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**The Pocket Guide to Opera** Anna Selby 2011-06-13 Everything you need to know about opera in one handy guide. Part of our best-selling Pocket Guide series, The Pocket Guide to Opera contains A-Z synopses of operas and biographies of the characters, lyricists and composers. The book features the history of opera, setting it in the context of its day and discussing the influence of world events and influences such as the Freemasons and the composers patrons. With factboxes highlighting surprising, little known and often quirky operatic facts, this fascinating book is a must-buy guide for everyone who loves opera.

*Musicians and Composers of the 20th Century* Alfred William Cramer 2009 Benny Goodman, Dizzy Gillespie, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain...these are the people who helped shape the history of music. Their stories and others are told in *Musicians and Composers of the 20th Century*. This five volume set offers biographical and critical essays on over 600 musicians in just about every genre imaginable, from Accordion Players to Musical Theater Composers to World Music, and everything in between.

**The Opera of the Twentieth Century** William Schoell 2006-07-05 In the late 1500s in Florence, aristocrats of the Renaissance renovated classical Greek dramas into dramatic musicals and gave birth to the first operas. After centuries of transformation, the opera is still appreciated as a historically dynamic paradigm of the fine arts. Composers of the twentieth century have worked hard to fashion a voice distinct from the romantic composers of the nineteenth century and the traditions that preceded them, and this volume explores the extent of their success. Beginning with a thorough introduction to the history of operatic forms and transformation, this book presents a comprehensive discussion of twentieth century opera. Giving ear to many composers and many styles--romantic and modern and assorted variations--the discussion includes such globally renowned composers as Strauss, Puccini, Prokofiev and Mascagni, as well as the esoteric works of less famous composers. Spanning as it does from Puccini's *Tosca* and Charpentier's *Louise* to Heggie's *Dead Man Walking* and Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles*, twentieth century operatic form has something for every taste. The discussion is therefore structured chronologically and directed at exploring this complex diversity and ingenuity of twentieth-century styles. Examples from across the globe and firsthand commentary from contemporary operatic professionals complement the discussion. Concluding chapters comment upon the operatic presence in the twenty-first century and the future of operatic forms.

**The New York Times Book of the Dead** William McDonald 2016-10-18 The obituary page of The New

York Times is a celebration of extraordinary lives. This groundbreaking book includes 300 of the most important and fascinating obituaries the Times has ever published. The obituary page is the section many readers first turn to not only see who died, but to read some of the most inspiring, insightful, often funny, and elegantly written stories celebrating the lives of the men and women who have influenced our world. William McDonald, The Times' obituary editor who was recently featured in the award-winning documentary *Obit*, selected 320 of the most important and influential obits from the newspaper's archives. In chapters like "Stage and Screen," "Titans of Business," "The Notorious," "Scientists and Healers," "Athletes," and "American Leaders," the entries include a wide variety of newsmakers from the last century and a half, including Annie Oakley, Theodore Roosevelt, Joseph Stalin, Marilyn Monroe, Coco Chanel, Malcolm X, Jackie Robinson and Prince.

*Talking Book Topics 2000* Includes audio versions, and annual title-author index.

**The Definitive Diva** John Louis DiGaetani 2021-08-18 Maria Callas was, perhaps, the greatest opera singer of the 20th century. Hers was a life lived on the world stage, and her fame extended to the public consciousness of many parts of the world. Even after her mysterious death in 1977, her singing and acting continue to thrill new generations of opera fans thanks to her many recordings and her fascinating life. This new biography of Callas tells her story from difficult beginnings as the daughter of Greek immigrants to New York City in 1923 to her wonderful performances at La Scala, Covent Garden, and the Metropolitan Opera. Callas was quite a diva and a master at creating a captivating public image. She also became notorious because of her very public affair with Aristotle Onassis, the wealthy ship-owner who left Callas to marry Jacqueline Kennedy.

**International Opera Collector** 1997

**Bibliographic Guide to Music** New York Public Library. Music Division 1997

*Vincenzo Bellini* Stephen Willier 2009-09-10 This comprehensive bibliography and research guide details all the works currently available on Vincenzo Bellini, the Italian opera composer best known for his work *Norma*, which is still regularly performed today at Covent Garden and by regional opera companies. 2001, the bicentennial anniversary of Bellini's death, saw several concerts and recordings of his work, raising his academic profile. This volume aims to meet the research needs of all students of Bellini in particular.

*Vision Fugitive* Carole Woods 1998 This biography of Australian baritone, David Allen, focuses on his career. Tells of his musical success in Australia, his studies in Italy under the Italian baritone Mario Basiola, his performances with the Royal Opera Covent Garden and his death in an accident at the age of 35. Includes references and an index.

Women in Music Karin Pendle 2005-09-19 First published in 2006. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an Informa company.

*American Book Publishing Record* 1997-09

**The Best Books for Academic Libraries: Music & fine arts** 2002 Books recommended for undergraduate and college libraries listed by Library of Congress Classification Numbers.

**The Opera Stage of Sarah Caldwell** Kristina Bendikas 2020-05-14 Sarah Caldwell, the leader of the

Opera Company of Boston from 1958-1990, was a groundbreaking and idiosyncratic woman who established her own career as a conductor and stage director in an environment resistant to change. This book investigates her choices as an opera director, her influences, her philosophies, and her methods, and situates her work within the history of opera in America. Though she is remembered primarily as a conductor, her passion, and her greater influence on American opera, was through stage directing. With a repertoire that included ground-breaking interpretations of works such as Nono's *Intolleranza 1960*, Prokofiev's *War and Peace*, and Bernstein's *Mass*, Caldwell continually pushed her own artistic limits, provoked critics, intrigued audiences, and challenged the status quo of opera production. Her passion for opera, her creative use of new technology and her influence in bringing opera to all sectors of American society, culminated in 1997 when she was awarded the National Medal of Arts for her work as a pioneering woman in the American musical landscape, and a tireless and innovative arts entrepreneur.

*Maria Callas* Anne Edwards 2017-11-28 Maria Callas continues to mesmerize us decades after her death, not only because she was indisputably the greatest opera diva of the 20th century, but also because both her life and death were shrouded in a Machiavellian web of scandal, mystery and deception. Now Anne Edwards, well known for her revealing and insightful biographies of some of the world's most noted women, tells the intimate story of Maria Callas—her loves, her life, and her music, revealing the true woman behind the headlines, gossip and speculation. The second daughter of Greek immigrant parents, Maria found herself in the grasp of an overwhelmingly ambitious mother who took her away from her native New York and the father she loved, to a Greece on the eve of the Second World War. From there, we learn of the hardships, loves and triumphs Maria experienced in her professional and personal life. We are introduced to the men who marked Callas forever—Luchino Visconti, the brilliant homosexual director who she loved hopelessly, Giovanni Battista Meneghini, the husband thirty years her senior who used her for his own ambitions, as had her mother, and Aristotle Onassis, who put an end to their historic love affair by discarding her for the widowed Jacqueline Kennedy. Throughout her life, Callas waged a constant battle with her weight, a battle she eventually won, transforming herself from an ugly duckling into the slim and glamorous diva who transformed opera forever, whose recordings are legend, and whose life is the stuff of which tabloids are made. Anne Edwards goes deeper than previous biographies of Maria Callas have dared. She draws upon intensive research to refute the story of Callas's "mystery child" by Onassis, and she reveals the true circumstances of the years preceding Callas's death, including the deception perpetrated by her close and trusted friend. As in her portraits of other brilliant, star-crossed women, Edwards brings Maria Callas—the intimate Callas—alive.

**Difficult Rhythm** Michelle Fillion 2010 *Difficult Rhythm* examines E. M. Forster's irrepressible interest in music, providing plentiful examples of how the eminent British author's fiction resonates with music. Musicologist Michelle Fillion analyzes his critical writings, short stories, and novels, including *A Room with a View*, which alludes to Beethoven, Wagner, and Schumann, and *Howards End*, which explicitly alerts readers how fiction can adopt musical forms and ideas. This volume also includes, for the first time in print, Forster's notes on Beethoven's piano sonatas. Documenting his knowledge of music, his musical favorites and friends, and his attitudes toward various composers, performances, and competing musical theories, this engaging book traces the musical influences of luminaries such as Wagner, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Britten on Forster's life and work.

*Who's who in Australia* 2007

[The Obits](#) 2012 William McDonald 2011-01-01 Obituaries published in the New York times of notable individuals who died from August 2010 through July 2011.

*The Grove Book of Opera Singers* Laura Williams Macy 2008 Spanning from the birth of opera to the present day, a comprehensive musical reference features biographical profiles of more than 1,500 singers, alphabetically organized for easy access, that range from Marian Anderson to Benedict Zak, with basic biographical data, vocal style, memorable roles, and assessment of their place in operatic history for each.

**Encyclopedia of Music in the 20th Century** Lol Henderson 2014-01-27 The Encyclopedia of Music in the 20th Century is an alphabetically arranged encyclopedia of all aspects of music in various parts of the world during the 20th century. It covers the major musical styles--concert music, jazz, pop, rock, etc., and such key genres as opera, orchestral music, be-bop, blues, country, etc. Articles on individuals provide biographical information on their life and works, and explore the contribution each has made in the field. Illustrated and fully cross-referenced, the Encyclopedia of Music in the 20th Century also provides Suggested Listening and Further Reading information. A good first point of reference for students, librarians, and music scholars--as well as for the general reader.

Book Review Digest 1998

**Encyclopedia of Life Writing** Margaretta Jolly 2013-12-04 First published in 2001. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

**Music in the 20th Century (3 Vol Set)** Dave DiMartino 2016-04-15 This is an examination of the crucial formative period of Chinese attitudes toward nuclear weapons, the immediate post-Hiroshima/Nagasaki period and the Korean War. It also provides an account of US actions and attitudes during this period and China's response.

**Music in the 20th Century** Hao Huang 1999 Contains over 160 articles that provide information about some of the most significant musical developments and performers of the twentieth century, covering genres, forms, technical advances, national styles, and individuals; arranged alphabetically from Abba to Genesis.

*Historical Dictionary of Opera* Scott L. Balthazar 2013-07-05 The information in the Historical Dictionary of Opera will help the reader identify central figures, works, concepts, and trends in the history of opera through selectively chosen entries that provide essential information and integrate that content within broad social or stylistic narratives. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 300 cross-referenced dictionary entries on important persons, composers, individual keystone operas, cities and terms. This book is a vital reference tool for students, teachers, and to all opera lovers, performers, and composers who seek information about the development of the genre.

**A Prima Donna's Progress** Joan Sutherland 1997 Traces the life and career of the Australian soprano, explains how she became an opera singer, and describes some of her most famous roles

Forthcoming Books Rose Army 1999-04

A Prima Donna's Progress Joan Sutherland 1997 Joan Sutherland describes the glamorous lifestyle of a great performer, as well as the arduous climb to the top and the hectic schedule once there that leaves little time for family and friends. Recalling her many encounters with other opera stars and musicians of our time, she takes the reader behind the scenes and brings the fascinating world of opera to life.

**Women in World History** Anne Commire 2002 "Locating information on women is difficult and the editors have done a fine job assembling and publishing information extant on individual women from many nations both living and dead. Because in some cases only birth, marriage, children, and death dates are known, the 10,000 articles vary in length according to the subject. If you haven't been able to answer reference questions on women, you need this set."--"Outstanding Reference Sources," American Libraries, May 2001.

**Covent Garden** Norman Lebrecht 2001 The turbulent story of one of Britain's most famous concert halls.

**Inventing Elsa Maxwell** Sam Staggs 2012-10-16 Traces the over-the-top life of the self-made society diva, providing coverage of such topics as her simple childhood in San Francisco, legendary parties, infamous feud with the Duchess of Windsor and achievements as a best-selling author. By the author of All About All About Eve. 25,000 first printing.

**The Literary Review** 1997

**Twentieth Century Opera** George Whitney Martin 1999 (Limelight). Martin provides a guide to opera that is sweeping in its scope, thorough in its detail, and authoritative in its commentary. He recalls a century of achievement in an art form that today enjoys unprecedented popularity and that has been generously enriched by challenging works in many cases yet to be fully recognized of the modern era.

Jan Rubes Ezra Schabas 2007 Jan Rubes has been a leading performer and director on film, stage, radio and TV and has a varied interest. He emigrated to Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1949 and was soon a leading bass in the Canadian Opera Company. He has performed throughout Canada and the US in countless solo recitals and appearances with symphony orchestras. With his wife, he developed Young People's Theatre in Toronto. A member of the Order of Canada, he holds two doctorates and has been both a national tennis champion as well as an important part of the history of performing arts in Canada. Clearly a man of many talents.

Wotan's Daughter Richard Harding Davis 2012 This title recounts the turbulent life and career of Marjorie Lawrence, one of Australia's most renowned opera stars. From humble beginnings in rural Victoria, Lawrence rose to become one of the pre-eminent Wagner singers of her generation, acclaimed in Europe and at the Metropolitan Opera in New York where she shared roles with Kirsten Flagstad.

**The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians** Stanley Sadie 2001 Search the electronic version for articles, bibliographies, biographies and contributors, by word or boolean operators to retrieve text, illustrations, and sound, or view links to related articles and other relevant third party sites. Other features include the ability to refine searches to specific subject areas, or to click through seamlessly to a cross reference. It includes hundreds of selected and classified links to musical sites around the world and a timetable of reviews and updates. This site currently contains over 29,499 articles and 20,374 biographies of composers, performers and writers of music.

*Cassette Books* Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 1978

**Library Journal** 1999

**The Library Journal** 1999 Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

**When London Calls** Stephen Alomes 1999-10-11 For thousands of young Australians the tearful dockside farewell was a rite of passage as they boarded ships bound for London. For some the journey was an extended holiday, but for many actors, painters, musicians, writers and journalists, leaving Australia seemed to be the only path to personal and professional fulfilment. This book, first published in 2000, is a collective biography of those people who found themselves categorised as expatriates - people such as Leo McKern, Dame Joan Sutherland, Barry Tuckwell, Don Banks, Phillip Knightley, John Pilger, Peter Porter, Richard Neville, Jill Neville and 'megastars' Barry Humphries, Germaine Greer and Clive James. The book tells of choices they made about career and country, yet it is also a cultural history that traces shifts in the complex relationship between Australia and Britain, as the supposed colonial backwater began to develop its own cultural identity.