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MTO 25.1 Examples: Chung, What is Musical Meaning?

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Example 1. Debussy, Golliwog's Cakewalk, mm. 64–70,
illustrating a trope used as a verdictive act of musical utterance

m. 64

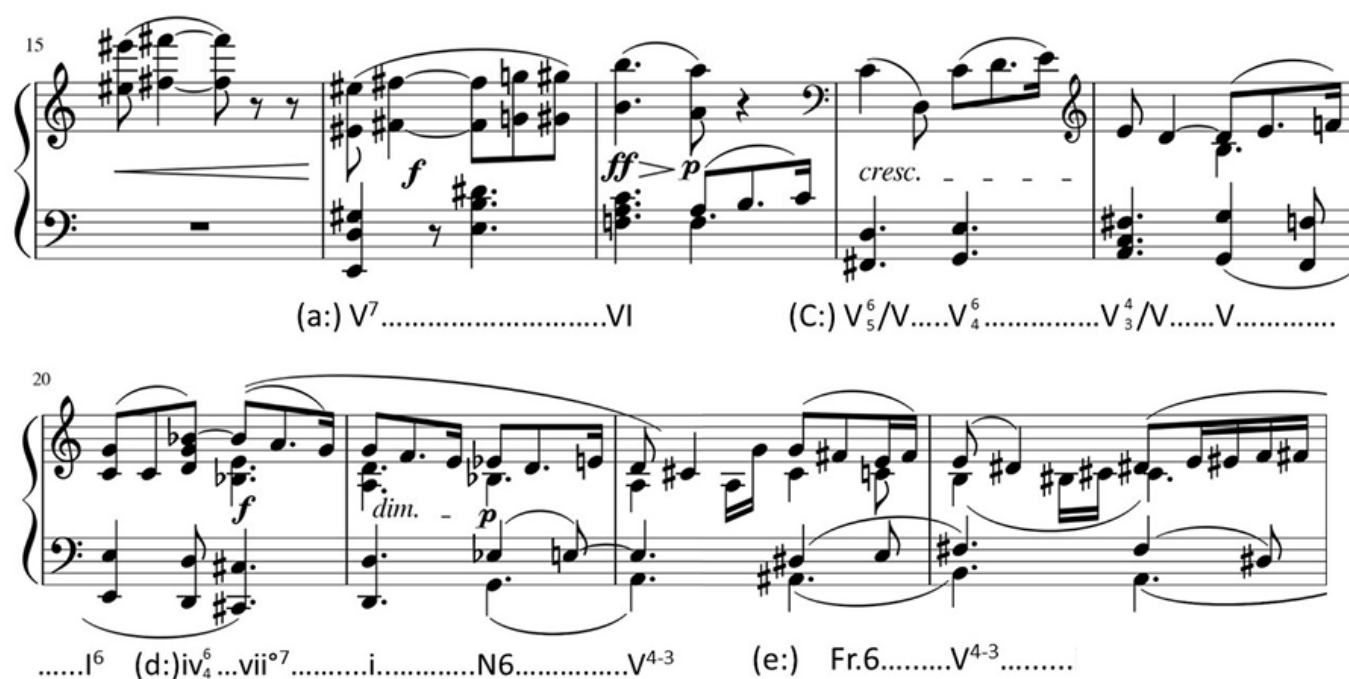
The musical score for Example 1, Debussy's Golliwog's Cakewalk, measures 64-70, is presented in a single system. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is written for piano, with dynamics ranging from piano (p) to pianissimo (pp). The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The score includes a 'Tristan Quotation' and 'Smirking' Figures.

Tristan Quotation

"Smirking" Figures

Verdictive trope: making light of Wagner quotation

Example 2a. Tristan Prelude mm. 15–23, original



15

f *ff* *p* *cresc.*

(a:) V^7 VI (C:) V_5^6/V V_4^6 V_3^4/V V

20

..... I^6 (d:) iv_4^6 ... vii^{o7} i $N6$ V^{4-3} (e:) $Fr.6$ V^{4-3}

Example 2b. Tristan Prelude mm. 15–23 (piano reduction)
recomposed to break a commissive act



15

f *ff* *p* *cresc.*

(a:) V^7 VI (C:) V_5^6/V V_4^6 V_3^4/V V

20

..... I^6 (d:) iv_4^6 ... vii^{o7} i $N6$ V^{4-3} (e:) $Fr.6$ V^{4-3} i (!!)

Etc.

Example 3. Carter, *Esprit Rude/Esprit Doux I*, mm. 1–6. “Boulez” cipher as AITC, used as a behabitive act of celebration/commemoration

mm. 1-6

♩ = 64 - 67+

Flute

Clarinet in B♭

f *p* *poco* *ff* *f* *p* *mf*

B [o] U(t) L(a) E [z]

[t 0 9 4] = {0, 1, 3, 7}

Example 4. Schubert D. 960/ii, mm. 98–102, illustrating some illocutionary acts performed by the dominant pedal

m. 98

cresc. *f* *decresc.*

V Pedal

Committing to C# resolution
generating tonal expectations
warning of c#-minor to come etc.

Example 5. Schubert D. 960/ii, mm. 101–106, illustrating some illocutionary acts performed by motion from V to $\flat$ I

m. 101

V to $\flat$ I

declining resolution to tonic

contravening expectation

depicting impossible hope in the face of c#-minor's inevitability etc.

Example 6. Schubert, "Du bist die Ruh,," melodic climax and aftermath, mm. 56–65

56

dei - nem Glanz al - lein er - hellt, ____

cresc. f

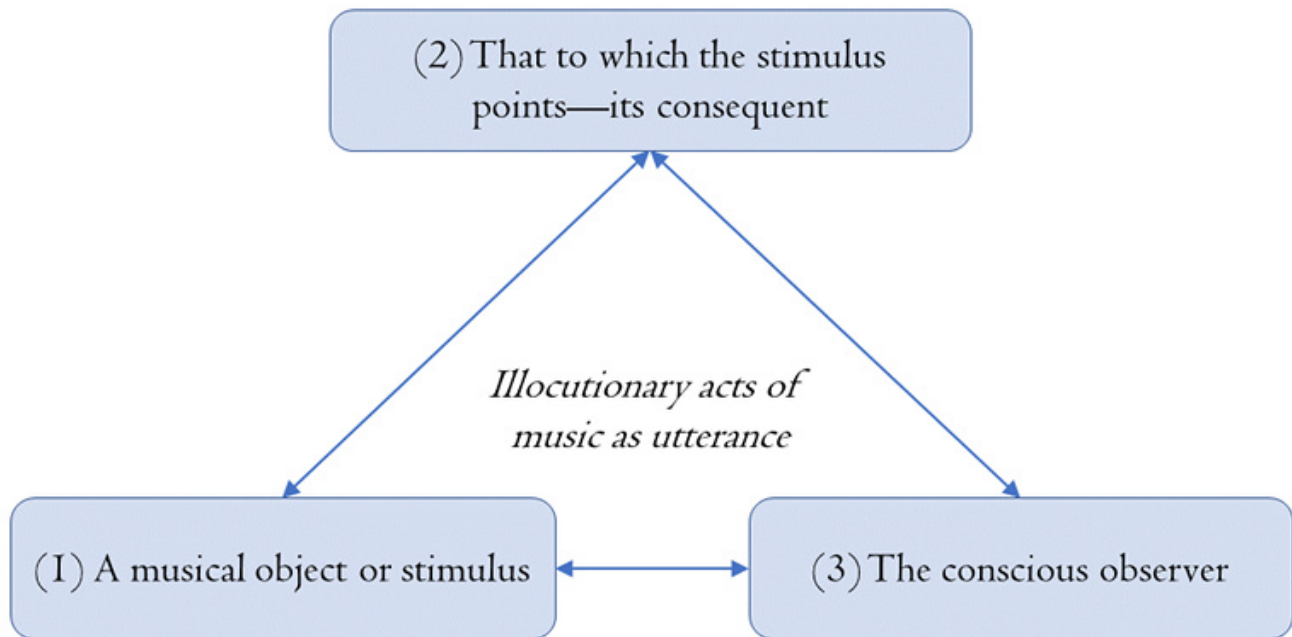
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o füll es ganz, ____ o füll es ganz! ____

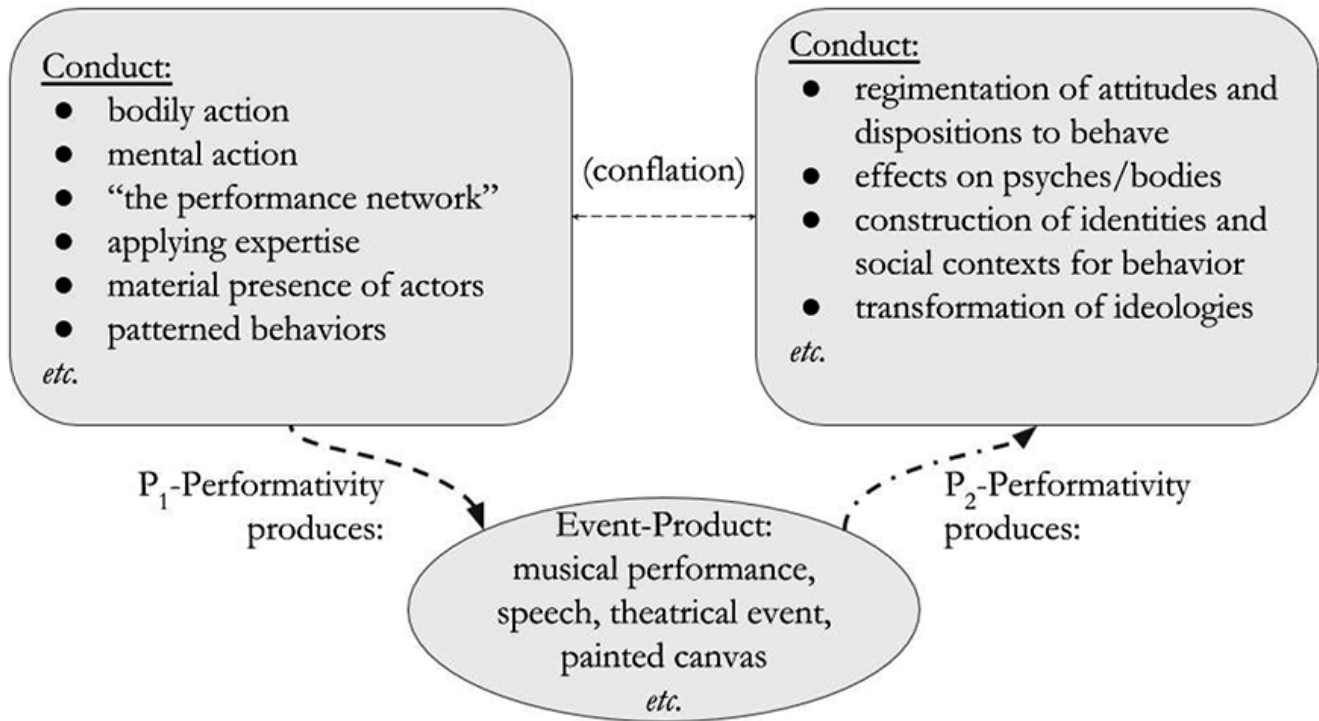
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Example 7. Meyer's triadic relation between musical stimulus, musical referent, and listening subject, bound conceptually by the illocutionary acts of music as utterance

(Meyer 1956, 34) The triadic relation between:



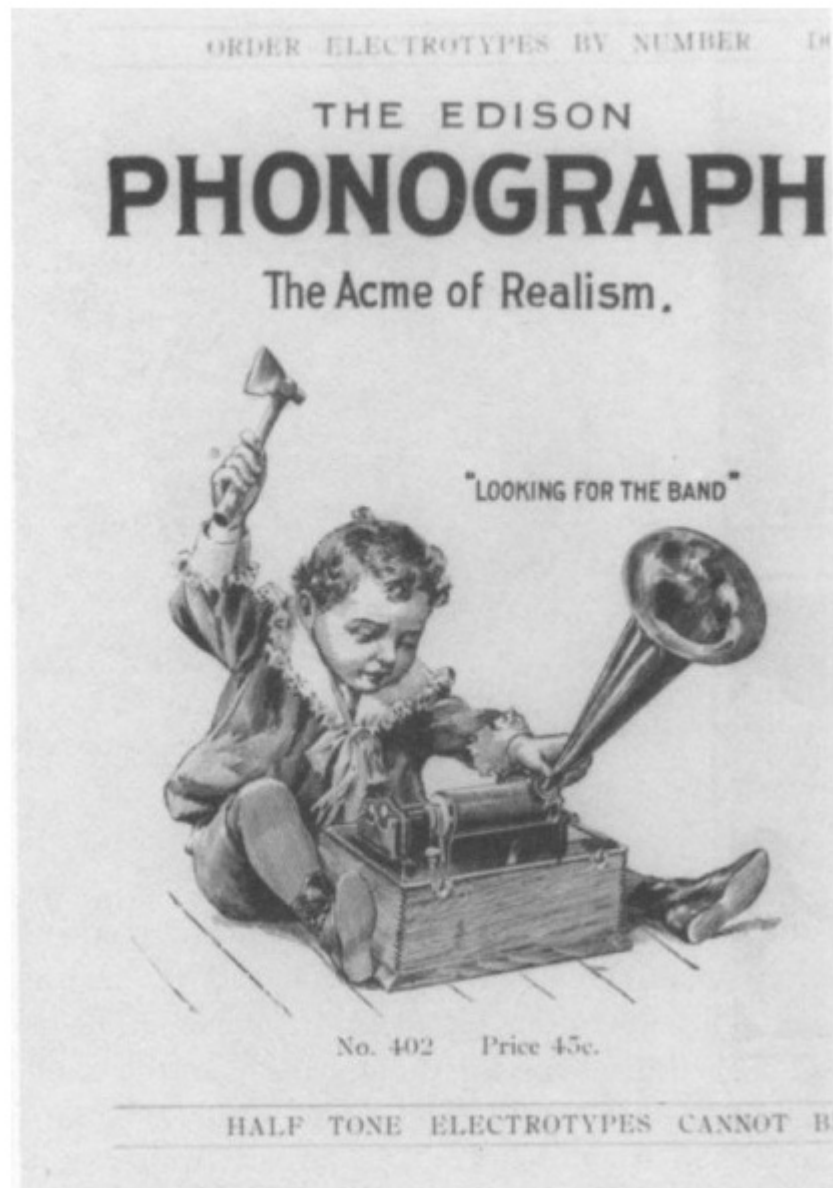
Example 8. Graphic illustration of the distinction between
P₁-Performativity and P₂-Performativity



Example 9. The material-semiotic matrix of oppositions structuring performativity concepts

	<u>Logics of: constativity/disclosure</u>	<u>Logics of: performativity/efficacy</u>
<u>Focus on:</u> <u>texts/ideas/</u> <u>discursivity</u>	Constativity of texts and utterances	P ₂ -Performativity of texts and utterances
<u>Focus on:</u> <u>body/materiality/</u> <u>presence</u>	P ₁ -Performativity as disclosure of materiality, reference to the body or to performers' presence	P ₂ -Performativity of materials and bodily actions

Example 10. 1902 advertisement for the Edison phonograph



Example 11. The Victor Company's logo, featuring Nipper the Dog

