Finding Aids, LibGuides, & Avvesome Tables

Grover Baker SEMLA Annual Meeting October 21, 2022



A funny thing happened on the way...



Some background info...

Try to Remember...

- ~2016 Dept. of Theater & Dance added a minor in Musical Theatre Performance
- 2017 Worked with J.W. Pepper to order all of the complete vocal scores of musicals in their catalog
- 2018 As a summer project, a student worker began creating A list of every musical to win or be nominated for a Tony Award
- 2019 A 2nd student worker completed & updated the list



Hey kids, let's put on a LibGuide...

Ya Got Trouble...

- Tables are problematic (to say the least!)
- 350+ entries are *waaaaaay* too many for one table
- Began experimenting
 - tabs for each year
 - drop down menu with years
- No good solution



Don't be afraid to ask...

Everything's Coming up Roses...

- Began talking to other librarians at work
- Denise Quintel, Discovery Services Librarian, was experimenting with using Awesome Table for our Staff Directory
 - Google Sheets
 - Interactive
 - Could be embedded in LibGuides as a Media/Widget



Nuts and bolts...

Putting It Together...

- Grover:
 - Decided what information (columns) to include
 - Cleaned up the spreadsheet
- Students:
 - Added URLs
 - Double checked those links
- Denise:
 - Created a Google account for Walker Music
 - Created the "Tony Awards Table" app in Awesome Table
 - Embedded the widget in the Tony Awards LibGuide
 - Provided detailed instructions on how to edit the content



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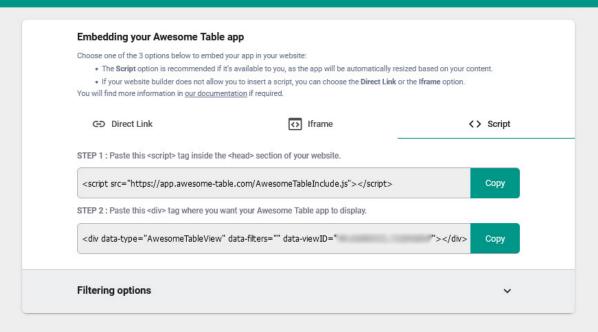
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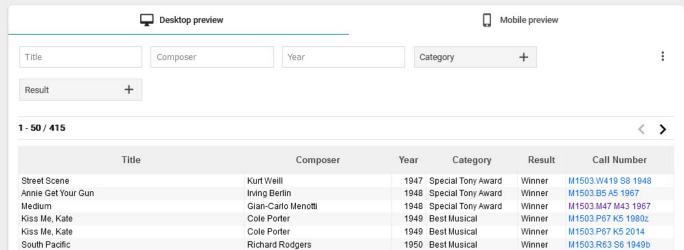
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Awesome Table

← Embedding Tony AwardsTable





Google Sheet

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3	Street Scene	Kurt Weill	1947	Vocal Score	Special Tony Award	Winner	M1503.W419 S8 1948	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004181405
4	Annie Get Your Gun	Irving Berlin	1948	Vocal Score	Special Tony Award	Winner	M1503.B5 A5 1967	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004690016
5	Medium	Gian-Carlo Menotti	1948	Vocal Score	Special Tony Award	Winner	M1503.M47 M43 1967	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004201709
6	Kiss Me, Kate	Cole Porter	1949	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.P67 K5 1980z	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004209508
7	Kiss Me, Kate	Cole Porter	1949	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.P67 K5 2014	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004735595
8	South Pacific	Richard Rodgers	1950	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.R63 S6 1949b	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761735
9	Guys and Dolls	Frank Loesser	1951	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.L828 G8 1953	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig000004758557
10	King and I	Richard Rodgers		Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.R63 K4 1951	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig000004758562
11	Wonderful Town	Leonard Bernstein	1953	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.B525 W6 2004	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761918
12	Kismet	Alexander Borodin	1954	Vocal Selections	Best Musical	Winner	M1508 .W91 K4 1953	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004611839
13	Kismet	Alexander Borodin	1954	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.W91 K4 1986	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761731
14	Pajama Game	Richard Adler & Jerry Ross	1955	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.A219 P35 2005	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761789
15	Damn Yankees	Richard Adler & Jerry Ross	1956	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.A219 D2 2000z	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761923
16	Pipe Dream	Richard Rodgers	1956	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.R63 P5 2016	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761916
17	Bells Are Ringing	Jule Styne	1957	Vocal Selections	Best Musical	Nominee	M1508.S949 B4 1980	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004562027
18	Candide	Leonard Bernstein	1957	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503 .B525 C3 1994	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004182558
19	Candide	Leonard Bernstein	1957	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.B525 C3 1997	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761733
20	Most Happy Fella	Frank Loesser	1957	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.L828 M7 1957	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004589323
21	My Fair Lady	Frederick Loewe	1957	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.L829 M9 1969	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004204651
22	My Fair Lady	Frederick Loewe	1957	Vocal Selections	Best Musical	Winner	M1508 .L829 M9 1956	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004264695
23	Jamaica	Harold Arlen	1958		Best Musical	Nominee	M1508.A75 J3 1957	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004779385
24	Music Man	Meredith Willson	1958	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.W56 M7 1986	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004621731
25	New Girl in Town	Bob Merrill	1958		Best Musical	Nominee		
26	Oh, Captain!	Jay Livingston	1958		Best Musical	Nominee		
27	West Side Story	Leonard Bernstein	1958	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.B525 W4 2000	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761736
28	Flower Drum Song	Richard Rodgers	1959	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.R63 F56 1981	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761900
29	La Plume de Ma Tante	Gerard Calvi	1959		Best Musical	Nominee		5
30	Redhead	Albert Hague	1959		Best Musical	Winner		
31	Fiorello!	Jerry Bock	1960	Vocal Selections	Best Musical	Nominee	M1508.B6 F55 1991	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004562034
32	Gypsy	Stephen Sondheim & Jule Styne	1960	Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.S949 G9 1960	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004761739
33	Once Upon a Mattress	Mary Rodgers		Vocal Score	Best Musical	Nominee	M1503.R629 O52 1967	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004205579
34	Sound of Music	Richard Rodgers		Vocal Score	Best Musical	Winner	M1503.R63 S55 1995	https://find.mtsu.edu/vufind/Record/mig00004758563
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Come follow the band...



Some *more* background info...

- Concert and Sight Reading Performance Assessment
 - Middle Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association (MTSBOA)
 - Sessions being held at MTSU
 - My son's band was performing
- Program booklet
 - Transcribed every band piece (not the orchestra pieces) into a spreadsheet
 - Assigned student workers to:
 - Check our catalog & add URLs
 - Search the J.W. Pepper site & add URLs



Getting strategic...

- Requested to order the missing scores (150+)
 - All are currently being taught in area middle and high schools
 - Known SOM assignment using band scores to create rehearsal plans
 - "Additional" scores are relatively inexpensive
 - Nearing the end of the fiscal year



Nuts and bolts...

- Students:
 - Added call numbers & URLs as they processed the scores
- Denise:
 - Provided detailed instructions on how to:
 - Import and set up the Google Sheet
 - Connect the Google Sheet to Awesome Table
 - Create and imbed the media/widget in the LibGuide
- Grover:
 - Cleaned up the spreadsheet
 - Set up the Google Sheet and connected it to Awesome Table
 - Embedded the widget into the LibGuide



Band Scores

https://library.mtsu.edu/band



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Even more background info... 33 1/3

- "... a series of short books about popular music, focusing on individual albums by artists ..."
- Several MTSU faculty have written books in the series
- Supports the curriculum in the Department of Recording Industry and the School of Music
- MTSU lost online access to the complete 33 1/3 series of books when we cancelled our subscription to *Bloomsbury* Popular Music



Nuts and bolts...

• Student:

- Assigned this to one of my student workers as a summer project
- Used the Bloomsbury website and their WordPress site to generate a spreadsheet.
- Checked the list against our catalog
- Added call numbers and URLs to the catalog record for print copies
- Added URLs for the ebooks

• Grover:

- Cleaned up the spreadsheet
- Spot-checked call numbers & links
- Set up and connected the Google Sheet
- Created the LibGuide and embedded the table as a widget



33 1/3

https://library.mtsu.edu/33



Issues & Considerations

- Paid plan vs. free account
 - Our library has the free version
 - Current limit of 500 pageviews (no limit in 2019 when our account was created)
 - No counter but begin receiving emails at 50% and a green banner appears
 - Work-around:
 - Create a copy of the Google Sheet
 - Import it as a new Awesome Table
 - Edit the widget as needed in your LibGuide
- Embedding Awesome Table's Iframe code doesn't display as well as embedding the Script
- If your data doesn't need to be updated often, a searchable HTML table may be a better option... if you can code!



Benefits

- Good PR!
 - "the band score library is awesome what a great resource! I'll be spending some serious time figuring out how to leverage it well for Instrumental Materials in the spring."
 - "This new resource that you created is amazing ... Thank you for such a thoughtful project ... I anticipate poking around the shelves a lot more now."
- All three projects have been a great tool for collection development



Next steps

- Annually update Tony Awards
 - Check for newly published "Selections from..." and complete vocal scores
 - Add "Best Play" nominees and winners?
- Obtain CPA program and check for new compositions
- 33 1/3 series is constantly adding new volumes
 - Request new titles & update table
 - Consider adding cover image thumbnails
- What else might be a good candidate for an Awesome Table?
- Watch for the "green banner" and emails!



Questions?

