

APA Style 7th Guide – Citing Music

APSU Writing Center Handout

Musical Score References

Basic Format: Composer Last Name, First Initial. (Year). *Title of score* [Type of score].

Publisher.

Example

Picker, T., & McClatchy, J. D. (1995). *Emmeline: An opera in two acts* [Study score]. Schott Music.

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Last Name & Last Name, Year)

- **Example:** (Picker & McClatchy, 1995)
- **Narrative Format:** Last Name and Last Name (Year)

Example: Picker and McClatchy (1995)

Edited and/or Republished Score

Basic Format: Composer Last Name, First Initial., & Librettist Last Name, First Initial.

(Republication Year). *Title of score* (Editor Initial. Last Name, Ed.) [Type of score]. Publisher.

(Original work published Original Year)

Instructions

List composer and librettist.

Add editors in parentheses after the title: (Initial. Last Name, Ed.).

Use the republication year in the main date.

Add the original publication year at the end: (Original work published Year).

In-text citations include both years, separated by a slash: (Original/Republication).

Example

Gilbert, W. S., & Sullivan, A. (2012). *The Mikado in full score* (C. Simpson & E. H. Jones, Eds.)
[Musical score]. Dover Publications. (Original work published 1885)

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Composer & Librettist, Original Year/Republication Year)

- **Example:** (Gilbert & Sullivan, 1885/2012)

Narrative Format: Composer and Librettist (Original Year/Republication Year)

- **Example:** Gilbert and Sullivan (1885/2012)

Composer Only

Basic Format: Composer Last Name, First Initial. (Year). *Title of score* [Type of score].

Publisher.

Example

Brouwer, L. (1987). Cuban landscape with rain [Guitar score]. Les Editions Doberman-Yppan.

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Last Name, Year)

- **Example:** (Brouwer, 1987)

Narrative Format: Last Name (Year)

- **Example:** Brouwer (1987)

Republished Older Score

Basic Format: Composer Last Name, First Initial. (Republication Year). *Title of score* [Type of score]. Publisher. (Original work published Original Year)

Example

Haydn, F. J. (2001). The creation [Musical score]. Dover Publications. (Original work published 1798)

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Last Name, Original Year/Republication Year)

- **Example:** (Haydn, 1798/2001)

Narrative Format: Last Name (Original Year/Republication Year)

- **Example:** Haydn (1798/2001)

Score in Another Language

Basic Format: Composer Last Name, First Initial. (Republication Year). *Original Title* [English translation] [Type of score]. Publisher. (Original work published Original Year)

Example

Mozart, W. A. (1970). *Die Zauberflöte* [The magic flute] [Vocal score]. Becksche Verlagsbuchhandlung. (Original work published 1791)

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Last Name, Original Year/Republication Year)

- **Example:** (Mozart, 1791/1970)

Narrative Format: Last Name (Original Year/Republication Year)

- **Example:** Mozart (1791/1970)

Score in an Anthology or Complete Works

Basic Format: Composer Last Name, First Initial. (Republication Year). Title of score [Type of score]. In Editor Initial. Last Name (Ed.), *Title of anthology or complete works* (Edition info, pp. page range). Publisher. (Original work published Original Year)

Example

Scarlatti, A. (1991). Le violette [The violets] [Musical score]. In J. G. Paton (Ed.), *26 Italian songs and arias: An authoritative edition based on authentic sources* (Medium High Voice ed., pp. 50–55). Alfred Music. (Original work published 1694)

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Citation Example: (Scarlatti, 1694/1991)

Narrative Citation Example: Scarlatti (1694/1991)

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