



Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Information Services: The Cast Index

If you use the Whittaker Library at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, you may not realise that it's possible to search for plays with a specific cast, eg, plays for two men and three women. All of our plays are indexed with a performer index code to help you choose plays to meet your specific requirements.

Eg, for plays for two men and three women, you need to search like this:-

2ma, 3fe

If you're looking specifically for **Duologues**, you can use this facility, inputting how many males or female roles are needed, eg **1ma,1fe**. This will bring up all the plays for one male and one female.

The other options are **2ma, 2total**, for two males, or **2fe, 2total** for two females. (You need to give a total, or the system will start looking for plays with 2 men and any number of women, or vice versa!) Obviously, these are entire plays, so you'd need to look for particularly good excerpts depending on your requirements.

As well as the cast index, we also index in other ways too, eg the subject or time that a play is set in, and collections of monologues or duologues. For example, we have 49 items indexed as **Duologues**, so if a reader inputs that word in the catalogue, they'll get all 49 books. Like this:-

<https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/rcs/items?query=Duologues&facet%5B0%5D=subjectdisp%3A%22Duologues%22>

Look down the left column, where it says "Refine your search", to see the results subdivided by playwright, format, subject-matter, historical period etc.

Here's the main catalogue link, so you can try these searches for yourself:- <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/rcs/>

Do come and see us if you need further help. We'd be happy to come and talk to RCS classes at a convenient time – just ask your class tutor to arrange a visit. Our Performing Arts Librarians each have subject specialisms, so we pass your query to the most appropriate specialist.

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