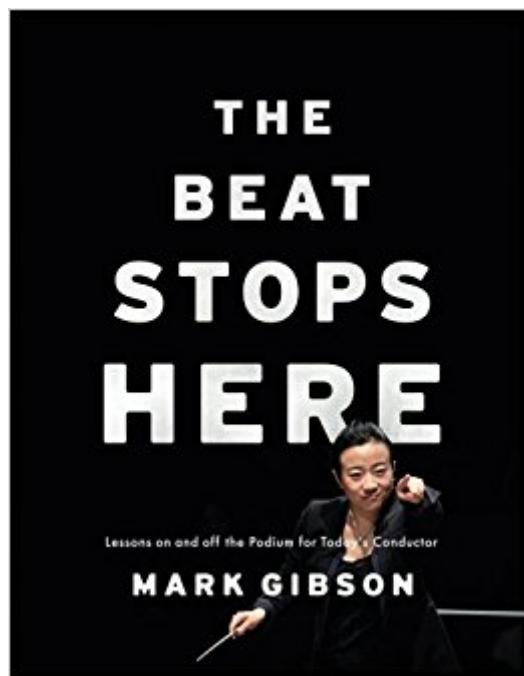


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# The Beat Stops Here: Lessons On And Off The Podium For Today's Conductor



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In *The Beat Stops Here: Lessons on and off the Podium for Today's Conductor*, master conductor Mark Gibson addresses the technique of conducting as an extension of intimate knowledge of the score to the hands and arms. He employs a variety of everyday activities and motions (brushing the dog, Tinkerbelle, the "door knob") to describe the physical aspects of the role. He advocates a comprehensive, detailed approach to score study, addressing major works bar-by-bar in terms of both musical analysis and conducting method. Finally, Gibson explores the various roles a conductor plays, as a teacher, a scholar and a member of the musical community. His writing is highly focused, with an occasionally tongue-in-cheek, discussing everything from motivic development in Brahms to how to hold a knife and fork in public. In short, *The Beat Stops Here* is a compendium of style and substance in the real world of today's conductor.

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Director of Orchestral Studies at the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, Mark Gibson enjoys a teaching and conducting career that spans four decades and three continents. Among his former students are many of today's up and coming maestros, including Xian Zhang, Tung-Chieh Chuang, Annunziata Tomaro and Olivier Ochanine. Mr. Gibson is a native of New Jersey.

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Maestro Gibson is one of the best conducting professors in the U.S. His book has a very refined approach to the most important aspects and practices that a contemporary conductor needs to know. The conducting techniques described in this book are deeply founded and justified by a complete analysis and understanding of music. If every conductor follows these steps, the future of classical music would be promising.

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