

A-R Online Music Anthology Guidelines for Articles

Writing Style

- The articles should use lively, engaging prose.
 - Use active voice and full sentences.
 - Engage your readers by avoiding clichés and jargon.
 - Avoid overstatement, especially current expressions that are almost meaningless through overuse.
 - Incredible and incredibly, like very, are meaningless
 - Be as specific as possible as you explore the ideas for your readers
 - Aim for a compelling prose narrative on your topic
 - Have good thesis/topic sentences that present problems you will explore and solve for the read.
 - Instead of a blasé “The Rococo started in 17XX and continued to...,” engage the readers with “When it comes to the Rococo style, it is difficult to establish a specific date when the style shift. As early as...”
 - Avoid tautologies and unnecessary word repetition
 - Use search tools to find words and phrases you sense recur too often, and revise as necessary to vary your expressions for your readers.
- Use full sentences
 - Avoid stringing thoughts together with em-dashes and ellipses.
- Voice and Tense
 - Do not mix voices in your prose, and keep the writing in the third person.
 - For example:
 - Instead of “When you open a score of Mozart’s Mass, it...” rephrase as, “A close reading of Mozart’s score shows...”
 - Instead of “We refer to this process as...” write, “The common term for this process is...”
 - Avoid passive voice and limit the use of the subjunctive.
- For the overviews, provide as comprehensive a discussion as possible, akin to some of the comparable articles in Grove Online. Yet go beyond conventional encyclopedia-style writing to create fresh, engaging, lively narratives faculty and students will point out as models for writing assignments.

Deadlines

- Please plan to meet the agreed-upon deadline.
 - Outline your article, and prepare a timetable for finishing each planned section
 - When you sense it might take longer than planned, contact your editor right away.
- Articles must be complete when submitted:
 - No sections should be marked as in preparation or to come
 - Tables and other illustrative material must be submitted with the text
- If you want feedback on ideas or sections of an article in process, contact the editor in advance. Do not wait until the article is due.

Using the Guidelines

- The Guidelines point to some of the important elements for the article. They are not a replacement for the *Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Please note that the Guidelines are for the Online Music Anthology. Specifics may differ for other publications.
- Likewise, as useful as other publishing experiences may be, focus on the needs of this one, which is a set of articles intended primarily for undergraduate music history and music theory courses.

Formatting

- Plan for a standard US 8-1/2 x 11 page
 - Font: Default text Times-Roman, 12-point, black
 - Margins: One-inch margins
 - Justification: Set to left-justified (not full justification) and spacing set to single.
 - Avoid:
 - Color: Do not use color in the text to avoid conflicts with tracked changes.
 - Headers: Do not add headers and footers in the file.
 - Pagination: Do not set page numbers.
 - Watermarks: Do not add your own watermarks to the file.
 - Security: Do not set security for your file.
- Plan for web presentation, and so use minimal text formatting:
 - Subheads/Section Designations
 - See the live articles for some useful models.
 - Consult your editor when questions arise.
 - Emphasis:
 - Use italics for emphasis, not underline.
 - Do not show emphasis by using bold interchangeably with italics
 - Paragraphs
 - Instead of paragraph indents, separate paragraphs with two hard returns
 - Indents
 - Avoid tabs and other indents. Instead, use line breaks or, when appropriate, unnumbered or numbered lists.
 - Links: Include explicit instructions about the navigation when links occur
 - Link out to the Internet by connecting a word or phrase to a URL
 - Under the “Insert” menu in Word, “Insert Hyperlink” is the best way to do this. Test hyperlinks before submitting files. If sites require logins, indicate that in parentheses after the hyperlink:
 - [A-R Online Music Anthology](#) (login required for full functionality)
 - When in doubt, leave the linking for later by using the following form:
 - [link] this word or phrase [to this URL:
<http://domain/section/itemlhtml>] (the formatting is not a grammatical reference: leave spaces after and before the latter set of brackets to facilitate creating the hyperlink)
 - Test all links before submitting your manuscript
 - Use various browsers to verify that the links work.

- Numeric Ranges
 - Use the Chicago Manual of Style for numeric ranges:
 - Pages: Use American style
 - For example, pages 113 to 134 becomes 113–34 (use the en-dash)
 - Dates also require the en-dash
 - For example, 1685–1750
 - Measure numbers
 - Use en-dashes with ranges of measure numbers.
 - Double-dash expressions
 - Avoid expressions with double-dashes, and use instead parentheses. If you need to use dashes, the em-dash (with not surrounding spaces) must be used.
 - For examples. When J. S. Bach (1685–1750) and G. F. Handel (1685–1759)—to cite two examples—composed their Passions.... (here the proliferation of parentheses makes the em-dash useful).
- Pitch names
 - Use standard pitch designations with pitches.
 - Hyphenate compound pitch names
 - For example, A-flat, C-sharp, F-natural
 - For pitch sets that occur at different pitch levels, set all in capital letters and separate with en-dashes
 - For example, F–E–F–D or B-flat–A–C-sharp–D
- Roman Numerals
 - Do not use Roman numerals for unless they are part of a unique title.
 - For movements, use movement 1 or refer to it as the first movement.
 - Do not use movement I or I. movement
 - For lists of items, like characteristics, use Arabic numerals
 - For example, characteristics include (1) key; (2) mode; and (3) range.
- Titles of Works
 - In general, follow the recommendation in the *Chicago Manual of Style*.
 - Use original titles and, as appropriate, add the familiar or translated titles in brackets
 - *Così fan tutte* [So do they all, 1791]
 - Note: for bracketed material, keep all in the same set of brackets, rather than presenting a series of several sets of bracketed information.
 - Orthography for Opus and Number
 - Use lower case for number
 - Symphony no. 9
 - Use upper case for Opus
 - Beethoven's Sonata no. 8, Op. 13
 - Haydn's Quartets, Op. 76, nos. 1–6
 - Be careful in the order of Opus and number and, when questions arise, defer to *Grove*.

- For composers whose works usually include a catalog number, use the number with the first reference to the work.
 - Thus, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, K. 527, was..... Later, *Don Giovanni* became....
- The Eponymous Number Symphony
 - Avoid naming a symphony by its number.
 - For example, use Beethoven, Symphony no. 5 or Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.
 - Do not refer to that work as the Beethoven Fifth
 - Do not call a work simply by an ordinal:
 - Calling a work simply the Ninth is insufficient in our articles.
- Sources and Sigla
 - When citing sources use the full source reference the first time and include the standard siglum in parentheses afterward.
 - For example, the first reference would be explicit for Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, MS fonds français 9346 ("Bayeux") [P-BN MS fr. 9346 ("Bayeux")], and subsequent citations would use the version found in brackets.
 - RISM sigla are available online at this link:
 - <http://www.rism.info/en/community/development/rism-sigla-catalogue.html>
 - The link is updated periodically, and it's useful to refresh it.
- Footnotes
 - Prepare footnotes, format in Word, with citations matching the current edition of the *Chicago Manual of Style*.
 - Online references
 - We will not use "last accessed" information
 - We will review the links regularly and request updated information for any that have changed. If an item is taken off-line, but important, we may need to discuss access to it.
- **Voice Names**
 - Use standard orthography with voice names, like cantus, discantus, etc. and do not capitalize
 - When questions arise, contact the editor.

Length / Word Count

- Word count: Plan for 4000–6000 words of text per article for the Surveys, Genre/Form, Music Theory sections (excluding bibliographies)
 - Antiquity and the Twenty-first Century can be shorter (around 2000 words).
- Composer and Work articles should be approximately 2500–3000 words (excluding bibliographies).
- Pedagogy and Special Topics articles will vary in length, with word lengths for Commentaries handled separately.

Article Structure

- Use the following format:
 - Define the period [about 500 words]
 - Use the conventional time designations and acknowledge any ambiguity that might occur
 - Summarize the style features [approximately 3000 words]
 - Identify at least four main features of the era and list them;
 - List these under the subhead “Main Features”
 - Then discuss each of them in its own paragraph in the order listed
 - Include critical musical concepts of each feature
 - With four features, make each paragraph about 750 words in length and provide a short subhead for each.
 - For example, if you included the extended harmonic vocabulary as a feature of the nineteenth century, use Extended Harmonic Vocabulary as the subhead
 - Include references to important figures and significant works, as needed
 - Concluding paragraph [about 250 words]
 - Summarize the era in a single, concise paragraph.
 - Include a list of subsections at the beginning of the file under the title
 - For example:

Music in Fin-de-siècle Vienna

[Sections:]

Introduction

Considerations of Style

Composers

Works

 Chamber

 Stage

 Concert Hall

Music Criticism

Conclusion: Fin-de-siècle Vienna and Musical Modernism

Introduction

The text begins here and continues until the author adds another section heading, and then proceeds with the discussion.

Examples

Examples may be included in the text and should follow these criteria:

- As much as possible, use examples derived from the A-R Online Music Anthology
 - Save the example with a unique name, and provide a caption that includes the full online file on which it is based.
- Use the permalink in your caption.

Example 1. This example is based on Liszt's *Nuages gris* (A-R Online Music Anthology: http://www.armusicanthology.com/anthology/?music_id=450).

Depending on the browser and the search used, you might need to edit the URL you find online, so that matches the style above. For example, if Schubert's *Prometheus* is at the following URL

http://www.armusicanthology.com/anthology/AdvancedSearchMA.aspx?music_id=462&composer=schubert&title=&period=&genre=&nationality=&language=0
use:

http://www.armusicanthology.com/anthology/?music_id=462

[Be sure to test the link after you've edited it.](#)

- Provide all examples as PDF files, and indicate the placement in the body of the text.
 - For example, ...as shown in this example: [insert example1.pdf at the end of this paragraph]

Bibliography / References

- Bibliography
 - Print Sources
 - Include at least 10 items
 - Give the full bibliographic citation consistent with Chicago Manual of Style formatting
 - For some practical examples, please consult the latest edition of Turabian.
 - Include articles, books, and book chapters
 - Include WorldCat details (if you do not already have a login for it, www.worldcat.org offers free logins) for each item
 - An example of an item would be:
 - Brown, A. Peter. *The First Golden Age of the Viennese Symphony: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert*. Bloomington, Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 2002.
WorldCat:
http://www.worldcat.org/title/first-golden-age-of-the-viennese-symphony-haydn-mozart-beethoven-and-schubert/oclc/40251400&referer=brief_results
 - Online Sources
 - Kinds of sources
 - Online articles
 - Websites
 - Facsimiles online
 - Source materials online
 - Number of items
 - Include at least 10 items
 - If more than 10 items are needed, divide into sections with subheads
 - Formatting
 - Include complete URLs
 - If a site requires login/password or charges for access, please indicate, for example:
 - A-R Online Music Anthology (www.armusicanthology.com)
Login required for full viewing and print (free to registered instructors, \$50 for students (subscription information at the site)
OR
“Baroque Music”: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baroque_music
Open access; note the graphic “Timeline of Baroque Composers”
 - Annotations: If you feel compelled to do so, you may include concise annotations in the Bibliography, especially for the Online Sources.

Music List

The Music List appears after the bibliography.

- Identify approximately 10 (at least 5, but no more than 15) significant pieces of music for this era [this will be useful later in this resources for discussions of major composers and important pieces].
 - Start with the pieces you cite in your article.
 - Include WorldCat links for all items.
- If the number of pieces exceeds 15, use subheads to organize the items for the readers. As simple as they are, designations like “Vocal Music” and “Instrumental Music” will add focus to long lists.

Select Discography

For some articles, include a discography.

- The discography should include WorldCat links for all items.
- If tracks or pieces are available, include URLs and make certain to test them.
- If the URLs are at sites that require payment, annotate the items to inform the users.