

What's What in Titles of Classical Music... and beyond

A Dictionary of Titles by François Verschaeve

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What is the original title in German of Mozart's *A Little Night Music*? Who composed the music of *Evita*? And who was *Evita*? In *Concierto de Aranjuez* by Rodrigo, what is Aranjuez? What is *Mozartiana*? What does *Vangoghiana* refer to? And over 100 other titles ending in *...iana*? Who articulated the concept of *The Four Freedoms*? And what are they? And who wrote a piece about them? Name the muse of music... and of dance... and composers who used the names of these muses as titles. Who wrote the novel on which the musical *The Phantom of the Opera* is based? On which Shakespeare's play did Bernstein base his musical *West Side Story*?

From the many explanations, translations and cross-references included for many titles in a variety of languages, it is as much a multilingual reference as a musical dictionary.



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is much more than a "standard" repertoire of mostly Western classical music titles for the past five centuries. In a short paragraph for each title, entries may include its source, explanation or translation for foreign titles, name of composer, musical form, number or order of composition, movements, parts, key signature, opus number, catalogue number, year of composition or publication, additional comments or cross-references.

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*François' occupation
Is accurate translation.
And believe it, with music,
He's encyclopedic.*
Herbert Richard Anderson
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