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### Reverend Benjamin Petit and the Potawatomi Indians of Indiana

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For Olivier Messiaen, music was a way of expressing his faith. He considered it his good fortune to have been born a Catholic and declared that 'the illumination of the theological truths of the Catholic faith is the first aspect of my work, the noblest and no doubt the most useful'. Messiaen is one of the most widely performed and recorded composers of the twentieth-century and his popularity is increasing, but the theological component of his music has so far largely been neglected, or dealt with superficially, and continues to provide a serious impediment to understanding and appreciating his music for some of his audience. Messiaen the Theologian makes a significant contribution to Messiaen studies by providing cultural and

historical context to Messiaen's theology. An international array of Messiaen scholars cover a wide variety of topics including Messiaen's personal spirituality, the context of Catholicism in France in the twentieth century, and comparisons between Messiaen and other artists such as Dante and T.S. Eliot. Interdisciplinary methodologies such as exegesis, theological studies and analysis are used to contribute to the understanding of several major works including *lairs sur l'au-del.*, *Sept Ha nd Saint Fran's d'Assise*. By approaching Messiaen and his music from such important and original perspectives, this book will be of interest not only to musicians and theologians, but also to readers interested in the connection between spirituality and the arts.

Utopia Revisited Rowman & Littlefield

French composer Olivier Messiaen (1908 1992) is probably best known for his Quartet for the End of Time, premiered in a German prisoner-of-war camp in 1941. However, Messiaen was a remarkably complex, intelligent person with a sometimes tragic

domestic life who composed a wide range of music. This book explores the enormous web of influences in the early part of Messiaen's long life. The first section of the book provides an intellectual biography of Messiaen's early life in order to make his (difficult) music more accessible to the general listener. The second section offers an analysis of and thematic commentaries on Messiaen's pivotal work for two pianos, *Visions of Amen*, composed in 1943. Schloesser's analysis includes timing indications corresponding to a downloadable performance of the work by accomplished pianists Stéphane Lemelin and Hyesook Kim.

#### Defector from Hell Greenhill Books

Olivier Messiaen was one of the outstanding creative artists of his time. The strength of his appeal, to listeners as well as to composers, is a measure of the individuality of his music, which draws on a vast range of sources: rhythms of twentieth-century Europe and thirteenth-century India, ripe romantic harmony and brittle birdsong, the sounds of Indonesian percussion and modern electronic instruments. What binds all these together is, on one level, his unswerving devotion to praising God in his art, and on another, his independent view of how music is made. Messiaen's music offers a range of ways of experiencing time: time suspended in music of unparalleled changelessness, time racing in music of wild exuberance, time repeating itself in vast cycles of reiteration. In *Olivier Messiaen and the Music of Time*, leading writer and musicologist, Paul Griffiths, explores the problems of religious art, and includes searching analyses and discussions of all the major works, suggesting how they function as works of art and not only as theological symbols. This comprehensive and stimulating book covers the whole of Messiaen's output up to and including his opera, *Saint Françoise d'Assise*.

#### The Early Life and Music of Olivier Messiaen Routledge

From the author of *Roman: Unparalleled Outrage* comes a true story of a French attorney-turned missionary priest, Benjamin Petit, and his mission to the Diocese of Vincennes, Indiana. Under the urging of Bishop Simon Brute, Petit joined the northern Indiana Potawatomi tribes in 1837, a year before their forced removal west. McMullen retells the story of Petit, who traveled with the Potawatomi and became part of their story. Of all the names connected with this crime, there is one, Father Benjamin Petit, the Christian martyr, which stands like a star in the firmament, growing brighter and it will shine on through ages to come. Benjamin Stuart John William McMullen, a native of Vincennes, Indiana, holds a Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Saint Meinrad School of Theology in Indiana. He is a Third Order Benedictine Oblate; a member of the Thomas More Society of Southwestern Indiana; and a member of the Holy Cross Historical Society of Notre Dame, Indiana. He is a Theology Instructor at Mater Dei High School in Evansville, Indiana, and an adjunct Philosophy Professor at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. McMullen has written numerous articles on religion and politics, a collection of short stories, and five previous novels: *ROMAN: Unparalleled Outrage*; *Defector From Hell*; *Utopia Revisited*; *2084: Tomorrow is Today*; and *Poor Souls*. He is currently working on another novel. He resides in Evansville with his wife and children.

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#### **Stalag Luft III** Createspace Independent Pub

Two boys plan to sell the tadpoles they find in a creek to pet stores after they turn into frogs; a pianist tries to protect his infant child from becoming collateral damage when his neighbor

falls afoul of the mob; a volatile father, released from institutionalization, tries to convince his in-laws that he is fit to take care of his two-year-old son; worrying about how to tell his conservative parents that his girlfriend is pregnant, a man finds the remains of a corpse in her backyard. Twelve tales of children struggling with childhood, and parents grappling with parenthood, told with wit and sympathy. "These stories, artfully told, are replete with conflicted persons in complex situations. What an engaging read! Joshua Britton has a great way of laying out a story that leads the reader in. He offers much to lovers of short fiction." - Frank Gordon, author of *Somewheres in the Middle* "Joshua Britton's *Tadpoles* captures shots like a hidden photographer documenting the first steps of children to their inevitable mistakes. These collected stories take the reader from the eyes of a kid to parents and guardians across genres of drama, crime, dystopia, and the apocalyptic." - Tim Heerdink, author of *Razed Monuments* and *The Human Remains* "Britton's works are fresh, bright, and at times stark, pungent, and dark. His stories cover themes of life and death, childhood happiness and teenage angst, making friends to the era of friend requests, ranging from creeps and corpses to tadpoles and spiders. A unique voice of the likes of John Updike and Walker Percy." - John William McMullen, *The Miracle of Stalag 8A* and *Eugene & the Haunted Train Bridge*

#### The Diary of a Young Girl iUniverse

"A mythic figure whose legacy is still intensely debated, 'Wild Bill' Donovan was director of the Office of Strategic Services (the country's first national intelligence agency) and the father of today's CIA. Donovan introduced the nation to the dark arts of covert warfare on a scale it had never seen before."--from cover p. [2].

#### *Lost Souls* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

The universally acclaimed and award-winning *Oxford History of Western Music* is the eminent musicologist Richard Taruskin's provocative, erudite telling of the story of Western music from its earliest days to the present. Each book in this superlative five-volume set illuminates-through a representative sampling of masterworks-the themes, styles, and currents that give shape and direction to a significant period in the history of Western music. *Music in the Early Twentieth Century*, the fourth volume in Richard Taruskin's history, looks at the first half of the twentieth century, from the beginnings of Modernism in the last decade of the nineteenth century right up to the end of World War II. Taruskin discusses modernism in Germany and France as reflected in the work of Mahler, Strauss, Satie, and Debussy, the modern ballets of Stravinsky, the use of twelve-tone technique in the years following World War I, the music of Charles Ives, the influence of peasant songs on Bela Bartok, Stravinsky's neo-classical phase and the real beginnings of 20th-century music, the vision of America as seen in the works of such composers as W.C. Handy, George Gershwin, and Virgil Thomson, and the impact of totalitarianism on the works of a range of musicians from Toscanini to Shostakovich

#### **God's Mirror** Bird Brain Publishing

A world-renowned scholar and musician helps Christians respond with theological discernment to music.

#### **Birdsong in the Music of Olivier Messiaen** Fordham Univ Press

At seventeen a survivor of a Nazi death camp, Reb Michael Klimrod devotes his life to the pursuit of power, wealth, and revenge

#### The Irish Oskar Schindler Anchor

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum *Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945, Volume IV* aims to provide as much basic information as possible about individual camps and

other detention facilities. Why were they established? Who ran them? What kinds of prisoners did they hold? What kinds of work did the prisoners do, and for whom? What were the conditions like? The entries detail the sources from which the authors drew their material, so future scholars can expand upon the work. Finally, and perhaps most important, this is a work of memorialization: it preserves the histories of places where people suffered and died. Volume IV examines an under-researched segment of the larger Nazi incarceration system: camps and other detention facilities under the direct control of the German military, the Wehrmacht. These include prisoner of war (POW) camps (including camps for enlisted men, camps for officers, camps for naval personnel and airmen, and transit camps), civilian internment and labor camps, work camps for Tunisian Jews, brothels in which women were forced to have sex with soldiers, and prisons and penal camps for Wehrmacht personnel. Most of these sites have not been described in detail in the existing historical literature, and a substantial number of them have never been documented at all. The volume also includes an introduction to the German prisoner of war camp system and its evolution, introductions to each of the various types of camps operated by the Wehrmacht, and entries devoted to each individual camp, representing the most comprehensive documentation to date of the Wehrmacht camp system. Within the entries, the volume draws upon German military documents, eyewitness and survivor testimony, and postwar investigations to describe the experiences of prisoners of war and civilian prisoners held captive by the Wehrmacht. Of particular note is the detailed documentation of the Wehrmacht's crimes against Soviet prisoners of war, which have largely been neglected in the English-language literature up to this point, despite the fact that more than three million Soviet prisoners died in German captivity. The volume also provides substantial coverage of the diverse range of conditions encountered by other Allied prisoners of war, illustrating both the substantial privations faced by all prisoners of war and the stark contrast between the Germans' treatment of Soviet prisoners and those of other nationalities. The volume also details the significant involvement of the Wehrmacht in crimes against the civilian populations of occupied Europe and North Africa. As a result, this volume not only brings to light many detention sites whose existence has been little known, but also advances the decades-old process of dismantling the myth of the "clean Wehrmacht," according to which the German military had nothing to do with the Holocaust and the Nazi regime's other crimes.

#### *FLOWERS FOR HITLER* Baker Academic

From the forgotten history of 1830s Indiana, John William McMullen unearths the true story of Benjamin Petit, a French Attorney turned missionary priest, and his mission to the Potawatomi People in the Diocese of Vincennes, Indiana. Under the urging of the saintly Bishop Simon Brute, Petit joined the northern Indiana Potawatomi tribes in 1837, a year before their forced removal west. McMullen retells the incredible journey of Petit who traveled with the Potawatomi People and became part of their history. "The deportation of Chief Menominee and his tribe of Potawatomi Indians from their reservation at Twin Lakes in Marshall County, in September, 1838, is one of the darkest pages in the history of Indiana. The farther in time we get away from this event the clearer this will appear and the more interest will be attached to the route which is consecrated by the blood of that helpless people at the hands of a civilized and Christian state: The Potawatomi Trail. "Of all the names connected with this crime, there is one, Father Benjamin Petit, the Christian martyr, which stands like a star in the firmament, growing brighter and it will shine on through for ages to come." Benjamin

Stuart, Indiana journalist, early 20th century "For American Indians the scars of injustice inflicted upon them in the past are deep, painful, and, tragically, are inherited from one generation to the next. Those injustices have become ghosts in the cultural memory of a people crying out for justice. We must fully disclose the past in order to deal with the many years and generations of unresolved grief and distrust." -Thomas Hamilton, member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation John William McMullen resides in Evansville, Indiana with his wife and children.

#### **The Spymaster Who Created the OSS and Modern American Espionage** Bird Brain Publishing

Andrew Shenton's groundbreaking cross-disciplinary approach to Messiaen's music presents a systematic and detailed examination of the compositional techniques of one of the most significant musicians of the twentieth century as they relate to his desire to express profound truths about Catholicism. It is widely accepted that music can have mystical and transformative powers, but because 'pure' music has no programme, Messiaen sought to refine his compositions to speak more clearly about the truths of the Catholic faith by developing a sophisticated semiotic system in which aspects of music become direct signs for words and concepts. Using interdisciplinary methodologies drawing on linguistics, cognition studies, theological studies and semiotics, Shenton traces the development of Messiaen's sign system using examples from many of Messiaen's works and concentrating in particular on the *Mtations sur le myst de la Sainte Trinitor* organ, a suite which contains the most sophisticated and developed use of a sign system and represents a profound exegesis of Messiaen's understanding of the Catholic triune God. By working on issues of interpretation, Shenton endeavours to bridge the traditional gap between scholars and performers and to help people listen to Messiaen's music with spirit and understanding. [The History of the Allies' Disinformation Campaign Against Nazi Germany Before D-Day](#) Cornell University Press

Mary Elmes is the great unsung heroine of modern Ireland. Risking her life to save Jewish children during the Holocaust, she turned her back on a promising academic career to help others. She is the only Irish person to be honoured as Righteous Among the Nations by Israel for this work. In 1937 she travelled to Spain as an aid worker, where she ran children's hospitals, moving from one bombed-out building to the next in the midst of a horrific civil war. Moving to France after Franco's victory, she continued to work in the wretched refugee camps hastily thrown together by the French authorities for 500,000 escaping Spanish Republicans. Soon, Jews fleeing the Nazis were also imprisoned in the internment camps. Mary initially sought to relieve the suffering of all the inmates but when the deportations to the east began she worked to save hundreds of Jewish children from the death camps, going so far as to smuggle children out of the camp in her own car. Eventually her actions came to the notice of the collaborationist Vichy government and in 1943 she was arrested by the Gestapo and jailed for six months. *The Extraordinary Story of Mary Elmes* tells the gripping story of one woman's heroism during two of the twentieth century's bloodiest conflicts. It includes a number of interviews with some of those who owe their lives to Mary Elmes, as well as photographs and a wealth of archival material.

#### *Renewal and Engagement in French Catholic Intellectual Culture in the Mid-Twentieth Century* Bird Brain Publishing

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) was one of the great composers of the twentieth century. The premiere of the French composer's "Quartet for the End of Time on January 15, 1941 at -4 degrees Fahrenheit in Stalag VIIIA, a Nazi prison camp, has been called one of the great stories of twentieth century music.

[Eugene and the Haunted Train Bridge](#) Univ of California Press

Short stories revealing the sublimely ridiculous or the ridiculously sublime.

*Notes Towards Understanding His Music* Simon and Schuster

In this book, Dr David Kraft surveys and evaluates Messiaen's use of birdsong and formulates a chronological and critical taxonomy of his music, covering the species involved and his evolving methods of manipulation, instrumentation and harmonic incorporation. He also explores issues relating to authenticity and modification with respect to the incorporation of birdsong in Messiaen's music. Further, he develops appropriate graphical and tabular methods in order to help the reader better to understand his music. This book is essential reading for those who love Messiaen's music. It is also a useful handbook for those studying at GCSE, A level, degree and postgraduate level. I hope that you enjoy reading this book, and trust that you will continue to enjoy the unique sound world of Olivier Messiaen.

*The Story of the Messiaen Quartet* Faber & Faber

This second edition of *Historical Dictionary of Modern and Contemporary Classical Music* contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 500 cross-referenced entries on the most important composers, musicians, methods, styles, and media in modernist and postmodern classical music.

**Genocide Perspectives V** Business Expert Press

THE DEFINITIVE EDITION • Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. "The single most compelling personal account of the Holocaust ... remains astonishing and excruciating."—The New York Times Book Review In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and amusing, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.

**The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945, Volume IV** Oxford University Press

Presents the story of how French composer Olivier Messiaen was able to overcome the desolation of a World War II prison camp through the power of music.

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