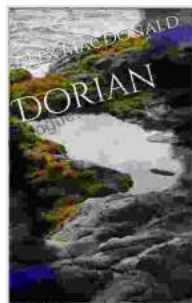


Dorian Olivier Gabriel: His Life, His Music, His Legacy

Dorian Olivier Gabriel was a French composer, pianist, and organist who lived from 1879 to 1953. He is best known for his organ works, which are characterized by their rich harmonies and complex rhythms. Gabriel also wrote a number of piano pieces, as well as some orchestral works. He was a significant figure in the French music scene of the early 20th century, and his music continues to be performed and enjoyed today.



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Early Life and Education

Dorian Olivier Gabriel was born on March 7, 1879, in Marseille, France. His father was a merchant, and his mother was a musician. Gabriel began studying music at an early age, and by the time he was 10 years old, he was already playing the organ at his local church. In 1895, Gabriel entered the Paris Conservatory, where he studied organ with Alexandre Guilmant

and composition with Gabriel Fauré. He graduated from the Conservatory in 1901, with first prizes in both organ and composition.

Career

After graduating from the Conservatory, Gabriel began his career as a concert organist. He toured throughout Europe, and his performances were praised for their technical brilliance and musical sensitivity. In addition to his concert career, Gabriel also taught organ at the Schola Cantorum de Paris from 1904 to 1914. In 1914, Gabriel was appointed organist at the Madeleine Church in Paris, a position he held until his death in 1953.

Gabriel's organ works are considered to be among the most significant contributions to the organ repertoire of the 20th century. His music is characterized by its rich harmonies, complex rhythms, and expressive melodies. Gabriel was also a master of counterpoint, and his organ works often feature intricate fugal passages. Some of Gabriel's most famous organ works include his *Toccata in B minor*, his *Suite gothique*, and his *Symphonie pour orgue*.

In addition to his organ works, Gabriel also wrote a number of piano pieces and orchestral works. His piano pieces are characterized by their delicate textures and lyrical melodies. Gabriel's orchestral works are more ambitious in scope, and they often feature large-scale orchestral textures and complex harmonies. Some of Gabriel's most famous orchestral works include his *Symphony in D minor* and his *Concerto for Organ and Orchestra*.

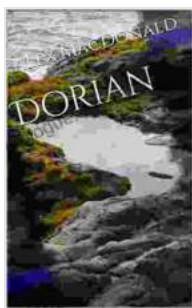
Later Years and Legacy

Gabriel continued to compose and perform throughout his life. In his later years, he focused primarily on composing organ works. He died on May 13, 1953, in Paris, at the age of 74. Gabriel was a major figure in the French music scene of the early 20th century, and his music continues to be performed and enjoyed today. He is considered to be one of the greatest organ composers of all time, and his music has had a profound influence on generations of organists.

Personal Life

Gabriel was a private person, and little is known about his personal life. He never married, and he had no children. He was a devout Catholic, and he often attended Mass at the Madeleine Church in Paris. Gabriel was also a close friend of the composer Maurice Ravel, and the two men often collaborated on musical projects.

Dorian Olivier Gabriel was a brilliant composer, pianist, and organist. He made significant contributions to the organ repertoire of the 20th century, and his music continues to be performed and enjoyed today. Gabriel was a major figure in the French music scene of the early 20th century, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations of musicians for years to come.



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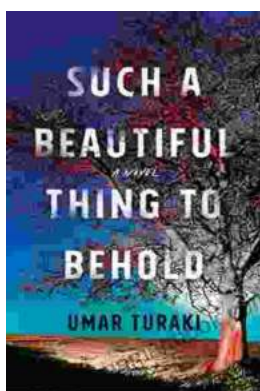
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