



Orchestral Librarian

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8:15am



What does an orchestra librarian do?

- Printed music preparation
- Caretaker of ensemble's collection
- Musician resource

- Types
 - Opera
 - Ballet
 - Recording Studio



Who is an orchestral librarian?

- Musician
- No formal orchestral library training
- Passionate about music
- [MOLA definition](#)



MOLA

- Major Orchestra Librarians' Association
 - Founded in 1983
 - Communication
 - Unified voice with publishers
- <http://www.mola-inc.org>



With whom do we work?

- Conductor: determine edition
- Soloist: cuts?
- Personnel Manager: instrumentation
- Stage Manager: physical setup
- String Principals
- [Behind.Scenes.SOL.pdf](#)

Symphony Orchestra Institute, "Behind the Scenes:
A Roundtable," *Harmony* 9 (October 1999): 65.



Score Order

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- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Horn
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Percussion (keyboard, harp)



Find it

- Daniels, David. *Orchestral Music: A Handbook*, 3rd ed (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 1996).
- Educational Music Service
Music-in-Print CD (\$65 annual lease)
- Publisher's websites
 - [Boosey & Hawkes](#)
 - [G. Schirmer](#)
 - [Presser](#)



Prepare it

- Bowings
 - Principals decide
 - Violin I to Violin II to Viola to Cello to Bass
 - Transfer markings to section parts
 - [music.pdf](#)
- Measure #s
- Add cuts
- Errata


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“... no one really knows when things have been done correctly, but everyone knows when something is wrong.”
Ron Whitaker, librarian
Cleveland Orchestra


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● ● ● | Clean it

- Ivory/cream
- 10" x 13"
- 70# paper
- Micropore tape
- Colored white-out
- Post-its a-plenty!
- Straight-edge



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- Daily Offerings
- Prayer
- Words of Kindness

● ● ● | Copyright

- Rental vs. Public Domain
 - [Gasaway UNC Copyright Chart](#)
- Grand rights
- Synchronization license
- [Music Library Association Copyright Guide](#)



Audition ephemera

- How many symphonies did Haydn compose?
- What are the keys of the 9 Beethoven symphonies?
- Who is the rental agent for the Gershwin estate in the US?
- What works use the tenor tuba?



Laurie's Library Path

- Columbia River High School Band
- Boise Philharmonic
- Tanglewood Festival



http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/United_States/United_States_pos02.pdf



...and around the world!

Spoletto Festival
Spoletto, Italy

[ConSpoletto - Consorzio Operatori Turistici di Spoletto](#)



http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/europe/europe_ref_2003.jpg



Honolulu Symphony

- Joined orchestra in 1995 as Associate Principal Flute and Piccolo
- 4,000 set collection
- Several hourly assistants
- [Welcome to the Honolulu Symphony!](#)



Aspen Music Festival and School

- Head Librarian
- Staff of 4 orchestral and 1 chamber music librarian
- 9 week summer season
- Approximately 30 programs with nearly 20 different conductors
- [Photo Tour](#)



The Future

- [eStand Home](#)
- [Honolulu Symphony proposes cutbacks - The Honolulu Advertiser - Hawaii's Newspaper](#)
- [Montreal Symphony](#)



Indiana University School of Music

Performing Ensemble Music Coordinator

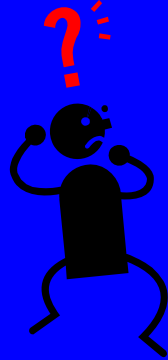
- [William and Gayle Cook Music Library](#)
- [Variations 3 Digitization Project](#)



Resources

- <http://www.orchestralibrary.com/>
- Girsberger, Russ. *Reference Materials for the Performance Music Library* (Boston: New England Conservatory, 2005). <http://web.simmons.edu/~morrow/ref2005.html>
- Holmes, Andrew S. *Classification of the Performance Library Within the Orchestra* (Madison, NJ: Drew University, 1998). <http://www.mola-inc.org/PressRoom/HolmesThesis.pdf>

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Mahalo!

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