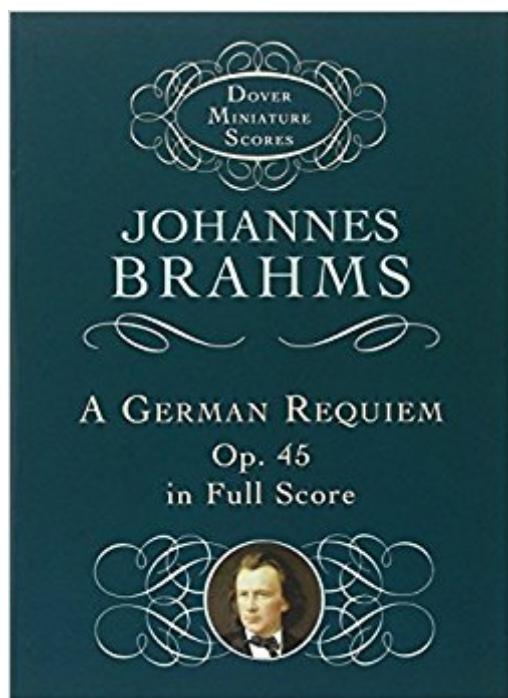


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German-born composer Johannes Brahms (1833–97), an important figure of the Romantic

era, spent most of his career at the forefront of the Viennese musical scene. A master of counterpoint, he wrote for piano, chamber ensembles, symphony orchestras, and voice.

Probably my mistake for not reading fully -- edition is small and pages smaller, quite unreadable, and only about four bars per page, making it useless as a performance score. I can see where it could be a delight for a musical academic, as instrumentation is complete, but it didn't meet my personal needs, which were more around choral performance.

Everything went perfectly. I got the product on time and it was in the exact condition I expected it to be. I am extremely satisfied.

Brahms' German Requiem is his best vocal work. Unlike the typical mass of the 18th and 19th centuries, This mass is not in Latin but in German. If anyone owns of a recording of this work, owning this score will greatly enrich your pleasure. This is indispensable for the Brahms fan. The notes are fairly small but easy to read, and there is ample room for your own notations. If you want to see a masters work in full force, buy this copy!

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