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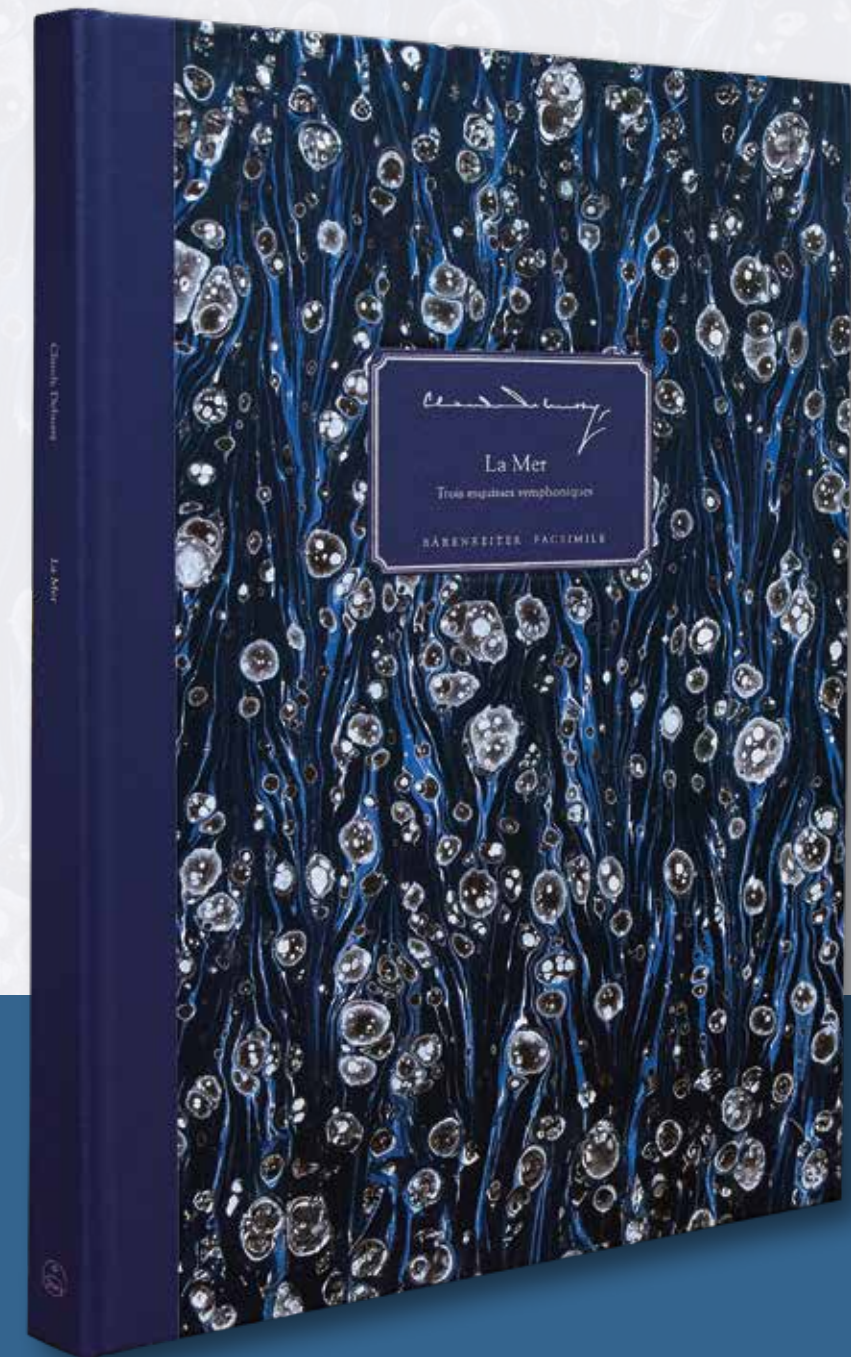
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## Claude Debussy **La Mer** The Facsimile Edition



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Shortly before handing the manuscript over to his publisher, Debussy consulted with a harpist on how best to notate the glissandi in "Jeu de Vagues". He wrote the improved version on a piece of paper and pasted it in; the blue letters serve as orientation.



*"I love the sea  
and I've listened to it  
with the passionate respect  
it deserves."*



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Debussy's autograph score served for the engraving of the first edition. Additional entries in a different hand (accidentals, performance instructions, notes for the layout) reflect this work step. At the same time, Debussy himself made corrections, once by pasting in a piece of paper, which is reproduced in the facsimile according to the original.

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Debussy, an admirer of Japanese prints, wrote the score with almost calligraphic clarity and elegance.

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