



The book was found

Beethoven & Freedom



Synopsis

Over the last two centuries, Beethoven's music has been synonymous with the idea of freedom, in particular a freedom embodied in the heroic figure of Prometheus. This image arises from a relatively small circle of heroic works from the composer's middle period, most notably the Eroica Symphony. However, the freedom associated with the Promethean hero has also come under considerably critique by philosophers, theologians and political theorists; its promise of autonomy easily inverts into various forms of authoritarianism, and the sovereign will it champions is not merely a liberating force but a discriminatory one. Beethoven's freedom, then, appears to be increasingly problematic; yet his music is still employed today to mark political events from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the attacks of 9/11. Even more problematic, perhaps, is the fact that this freedom has shaped the reception of Beethoven music to such an extent that we forget that there is another kind of music in his oeuvre that is not heroic, a music that opens the possibility of a freedom yet to be articulated or defined. By exploring the musical philosophy of Theodor W. Adorno through a wide range of the composer's music, *Beethoven and Freedom* arrives at a markedly different vision of freedom. Author Daniel KL Chua suggests that a more human and fragile concept of freedom can be found in the music that has less to do with the autonomy of the will and its stoical corollary than with questions of human relation, donation, and a yielding to radical alterity. Chua's work makes a major and controversial statement by challenging the current image of Beethoven, and by suggesting an alterior freedom that can speak ethically to the twenty-first century.

Book Information

Hardcover: 288 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (August 15, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 019976932X

ISBN-13: 978-0199769322

Product Dimensions: 9.4 x 1 x 6.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #795,450 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #46 in [Books > Arts & Photography](#)

[Photography](#) > [Music](#) > [Theory, Composition & Performance](#) > [Philosophy & Social Aspects](#) #2549

in [Books > Arts & Photography](#) > [Music](#) > [History & Criticism](#)

Customer Reviews

Daniel KL Chua is currently professor of music at the University of Hong Kong. Before joining Hong Kong University to head the School of Humanities, he was a fellow and the Director of Studies at St. John's College, Cambridge, and later Professor of Music Theory and Analysis at King's College London. He was a Henry Fellow at Harvard University and is the recipient of the 2004 Royal Musical Association's Dent Medal. He is the President of the International Musicological Society.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Beethoven - "Pathetique" Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor (Beethoven Piano Sonatas) (Volume 8)
Beethoven & Freedom Fight for Freedom: Fight for Freedom (Fiction - Upper Grade) Blockchain
Innovative and Modern Financial Framework that will revolutionize the Next Digital Economy with
Blockchain Technology: (Blockchain, Bitcoin, ... (Hacking Freedom and Data Freedom Book 11)
Passive Income: 5 Ways to Make Passive Income While You Sleep: Take a Step Closer to
Financial Freedom (Financial freedom, Internet marketing, Business online, Passive income Book 1)
Passive Income: The Ultimate Guide to Financial Freedom: (Multiple Passive Income Streams, Quit
Your Job, Passive Income Ideas, Make Money Online, Financial Freedom) Freedom's Challenge
(Freedom Series) Freedom's Ransom (Freedom Series) Freedom's Landing (Freedom Series)
Freedom's Choice (Freedom Series) Freedom, Truth, and Human Dignity: The Second Vatican
Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom (Humanum Imprint) Journey to a New Beginning after
Loss: Freedom from the Pain of Grief and Disappointment (Journey to Freedom) Major Problems in
African American History, Vol. 2: From Freedom to Freedom Now, 1865-1990s Passive Income: 30
Strategies and Ideas To Start an Online Business and Acquiring Financial Freedom (Passive
Income, Online Business, Financial Freedom,) The Global Sexual Revolution: Destruction of
Freedom in the Name of Freedom Abraham Lincoln: The Freedom President: The Freedom
President (Great Lives (Fawcett)) Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History (Fourth Edition) (Vol.
1) (Voices of Freedom (WW Norton)) Freedom in the 50 States: An Index of Personal and Economic
Freedom I've Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition and the Mississippi Freedom
Struggle Beethoven: Anguish and Triumph

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)