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**Creating the Broadway Musical Libretto** Oxford University Press, USA

Although many opera dictionaries and encyclopedias are available, very few are devoted exclusively to operas in a single language. In this revised and expanded edition of *Operas in English: A Dictionary*, Margaret Ross Griffel brings up to date her original work on operas written specifically to an English text (including works both originally prepared in English, as well as English translations). Since its original publication in 1999, Griffel has added nearly 800 entries to the 4,300 from the original volume, covering the world of opera in the English language from 1634 through 2011. Listed alphabetically by letter, each opera entry includes alternative titles, if any; a full, descriptive title; the number of acts; the composer's name; the librettist's name, the original language of the libretto, and the original source of the text, with the source title; the date, place, and cast of the first performance; the date of composition, if it occurred substantially earlier than the premiere date; similar information for the first U.S. (including colonial) and British (i.e., in England, Scotland, or Wales) performances, where applicable; a brief plot summary; the main characters (names and vocal ranges, where known); some of the especially noteworthy numbers cited by name; comments on special musical problems, techniques, or other significant aspects; and other settings of the text, including non-English ones, and/or other operas involving the same story or characters (cross references are indicated by asterisks). Entries also include such information as first and critical editions of the score and libretto; a bibliography, ranging from scholarly studies to more informal journal articles and reviews; a discography; and information on video recordings. Griffel also includes four appendixes, a selective bibliography, and two indexes. The first appendix lists composers, their places and years of birth and death, and their operas included in the text as entries; the second does the same for librettists; the third records authors whose works inspired or were adapted for the librettos; and the fourth comprises a chronological listing of the A-Z entries, including as well as the date of first performance, the city of the premiere, the short title of the opera, and the composer. Griffel also include a main character index and an index of singers, conductors, producers, and other key figures.

**Tennessee Williams** Text Publishing

*Conversations with Dana Gioia* is the first collection of interviews with the internationally known poet and public intellectual, covering every stage of his busy, polymathic career. Dana Gioia (b. 1950) has made many contributions to contemporary

American literature and culture, including but not limited to crafting a personal poetic style suited to the age; leading the revival of rhyme, meter, and narrative through New Formalism; walloping the "intellectual ghetto" of American poetry through his epochal article "Can Poetry Matter?"; helping American poetry move forward by organizing influential conferences; providing public service and initiating nationwide arts projects such as Poetry Out Loud through his leadership of the National Endowment for the Arts; and editing twenty best-selling literary anthologies widely used in American classrooms. Taken together, the twenty-two collected interviews increase our understanding of Gioia's poetry and poetics, offer aesthetic pleasure in themselves, and provide a personal encounter with a writer who has made poetry matter. The book presents the actual voice of Dana Gioia, who speaks of his personal and creative life and articulates his unique vision of American culture and poetry.

*Opera in 3 Acts* Influence Publishers

In January 1856, Margaret Garner—an enslaved woman on a Kentucky plantation—ran with members of her family to the free state of Ohio. As slave catchers attempted to capture the fugitives in Cincinnati, Garner cut the throat of her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter to prevent her return to slavery. Toni Morrison first imaginatively treated Margaret Garner's infanticide in her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Beloved* (1987). In 2004, it became the subject of her libretto *Margaret Garner: Opera in Two Acts*, a lyrical text designed to be paired with music and sung operatically. Grammy Award-winning composer Richard Danielpour had tapped Morrison to write the libretto for his opera *Margaret Garner: A New American Opera*, which world premiered in Detroit in 2005. La Vinya Delois Jennings's edited volume records key events, debates, and critical assessments of Morrison's success with Garner's story as a libretto. It also includes essays by individuals who played central roles in bringing the opera to the stage and recovering Garner's story. The collection opens with a foreword by mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, for whom Danielpour composed the title role. The other contributors range from literary and opera scholars to specialists in American slavery studies and scholars of Toni Morrison's oeuvre. Their essays position her libretto within the African American operatic and libretto tradition, a tradition not fully known to performance scholars and heretofore unexamined.

**A Streetcar Named Desire** Hal Leonard Corporation  
 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.

*G. Schirmer American Aria Anthology* Scarecrow Press  
 Samuel Barber (1910-1981) is one of the most admired and honored American composers of the twentieth century. An unabashed Romantic, largely independent of worldwide trends and the avant-garde, he infused his works with poetic lyricism and gave tonal language and forms new vitality. His rich legacy includes every genre, including the famous *Adagio for Strings*, Knoxville: Summer of 1915, three concertos, a plethora of songs, and two operas, the Pulitzer prize-winning *Vanessa*, and *Antony and Cleopatra*, the commissioned work that opened the new Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center in 1966. Generously documented by letter, sketches, autograph manuscripts, and interviews with friends, colleagues, and performers with whom he worked, this ASCAP-Award winning book is still unquestionably the most authoritative biography on Barber, covering his entire career and interweaving the events of his life with his compositional process. This second edition benefits from many new discoveries, including a Violin Sonata recovered from an artist's estate, a diary Barber kept his seventeenth year, a trove of letters and manuscripts that were recovered from a suitcase found in a dumpster, documentation that dispels earlier myths about the composition of Barber's Violin Concerto, and research of scholars that was stimulated by Heyman's work. Barber's intimate relations are discussed when they bear on his creativity. A testament to the lasting significance of Romanticism, Samuel Barber stands as a model biography of an important musical figure.

*The Best Film I Never Made* Penguin

One of the greatest American dramatists of the 20th century, Tennessee Williams is known for his sensitive characterizations, poetic yet realistic writing, ironic humor, and depiction, of harsh realities in human relationship. His work is frequently included in high school and college curricula, and his plays are continually produced. *Critical Companion to Tennessee Williams* includes entries on all of Williams's major and minor works, including *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *The Glass Menagerie*, a novel, a collection of short stories, two poetry collections, and personal essays; places and events related to his works; major figures in his life; his literary influences; and issues in Williams scholarship and criticism. Appendixes include a complete list of Williams's works; a list of research libraries with significant Williams holdings; and a bibliography of primary and secondary sources.

*A Dictionary* McFarland

A continuous history of the play, *Streetcar named desire* in production from 1947 to 1998, with emphasis on the Broadway premiere.

**The Composer and His Music** Infobase Publishing  
 Discusses the writing of *A streetcar named Desire* by Tennessee

Williams. Includes critical essays on the work and a brief biography of the author.

[Historical Dictionary of Contemporary American Theater](#)  
University of Virginia Press

The dean of Broadway musical directors examines the dynamics of how the book, music and lyrics work together to create such hits as *My Fair Lady*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Hair*, *Pal Joey*, *West Side Story*, *Company*, *South Pacific*, *Threepenny Opera* and *Porgy and Bess*. Howard Kissel, chief theater critic for the *New York Daily News*, extends the reach of Engel's subjects by bringing them up to date with commentary on such shows as *A Chorus Line*, *Nine*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Rent*, *Working and Falsettos*. Kissel offers a thoughtful history on how musical theater has evolved in the three decades since Engel wrote *Words with Music* (1972) and how Engel's classic work remains vital and illuminating today.

*Opera* G Schirmer Incorporated

*Historical Dictionary of Contemporary American Theater* presents the plays and personages, movements and institutions, and cultural developments of the American stage from 1930 to 2010, a period of vast and almost continuous change. It covers the ever-changing history of the American theater with emphasis on major movements, persons, plays, and events. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, an extensive bibliography, and over 1,500 cross-referenced dictionary entries. This book is an excellent access point for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about the history of American theater.

[American Opera](#) G Schirmer, Incorporated

Tired of Tannhuser? Bored with Bohme? Then open your imagination to the unexpected pleasures of American opera. With this generous, accessible overview, Elise K. Kirk provides a lively history of one of America's liveliest arts. A treasure trove of information on a substantial, heretofore neglected repertoire, *American Opera* sketches musical traits and provides plot summaries, descriptions of sets and stagings, and biographical details on performers, composers, and librettists for more than 100 American operas, many of which have received unjustifiably scant attention since their premieres. From the spectacle and melodrama of William Dunlap's *Pizarro in Peru* (1800) and the pathos of Caryl Florio's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1882) to the chilling psychological drama of Jack Beeson's *Lizzie Borden* (1965) and the lyric elegance of John Corigliano's *The Ghosts of Versailles* (1991), opera in America displays the energy and diversity of the nation itself. Kirk shows that this rich, varied repertoire includes far more than familiar jewels such as *Porgy and Bess*, *Candide*, *Susannah*, and *The Consul*. Beginning with the English-influenced harlequinade of the revolutionary period, Kirk traces the development of comic opera, the rise of melodramatic romanticism, the emergence of American grand opera and verismo, and the explosion of eclectic forms that characterized American opera in the twentieth century. Devoting particular attention to the accomplishments of women and black composers and librettists, Kirk explores how American operas have incorporated indigenous elements such as jazz, popular song, folk music, Native American motifs, and Hollywood's cinematic techniques. She also discusses the impact of radio and television broadcasting on opera in America, the advent of opera workshops in universities, the integration of multimedia effects into recent

opera productions, and innovations such as co-commissioning and joint staging that have helped sustain American opera as federal support has declined. An engaging introduction for neophytes, *American Opera* also offers an array of welcome surprises for diehard opera fans.

*An Imagined Conspiracy* Prowler Press

*The Advocate* is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

*A Dictionary of Music Titles* Columbia University Press

Few writers have brought more of their life into their works than famed playwright Thomas Lanier "Tennessee" Williams III. His characters have often served as proxies for himself, his mother, and especially his tragically unstable sister, Rose, who many consider to be the inspiration for Williams's iconic female leads Blanche DuBois and Laura Wingfield. In this gripping new biography, Paul Ibell looks at Williams as a poet, playwright, brother, homosexual, alcoholic, drug addict, and, ultimately, a deeply passionate soul whose operatically intense plays were a vibrant reflection of life. Ibell discusses Williams's early plays that have become household names: *The Glass Menagerie*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. But he also rescues Williams's later works from critical obscurity, uncovering overlooked values in them. He explores the importance of Europe on the Southerner's imagination, following Williams and his companion—Gore Vidal—through holiday after holiday in Italy; and he looks, especially, at the theme for which Williams became most known: the power of sexual attraction and the tragedy of its loss when we—as we all must do—grow old. Punchy, accessible, and fabulously illuminating, this critical biography is a must-read for any admirer of American theater, literature, or the passionate lives of those who define them.

*The Advocate* GRIN Verlag

This entertaining collection of pieces from the acclaimed director of *Breaker Morant*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Mao's Last Dancer* features memoirs, brief lives and revealing accounts of the film world. Alongside unsung heroes from behind the camera and producers of dubious repute are Madeleine St John and Clive James, Margaret Olley and Jeffrey Smart, as well as a particularly seductive 1963 EH Holden—and Bruce Beresford's father, whose strange and startling decline in old age is charted in a brilliant, poignant essay. Opinionated, wry and engaging, *The Best Film I Never Made* will provoke and delight in equal measure. It is the ideal gift not only for cinema buffs but for anyone interested in music, art or literature. Bruce Beresford has directed more than two dozen films, including *Breaker Morant*, *Tender Mercies*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Black Robe*, *Double Jeopardy* and *Mao's Last Dancer*. He has directed *Rigoletto* for the Los Angeles Opera and *A Streetcar Named Desire* for Opera Australia, and is the author of *Josh Hartnett Definitely Wants to Do This*. He lives in Sydney. 'Beresford's style resembles the action of a veteran wrist-spinner. His technique looks loose, even effortless. His sentences drift along genially for a while, then suddenly bite the pitch and turn...He isn't merely smart by Hollywood standards. He is smart by any standard...In a world rife with philistines, he demonstrates that the best revenge is laughter, and living and working well.' Australian 'Beresford writes with skill and insight, humour.' *Otago Daily Times* 'This quirky collection of occasional writings from

2007 to 2017 paints a picture of a modest man with a curious mind...Beresford retains a wry sense of humour and an enjoyable willingness to share candid and unflattering details.' *Big Issue* 'A collection of warm, droll and often frank personal essays...An honest and reflective book.' *AU Review*

[G. Schirmer Opera Anthology](#) A Streetcar Named Desire

Two highly sexed gay men, old and intimate friends, write to each other over the course of a year. One is a musical director of the British National Opera, neurotic and liberal; the other is a Shakespeare scholar of aristocratic descent, staunchly conservative and currently teaching in San Diego. In between their tales of sexual shenanigans, they exchange chapters from an unpublished novel whose romantic idealism contrasts with the cynical camp egotism of their letters. A witty and ironic picture of British gay life set against the backdrop of the Thatcher years.

**A Streetcar Named Desire** Rowman & Littlefield

*100 Greatest American Plays* is the 1st book on the 100 greatest American, non-musical plays. Arranged alphabetically, each entry covers each play extensively including the plot, the production history, a summary of the critical reaction, its influence and long-range effects, cast lists of notable stage and film versions, and a playwright biography.

[The Tennessee Williams Encyclopedia](#) G Schirmer Incorporated

*A Streetcar Named Desire* G Schirmer, Incorporated

[Yearbook of the Encyclopedia Americana](#) Routledge

Winner of the ASCAP Nicolas Slonimsky Award for Outstanding Musical Biography The musical landscape of New York City and the United States of America would look quite different had it not been for William Schuman. *Orpheus in Manhattan*, a fully objective and comprehensive biography of Schuman, portrays a man who had a profound influence upon the artistic and political institutions of his day and beyond. Steve Swayne draws heavily upon Schuman's letters, writings, and manuscripts as well as unprecedented access to archival recordings and previously unknown correspondence. The winner of the first Pulitzer Prize in Music, Schuman composed music that is rhythmically febrile, harmonically pungent, melodically long-breathed, and timbrally brilliant, and Swayne offers an astute analysis of his work, including many unpublished music scores. Swayne also describes Schuman's role as president of the Juilliard School of Music and of Lincoln Center, tracing how he both expanded the boundaries of music education and championed the performing arts. Filled with new discoveries and revisions of the received historical narrative, *Orpheus in Manhattan* confirms Schuman as a major figure in America's musical life.

**Tenor** University of Illinois Press

*Opera: The Basics* offers an excellent introduction to four centuries of opera. Its easy to follow sections explore topics including: the origins of opera basic terminology the history of major opera genres including: serious opera, comic opera, semi-serious opera and vernacular opera. With key notes, discography and videography, this is the ideal book for students and interested listeners who want to learn more about this important musical genre.

[The Premiere Performances of Toni Morrison's Libretto](#) Salem Press Inc

Alphabetically arranged entries by expert contributors detail the life and work of one of America's greatest playwrights.

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