

### **What is an Art Song**

The musical genre of “Art Song” is broadly defined as poetry set to composed music, using classical instruments and voices. It is a broad category because poems vary in form, subject matter, language and style. And the composer, trying to enhance the poem’s meaning and emotion, can do almost anything. There are few rules and so there are all kinds of art songs. Poems and music come in all shapes and sizes, and so do art songs.

### **What is an Aria**

Arias are an opportunity to showcase one solo voice and to get to know what is going on in the mind of the character in the moment. Usually, when an aria starts the action of the plot stops. This is one of the great strengths of opera, there is time taken to let the audience into how the character feels and what they might do next. Arias have often been compared to soliloquies in Shakespearean plays. They can be while the character is alone wishing for their happy ending, it can be an opportunity for a character to show off in front of a crowd, or even a window into a character’s mind as they go mad.

### **What is Lieder**

Although there are many differences between Lieder and operatic pieces, the primary distinction lies in instrumentation and content. Lieder are typically more intimate pieces set for voice and piano, while operatic arias (vocal pieces) are set for full orchestra and voice to be performed on a stage. Further, Lieder are set to pre-written poems in German; however, composers of opera typically create their own lyrics.

### **What is a Musical Theatre Song**

Musical theatre is a form of theatrical performance that combines songs, spoken dialogue, acting and dance. The story and emotional content of a musical – humour, pathos, love and anger – are communicated through words, music, movement and technical aspects of the entertainment as an integrated whole.

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### **What is the definition of a Ballad**

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