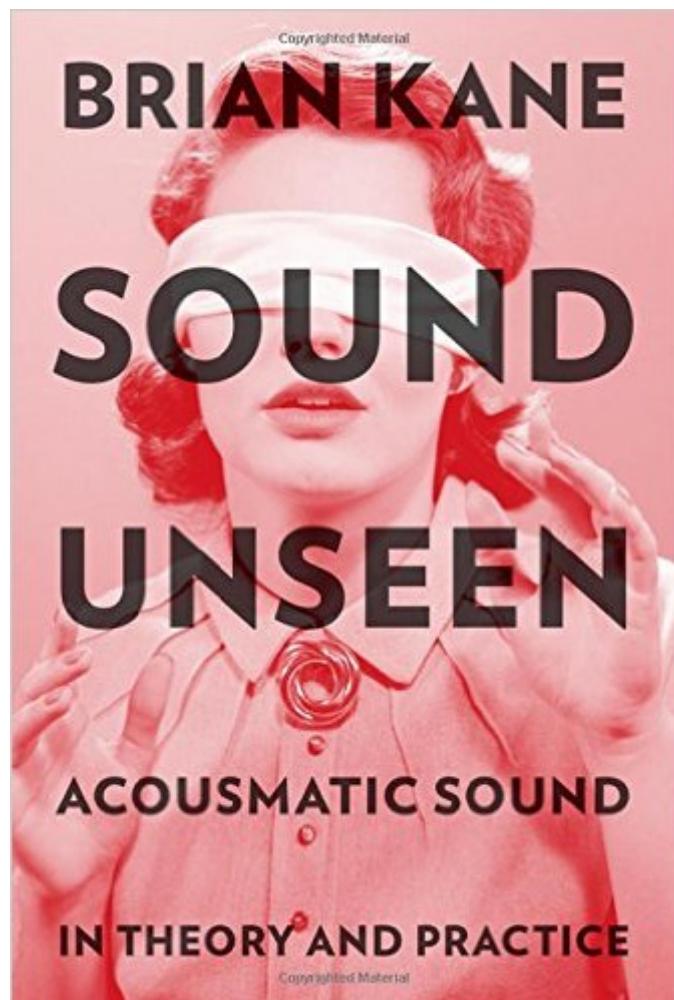


The book was found

# Sound Unseen: Acousmatic Sound In Theory And Practice



## Synopsis

Sound coming from outside the field of vision, from somewhere beyond, holds a privileged place in the Western imagination. When separated from their source, sounds seem to manifest transcendent realms, divine powers, or supernatural forces. According to legend, the philosopher Pythagoras lectured to his disciples from behind a veil, and two thousand years later, in the age of absolute music, listeners were similarly fascinated with disembodied sounds, employing various techniques to isolate sounds from their sources. With recording and radio came spatial and temporal separation of sounds from sources, and new ways of composing music. *Sound Unseen: Acousmatic Sound in Theory and Practice* explores the phenomenon of acousmatic sound. An unusual and neglected word, "acousmatic" was first introduced into modern parlance in the mid-1960s by avant garde composer of *musique concrète* Pierre Schaeffer to describe the experience of hearing a sound without seeing its cause. Working through, and often against, Schaeffer's ideas, Brian Kane presents a powerful argument for the central yet overlooked role of acousmatic sound in music aesthetics, sound studies, literature, philosophy and the history of the senses. Kane investigates acousmatic sound from a number of methodological perspectives -- historical, cultural, philosophical and musical -- and provides a framework that makes sense of the many surprising and paradoxical ways that unseen sound has been understood. Finely detailed and thoroughly researched, *Sound Unseen* pursues unseen sounds through a stunning array of cases -- from Bayreuth to Kafka's "Burrow," Apollinaire to Åke, music and metaphysics to architecture and automata, and from Pythagoras to the present-to offer the definitive account of acousmatic sound in theory and practice. The first major study in English of Pierre Schaeffer's theory of "acousmatics," *Sound Unseen* is an essential text for scholars of philosophy of music, electronic music, sound studies, and the history of the senses.

## Book Information

Paperback: 336 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (September 1, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0190632216

ISBN-13: 978-0190632212

Product Dimensions: 9.2 x 0.9 x 6.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 15.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #806,127 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #157 in Books > Arts & Photography > Music > Theory, Composition & Performance > MIDI, Mixers, etc. #436 in Books > Science & Math > Physics > Acoustics & Sound #496 in Books > Arts & Photography > Music > Recording & Sound

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Sound Unseen: Acousmatic Sound in Theory and Practice Sound Innovations for String Orchestra -- Sound Development (Advanced): Warm-up Exercises for Tone and Technique for Advanced String Orchestra (Viola) (Sound Innovations Series for Strings) Sound Innovations for String Orchestra: Sound Development (Intermediate) for Cello: Warm up Exercises for Tone and Technique for Intermediate String Orchestra (Sound Innovations Series for Strings) Sound Innovations for String Orchestra: Sound Development (Intermediate) for Viola: Warm up Exercises for Tone and Technique for Intermediate String Orchestra (Sound Innovations Series for Strings) Meditations and Music for Sound Healing: A Leading Oncologist Explores the Healing Power of Sound (Sound Medicine) Sound Innovations for String Orchestra -- Sound Development: Violin (Sound Innovations Series for Strings) Sound Innovations for String Orchestra -- Sound Development: Cello (Sound Innovations Series for Strings) Live Sound: Theory & Practice LIFE Unseen: Johnny Cash: An Illustrated Biography With Rare and Never-Before-Seen Photographs The Prince Warriors and the Unseen Invasion Edgar Cayce on Angels, Archangels and the Unseen Forces Sight Unseen: Gender and Race Through Blind Eyes Unseen Hands and Unknown Hearts: A Miracle of Healing Created Through Prayer Titanic Unseen: Images from the Bell and Kempster Albums Angels and Demons - Book Two: Encounters in the Unseen Realm Unseen Midcentury Desert Modern Hilma af Klint: Painting the Unseen Unseen Vogue Unseen Vogue: The Secret History of Fashion Photography Looking Through You: Rare & Unseen Photographs from The Beatles Book Archive

[Dmca](#)