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Music and Media Infused Lives edited by Susan O'Neill explores significant opportunities, challenges, and responsibilities facing learners, educators, researchers, and musicians in today's digital age. Increasingly affordable, accessible, portable, and interactive forms of digital media technologies are interwoven into the musical practices of our everyday lives, providing opportunities for more people than ever before to experience diverse and dynamic ways of engaging with music. And yet, the mere presence of technology does not guarantee effective music education in classroom or community contexts. This book provides wide-ranging insights by authors from Canada and around the world for stimulating dialogue and critical understanding, and for harnessing the full potential of digital media technologies in music education.

Written in a detailed and yet accessible style, this is an essential book for anyone wishing to explore how music is mobilized and utilized through digital media, creative collaborations, and increasingly blurred boundaries in music education, research, and practice. Students and researchers internationally, as well as music educators in all areas of professional practice, will find in these pages thought-provoking ideas for how to best engage diverse learners and leverage the affordances of digital media technologies in music teaching and learning in the 21st century.

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