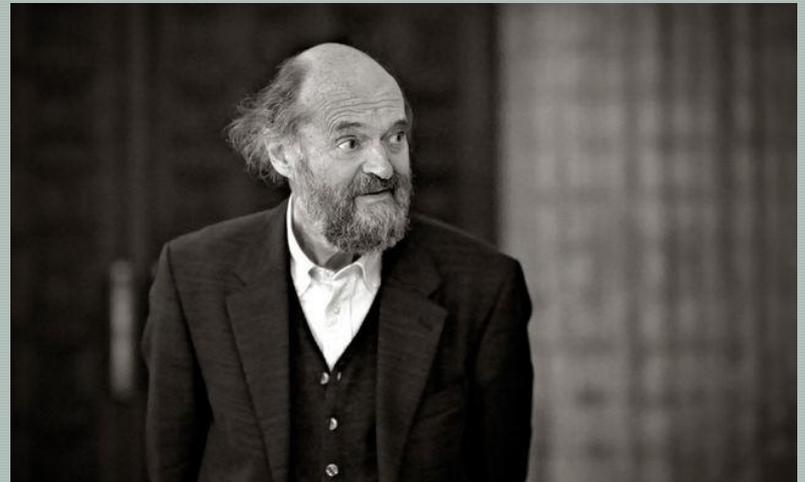


# Archiving a Living Composer: Building Arvo Pärt's Personal Archive

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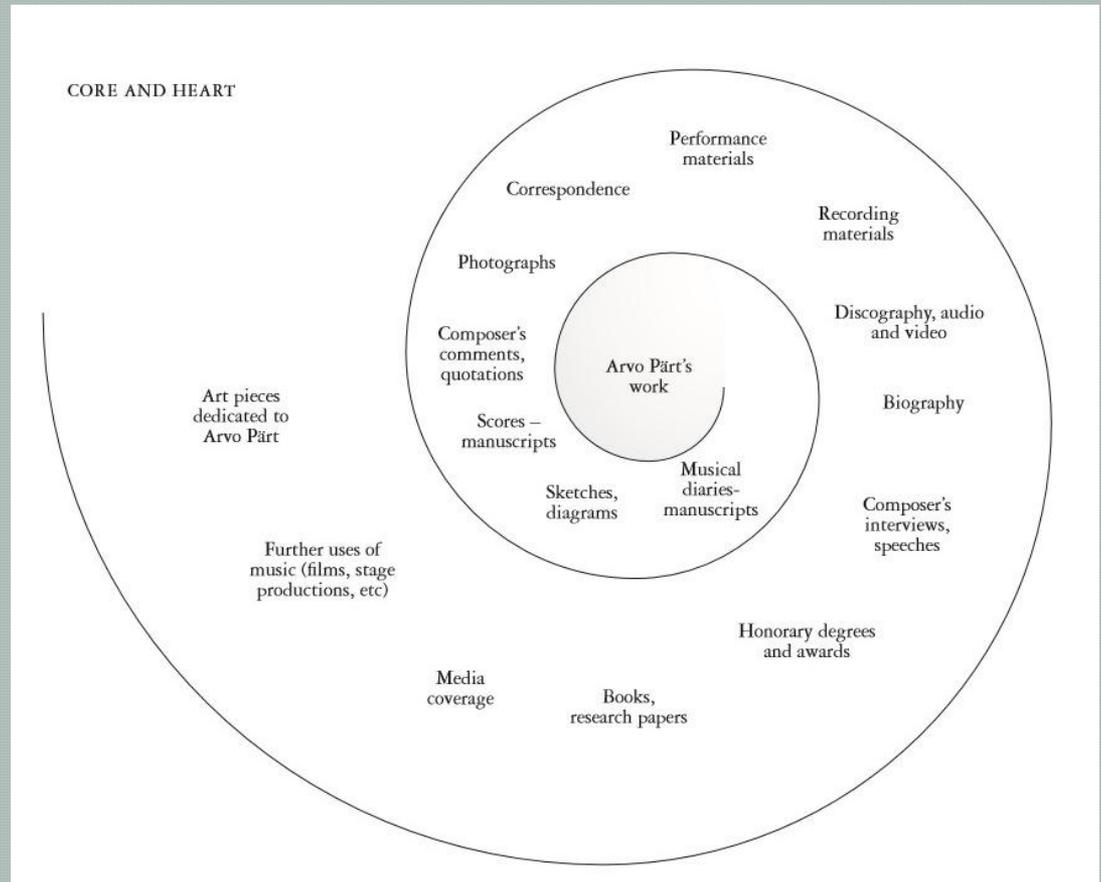


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## Arvo Pärt Centre



- Oldest document 1899
- No sketches and original scores 1960–70
- Musical diaries since 1974
- Most of the documents since 1980



## The classification system



Nora's files

1. Biography
2. Works
3. Composer's comments and quotations
4. Creation of the works and recording materials
5. Performance materials
6. Correspondence
7. Writings about Arvo Pärt's life and work
8. Photos
9. Audio and video materials
10. Honorary degrees and awards
11. Other items of archival value

Calendars, scores,  
musical diaries,  
sketches, musical  
dedications, concert  
programmes, posters,  
interviews, research  
papers and books, fan  
letters, greeting cards  
and invitations,  
correspondence, films,  
radio and TV shows  
about the composer,  
ballet performances,  
feature films,  
documentaries,  
commercial releases,  
personal library,  
furniture, awards, gifts  
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Juta Kurman's collection. 130 articles from expatriate Estonian and American newspapers from the years 1980–2006, four of these written by Kurman herself.

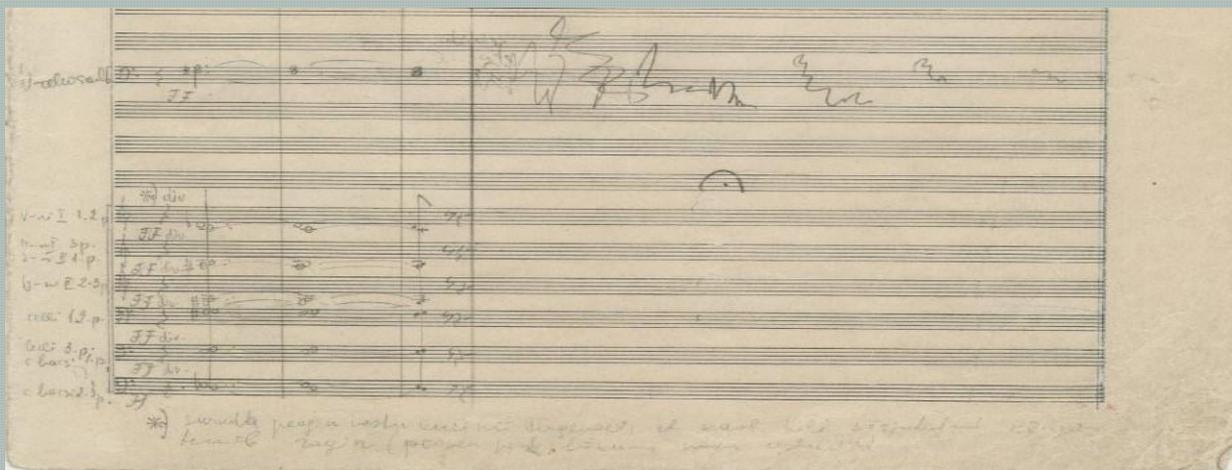
The photo collection from Erich Marinisch 6,924 items of video and photography from 1997 until now.



The most valuable items: handwritten scores, sketches/  
outlines and musical diaries



Digitalisation of the entire archive



# APIS – the Arvo Pärt Information System

APIS
ARVO PÄRDI KESKUS

[Detailed search](#)

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Composer's thoughts
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Reviews (7)

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THE PLAN OF THE CENTRE'S NEW BUILDING  
IN GROUPS OF ROOMS:

**ARCHIVE AND WORK AREA**  
Archive work and storage rooms  
Rooms for personnel,  
musicologists and other staff

**ROOMS RELATED TO THE LIBRARY**  
Reading rooms, library  
Arvo Pärt's Berlin study

**FOYER**  
Exhibition area, public rooms  
Cafe, shop, children's play corner

**AUDITORIUM AREA**  
Auditorium for 150 people  
Sound control room  
Rooms for performers

**CREATIVE ROOMS**  
Creative room  
Chapel

**AUXILIARY AREA**  
Ventilation

**TOWER**



## Archive work in cooperation with the composer

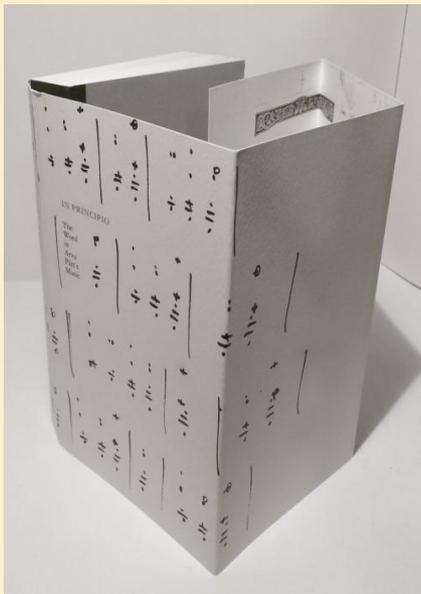
- Description of the creative process of the works
- Comments to musical diaries
- Preparation of the exhibition



## Public activities

### Publications

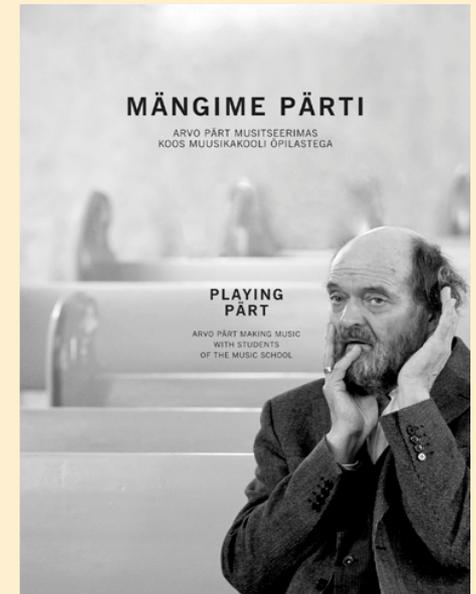
In principio



Songs from Childhood



Playing Pärt



Thank you!

