

Commonly used music terms in the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT)

[Music Cataloging at Yale](#) [1] ? [MARC tagging](#) [2]

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

This is a list of commonly used names of genre and form terms selected from the Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT).

This list is *not* complete. It includes most, but not all, terms for western art music and some popular genres.

It does not show the hierarchy. For the complete list and the hierarchical structure, please see [Music Genre/Form Terms in LCGFT](#) [3] (scroll down to the top music term "music"). To search individual terms, please see [Classification Web](#) [4] (subscription required) or the [Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms](#) [5] website.

These terms are used in conjunction with [Recording form of work](#) [6] (RDA 6.3), MLA's [Best practices for using LCGFT for music resources](#) [7] (version 1.2 (July 8, 2019)), and [MARC 380](#) [8] (Form of work) and/or [MARC 655](#) [9] (Index term–genre/form).

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A

Accompaniments (Music)
Advent music
Airs de cour
Aleatory music
All Saints' Day music
Alleluias (Chants)
Allemandes (Music)
Alma mater songs
Animated film music
Animated television music
Anthems
Antiphonaries (Service books)
Antiphons (Music)
Arabesques (Art music)
Arrangements (Music)
Ascension Day music
Ayes

B

Background music
Bagatelles (Music)
Ballad operas
Ballades (Formes fixes)
Ballades (Instrumental music)
Ballads
Ballate
Ballets (Music)
Balletti (Part songs)
Barbershop (Music)
Barcaroles
Bawdy songs
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Music)
Berceuses (
Blues (Music)
Blues-rock music

Boleros (Music)
Boogaloo (Music)
Boogie woogie (Music)
Bop (Music)
Bossa nova (Music)
Bourrées (Music)

C

Cadenzas
Cajun music
Calypso (Music)
Camp songs
Campaign songs
Cancans (Music)
Candlemas music
Canons (Music)
Cantatas
Canticles
Cantillations
Cantorial music
Canzonas (Instrumental music)
Canzonets (Part songs)
Capriccios (Music)
Carnival music
Carols
Celtic music
Chamber music
Chaconnes
Chants
Chorale preludes
Chorales
Choros
Chorus scores
Christmas music
Circus music
Clausulas (Songs)
Clog dance music
Compline music
Communion service music
Concert etudes
Concertos
Concerti grossi
Conductus
Congadas (Music)
Contrafacta
Coronation music
Corpus Christi Festival music
Cotillions (Music)
Country-dances (Music)
Courantes (Music)
Court dances (Music)
Csárdás (Music)
Cumulative songs

D

Dance music
Dialogues (Music)
Dirges (Music)
Divine Office (Music)
Dixieland music
Dramatic music

Drinking songs
Drum circles
Dumky (Art music)

E

Easter music
Ecoissaises (Music)
Elegies (Music)
Ensaladas
Enumerative songs
Epic songs
Epiphany music
Erotic songs
Estampies (Music)
Evening service music
Event music
Exercise music

F

Falsobordone
Fakebooks (Music)
Fandangos (Music)
Fanfares
Fantasias (Music)
Feast of the Transfiguration music
Fight songs
Finales (Music)
Flamenco music
Folias (Music)
Folk dance music
Folk music
Folk-rock music
Folk songs
Foxtrots (Music)
Fraternity and sorority songs
Fugues
Functional music
Funeral music
Furiants (Music)

G

Galliards (Music)
Galops (Music)
Gavottes (Music)
Glees (Music)
Glitch music
Gospel music
Graduals (Chants)
Graduals (Service books)
Gregorian chants
Giustiniane (Villanelle)
Guarachas (Music)

H

Habaneras (Music)
High Holiday music
Hobo songs
Holy Week music
Hornpipes (Music)
Humorous music
Humorous songs
Hunting music
Hymn tunes

Hymnals

Hymns

I

Impromptus (Music)

Improvisations (Music)

In nomines (Music)

Incidental music

Instrumental settings

Intabulations

Interludes (Music)

Intermezzos (Instrumental music)

Introsits (Music)

J

Jazz

Jigs (Dance music)

Jingles (Advertising songs)

Jotas (Music)

K

Karaoke

Klezmer music

Krakowiaks (Music)

Kyriales

L

Ländler (Music)

Laude

Lauds (Music)

Lead sheets

Lenten music

Litanies (Music)

Lounge music

Love songs

Lullabies (Songs)

M

Madrigals (Music)

Mambos (Music)

Marches (Music)

Mariachi (Music)

Mashups (Music)

Masses

Mazurkas (Music)

Medleys (Music)

Methods (Music)

Merengues (Music)

Michaelmas music

Microtonal music

Military music

Milongas (Music)

Minnesang

Minstrel music

Minuets (Music)

Missals (Service books)

Mission music

Modern dance music

Monologues (Music)

Monophonic chansons

Motets

Motion picture music

Morning service music

Morris dances (Music)

Mouth music
Musical games
Musical parodies
Musical sketches
Musicals
Musique concrète

N

Narrative songs
Nocturnes (Music)
Nonsense songs
Notated music
Novelty songs

O

Obereks (Music)
Offertories (Music)
Old-time music
Open form music (musical compositions in which the sections are played in an order that is determined by the performers)
Operas
Oratorios
Organ masses
Organa
Orthros (Music)
Overtures

P

Pachangas (Music)
Pantomimes (Music)
Part books
Part songs
Parts (Music)
Pasillos (Music)
Paso dobles (Music)
Passacaglias
Passamezzos (Music)
Passepieds (Music)
Passover music
Pasticcios (Music)
Pastoral music
Pavans (Music)
Penitential psalms (Music)
Pentecost Festival music
Peyote songs
Piano scores
Pilgrimage music
Polkabilly music
Polka-mazurkas (Music)
Polkas (Music)
Polonaises (Music)
Polskas (Music)
Polyphonic chansons
Polyphonic Lieder
Popular music
Powwow songs
Preludes (Music)
Processionals (Service books)
Production music
Program music
Propers (Music)
Prosulas (Music)

Protest songs

Psalms (Music)

Q

Quadrilles (Music)

Quicksteps (Marches)

Quodlibets (Music)

R

Radio music

Radio operas

Ragtime music

Rappresentazioni sacre (Music)

Recorded accompaniments

Reels (Music)

Remixes (Music)

Reproaches (Chants)

Requiems

Responses (Music)

Revue

Rhapsodies (Music)

Ricercars

Rigaudons (Music)

Rockabilly music

Romances (Music)

Rondos

Rounds (Music)

Rumbas (Music)

S

Sabbath music

Sacred music

Salsa (Music)

Saltarellos (Music)

Sambas (Music)

Sarabandes (Music)

Sardanas (Music)

Satirical songs

Scat singing

Scherzos

Schottisches (Music)

Scores

Sea shanties

Seguidillas (Music)

Sequences (Music)

Sequentiaries (Service books)

Serenatas

Service books (Music)

Sevillanas (Music)

Shape-note hymnals

Sicilianas (Music)

Silent film music

Simplified editions (Music)

Singing commercials

Singing games

Sonatas

Song cycles

Songbooks

Songs

Songs without words (Instrumental music)

Sound effects recordings

Soundscapes (Music)

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Published on Yale University Library (<https://web.library.yale.edu>)

Spirituals (Songs)
Square dance music
Strathspeys (Music)
Studies (Music)
Suites
Swing (Music)
Symphonic poems
Symphonies

T

Tangos (Music)
Tap dance music
Tarantellas (Music)
Teaching pieces (Music)
Television music
Television operas
Tientos (Art music)
Toccatas
Tonadillas
Trinity Sunday music
Tropes (Music)
Tune books
Tyroliennes (Music)

U

V

Variations (Music)
Vaudeville songs
Vespers (Music)
Villanelle (Songs)
Villotte
Virelais (Formes fixes)
Vocal scores
Vocalises

W

Waulking songs
Waltzes (Music)
Wedding music
Western swing (Music)
Work songs

XYZ

Yodels
Yom Kippur music
Zamba (Music)
Zortzikos (Music)

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Links

- [1] <http://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music>
- [2] <http://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/marc-tagging>
- [3] http://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/resource/resmgr/BCC_Genre_Form_Task_Force/Hierarchy1506.pdf
- [4] <http://classificationweb.net/>
- [5] <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/genreForms.html>
- [6] <http://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/formofwork>
- [7] <https://cmc.blog.musiclibraryassoc.org/documents/best-practices-for-using-lcgft-for-music-resources/>
- [8] <http://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/music/MARC380>
- [9] <http://www.oclc.org/bibformats/en/6xx/655.html>