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"AESTHETIC REASONS FOR ACTION"

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ABSTRACT

It's common to talk of morality as issuing in reasons for action, or to understand morality as "essentially action-guiding". However, to the extent that aesthetics gives us genuine reasons of any kind, they are typically seen as something like reasons for *appreciation*. In this talk, I will defend the view that there are aesthetic reasons for action, so that aesthetics, too, can be and is sometimes action-guiding.