Relationship Designator Terms (RDA Appendix I) and MARC Relator Codes: an Alphabetical Collocation

**Option A**: from the list in RDA Appendix I, add the appropriate relator term(s) in subfield |e after the authorized access point. E.g.,

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700 1 | Sacristán Luzón, Manuel, |editor, |translator
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**Option B**: from the MARC Relator Code list (http://www.loc.gov/marc/relators/) add the appropriate relator code(s) in subfield |4 after the authorized access point. E.g.,

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700 1 | Sacristán Luzón, Manuel. |edt| trl
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*Note: in the following list, subfield |4 relator code alternatives in brackets follow the relator terms.*

**Abridger** [abr] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by shortening or condensing the original work but leaving the nature and content of the original work substantially unchanged. For substantial modifications that result in the creation of a new work, see *author*.

**Actor** [act] See under *performer*.

**Addressee** [rcp] A person, family, or corporate body to whom a work or part of a work is addressed.

**Animator** [anm] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a moving image work or computer program by giving apparent movement to inanimate objects or drawings. For the creator of the drawings that are animated, see *artist*.

**Annotator** [ann] A person who makes manuscript annotations on an item.

**Appellant** [apl] A person or corporate body who appeals the decision of a lower court recorded in a legal work of a higher court.

**Appellee** [ape] A person or corporate body against whom an appeal is taken on the decision of a lower court recorded in a legal work of a higher court.

**Architect** [arc] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating an architectural design, including a pictorial representation intended to show how a building, etc., will look when completed.

**Landscape Architect** [lsa] An architect responsible for creating landscape works.

**Arranger of Music** [arr] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a musical work by rewriting the composition for a medium of performance different from that for which the work was originally intended. An arranger of music may also modify the work for the same medium of performance, etc., keeping the musical substance of the original composition essentially unchanged. For substantial modifications that result in the creation of a new musical work, see *composer*.

**Art Director** [adi] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by overseeing the artists and craftspeople who build the sets for moving image productions.

**Artist** [art] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a work by conceiving, and often implementing, an original graphic design, drawing, painting, etc.
**book artist** An artist responsible for creating art works that exploit the book form or alter its physical structure as part of the content of the work.

**calligrapher [cll]** An artist responsible for creating a work of calligraphy where the focus of interest lies in the aesthetic value of its penmanship or graphic artistry, regardless of whether the same person, etc., also authored the inscribed text.

**sculptor** An artist responsible for creating a three-dimensional work by modeling, carving, or similar technique.

**author [aut]** A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a work that is primarily textual in content, regardless of media type (e.g., printed text, spoken word, electronic text, tactile text) or genre (e.g., poems, novels, screenplays, blogs). Use also for persons, etc., creating a new work by paraphrasing, rewriting, or adapting works by another creator if the modification has substantially changed the nature and content of the original or changed the medium of expression.

**librettist [lbt]** An author of the words of an opera or other musical stage work, or an oratorio. For an author of the words of just the songs from a musical, see lyricist.

**lyricist [lyr]** An author of the words of a popular song, including a song or songs from a musical. For an author of just the dialogue from a musical, see librettist.

**rapporteur** An author who is appointed by an organization to report on the proceedings of its meetings. For a person, family, or corporate body whose responsibility is limited to taking minutes, see *minute taker*.

**screenwriter [aus]** An author of a screenplay, script, or scene.

**autographer [ato]** A person whose manuscript signature appears on an item.

**binder [bnd]** A person who binds an item.

**book designer [bkd]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by being responsible for the entire graphic design of a book, including arrangement of type and illustration, choice of materials, and process used.

**braille embosser [brl]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by embossing Braille cells using a stylus, special embossing printer, or other device.

**broadcaster [brd]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in broadcasting a manifestation to an audience via radio, television, webcast, etc.

**calligrapher [cll]** See under *artist*.

**cartographer [ctg]** A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a map, atlas, globe, or other cartographic work.

**cartographer (expression)** A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing additional cartography, or by modifying the previous cartography.

**caster [cas]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by pouring a liquid or molten substance into a mold and leaving it to solidify to take the shape of the mold.

**censor [cns]** A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by revising the content for the purpose of suppressing parts deemed objectionable on moral, political, military, or other grounds, but leaving the nature and content of the original work substantially unchanged. For substantial modifications that result in the creation of a new work, see *author*.
choreographer [chr] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a work of movement.

choreographer (expression) A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing additional choreography, or by modifying the previous choreography.

cinematographer See director of photography

collection registrar [cor] See under curator.

collector [col] See under curator.

collotyper [clt] A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation using a photomechanical process for making prints directly from a hardened film of gelatin or other colloid that has ink-receptive and ink-repellent surfaces.

colourist [clr] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by applying colour to drawings, prints, photographs, maps, moving images, etc.

commentator [cmm] See under performer.

commissioning body A person, family, or corporate body responsible for commissioning a work.

compiler [com] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a new work (e.g., a bibliography, a directory) by selecting, arranging, aggregating, and editing data, information, etc. For a compiler as a contributor, see editor.

composer [cmp] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a musical work. Use also for persons, etc., adapting another musical work to form a distinct alteration (e.g., free transcription), paraphrasing a work or creating a work in the general style of another composer, or creating a work that is based on the music of another composer (e.g., variations on a theme).

composer (expression) A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression by adding music to a work that originally lacked it, by composing new music to substitute for the original music, or by composing new music to supplement the existing music.

conductor [cnd] See under performer.

consultant [csl] A person, family, or corporate body who provides consultation services, and often makes recommendations, for another person, family or corporate body that is represented as the creator of a work.

costume designer [cst] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by designing the costumes for a moving image production or for a musical or dramatic presentation or entertainment.

court governed [cou] A court governed by court rules, regardless of their official nature (e.g., laws, administrative regulations).
court reporter [crt] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by preparing a court’s opinions for publication.

curator [cur] A person, family, or corporate body conceiving, aggregating, and/or organizing an exhibition, collection, or other item.

collection registrar [cor] A curator who lists or inventories the items in an aggregate work such as a collection of items or works.
collector [col] A curator who brings together items from various sources that are then arranged, described, and cataloged as a collection.

current owner [own] A person, family, or corporate body currently having legal possession of an item.
depositor [dpt] A current owner of an item who deposited the item into the custody of another person, family, or corporate body, while still retaining ownership.

dancer [dnc] See under performer.

dedicatee [dte] A person, family, or corporate body to whom a work is dedicated.
dedicatee (item) A person, family, or corporate body to whom an item is dedicated.
dedicator [dto] A person, family, or corporate body by whom a work is dedicated.
defendant [dfd] A person or corporate body who is accused in a criminal proceeding or sued in a civil proceeding.
degree committee member [ ] A person serving on a committee that supervises a student's thesis or dissertation.
degree granting institution [dgg] A corporate body granting an academic degree.
degree supervisor [dgs] A person, such as an advisor or supervisor of thesis or dissertation research, overseeing either an academic degree or thesis.
depositor [dpt] See under current owner.
designer [dsr] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a design for an object.
director [drt] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for the general management and supervision of a filmed performance, a radio or television program, etc.

radio director [rdd] A director responsible for the general management and supervision of a radio program.
television director [tld] A director responsible for the general management and supervision of a television program.
director of photography [cng] A person, family, or corporate body that captures images, either electronically or on film or video stock, and often selects and arranges the lighting. The director of photography for a movie is also called the chief cinematographer. Use this designation also for videographers.
**donor [dnr]** A former owner of an item who donated that item to another owner.

**draftsman [drm]** A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by an architect, inventor, etc., by making detailed plans or drawings for buildings, ships, aircraft, machines, objects, etc.

**editor [edt]** A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by revising or clarifying the content, or by selecting and putting together works, or parts of works, by one or more creators. Contributions may include adding an introduction, notes, or other critical matter, or preparing the expression of a work for production, publication, or distribution. For major revisions, adaptations, etc., that substantially change the nature and content of the original work, resulting in a new work, see author

**editor of moving image work [edm]** A person, family, or corporate body responsible for assembling, arranging, and trimming film, video, or other moving image formats, including both visual and audio aspects.

**enacting jurisdiction [enj]** A jurisdiction enacting a law, regulation, constitution, court rule, etc.

**engraver [egr]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by cutting letters, figures, etc., on a surface such as a wooden or metal plate used for printing.

**etcher [etr]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by subjecting metal, glass, or some other surface used for printing, to acid or another corrosive substance.

**film director [fld]** See under **director**.

**film distributor [fds]** A person, family, or corporate body involved in distributing a moving image manifestation to theatres or other distribution channels.

**film producer [fmp]** See under **producer**.

**filmmaker [fmk]** A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating an independent or personal film. A filmmaker is individually responsible for the conception and execution of all aspects of the film.

**former owner [fmo]** A person, family, or corporate body formerly having legal possession of an item.

  - **donor [dnr]** A former owner of an item who donated that item to another owner.
  - **seller [sll]** A former owner of an item who sold that item to another owner.

**honouree [hnr]** A person, family, or corporate body honoured by a work (e.g., the honouree of a festschrift).

**honouree (item)** A person, family, or corporate body honoured by an item, e.g., a person to whom a copy is presented.

**host [hst]** See under **performer**.

**host institution [his]** A corporate body hosting the event, exhibit, conference, etc., which gave rise to a work, but having little or no responsibility for the content of the work.

**illuminator [ilu]** A person providing decoration to a specific item using precious metals or color, often with elaborate designs and motifs.
illustrator [ill] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by supplementing the primary content with drawings, diagrams, photographs, etc. If the work is primarily the artistic content created by the person, family, or corporate body, see artist and photographer.

letterer [l] An illustrator contributing to an expression of a comic book, graphic novel, etc., by drawing the text and graphic sound effects.

photographer (expression) [q] An illustrator contributing to an expression of a work by providing supplementary photographic content to the original work. If the work is primarily the artistic content created by the photographer, see photographer

inscriber [ins] A person who has written a statement of dedication or gift on an item.

instrumentalist [itr] See under performer.

interviewee [ive] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a work by responding to an interviewer, usually a reporter, pollster, or some other information gathering agent.

interviewer [ivr] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a work by acting as an interviewer, reporter, pollster, or some other information gathering agent.

inventor [inv] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a new device or process.

issuing body [isb] A person, family or corporate body issuing a work, such as an official organ of the body.

judge [jud] A person who hears and decides on legal matters in court.

jurisdiction governed [jug] A jurisdiction governed by a law, regulation, etc., that was enacted by another jurisdiction.

landscape architect [lsa] See under architect.

librettist [lbt] See under author.

lighting designer [lgd] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by designing and creating lighting components.

lithographer [ltg] A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by preparing a stone or plate for lithographic printing, including a graphic artist creating a design directly on the surface from which printing will be done.

lyricist [lyr] See under author.

make-up artist [l] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by applying make-up and prosthetics for a moving image production or for a musical or dramatic presentation or entertainment.

medium [med] A person held to be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits.
minute taker [mtk] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for recording the minutes of a meeting.

moderator [mod] See under performer.

musical director [msd] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by coordinating the activities of the composer, the sound editor, and sound mixers for a moving image production or for a musical or dramatic presentation or entertainment.

narrator [nrt] See under performer.

on-screen participant [ ] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a nonfiction moving image work by taking an active role as a participant. For a performer who appears on screen to provide contextual or background information, see on-screen presenter.

on-screen presenter [osp] See under performer.

organizer [orm] A person, family, or corporate body organizing the exhibit, event, conference, course, program, etc., which gave rise to a work.

panelist [pan] See under performer.

papermaker [ppm] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for the production of paper used to manufacture a manifestation.

participant in a treaty [ ] A government, international intergovernmental body, or other corporate body that has signed, ratified, or acceded to a treaty.

performer [prf] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by performing music, acting, dancing, speaking, etc., often in a musical or dramatic presentation, etc.

actor [act] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by acting as a cast member or player in a musical or dramatic presentation, etc.

voice actor [vac] An actor contributing to an expression of a work by providing the voice for characters in radio and audio productions and for animated characters in moving image works, as well as by providing voice-overs in radio and television commercials, dubbed resources, etc.

commentator [cmm] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by providing interpretation, analysis, or a discussion of the subject matter on a recording, film, or other audiovisual medium.

conductor [cnd] A performer contributing to an expression of a musical work by leading a performing group (orchestra, chorus, opera, etc.) in a musical or dramatic presentation, etc.

choral conductor [ ] A conductor contributing to an expression of a musical work by leading a choral performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation, etc.

instrumental conductor A conductor contributing to an expression of a musical work by leading an instrumental performing group in a musical or dramatic presentation, etc.

dancer [dnc] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by dancing in a musical, dramatic, etc., presentation.

host [hst] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by leading a program (often broadcast) that includes other guests, performers, etc. (e.g., talk show host).

instrumentalist [itr] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by playing a musical instrument.
**moderator** [mod] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by leading a program (often broadcast) where topics are discussed, usually with participation of experts in fields related to the discussion.

**narrator** [nrt] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by reading aloud, or giving an account of an act, occurrence, course of events, etc.

**on-screen presenter** [osp] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by appearing on screen to provide contextual or background information. An on-screen presenter may appear in nonfiction moving image materials or in introductions to fiction moving image materials. Use when another term (e.g., narrator, host) is either not applicable or not desired. For a participant who appears on screen in a non-performing role, see on-screen participant.

**panelist** [pan] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by participating in a program (often broadcast) where topics are discussed, usually with participation of experts in fields related to the discussion.

**puppeteer** [ppt] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by manipulating, controlling, or directing puppets or marionettes in a moving image production or a musical or dramatic presentation or entertainment.

**singer** [sng] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by using his/her/their voice, with or without instrumental accompaniment, to produce music. A singer’s performance may or may not include actual words.

**speaker** [spk] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by speaking words, such as a lecture, speech, etc.

**storyteller** [ ] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by relaying a creator’s original story with dramatic or theatrical interpretation.

**teacher** [tch] A performer contributing to an expression of a work by giving instruction or providing a demonstration.

**photographer** [pht] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a photographic work.

**plaintiff** [ptf] A person or corporate body who brings a suit in a civil proceeding.

**platemaker** [plt] A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by preparing plates used in the production of printed images and/or text.

**praeses** [pra] A person who is the faculty moderator of an academic disputation, normally proposing a thesis and participating in the ensuing disputation.

**presenter** [pre] A person, family, or corporate body mentioned in an “X presents” credit for moving image materials and who is probably associated with production, finance, or distribution in some way.

**printer** [prt] A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation of printed text, notated music, etc., from type or plates, such as a book, newspaper, magazine, broadside, score, etc.

**printmaker** [prm] A person, family, or corporate body involved in manufacturing a manifestation by making a relief, intaglio, or planographic printing surface.

**producer** [pro] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for most of the business aspects of a production for screen, audio recording, television, webcast, etc. The producer is generally responsible for fund raising, managing the production, hiring key personnel, arranging for distributors, etc.

**film producer** [fmp] A producer responsible for most of the business aspects of a film.

**radio producer** [rpc] A producer responsible for most of the business aspects of a radio program.
television producer [tlp] A producer responsible for most of the business aspects of a television program.

production company [prn] A corporate body that is responsible for financial, technical, and organizational management of a production for stage, screen, audio recording, television, webcast, etc.

production designer [prs] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for designing the overall visual appearance of a moving image production.

programmer [prg] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for creating a computer program.

puppeteer [ppt] See under performer.

radio director [rdd] See under director.

recording engineer [rce] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by supervising the technical aspects of a sound or video recording session.

recordist [rcd] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by using a recording device to capture sound and/or video during a recording session, including field recordings of natural sounds, folkloric events, music, etc.

researcher [res] A person, family, or corporate body who does research in support of the creation of a work.

respondent [rsp] A candidate for a degree who defends or opposes a thesis provided by the praeses in an academic disputation.

restorationist (expression) A person, family, or corporate body who contributes to an expression of a work by restoring and/or combining earlier expressions, which may be damaged or fragmentary, to create a new expression.

restorationist (item) [rsr] A person, family, or corporate body responsible for the set of technical, editorial, and intellectual procedures aimed at compensating for the degradation of an item by bringing it back to a state as close as possible to its original condition.

screenwriter [aus] See under author.

seller [sll] See under former owner.

singer [sng] See under performer.

software developer [ ] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by researching, designing, implementing, or testing the software.

sound designer [std] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by designing and creating audio/sound components.

speaker [spk] See under performer.
special effects provider [ ] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a moving image or audio work by designing and creating on-set special effects (on-set mechanical effects and in-camera optical effects).

sponsoring body [spn] A person, family, or corporate body sponsoring some aspect of a work, e.g., funding research, sponsoring an event.

stage director [sgd] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a stage work through the general management and supervision of a performance.

surveyor [srv] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a cartographic work by providing measurements or dimensional relationships for the geographic area represented.

teacher [tch] See under performer.

television director [tld] See under director.

television producer [tlp] See under producer.

transcriber [trc] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by writing down or notating unwritten or unnotated content, or by changing it from one system of notation to another. For a musical work transcribed for a different instrument or performing group, see arranger of music

translator [trl] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by expressing the linguistic content of the work in a language different from that of previous expressions of the work. A translator may also translate linguistic content between forms of the same language from different time periods.

visual effects provider [ ] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a moving image work by designing and creating post-production visual effects.

writer of supplementary textual content [wst] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing supplementary textual content (e.g., an introduction, a preface) to the original work.

writer of added commentary [wac] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing an interpretation or critical explanation of the original work.

writer of added text [wat] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a primarily non-textual work by providing text for the non-textual work (e.g., writing captions for photographs, descriptions of maps).

writer of added lyrics [wal] A writer of words added to an expression of a musical work. For lyric writing in collaboration with a composer to form an original work, see lyricist

writer of afterword [aft] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing an afterword to the original work.

writer of foreword [win] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing a foreword to the original work.

writer of introduction [aui] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing an introduction to the original work.

writer of postface [ ] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing a postface to the original work.

writer of preface [wpr] A person, family, or corporate body contributing to an expression of a work by providing a preface to the original work.