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In several steps the author seeks to interpret the life and works of Beethoven from the Heiligenstadt Testament to the Ninth Symphony as a leap out of crisis into creativity, revealing thereby how the overcoming of suffering led to an affirmation of humanity.

**Erika Schuchardt develops a complementary model for coping with the crises of life in a spiral path consisting of eight phases both for the individual and for society. [...]**

The original manner of questioning, the methodical approach, the psychological empathy, the proposed theses and the suggestive hypotheses are new and should rekindle a discussion about one of the most significant individuals and artists in human history.

**This book should be in the library of all Beethoven lovers and open-minded individuals.**

*Constantin Floros*

*Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Constantin Floros*



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**On the ambassadorial role of the book:**

Beethoven is not only an important source of inspiration for people of our age. His music is also a bridge to international understanding, touching and inspiring people all over the world.

With her interdisciplinary book, *This Kiss to the Whole World*, Erika Schuchardt has given an impressive analysis of Beethoven's music as a source of strength to overcome crises.

In a conclusive hermeneutic approach she has shed new light on Beethoven's life and work. I would be happy to see this book build a new bridge in international dialogue to Beethoven und Bonn, and wish it many sympathetic readers.

*Malte C. Boecker,*

*Director of the Beethoven-Haus, Bonn*



*Prof. Dr. phil. habil. Erika Schuchardt*



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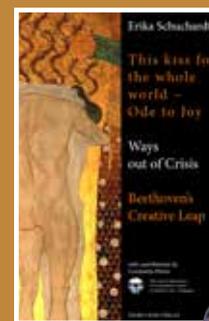
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