

The following notes sum up discussions held by the Wikidata committee on September 4th, 2020. Upon validation by members of the committee, these notes will be added to the [WikiProject Performing Arts](#).

Notes on person properties

Revised version (after Committee #3)

image (P18), sex or gender (P21), country of citizenship (P27), occupation (P106), and date of birth (P569) are particularly important properties. They can help disambiguate homonym persons. They are also basic information frequently displayed in Wikipedia infoboxes and in search engines' knowledge cards.

If, for privacy matters, the full date of birth (P569) cannot be stated, then it is possible to only state the year of birth.

If the date of birth (P569) and/or the date of death (P570) are unknown (e.g. for historical persons), the properties work period (start) (P2031), floruit (P1317), and/or work period (end) (P2032) may be used instead.

Occupations, positions and roles are distinct work-related concepts, which can easily be confused:

- Occupations denote the kind of work usually performed by a person; and they are defined according to skills and education required for that work (see below);
- Positions denote an employment relationship or other contractual relationship between a person and an organization (see below);
- Roles denote contributions of persons to performing arts endeavours (works/productions or events). Roles should be stated in the item of the performing arts endeavour.

Only the main occupation(s) (i.e., the kind of work a person is most notorious for) need to be stated. One occupation can be enough.

Some occupations such as actors and directors are cross-domain occupations. Whenever a performing arts specific occupation seems appropriate for a given person, the performing arts subclass should be preferred over the cross-domain superclass. For example, [stage actor \(Q2259451\)](#) should be preferred over [actor \(Q33999\)](#).

A list of common occupations is provided in the typology tab.

Employment positions should be stated with the employer (P108) property. [employer \(P108\)](#) statements should be qualified with a start (and end) time.

The type of position held within the organization may be denoted with a position held (P39) qualifier. Notable (i.e. leadership) position values within performing arts organizations include: [artistic director \(Q1797162\)](#), [music director \(Q1198887\)](#), [general manager \(Q1210069\)](#) or [director general \(Q1501800\)](#) or [Administrative director \(Q64153444\)](#)?

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More properties for persons can be found in the [Template:Person properties](#).

Initial version (after committee #2)

Notes on properties for persons^[edit]

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- The family name should be provided as a separate [family name \(P734\)](#) statement (in addition to [First Name(s)] [Last Name(s)] in the label). This facilitates the alphabetical sorting of person items in lists.
- Only the main occupation(s) (i.e., those for which the person is most commonly known for) need to be listed. One occupation can be enough. If more than one occupation is stated, references should be provided.
- Whenever a performing arts specific occupation can be used for a given person, the subclass should be preferred over the superclass. For example, [stage actor \(Q2259451\)](#) should be preferred over [actor \(Q33999\)](#).
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