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hubris

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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hubris

(noun) HOO-bris

Pride, arrogance, insolence, over-confidence inviting a downfall.

Lebrecht admires the entrepreneurial cheek that built the classical industry, but deplores the same **hubris** in the executives who destroyed it.

Michael Faber, *The Guardian*, 21 April 2007, Guardian reviewing Norman Lebrecht's *Maestros, Masterpieces and Madness: The Secret Life and Shameful Death of the Classical Record Industry*.

The story unfolds with the grim inevitability of **hubris** inviting humiliation - if Euripides had ever tried ghosting football memoirs he could not have done it better.

Alfred Hickling, *The Guardian*, 14 April 2007, Guardian reviewing David Peace's *The Damned Utd*.

The islanders of Orkney are at ease with death, "the bride of silence", and a fierce morality underpins the tales so that humility is rewarded and **hubris** is never allowed to go unpunished.

Alex Peake-Tomkinson, *The Guardian*, 4 November 2006, Guardian reviewing George Mackay Brown's *Winter Tales*.

Because its structure and the targets of its satire – vanity, greed and lust – hark back to Molière, *The Valet* offers a reassuring vision of a fixed social order, bourgeois to the core, in which virtue is rewarded and **hubris** exposed.

Stephen Holden, *The New York Times*, 20 April 2007, New York Times reviewing the movie *The Valet*. (DVD not yet released.)