Cultural Mobility, Music, and Holocaust Commemoration: Arnold Schoenberg’s “A Survivor from Warsaw” in Postwar Europe

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Joy Calico’s new book, *Arnold Schoenberg’s A Survivor from Warsaw in Postwar Europe*, uses performances of and reactions to the musical work to explore Holocaust commemoration in six countries immediately after the war (West Germany, Austria, Norway, East Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia). Each case is unique, informed by individual geopolitical concerns, but the book reveals common themes in anxieties about musical modernism, Holocaust memory and culpability, the coexistence of Jews and former Nazis, anti-Semitism, dislocation, and the presence of occupying forces on both sides of the Cold War divide.

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