**Formatting Artist and Sitter Dates Using RDA/ LC practice/PCC practice:**

Date of birth and date of death are core elements. Add the period of activity of the person only when the date of birth and/or death is unknown.

* If giving both a date of birth and a date of death or giving a span of dates for period of activity, separate the dates with a hyphen.
* If giving only a date of birth, use a hyphen after the date; do not use the term “born” with the date.
* If giving only a date of death, use a hyphen before the date; do not use the term “died” with the date.
* If giving a date or dates for period of activity, use “active” and “century” rather than the abbreviations “fl.” and “cent.” The term "active" should appear before the first period of activity date (e.g., "active 12th century).

| **Latin/Frick abbreviations** | **RDA/LC practice** |
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| c. = circa | approximately |
| n. = born |  |
| m. = died |  |
| op. = worked | active |
| doc. = documented non-artistic activities | active |
| exh. = exhibition | active |
| a.= before | before |
| p. = after | after |

**Examples**

| **AACR2 /Frick** | **RDA/LC practice** |
| --- | --- |
| b. 1825 | 1825- |
| d. 1859 | -1859 |
| fl. 1506 | active 1506 |
| op. 1675 | active 1675 |
| c. 1837 | approximately 1837 |
| op. 1836 or 7 | active 1836 or 1837 |
| 18th cent. | active 18th century |
| 16th/17th cent. | active 16th century-17th century |
| op.1489-m.a.1513 | -before 1513 |
| n.1892-[doc.1975] | 1892- |
| doc.1598-m.1628 | -1628 |
| op.1599-1609 | active 1599-1609 |
| n.1760-m.p.1814 | 1760-after 1814 |
| exh.1895-1901 | active 1895-1901 |
| n.1906-exh.1937 | 1906- |
| doc.1567-m.c.1584/1585 | -approximately 1584 or 1585 |
| n.c.1825-m.1855 | approximately 1825-1855 |
| 12th C. | active 12th century |
| n.1864?-m.p.1899 | 1864?-after 1899 |
| n.c.1590-m.1657/1658 | approximately 1590-1657 or 1658 |
| c.1532-c.1600 | approximately 1532- approximately 1600 |
| b.c. 1532-fl.1593-1600 | approximately 1532- |
| fl.1891-1904, d.1920 | -1920 |
| doc.1351 | active 1351 |

(LC practice/PCC practice for Optional addition: Add a date of birth and/or date of death to new authority records, even if not needed to distinguish between access points).

**LCN Source field**

if more than one, separate by comma

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