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Sommario/riassunto

Focusing on the period of most intense metric experimentation in the work of both Haydn and Mozart, author Danuta Mirka presents here a systematic discussion of the composers' metric strategies. Combining historical music theory with the cognitive study of music, Mirka's award-winning book sheds new light on this repertoire and redefines the role of meter and rhythm in Classical music.

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