WorldCat Discovery Display Preferences for Medium of Performance (382) subfields $e $r $t

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Background:

- This report was prepared in response to OCLC's request for recommendations on how to display the 382er$t. These MARC subfields were defined *after* the April 2015 "WorldCat Discovery Display Preferences for Medium of Performance" report from MOUG to OCLC.
- Survey was sent to MOUG-L, MLA-L, and OLAC-L and 42 responses gathered March 8-21, 2017.
- See http://musicoclcusers.org/resources/discovery-reference-collections/ for all MOUG discovery, reference, and collections resources and recommendations.

Summary

Summary recommendations:

- Display $e when value is greater than one. Enclose the number in parentheses. (i.e. treat same as $n).
- Display $r when value is greater than one. Precede with label "Total soloists:" (i.e. format like $s, except use the label "Total soloists:").
- Display $t when value is greater than one. Precede with label "Total ensembles:" (i.e. format like $s, except use the label "Total ensembles:").

Summary discussion:

- Follow existing precedents and display. There is some concern that displaying $r and $t unnecessarily clutters the display.

Detailed findings

$e Number of ensembles of the same type

- **Recommendation:** Display if value is greater than one. Enclose the number in parentheses (i.e. treat same as $n).
- Example:
  - 382 01 $b violin $n 2 $b viola $n 1 $b cello $n 1 $a string orchestra $e 2 $r 4 $t 2 $2 lcmpt
  - For violin (2); viola; cello; string orchestra (2). Total soloists: 4. Total ensembles: 2.
- Responses (42):

Display if value is greater than one. Enclose the number in parentheses (i.e. treat same as $n)	36 (85%)
Other (free text response; primarily variations on the theme such as using plural or writing out "two")	6 (14.3%)

$r Total number of individuals performing alongside ensembles

- **Recommendation:** Display if value is greater than one. Precede with label "Total soloists:" (i.e. format like $s, except use the label "Total soloists:").
- Example:
  - 382 01 $b female voice $n 3 $b male voice $n 3 $a solo vocal ensemble $e 1 $a orchestra $e 1 $r 6 $t 2 $2 lcmpt
  - For solo female voice (3); solo male voice (3); solo vocal ensemble; orchestra. Total soloists: 6. Total ensembles: 2.
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- Responses (42) – display?

Display if value is greater than one	32 (76.2%)
Do not display	8 (19%)
Other (free text response)	2 (4.8%)

- Responses (42) – label?

Total soloists	39 (92.9%)
Other (free text response; suggestions included "Number of soloists" and "Total soloists performing with ensembles")	3 (7.1%)

- **Discussion:** The majority favors display, though less strongly than for $e. Those against displaying commented that the display is getting overly cluttered. Those with reference responsibilities were less likely to recommend displaying $r. Only 70% of those with reference responsibilities said to display $r, vs. 82% of those without reference responsibilities.

$t Total number of ensembles

- **Recommendation:** Display if value is greater than one. Precede with label "Total ensembles:" (i.e. format like $s, except use the label "Total ensembles:").
- Example:
  - 382 01 $b female voice $n 3 $b male voice $n 3 $a solo vocal ensemble $e 1 $a orchestra $e 1 $r 6 $t 2 $2 lcmpt
  - For solo female voice (3); solo male voice (3); solo vocal ensemble; orchestra. Total soloists: 6. Total ensembles: 2.
- Responses (42) – display?

Display if value is greater than one	29 (69%)
Do not display	19 (23.8%)
Other (free text response)	3 (7.1%)

- Responses (42) – label?

Total ensembles	40 (95.2%)
Other (suggestions included "Number of soloists" and "Total soloists performing with ensembles")	2 (4.8%)

- **Discussion:** The majority favors display, though less strongly than for $e. Those against displaying commented that the display is getting overly cluttered. Those with reference responsibilities were slightly less likely to recommend displaying $t. Only 70% of those with reference responsibilities said to display $t, vs. 74% of those without reference responsibilities.