

Instrumental Music

Not all music contains singing. But there are a number of different types of what can be termed “instrumental” music. Below is a table with the recommended way of signalling different cases using the `IsInstrumental` and `LanguageOfPerformance` tags in the ERN standard:

Use case	IsInstrumental	LanguageOfPerformance
Instrumental music	True	Do not use
Orchestral music		
Scatting	False	zxx (the ISO 639 code for “no linguistic content”)
Beat boxing		
Humming		
Singing “lalala”		
Animal sounds	False	Do not use
Whistling		
Synthetic speech	False	The synthesised language
Words spoken or sung by a human voice in the background (with no foreground voice)	True	The language used

When communicating combinations of the above, the `IsInstrumental` and `LanguageOfPerformance` tags should reflect the dominant type.