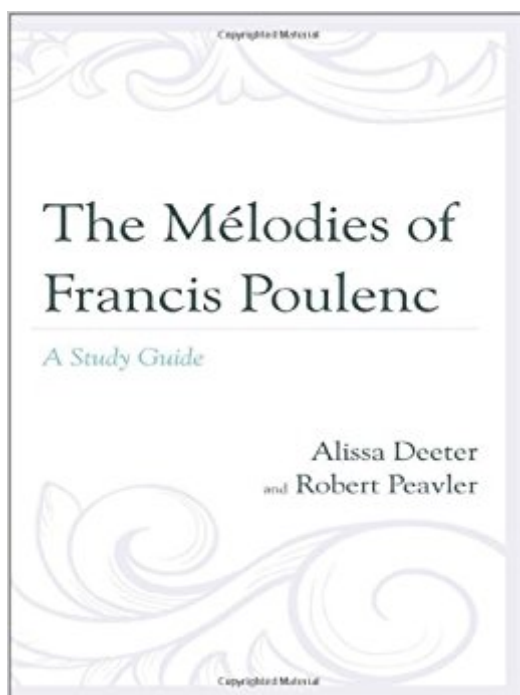


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Synopsis

An acknowledged master of mÃ©lodie, Francis Poulencâ€™s prolific song Å“uvre exceeds the collections of all other French composers who wrote in this genre. Yet despite Poulencâ€™s prolific output and its significance to art song repertoire, few volumes dedicated to study of Poulencâ€™s works have appeared in print. This text offers a theory on the marginalized popularity of Poulencâ€™s songs and strategies for their study that can assist performers in their appreciation and interpretation of his work. The MÃ©lodies of Francis Poulenc is the first work to contain the complete collection of Poulencâ€™s song compositions, providing IPA transcriptions and word-for-word translations in an easy reference format. Also included are the highly regarded poetic translations of Winifred Radford. In their introduction to the songs, Deeter and Peavler formulate a methodology for the proper interpretation and study of the Poulencâ€™s works. Finally, this work features a musical terms index, select discography of downloadable sound files, and a song title index. Teachers of singing, vocal coaches, professional singers, accompanists, and students of art song will find the The MÃ©lodies of Francis Poulenc an invaluable tool for the study and instruction of Poulencâ€™s songs.

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MÃ©lodie enthusiasts . . . will find the volume beneficial in their study of the songs of Poulenc. The IPA transcriptions are a convenient reference, and it is admirable that the authors recognize the authoritative advice for performance practice offered by Bernac, as well as the imporÃ¢tance of his

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This book is expertly prepared and researched by Alissa Deeter. It is a wonderful addition to the library of resources for Poulenc's music, going along with those written by Poulenc, Bernac and translated by Winifred Radford.

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