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“Musical Illusions, Perfect Pitch, and Other Curiosities”

Diana Deutsch, Professor of Psychology

About the Speaker

Professor Diana Deutsch is Director of the Music Perception and Cognition Laboratory at the UCSD Department of Psychology, and is one of the most prominent researchers on the psychology of music. She is internationally known for the illusions of sound and music perception that she has discovered, and for her research on perfect pitch. Deutsch has over 200 written publications, which include the book *The Psychology of Music*, now in its third edition, and three articles in *Scientific American*. She has also published two compact discs that feature her illusions: these are *Musical Illusions and Paradoxes*, and *Phantom Words, and Other Curiosities*. Among her many awards, Deutsch has received the *Rudolf Arnheim Award for Outstanding Achievement in Psychology and the Arts* by the American Psychological Association, and the *Gustav Theodore Fechner Award* by the International Association of Empirical Aesthetics.

About the Lecture

“Musical Illusions, Perfect Pitch, and Other Curiosities”

In this lecture, Deutsch demonstrates and discusses a number of musical illusions that she has discovered. These illusions show that people can differ strikingly in the way they hear very simple musical patterns. In some cases, disagreements arise between right-handers and left-handers, indicating that they reflect differences in brain organization. In other illusions, the way a musical pattern is perceived varies depending on their language or dialect. The second part of the lecture concerns perfect pitch – the reason why some people possess this ability, and why it is so rare. It is shown that speakers of tones languages such as Mandarin have a very high prevalence of perfect pitch, and it is argued that this is due to the association of pitches with meaningful words from early childhood. Other relationships between music and language are discussed in this context.

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