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Reference Guides—*Biography*

This guide is designed to help you find biographical information about composers and musicians. It will give you an overview of reference books and search strategies. You might find this helpful in browsing the stacks or for finding a specific tool that matches your needs. Please consult Voyager for complete holdings information and ask the reference assistant for help if needed.

Suggested Call Numbers for Shelf Browsing:

Below are general call number ranges. For specific call numbers, consult the Library of Congress Classification in the orange book at the Reference Desk, and/or Voyager.

ML (Literature on Music)

ML100	Music Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, General, all languages
ML101	Music Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, by Region or Country A-Z
ML102	Music Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, by Topic A-Z
ML105	Music Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, Bio-Bibliographical
ML106	Music Dictionaries and Encyclopedias, Bio-Bibliographical, by Country A-Z
ML134	Thematic Catalogs, Bio-Bibliographies, Guides to Research, by composer's last name A-Z
ML156.5	Discographies of composers, by composer's last name A-Z
ML385	Collective Biographies, General
ML390	Collective Biographies, Composers
ML395-399	Collective Biographies, Instrumentalists
ML400	Collective Biographies, Singers
ML402	Collective Biographies, Conductors
ML410	Individual Biographies, Composers, by last name A-Z
ML416	Individual Biographies, Organists, by last name A-Z
ML417	Individual Biographies, Pianists, by last name A-Z
ML418	Individual Biographies, String players, by last name A-Z
ML 420	Individual Biographies, Singers, by last name A-Z
ML 422	Individual Biographies, Conductors, by last name A-Z
MT90-146	Analysis and appreciation of musical works, by genre or by composer

Subject Searching

If looking for a particular composer or performer, search for the individual's last name and then first name as a Subject Heading. Most biographies will be entered under the name of the composer, but more specialized studies can be found under the subdivision, **Criticism and interpretation**.

Selected Bibliography of Reference Books for Biography

Internet

Grove Online (<http://www.grovemusic.com>)

<http://www.allclassical.com>

http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/artist.html

http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/composer.html

<http://www.lib.duke.edu/music/resources/composers.html>

Open Directory Project (<http://dmoz.org/Arts/Music/Composition/Composers/>)

<http://www.classical.net/music/composer/>

Necrology of Musicians (<http://library.wustl.edu/units/music/necro/>)