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Drawing on the author's four decades of experience as a concert oboist, this open access book studies a number of foundational issues in the philosophy of music, such as musical meaning and expression, musical ontology and the existence of the musical work, the relation between music and language, and the phenomenology of music. The book surveys the development of Western classical music from the Baroque era through to the 20th century, both from the perspective of contemporary Lithuanian philosophers such as Girnius, Maceina, Šliogeris, and Jacknas, and 20th century European philosophy. In addition to discussing key questions in the philosophy of music, the book also analyses technical musical terms such as articulation, phrasing, and rhythm. Juozas Rimas was the leading Lithuanian oboist of his generation and is currently professor of music at the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre. He has premiered over 40 works for oboe (many of them dedicated to him) and was the first wind player in Lithuania to have performed a solo recital back in 1971. He is the recipient of an award from the President of the Republic of Lithuania for his lifetime contribution to Lithuanian culture and art. Professor Rimas' musical career has comprised hundreds of performances of classical music in all forms (orchestra, ensemble, and solo) as well as jazz improvisations and Lithuanian folk songs sung by the author, 16 LP and CD recordings, and over 150 recordings for Lithuanian State Radio. Dr Juozas Rimas Jr is the editor and co-translator of this book (assisting the main translator, Jeremy Hill), and author of the appendices and footnotes. He obtained a doctorate in law from Vilnius University in 2010 and is a practising lawyer in the field of corporate law. He is also the editor of the original Lithuanian edition of *Etudes on the Philosophy of Music*, published in 2020. .