporation, and "special label" issues that spanned the years 1954 to 1981.

[John Gay's The Beggar's Opera 1728-2004](#) Univ of California Press

A Cultural History of the Avant-Garde in the Nordic Countries 1925-1950 is the first work to consider all the arts and to discuss the role of the avant-garde not only in aesthetic terms but in its cultural and political context.

[Die Dreigroschenoper](#) Die Dreigroschenoper Nach John Gays »The Beggar's Opera«

Evaluates all recorded versions of one hundred and fifty major operas, and lists casts and availability for each recording

*A Reassessment* Chartwell Books

Composers, performers, and audiences alike sought to negate their recent past in various ways: by affirming modern technology (electronic or mechanical music, sound recordings, radio, and film), exploring music of a more remote past (principally Baroque music), and celebrating popular music (particularly jazz). The essays contained in this volume address these fundamental themes.

**The Brecht Yearbook / Das Brecht-Jahrbuch 41** BRILL

"Brecht zielt mit der Dreigroschenoper auf die Entlarvung der korrupten Bourgeoisie. Auf der einen Seite erscheint der Bettlerkönig Peachum als Musterbeispiel des Geschäftemachers, für den Not und Armut nichts anderes sind als Mittel zum Zweck; auf der anderen Seite entpuppt sich der skrupellose Verbrecher Mackie Messer als Prototyp sogenannter bürgerlicher Solidität. Peachum mobilisiert die Bettlermassen, organisiert eine Demonstration des Elends und droht, den Krönungszug zu stören, falls der korrupte Polizeichef Tiger-Brown sich weigern sollte, Mackie Messer zu verhaften, der Peachums Kreise störte."

**"Verwisch die Spuren!": Bertolt Brecht's Work and Legacy**  
Suhrkamp Verlag

Lists top-recommended works by master composers from the past and present, providing a critical assessment of specific recordings and performances as identified by a team of leading music experts.

**Performance history documentation, "Die Dreigroschenoper"**

Selected letters trace the relationship of the composer and actress, who were married for twenty-four years

**An Epic Collaboration**

*The Metropolitan Opera Guide to Recorded Opera*