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The Australian Variety Theatre Archive is based almost exclusively on primary source research (using newspapers, magazines and first-hand accounts from the period 1850-1930). In accordance with the principles of scholarly or academic writing, which requires the researcher to document all evidence, the AVTA provides citations for much of the information presented. While the archive's format is based largely on the Modern Languages Association (MLA) style of documentation, some changes have been required in order to fit the online, digital format of this website.

The most obvious difference is the use of abbreviations. In the biographies (i.e. Practitioners) this is most commonly seen in the citations for **newspapers/magazines** which are surrounded by parentheses – for example (BC: 24 May 1889, 2). In this instance BC stands for *Brisbane Courier*.

In some sections (notably Works and Research Lists), the use of abbreviations also includes **theatres/venues** (e.g. S of A = School of Arts), **companies** (WGM = Williamson Garner and Musgrove), **places** (Newc = Newcastle, NSW), and **production/performance** details (M Dir = Music Director).

The most commonly used newspaper/magazine and reference abbreviations are:

A:	Age
AA:	Adelaide Advertiser
ARG:	Argus
AV:	Australian Variety
B:	Bulletin
BC:	Brisbane Courier
CTTA:	Companion to Theatre in Australia
E:	Everyone's
FN:	Fuller News
GR:	Green Room
NM:	Northern Miner (Charters Towers)
SMH:	Sydney Morning Herald
TBRS:	Truth (Brisbane)
TT:	The Theatre Magazine
WA:	West Australian

See Section 1 (below) for a comprehensive list of newspaper/magazine abbreviations



1. Newspapers, Magazines, Journals, Databases and Miscellaneous Sources

A:	Age	BCL:	Coburg and Brunswick Leader (Melbourne)
AA:	Adelaide Advertiser	BCRC:	Broadford Courier and Reedy Creek Times (Victoria)
AAA:	All About Australians	BENS:	Benalla Standard (Victoria)
A&R:	Advertiser and Register (Adelaide)	BFP:	Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal
AAWA:	Albany Advertiser (Western Australia)	BHBE:	Bunbury Herald and Blackwood Express (Western Australia)
ABCW:	ABC Weekly	BLV:	Bell's Life in Victoria
ABT:	Advocate (Burnie, Tasmania)	BLS:	Bell's Life in Sydney
ACAB:	American Composers Alliance Bulletin	BM:	Barrier Miner (Broken Hill)
ACPI:	Annotated Calendar of Plays Premiered in Australia 1850 - 1869	BME:	Bacchus Marsh Express (Victoria)
ACP2:	Annotated Calendar of Plays Premiered in Australia 1860 - 1890	BMEK:	Blue Mountains Echo (Katoomba, NSW)
ADB:	Australian Dictionary of Biography	BN:	Brisbane News
ADS:	Australasian Drama Studies	BRN:	Burrowa News (New South Wales)
ADW:	Advertiser (Wollongong, NSW)	BOF:	Bird of Freedom
AG:	Ashburton Guardian (New Zealand)	BOWSA:	Balmain Observer and Western Suburbs Advertiser (Sydney)
AHS:	Australian Historical Studies	BR:	Burra Record (South Australia)
AJ:	Australian, The (1824-1848 - aka The Australian Journal / Australian Daily Journal)	BRAU:	British Australasian
AJT:	Australian Jewish Times (aka Australian Jewish News)	BS:	Ballarat Star
ALS:	Australian Literary Studies	BWMT:	Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA)
AM:	Advocate (Melbourne)	BWN:	Burrowa News (New South Wales)
AMM:	Australian Monthly Magazine	C:	Colonist (Nelson, New Zealand)
AMND:	Australian Musical News Digest	CA:	Chronicle (Adelaide)
ANJ:	Australia National Journal	CAFA:	Cumberland Argus & Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW)
ARA:	Advertiser and Register (Adelaide)	CAP:	Capricornian (Rockhampton)
ARG:	Argus (Melbourne)	CATH:	Catholic Press (Sydney)
AROW:	Arrow (Sydney)	CC:	Camperdown Chronicle (Victoria)
AS:	Auckland Star (New Zealand)	CCL:	Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston)
ASA:	Australasian Stage Annual	CE:	Cessnock Examiner
ASE:	Aussie: The Australian Soldiers' Magazine	CESM:	Cessnock Eagle and South Maitland Recorder (NSW)
ASPP:	Australasian Sketcher with Pen and Pencil (Melbourne)	CEL:	Caulfield and Elsternwick Leader (Victoria)
AUS:	Australian	CH:	Colac Herald (Victoria)
AUSC:	Australasian Chronicle (Sydney)	CHOB:	Courier (Hobart)
AUSN:	Australasian (Melbourne)	CHT:	Clipper (Hobart)
AV:	Australian Variety / Australian Variety and Show World	CHV:	Camperdown Herald (Victoria)
AWW:	Australian Woman's Weekly	CL:	Coburg Leader (Victoria)
B:	Bulletin	CLSS:	Country Life Stock and Station Journal (Sydney)
BA:	Bendigo Advertiser	CM:	Courier Mail (Brisbane)
BAD:	Bush Advocate (Dannevirke, New Zealand)	CNBT:	Canberra Times
BALC:	Ballarat Courier (Victoria)	CNCA:	Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser (Nambour, Queensland)
BATOC:	Bairnsdale Advertiser and Tambo and Omeo Chronicle (Victoria)	CNZ:	Colonist (Nelson, New Zealand)
BBV:	Bendigonian (Bendigo, Victoria)	COL:	Colonist (Sydney)
BC:	Brisbane Courier	COS:	Cosmos Magazine (Sydney)
		CP:	Cairns Post

CQH:	Central Queensland Herald (Rockhampton)	HBH:	Hawke's Bay Herald (Napier, New Zealand)
CRE:	Clarence and Richmond Examiner (Grafton, New South Wales)	HC:	Clipper (Hobart)
CRT:	Critic (Adelaide)	HM:	Mercury (Hobart)
CSA:	CentreStage Australia	HSM:	Herald Sun (Melbourne)
CT:	Colonial Times (Hobart)	HUM:	Humbug
CTTA:	Companion to Theatre in Australia	HG:	Healesville Guardian (Victoria) aka Healesville and Yarra Glen Guardian
CWC:	Cornwall Chronicle (Launceston)	HNS:	Hawera and Normanby Star (New Zealand)
		HT:	Horsham Times (Victoria)
DAW:	Daily Advertiser (WaggaWagga)		
DHA:	Daily Herald (Adelaide)	IAN:	Illustrated Australian News for Home Readers (Melbourne)
DLMA:	Dubbo Liberal and Macquarie Advocate (NSW)	ICN:	Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth)
DM:	Daily Mirror (Sydney)	IF:	Independent (Footscray, Melbourne)
DMB:	Daily Mail (Brisbane)	IM:	Illawarra Mercury
DNP:	Daily News (Perth)	IMP:	Illustrated Melbourne Post
DNZ:	Dominion (New Zealand)	ISNS:	Illustrated Sydney News
DPAA:	Dictionary of Performing Arts in Australia (1996): - Vol 1. Theatre, Film and Television - Vol 2. Opera, Music and Dance	ISN:	Illustrated Sydney News
DSB:	Daily Sun (Brisbane)	JAS:	Journal of Australian Studies
DSTB:	Daily Standard (Brisbane)		
DT:	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	K:	Kosmos
DTM:	Daily Telegraph-Mirror (Sydney)	KRIJ:	Kiama Reporter and Illawarra Journal (NSW)
DTMB:	Daily Telegraph (Melbourne)	KWA:	Kalgoorlie Western Argus
		KM:	Kalgoorlie Miner
E:	Everyone's		
EM:	Examiner (Melbourne)	LA:	Launceston Advertiser
EMP:	Empire	LCC:	Cornwell Chronicle (Launceston)
EN:	Evening News (Sydney)	LE:	Launceston Examiner (1842-99). As the Examiner (1900-54)
EP:	Evening Post (Wellington, NZ)	LDR:	Leader (Melbourne)
		LH:	Lone Hand
FA:	Advertiser (Fitzroy, Melbourne)	LIVH:	Liverpool Herald (NSW)
FCP:	Fitzroy City Press (Melbourne)	LL:	Longreach Leader (Qld)
FH:	Fremantle Herald	LNQ:	Literature in North Queensland
FG:	Fremantle Gazette	LOR:	Lorgnette
FJ:	Freeman's Journal (Sydney)	LR:	Literary Review
FL:	Free Lance (Wellington, NZ)	LROA:	Lockhart Review and Oaklands Advertiser (NSW)
FN:	Fuller News	LS:	Lismore Star (NSW)
FR:	Financial Review		
FS:	Feilding Star (Feilding, New Zealand)	MA:	Mail (Adelaide)
FW:	Film Weekly	MALS:	Malvern Standard (Melbourne)
		MAR:	Margin
GA:	Geelong Advertiser	MB:	Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton)
GAI:	Geelong Advertiser and Intelligencer	MD:	Mosman Daily (Sydney)
GEPP:	Goulburn Evening Penny Post (NSW)		
GH:	Goulburn Herald (NSW)	MDA:	Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser (Victoria)
GN:	Geelong News	ME:	Marlborough Express (New Zealand)
GOA:	Graphic of Australia (Melbourne)	MF:	Music Forum
GRA:	Grey River Argus (Greymouth, New Zealand)	MG:	Mountain Gazette (NSW)
GT:	Gippsland Times		

MH:	Herald (Melbourne)	NZH:	New Zealand Herald
MHP:	Morning Herald (Perth)	NZT:	New Zealand Truth (Wellington, NZ)
MM:	Maitland Mercury		
MMHR:	Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser	O:	Overland
MOA:	Mirror of Australia, The (Sydney)	OBA:	Observer (Adelaide)
MP:	Melbourne Punch	OBS:	Observer (Auckland, NZ)
MRP:	Mirror (Perth)	OCAL:	Oxford Companion to Australian Literature (Ed. William Wilde et al)
MQ:	Meanjin Quarterly	OCAM:	Oxford Companion to Australian Music (Ed. Warren Bebbington)
MR:	Melbourne Report	ODT:	Otago Daily Times (Dunedin, NZ)
MRT:	Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts of New South Wales	OG:	Ohinemuri Gazette (Paeroa, New Zealand)
MS:	Melbourne Sun	OL:	Oakleigh Leader (Victoria)
MT:	Melbourne Times	OMA:	Ovens and Murray Advertiser (Victoria)
MUT:	Musical Times	OS:	On Stage (Victorian Theatres Trust)
MWH:	Manawatu Herald (Foxton, New Zealand)	OUT:	Outdoor Showman
MWS:	Manawatu Standard (Palmerston North, New Zealand)	OW:	Otago Witness (Dunedin, NZ)
MWT:	Manawatu Times (Palmerston North, New Zealand)		
		P:	People (Sydney)
N:	Nation	PA:	Parramatta Advertiser
NA:	Narrandra Argus	PAD:	People's Advocate
NAB:	National Advocate (Bathurst, NSW)	PAR:	Parade
NAEBT:	North Western Advocate and Emu Bay Times	PAUS:	Pictorial Australian
NAPAP:	Newsletter: An Australian Paper for Australian People (Sydney)	PBH:	Poverty Bay Herald (Gisborne, NZ)
NAW:	Northern Advocate (Whangarei, New Zealand)	PBT:	Petersberg Times (South Australia)
NR:	Nation Review	PENP:	Peninsula Post
NLAN:	National Library of Australia News	PG:	Portland Guardian (Victoria)
NAT:	National Times	PH:	Propeller (Hurstville, N.S.W.)
NEE:	North Eastern Ensign (Benalla, Vic)	PMG:	Pall Mall Gazette
NEM:	Nelson Evening Mail (New Zealand)	PNCH:	Punch (Sydney)
NET:	Nelson Evening Times (New Zealand)	PPP:	Port Phillip Patriot (Melbourne)
NEWS:	News (Adel)	PPRN:	Port Pirie Recorder and North Western Mail (South Australia)
NGDM:	New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians	PNZ:	Press (Christchurch, New Zealand)
NH:	Newcastle Herald	PT:	Prahan Telegraph (Melbourne)
NHW:	Northern Herald (Whangarei, New Zealand)	PTSA:	Petersburg Times (South Australia)
NHH:	Northern Herald (Herberton, Qld)	PXP:	Pix People
NLR:	New Literatures Review	PY:	Pioneer (Yorke town, South Australia)
NMA:	North Melbourne Advertiser		
NMH:	Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW)	Q:	Quadrant
NOT:	North Otago Times (Oamaru, NZ)	QA:	Queanbeyan Age (NSW) aka Queanbeyan Age and Queanbeyan Observer
NS:	Northern Star (Lismore, NSW)	QF:	Queensland Figaro
NSUN:	Newcastle Sun	QLR:	Queenslander
NSWE:	New South Wales Examiner	QSDA:	Queenscliff Sentinel, Drysdale, Portarlington and Sorrento Advertiser (Victoria)
NT:	Nepean Times (Penrith, NSW)		
NTA:	New Theatre Australia	R:	Referee (Sydney)
NTQ:	New Theatre Quarterly (England)	RA:	Register (Adelaide)
NTTG:	Northern Territory Times and Gazette	RH:	Riverine Herald (Echuca, Victoria)
NZF:	New Zealand Free Lance	RP:	Radio Pictorial

S:	Southerly	T:	Telegraph (Sydney)
SA:	Sunday Age	TA:	Theatre Australia
SAA:	South Australian Advertiser	TB:	Telegraph (Brisbane)
SAC:	South Australian Chronicle	TAA:	The Australian Author
SAD:	Saturday Advertiser, Timetable and New Zealand Literary Miscellany (Dunedin, NZ)	T&C:	Town and Country aka Australian Town and Country Journal
SAJ:	Sounds Australian Journal	TAUS:	Theatre Australasian
SAR:	South Australian Register	TBRs:	Truth (Brisbane)
SARG:	Singleton Argus	TBT:	Table Talk
SAV:	Shepparton Advertiser (Victoria)	TCH:	The Clipper (Hobart)
SB:	Sun (Brisbane)	TDB:	Townsville Daily Bulletin
SBAL:	Star (Ballarat)	TF:	24 Hours
SPDP:	Scrutineer and Berrima District Press (Moss Vale, New South Wales)	TG:	Theatregoer
SBMJ:	South Bourke and Mornington Journal (Victoria)	TH:	Theatre
SCAD:	Scone Advocate (NSW)	THA:	Thames Advertiser (New Zealand)
SCC:	Star, The (Christchurch, NZ)	THNP:	Taranaki Herald (New Plymouth, NZ)
SG:	Sporting Globe	THS:	Theatre History Studies
SGNA:	Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser	TIMA:	Time Australia
SH:	Sun Herald (Sydney)	TL:	Times (London)
SHM:	Sunday Herald (Melbourne)	TM:	Telegraph/Mirror (Sydney)
SHSM:	Sunday Herald-Sun (Melbourne)	TMA:	The Mail (Adelaide)
SJA:	Saturday Journal (Adelaide)	TMH:	Timaru Herald (New Zealand)
SLT:	Southland Times (Invercargill, NZ)	TN:	Theatre Notebook
SM:	Sunday Mail (Brisbane)	TNEW:	Theatre News
SMCA:	Sydney Monitor and Commercial Advertiser	TOS:	Times on Sunday (London)
SMH:	Sydney Morning Herald	TOWN:	Town Talk
SMNA:	Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser	TP:	The Player
SNBMA:	Sunbury News and Bulla and Melton Advertiser	TPER:	Truth (Perth)
SNP:	Sun News Pictorial	TRV:	Traralgon Record (Victoria)
SOM:	Star Observer (Melbourne)	TRI:	Triad
SP:	Sunday Press	TS:	TheatreScope
SQ:	Shakespearian Quarterly	TSR:	Thames Star (New Zealand)
SR:	Sydney Review	TSYD:	Truth (Sydney)
SS:	Sun (Sydney)	TT:	The Theatre (Sydney), aka The Theatre Magazine / Theatre, Society and Home
SSB:	Sunday Sun (Bris)	VASJ:	Victorian Artists Society Journal
SSL:	Sunday Sun (London)	W:	Westerly
SSM:	Sunday Sun (Melbourne)	WA:	West Australian
SSO:	Sydney Star Observer	WARG:	Weekly Argus (Melbourne)
ST:	Sunday Telegraph	WAST:	West Australian Sunday Times
STG:	Stage, The	WC:	Wanganui Chronicle (NZ)
STIN:	Southland Times (Invercargill, NZ)	WCB:	Western Champion (Barcaldine, Queensland) aka Western Champion and General Advertiser for the Central-Western Districts
STP:	Sunday Times (Perth)	WCT:	West Coast Times (Hokitika, NZ)
STS:	Sunday Times (Sydney)	WGC:	Wangaratta Chronicle (Victoria)
STHR:	Southern Review	WE&T:	Warwick Examiner and Times (Queensland)
STP:	Sunday Times (Perth) aka West Australian Sunday Times (1897-1902)	WH:	Wanganui Herald (NZ)
SW:	Smith's Weekly	WHB:	Western Herald (Bourke, NSW)
SYH:	Sydney Herald	WKA:	Warwick Argus (Queensland)
SYM:	Sydney Mail	WLWE:	World Literature Written In English
		WM:	Western Mail (Perth)
		WNS:	World's News (Sydney)
		WR:	Weekly Register

WRG:	Windsor and Richmond Gazette (NSW)	WW:	Wireless Weekly
WSRA:	Western Star and Roma Advertiser (Toowoomba, Qld)	WWA:	West Wyalong Advocate (NSW)
WTC:	Williamstown Chronicle (Victoria)	WWP:	Westralian Worker (Perth)
WTM:	Weekly Times (Melbourne)		
WTS:	Wodonga and Towong Sentinel (Victoria)	ZDH:	Zeehan and Dundas Herald (Tasmania)
WTAMG:	Wellington Times and Agricultural and Mining Gazette (Tasmania)		

2. Production/Performance Details

Adapt:	Adapted by
Add Lib:	Additional Libretto
Add Lyr:	Additional Lyrics
Add Mat:	Additional Material (libretto/music not specified)
Add Mus:	Additional Music
Add Txt:	Additional Text
[am]:	Amateur Production
B Mngr:	Business Manager
Choir Mast:	Choir Master
Chor:	Choreographer
Com Sc:	Comic Scenes Director (specific to late 19 th century productions)
Cond:	Conductor
Cost:	Costumes
Dir:	Director
[f/k]:	First known performance - premiere status unknown
Lse:	Lessee/Lesseees
Lib:	Libretto (the text written specifically for a musical, operetta, opera or pantomime)
Lig:	Lighting Operator
Lyr:	Lyrics
Mngr:	Manager(s)/management
M Dir:	Music Director
Mus:	Music
MusArr:	Music Arranger
[n/e]:	Details not established
n. pag:	No page number (page not established in referenced source)
n. yr:	No year of publication (year not established in referenced source)
Op:	Operator
OrchLdr:	Orchestra Leader
Pfm(s):	Performance / Performances
[pro/am]:	Combined Professional and Amateur
Prop:	Proprietor
Prpt:	Properties
S Art:	Scenic Art
S Mngr:	Stage Manager
S Des:	Sound Designer
T Mngr:	Tour Manger
Txt:	Text - author of any music theatre work (incl. play with music). Not used for opera, operetta, musical or pantomime.
v. pag:	Various pages (check index in referenced source)

3. Symbols

- ◆ No performance to date. Entry entered in the year the work was completed or published.
- * Performance reported but few or no details have been located (i.e.; venue but no date)
- # Publication details (text/libretto). Also includes archive/library which holds unpublished text.
- ♪ Publication details (musical score). Also includes archive/library which holds unpublished text.
- + Sound recording details (recording company and year)

4. Theatres/Venues

A of M:	Academy of Music
MH:	Music Hall e.g. Alhambra MH)
Nat Amph:	National Amphitheatre
NBT:	Newtown Bridge Theatre (Harry Clay)
Op House:	Opera House
Prot Hall:	Protestant Hall
S of A:	School of Arts
St Geo's Hall:	St George's Hall
Temp Hall:	Temperance Hall
TH:	Town Hall
Th:	Theatre (i.e. Theatre Royal)
Vic Hall / Theatre:	Victoria Hall or Victoria Theatre
YOEF:	Ye Olde Englysh Fayre (2 venues – Fremantle and Perth WA)

5. Companies, Troupes and Management Organisations

BTN:	Bridge Theatre (Newtown, Syd)
Cottier's PC:	Cottier's People's Concerts
DC&H	Delohery, Craydon and Holland
HHS&C:	Harwood, Hennings, Stewart and Coppin
Hiscocks' FM:	Hiscocks' Federal Minstrels
Hugo's BM:	Hugo's Buffalo Minstrels
JCW:	J. C. Williamson's Ltd
MS&B Co:	Minstrel, Specialty and Burlesque Company
W&M:	Williamson and Musgrove
WGM:	Williamson, Garner and Musgrove

6. Libraries, Performing Arts Museums and Archives

ANL:	Australian National Library (Canberra)
FHC:	Fryer/Hanger Collection, Fryer Library, U of Queensland
GM/UM	Granger Museum, University of Melbourne
NSWA:	New South Wales Archives
QPAM:	Queensland Performing Arts Museum
SL:	Stanton Library (North Sydney)
SLNSW:	State Library of New South Wales (incl. Mitchell Library)
SLQLD:	State Library of Queensland