

GRAINGER COMPANION REVIEWS

Thwaites has already contributed substantially to a Grainger revival ... Here, as an editor, she manages the trick of finely balancing the various competing aspects of Grainger's energetic and highly productive life ... This New Companion succeeds in its aim to portray a complicated man in all his variety

... TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

A highly readable and important volume. [It will] prove invaluable to both performers and researchers in years to come.

BRITISH MUSIC SOCIETY

The New Percy Grainger Companion ... does Grainger's legacy a great service because of the rich, and at times unexpected, contexts against which the man and his music are set.

MUSIC & LETTERS

This book successfully removes his masks of bravado, outrageousness, contradictions and obsessions to reveal a vulnerable, warm humane man, who was proud to call Australia home.

STRINGENDO

It is a breath of fresh air ... to encounter a book that concentrates exclusively on Grainger's work as a composer, pianist and pioneering thinker. ... it contributes very usefully to a better understanding of this truly remarkable Australian figure.

MUSIC FORUM

Grainger is not just a composer, or a pianist, or an arranger, he is a phenomenon. And in The New Percy Grainger Companion we are given a vision of that phenomenon in the wealth of his music and in his wide global context.

DELIUS SOCIETY JOURNAL

Thwaites and her fellow contributors go far in restoring to general consciousness the full scope of Grainger's work as composer, performer, and ethnomusicologist. The book has something to offer almost every conceivable audience. ... Recommended.

CHOICE

This is an invaluable book about one of music's least understood practitioners. ... British-born Australian pianist and composer Penelope Thwaites has done a terrific job piecing together the jigsaw that was Grainger.

THE AUSTRALIAN

This handsome volume is an invaluable – and essential – contribution towards a fuller understanding of a composer on the cusp of overdue rediscovery.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Recommended without hesitation.

THE DELIAN

This book is full of useful advice.

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Generously filled with black and white photographs, reproductions of programmes and musical illustrations, this handsome volume is an invaluable – and essential – contribution towards a fuller understanding of a composer on the cusp of overdue recovery.

INTERNATIONAL PIANO