Varying form of title (MARC 246)

Music Cataloging at Yale [1] **? MARC tagging** [2]

Note: this page was created with music cataloging in mind.

The 246 field contains a form of the title appearing on different parts of an item or a portion of the title proper, or an alternative form of the title when the form differs significantly from the title in field 245. Source: MARC 21 LITE bibliographic format: title and title-related fields (20X-24X) [3]

Use the 246 field when:
° There is only one work, use the 246 field.
° There are two or more works and no collective title, use a 246 for variant forms of the title used as the title proper (usually the first in the 245 field); use the 740 field for all other titles and variants of them.
° There are two or more works and there is a collective title for the item as a whole, use the 246 field for any variant of the collective title.

When inputting a title in a 246 field, omit any initial article [4].

246 field arranged by indicator and subfield | 246 field arranged by location/type of title

Arranged by indicator and subfield
The links in this table lead to examples at the end of the table.

Indicators	Tag	Definition
1st	0	Note, no title added entry
	1	Note, title added entry
	2	No note, no title added entry
	3	No note, title added entry
2nd	[blank]	No information provided: • alternate form of word, etc. in 245 or in title from source other than 245 • spelled-out form • uncorrected form of title when [ ] are used in title proper of 245 • title information appears in a source not covered by indicator 0-8 below; the source is indicated in ‡i
	0	Portion of title • portion of title proper exclusive of an alternative title • portion of title proper that is an alternative title • portion of title proper that is a part title or section title • portion of title proper exclusive of any introductory terms, etc. • portion of title proper that is emphasized by typography or other similar conditions

		• alternative titles (‡b)
		• titles including initialisms
	1	parallel title
	2	distinctive title
	3	other title
	4	cover title
	5	added title page title
	6	caption title
	7	running title
	8	spine title
Subfields	**Tag**	**Definition**
	i	any text you want to display; code ‡i before ‡a
	a	title proper/short title
	b	remainder of title
	f	designation of volume and issue number and/or date of a work
	g	miscellaneous information
	n	number of a part/section of a work
	p	name of work/section of a work

Examples

Spelled-out form

100 2_ English Chamber Orchestra.

245 04 The English Chamber Orchestra plays 20th-century masterpieces.

246 3_ English Chamber Orchestra plays twentieth-century masterpieces

100 1_ Berio, Luciano, ‡d 1925-2003.

240 10 Sequenza, ‡n no. 8

245 10 Sequenza VIII : ‡b per violino solo / ‡c Luciano Berio.

246 3_ Sequenza 8

246 3_ Sequenza otto

Spelled-out form (1st 246) and portion of title (2nd 246):

100 1 Reger, Max, ‡d 1873-1916.

240 10 Pièces pittoresques

245 00 5 pièces pittoresques : ‡b für Klavier zu vier Händen : Opus 34 / ‡c Max Reger.

246 3_ Cinq pièces pittoresques

246 3**0** Pièces pittoresques

Uncorrected form of title:

100 1_ Beethoven, Ludwig van, ‡d 1770-1827.

240 10 Sonatas, ‡m horn, piano, ‡n op. 17, ‡r F major

245 00 Horn sonats / ‡c Beethoven, Cherubini, Danzi.

246 1_ ‡i Title should read: ‡a Horn sonatas

Parallel titles:

100 1_ Smetana, Bedrich, ‡d 1824-1884.

245 10 Má vlast = ‡b My country : cycle of symphonic poems / ‡c Smetana.

246 3**1** My country

100 1_ Britten, Benjamin, ‡d 1913-1976.

240 10 Burning fiery furnace. ‡l German

245 14 The burning fiery furnace = ‡b Die Jünglinge im Feuerofen : second parable for church performance : op. 77 / ‡c Benjamin Britten ...

246 3**1** Jünglinge im Feuerofen

Note that the initial German article "Die" was omitted from this title.

Multiple **parallel** titles:

100 1_ Rodrigo, Joaquín.

245 10 Juglares = ‡b Gaukler = Jugglers : 1923 / ‡c Joaquín Rodrigo ...
246 3**1** Gaukler
246 3**1** Jugglers

[Subfield ‡i](#)**:**
246 2_ ‡i Title on container: ‡a [Title]
246 2_ ‡i Vols. no. 3-5 have title: ‡a [Title]

100 1_ Schubert, Franz, ‡d 1797-1828.
240 10 Songs. ‡k Selections
245 10 Songs to poems by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe / ‡c Schubert.
246 1_ ‡i Title on program booklet: ‡a Lieder nach Gedichten von Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
246 1_ ‡i Title on container spine: ‡a Goethe-songs

100 1_ Handel, George Frideric, ‡d 1685-1759.
245 10 Almira / ‡c Georg Friedrich Händel.
246 1_ ‡i Title on container: ‡a Almira, Königen von Castilien
246 1_ ‡i Parallel title on container: ‡a Almira, Queen of Castile

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[Arranged by location or type of title](#)

Arranged by location

Location of title	Indicators	Form of Note		
added title page			15	*Title*
caption			16	*Title*
colophon			1	‡i Title from col
container			1	‡i Title from con
cover			14	*Title*
spine			18	*Title*
any other location			1	‡i Title from *sou*

Arranged by type of title

Type of title	Indicators	Form of Note
Added title page	15	*Title*
Alternate form of word	3	*Title*
Alternative title	30	*Title*
At head of title	1	‡i At head of titl
Binder's title	1	‡i Binder's title:
Half title	1	‡i Half title: ‡a T
Incorrect form of title ([ ] in 245 has corrected form)	3	*Title*
No collective title	3	*Title*
Other title information from 245	30	*Title*
Other title information not from 245	1	‡i I*ntroductory p*
Parallel title from 245	31	*Title*
Parallel title on cover	1	‡i Parallel title o
Parallel title on added t.p.	1	‡i Parallel title o
Parallel title on spine	1	‡i Parallel title o
Parallel title from other source	1	‡i Parallel title o
Part or section title	30	*Title*
Portion of title proper	30	*Title*
Running title	17	*Title*
Volumes with varying titles	1	‡i Vols. [no.]-[n
All other conditions	1	‡i *Introductory p*

Source URL:https://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/246field

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