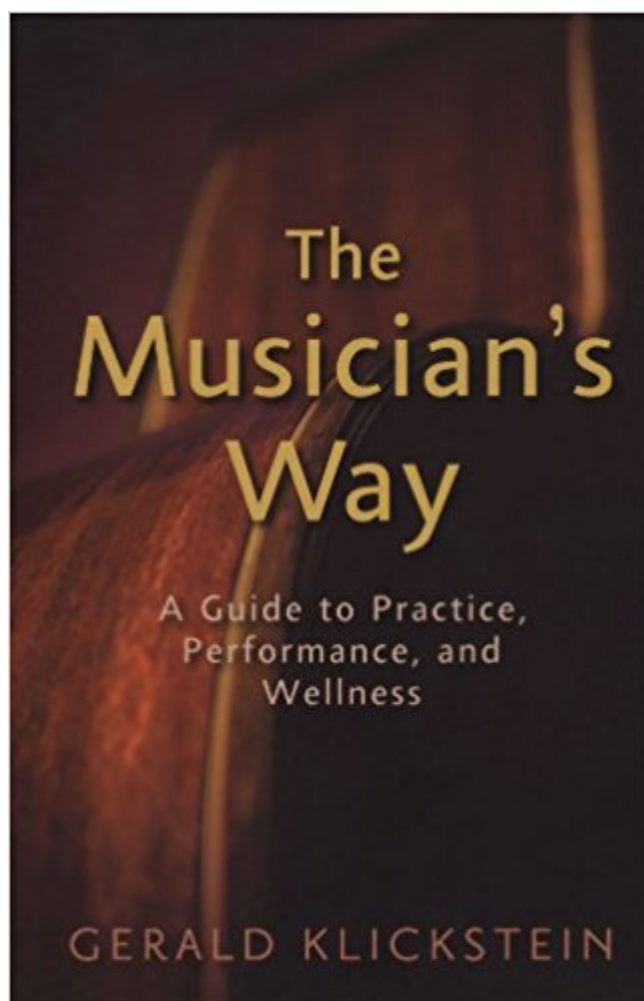


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# The Musician's Way: A Guide To Practice, Performance, And Wellness



## Synopsis

In *The Musician's Way*, veteran performer and educator Gerald Klickstein combines the latest research with his 30 years of professional experience to provide aspiring musicians with a roadmap to artistic excellence. Part I, *Artful Practice*, describes strategies to interpret and memorize compositions, fuel motivation, collaborate, and more. Part II, *Fearless Performance*, lifts the lid on the hidden causes of nervousness and shows how musicians can become confident performers. Part III, *Lifelong Creativity*, surveys tactics to prevent music-related injuries and equips musicians to tap their own innate creativity. Written in a conversational style, *The Musician's Way* presents an inclusive system for all instrumentalists and vocalists to advance their musical abilities and succeed as performing artists.

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Gerald Klickstein (@klickstein) is a veteran performer and educator with more than 30 years of experience on the concert stage and in higher education. In July 2012, he was appointed Director of the Music Entrepreneurship and Career Center at the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University. From 1992-2012, he was a member of the distinguished artist-faculty of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. His book *The Musician's Way* and its extensive website [MusiciansWay.com](http://MusiciansWay.com) have drawn global praise for their insightful handling of the issues that today's musicians face.

A must read for any musician. What a well written and thought out book. It is such a wonderful launching pad of taking this knowledge and running with it. I am a different musician in every way now. I know how to get the most out of my practice time.

Lots of great suggestions. Some things you'll want to ignore, but I think it's still worth reading. Take what works and leave the rest!

This book describes a clear path to effective practice. He provides tools and techniques that, if used consistently, will stand the performer and student of music in good stead for a lifetime. He discusses organization of practicing; performance preparation, including the element of anxiety; several chapter on injury and its prevention. The author is a veteran performer and educator.

I absolutely recommend this book. I am a 41 year old guitar player and have dealt with stage fear all my life. This book helped me a lot to understand why. It doesn't offer any quick fixes though, that's what makes it a serious book. Regarding practice plans and methods for deep learning also an excellent read. If anyone out there takes practice time seriously this book will help you to make the best of it.

Very Informative book!

This book is FANTASTIC. I can't recommend this more highly for every serious professional

musician, or student of music. It should be required summer reading for every student who is to be attending music school. Could have saved me 10 years of recovering from a preventable injury! Buy it!

Great book - even after reading just the first 30 pages, I felt so inspired and full of confidence in doing things better in my next practice session. Klickstein writes with ease and it is very understandable even for someone who is not a native English speaker. Thank you for this great book!

I just finished and I highlighted one third of the book. I'll wait a couple of weeks and then read it again. Amazing book that covers many aspects of a student's and musician's life. I am an educator and performer. I wish I had read this twenty years ago.

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