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In her research, she avoided to follow the mainstream and came with quite novel ideas combining mathematical conceptions with real and deep research topics of music. In this connection, it should be stressed that Hermann Rudolf Lotze developed the basics of a musical aesthetics. For example, in the "organistic model" of the arts (as perceived by Lotze, Schelling, and others), architecture and music are the two essential poles from which all other art forms are derived.

