

OLLI@UCB

SYMPHONIES OF GUSTAV MAHLER

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Tuesdays: 10am-12noon

OVERVIEW: This class will be an in-depth historical survey of the eleven symphonic works of Gustav Mahler. It will trace the composer's stylistic evolution during the four stages of his creative life and will clarify the main characteristics of these periods. The focus of our analysis will be on the form, harmonic and melodic characteristics, and programmatic and emotional content of the symphonies.

COURSE CALENDAR

January 23: Week I

Introduction

Symphonies #1 and #2

January 30: Week II

Symphonies #3 and #4

February 6: Week III

Symphonies #5 and #6

February 13: Week IV

Symphonies #7 and #8

February 20: Week V

Das Lied von der Erde and Symphony #9

February 27: Week VI

Symphony #10

Final Thoughts

READINGS:

Please read the following articles for background information:

Wikipedia Articles:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_Mahler

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romantic_music

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanticism>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Romantic-era_composers

<http://www.musicweb-international.com/comp-idx/mahler.htm>

LISTENING:

Please watch the following performances on YouTube for each week's lecture:

Symphonies:

1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ya3_QRMWvJ8

2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHsFIv8VA7w>

3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5JW5MjrXYw>

4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ividyw_WPv4

5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOvXhyldUko>

6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUj_GAKWziE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U6nY9i-u_s

7 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdxvC7NNSLQ>

8 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgEvco07TWw>

Das Lied <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95suCIIAmus>

9 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjYs99atLUI>

10 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMN_DWY9RX8