

METALDATA

Heavy Metal Scholarship in the Music Department and the Music Library



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A Little About Us



Why Metal?

- Growing respect in scholarly and music communities
- Interdisciplinary
 - Music theory
 - Sociology
 - Music History
 - Ethnomusicology
 - Cultural studies
 - Religious studies
 - Psychology



What is Metal?

- “A term used since the early 1970s to designate a subgenre of hard rock music.... During the 1960s, British hard rock bands and the American guitarist Jimi Hendrix developed a more distorted guitar sound and heavier drums and bass that led to a separation of heavy metal from other blues-based rock. Albums by Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and Deep Purple in 1970 codified the new genre, which was marked by distorted guitar ‘power chords’, heavy riffs, wailing vocals and virtuosic solos by guitarists and drummers. During the 1970s performers such as AC/DC, Judas Priest, Kiss and Alice Cooper toured incessantly with elaborate stage shows, building a fan base for an internationally-successful style.” (Grove Music Online, “Heavy metal”)



Who Loves Metal? (Seriously??)



- “Heavy metal fans became known as ‘headbangers’ on account of the vigorous nodding motions that sometimes mark their appreciation of the music.” (Grove Music Online, “Heavy metal”)



Challenges

- Multiple sub-genres
 - What's the difference between speed metal and death metal, and does anyone really care? (The answer is YES!)
- Collection development
 - Are there standard things every library should have??
- Cataloging
 - The standard difficulties with cataloging popular music
- Reference
 - Do people even know you have this stuff?
 - And what did this person just ask me?



How Metal Stacks Up

- Library of Congress added first heavy metal recording for preservation March 2016: *Master of Puppets*
- Library of Congress: search for “heavy metal music” April 2017
 - 176 print resources - 25 published 1980s, 25 published 1990s, 125+ published 2000s
- Metal archives, including at UCLA and Cornell
- Entries in Grove Dictionary online for “heavy metal” and “thrash metal”
- WorldCat Local:
 - Search for “heavy metal music” April 2017 - almost 30,000 results
 - Search for “Ludwig van Beethoven” April 2017 - almost 230,000 results
 - Search for “klezmer music” April 2017 - almost 17,000 results





Getting Started

<https://sites.google.com/view/metaldatalibrary>



4 Basic Resources

- Walser, Robert. *Running with the Devil: Power, Gender, and Madness in Heavy Metal Music*, 2nd ed. Middletown, Connecticut: Wesleyan University Press, 2014.
- *The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years*. Video. Los Angeles: Shout! Factory, 2016 (originally released 1988).
- Black Sabbath. *Black Box: The Complete Original Black Sabbath, 1970-1978*. Burbank, California: Rhino/Warner Brothers, 2004.
- *Metal Music Studies*. Bristol: Intellect, 2014-present.



Subgenres of Metal (with intentional overlaps)

- Heavy
 - Black Sabbath, Judas Priest, Iron Maiden, “The Big Four”: Metallica, Megadeth, Slayer, Anthrax
- Progressive
 - Dream Theater, Symphony X, Fate’s Warning, Animals as Leaders
- Thrash/Speed
 - The Big Four, Exodus, Nuclear Assault
- Symphonic
 - Nightwish, Within Temptation, Epica
- Nu/Aggro
 - Korn, Deftones, Slipknot
- Groove
 - Pantera, King’s X, Exhorder, Machine Head
- Death
 - Cannibal Corpse, Death, Morbid Angel
- Doom
 - Black Sabbath, Katatonia, Candlemass
- Black
 - Mayhem, Celtic Frost, Emperor
- Drone
 - Sunn O))), Earth, Godflesh
- Experimental
 - Meshuggah, Voivod, Tool
- Hair
 - Guns N’ Roses, Mötley Crüe, Poison
- Theatrical
 - Kiss, Alice Cooper
- Industrial
 - Rammstein, Nine Inch Nails, Ministry
- Grindcore
 - Napalm Death, Pig Destroyer, Brutal Truth, Nasum
- Folk
 - Korpiklaani, Ensiferum, Turisas
- Stoner
 - Black Sabbath, Sleep, Cannabis Corpse
- Sludge
 - Eyehategod, Crowbar, Acid Bath
- Funk
 - Living Colour, King’s X, Fishbone, Rage Against the Machine
- Viking
 - Bathory, Enslaved, Burzum



Major Metal Bands/Musicians

First release in late 1960s-1970s	First release in 1980s	First release in 1990s	First release in 2000s	First release in 2010s
Black Sabbath	Metallica	Deftones	Sun O)))	Periphery
Deep Purple	Slayer	Korn	Decapitated	Tesseract
Judas Priest	Megadeth	System of a Down	Animals as Leaders	
Iron Maiden	Anthrax	Rage Against the Machine	Between the Buried and Me	
Motörhead	Meshuggah	Tool	Gojira	
AC/DC	Poison	Lamb of God	Mastodon	
	Nine Inch Nails			
	Pantera			
	Dream Theater			



10 Albums Every Library Should Own

- 1969. Led Zeppelin. *Led Zeppelin*. Atlantic.
- 1970. Black Sabbath. *Black Sabbath*. Vertigo/Warner Bros.
- 1976. Judas Priest. *Sad Wings of Destiny*. Gull.
- 1980. Iron Maiden. *Iron Maiden*. EMI/Harvest/Capitol.
- 1980. AC/DC. *Back in Black*. Albert/Atlantic.
- 1986. Metallica. *Master of Puppets*. Elektra.
- 1986. Slayer. *Reign in Blood*. Def Jam.
- 1990. Pantera. *Cowboys from Hell*. Atco.
- 1995. Meshuggah. *Destroy Erase Improve*. Nuclear Blast.
- 1996. Tool. *Aenima*. Zoo Entertainment.



And More

- Youtube
- <https://www.metal-archives.com/>
- <http://www.library.ucla.edu/special-collections/discover-collections/collecting-areas/lsc-heavy-metal-archive>
- <http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/EAD/htmldocs/RMM08031.html>
- <http://www.rollingstone.com/music/lists/the-100-greatest-metal-albums-of-all-time-w486923>
- <https://sites.google.com/view/metaldatalibrary>



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Searching for Metal: LCSH

- Heavy metal (Music)
 - “This heading is assigned to heavy metal music for two or more performers.” (LCSH)
 - Use for: Metal (Music)
 - Broader term: Rock music
 - “See also: headings for music of individual instruments followed by qualifier “(Heavy metal)”, e.g. **Electric guitar music (Heavy metal)**, and the subdivisions **Methods (Heavy metal)** and **Studies and exercises (Heavy metal)** under individual musical instruments and families of instruments” (LCSH)



Narrower Terms: LCSH

- Black metal (Music)
- Death metal (Music)
- Doom metal (Music)
- Electric guitar--Studies and exercises (Heavy metal)
- Extreme metal (Music)
- Guitar music (Heavy metal)
- Power metal (Music)



Narrower Terms: LCSH

- Alternative metal (Music)
 - Use for: Aggro-metal (Music), Nu-metal (Music)
- Electric guitar music (Heavy metal)
 - “Here are entered compositions in heavy metal style for solo electric guitar.” (LSCH)
- Progressive metal (Music)
 - Use for: Prog metal (Music)
- Sludge metal (Music)
 - Use for: Sludge (Music)
- Thrash metal (Music)
 - Use for: Speed metal (Music)
 - Narrower term: Grindcore (Music)

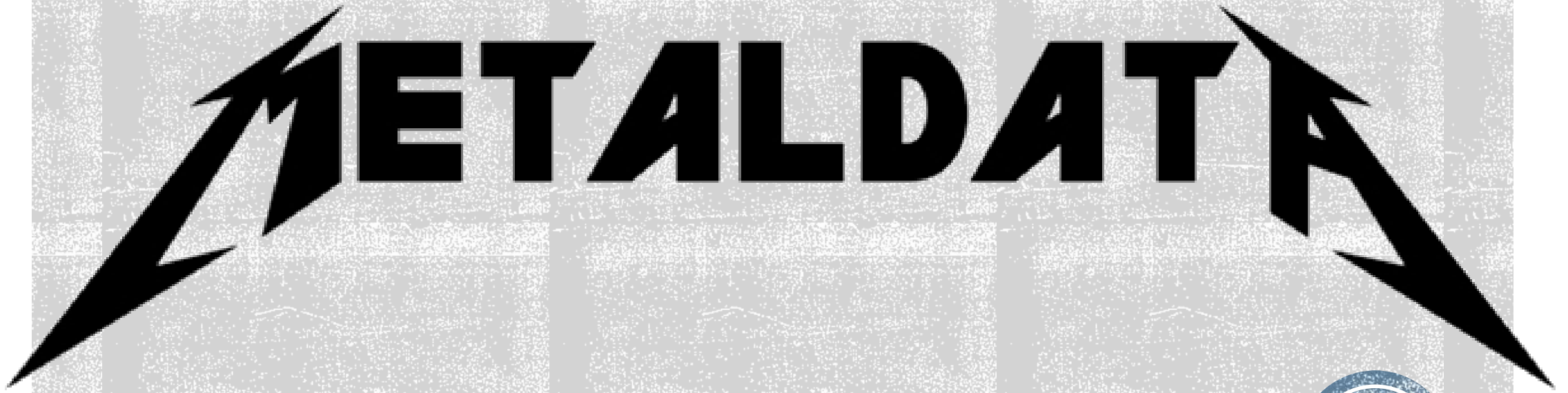


Metal In Your Library

- Start with the must-haves
- Realize that many articles, records, etc., are published by a wide variety of journals, companies, etc.
- Look at what others have
- Ask your faculty and students
- Try focusing on a specific genre, band, or time period to start
- Publicize your collection



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