Repertoire/Role Study References for Singers
A representative list, compiled by the Music Entrepreneurship & Career Center, Updated, 10/15
Also see our Diction & Translation Resources for Singers

Opera

ONLINE
Aria Database
Opera America's Role Preparation Primer
Opera Glass
Guide to opera composers, synopses, history
Opera Scores via Indiana University Library

PRINT
Nico Castel Libretti Series (Leyerle, 2000-present)
Translations and IPA
Guide to the Aria Repertoire
Mark Ross Clark (Indiana Univ. Press 2007)
Arias by voice type and fach
Guide to Operatic Roles and Arias
Richard Boldrey (Caldwell Co. 1994)
An Interpretative Guide to Operatic Arias
Martial Singher (Penn St. Univ. Press 2003)
The Singer's Repertoire
Berton Coffin (Scarecrow Press 2012)
Repettoire by voice type & fach
Stories of the Great Operas Vol. 1 | Vol. 2
John W. Freeman (Met Opera Guild 1984)

Musical Theatre

ONLINE
The Guide to Musical Theatre
Synopses, composer info, and more
Musicals 101
“The cyber encyclopedia of musical theatre”

PRINT
Enchanted Evenings
Geoffrey Block (Oxford 2004)
Broadway musicals, from Showboat to Sondheim
New Broadway Song Companion
David DeVenney (Scarecrow Press 2009)
Musical theatre literature by voice type & style
The Jazz Singer's Handbook (Book & CD)
Michele Weir (Alfred 2005)

Art Song

ONLINE
American Art Song
Art Song Central
Free, printable sheet music; classical & traditional
The Lied, Art Song and Choral Texts Archive

PRINT
The Art of the Song Recital
Emmons & Sonntag (Waveland 2001)
Researching the Song: A Lexicon
Emmons & Watkins Lewis (Oxford 2008)
Song: A Guide to Art Song Style & Literature
Carol Kimball (Hal Leonard 2006)
See also: Art Song: Linking Poetry and Music
Singing In Style
Martha Elliott (Yale 2008)
Guide to vocal performance practices and styles

French
A French Song Companion
Johnson & Stokes (Oxford 2002)
The Interpretation of French Song
Pierre Bernac (Kahn & Averill 1978)

German
The Cambridge Companion to the Lied
Poetry into Song
Stein & Spillman (Oxford 1996)

Online Scores

Internet Music Score Library Project
Online Sheet Music Resources via MusiciansWay.com