

In this book, David Rowland traces the history of piano pedalling from its beginning in the eighteenth century to its first maturity in the middle of the nineteenth century and beyond. Pedalling technique became a major feature of nineteenth-century piano performance at a time of new developments in piano construction and many composers were inspired to write innovative works for the literature. Rowland examines this through the technique and music of composer-pianists such as Beethoven, Liszt and Chopin. In addition, he follows the transition from harpsichord and clavichord to piano in the music of Mozart and his contemporaries and outlines the physical properties of the various stops, levers and pedals available at the different stages of the instrument's development. The book also includes an appendix of translated extracts from three well-known piano tutors.

The book will be of interest to students and scholars of music history and performance practice, as well as to pianists.



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## **Abbreviations**

AMZ Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung

EM Early Music

GSJ Galpin Society Journal

JAMIS Journal of the American Musical Instrument Society

JAMS Journal of the American Musicological Society

ML Music and Letters

MQ Musical Quarterly

MT Musical Times