



## MUSIC SUBJECT GUIDE

This is a general research guide for music students. Here you will find suggestions for:

- locating books, recordings, and videos in the online catalog BORIS;
- using the reference collection (A Really Helpful Student Guide to Music Reference Works)
- finding journal articles in periodical indexes and databases;
- music web sites.

For further help, please contact the subject librarian for Music: Karen Thorneloe, ext. 2608, [kthornel@ubishops.ca](mailto:kthornel@ubishops.ca)

### LOCATING BOOKS, RECORDINGS AND VIDEOS

Choose either Browse or Keyword to search for items in our online catalog, **BORIS**, the 1st link on the library's home page: [http://www.ubishops.ca/library\\_info/](http://www.ubishops.ca/library_info/).

**Browse:** For works **BY** a particular composer, browse by Name (eg. Stravinsky, Igor) or unique Title if one exists (eg. Firebird). For works **ABOUT** a composer and his works, browse by Subject under the composer's name.

**Keyword:** Use Keyword to combine terms and/or to limit your search to the following formats: score, recording, video; BUT add keywords: compact disc or DVD to your search to limit by those formats:

eg. Keyword (Advanced): using terms: Mozart AND compact disc  
lists all of the library's compact discs by Mozart.

Scores and sound recordings can also be found by form under keyword (Subject) (eg. Symphonies).

Each item in **BORIS** is made up of a bibliographic record with a location and call number. All music items, including sound recordings, are classified (assigned call numbers) using the Library of Congress Classification system briefly outlined below:

- M** Music (scores, sound recordings, videos)
- ML** Literature on Music
- MT** Musical Instruction and Study

Most music materials including books, CDs, CD-ROMs, scores and records (12-in. LPs) are found in the Music Room located down the hall on the right-hand side of the lobby. The Music Reference collection is shelved separately here as well. Most items (except reference books and LPs) can be signed out for 2 weeks, unless they are on Reserve behind the Circulation Desk.

DVD and VHS videos are located upstairs above the lobby. Video viewing equipment is available outside the language lab in the basement and upstairs in the PR 6025 section of the General Collection.

### USING THE REFERENCE COLLECTION

Not sure how to use the music books in the reference collection? Wonder what information you might find there? Need a quick guide to what books are best for **student use**? See: **A Really Helpful Student Guide to Music Reference Works** [http://www.ubishops.ca/library\\_info/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Music-Really-Helpful.pdf](http://www.ubishops.ca/library_info/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Music-Really-Helpful.pdf)

(or browse the print copies in the Music Room: ML 125 .S55 R43 2006 Ref.) - made by Bishop's students, for Bishop's students. Use this guide to strengthen your knowledge and astonish profs.!

### FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES (Print and Electronic)

Journals are listed in BORIS by title and by broad subject area (eg. Music—Periodicals). To find individual articles within the journals, access **Periodical Indexes and Databases**

[http://www.ubishops.ca/library\\_info/data-index.htm](http://www.ubishops.ca/library_info/data-index.htm). At the top of the page, choose Subject List>Music for a list of specialized indexes as well as multidisciplinary indexes such as Academic Search Premier and ProQuest which include many full-text articles on music as well. If you only have a citation to an article, search for the journal title in which it is found under **Electronic Journal Title List**

[http://www.ubishops.ca/library\\_info/jnls-list.html](http://www.ubishops.ca/library_info/jnls-list.html)

to see if it is full-text in another database. If not, search BORIS for the journal title in print. If the journal is not listed in BORIS, you can request a journal article from another library through Interlibrary Loans (Click on Colombo on our home page; for help registering and using Colombo, see the Reference staff).

Current issues of music journals are shelved in the Periodicals Room to the left of the lobby; back issues are bound and shelved by call number in the basement level of the Library.

### ~ WEB RESOURCES ~

Music web resources exist in many formats from citation indexes to full-text databases including sheet music and sound files. Many web sites of large music schools, university libraries and other organizations include reliable subject directories, also known as pathfinders, with selected and organized lists of music web links. However, commercial sites often contain useful information. Here are some examples of both listed by topic.

## **READY REFERENCE**

Encyclopedia of Music in Canada - see under [CANADIAN WEB RESOURCES](#)

Gaylord Music Library - Necrology - Washington University in St. Louis

<http://library.wustl.edu/units/music/necro/>

A "who was who" of the international music world. Brief citations include occupation, birth and death dates, with related web addresses in many cases.

Online Glossary – Sony Music Entertainment

<http://www.essentialsofmusic.com/glossary/glossary.html>

This glossary of musical terms, based on Sony's Essentials of Music series, includes photographs and recorded examples of the terms.

Virginia Tech Multimedia Dictionary

<http://www.music.vt.edu/musicdictionary/>

This glossary also includes sound files with the musical terms for correct pronunciation, as well as illustrations, photographs and video examples.

## **SUBJECT DIRECTORIES**

### **General**

The Internet Public Library: Music

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ent55.00.00>

This site is produced by the School of Information, University of Michigan and is organized into subheadings that include Genres, Performance, Musicians and Composers as well as Magazines and Associations.

Librarians' Internet Index: Music

<http://lii.org/search/file/music>

Organized and indexed by librarians, this website has links arranged by topic and includes its own search engine.

Music Internet Sites - Oregon State University Libraries

<http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/research/srg/mus2.html>

This site includes links on sheet music, song lyrics and copyright.

Music Resources on the World Wide Web – Yale University Music Library

<http://www.library.yale.edu/musiclib/webres.htm>

An extensive list of web resources organized under 70 topics.

Sibelius Academy Music Resources

<http://www2.siba.fi/Kulttuuripalvelut/music.html>

More websites organized into 22 categories, including Music Magazines and Music Theory and Research.

Yahoo Entertainment Directory: Music

<http://dir.yahoo.com/Entertainment/Music>

A well-organized, comprehensive guide, this website includes a list of electronic journals under Musicology>Journals.

## **Classical Music Directories**

Classical Music Navigator

<http://www.wku.edu/~smithch/music/index2.htm>

As an overview to classical composers and styles, this site has 5 subject areas: Composers, Basic Library of Notable Works, Geographical Roster, Index of Forms and Styles of Music, and Glossary. The Composers section includes musical influences.

DW3 Classical Music Resources Database, Music Library, Duke University Libraries

<http://www.lib.duke.edu/dw3/>

This site includes links to Databases>Full-Text (such as The Gramophone) as well as Electronic Journals and Newsletters.

## **RESEARCH-ORIENTED DIRECTORIES AND DATABASES**

Center for the History of Music Theory and Literature

<http://www.music.indiana.edu/chmtl/>

Several databases make up this site, including Doctoral Dissertations in Musicology, and various databases of historical music theory treatises (full-text), such as Texts on Music in English from the Medieval and Early Modern Eras.

Internet Resources for Music Scholars – Edna Kuhn Loeb Music Library of the Harvard College Library

<http://hcl.harvard.edu/research/guides/music/resources/index.html>

The Guide Menu on the left of this website contains 8 pages of links to over 300 resources on the Internet, including Online Journals and Newspapers. Full-text resources are indicated. This site also includes an extensive list of digital music collection links.

Theses Canada Portal - Library and Archives Canada

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/thesescanada/index-e.html>

Search for bibliographic records of all theses and dissertations in the Library and Archives Canada collection, many full-text. Includes information on how to find a thesis.

Worldwide Internet Music Resources – William and Gayle Cook Music Library, Indiana University School of Music

[http://www.music.indiana.edu/music\\_resources](http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources)

With both scholarly and popular resources, this site has an alphabetical listing of 350 online journals, newspapers, and indexes, some of which are full-text.

WWW Sites of Interest to Musicologists

[http://www.ams-net.org/musicology\\_www.php](http://www.ams-net.org/musicology_www.php)

Created by the American Musicological Society, links to full-text online journals are found under Contents>Journals.

## **CANADIAN WEB RESOURCES**

Canadian Music Centre

<http://www.musiccentre.ca/>

As a collector, distributor and promoter of music by Canada's composers, this centre

holds Canada's largest collection of concert music. Over 15,000 scores are available for loan (search for them under Find a Score) and over 700 CDs are available for sale. Find a Composer includes biographies. Click on Links for more web resources.

Canadian Music Links - Institute for Canadian Music – University of Toronto

<http://www.utoronto.ca/icm/links.html>

An extensive collection of Canadian links, including music journals and publications available online, and bibliographies.

Canadian Music Periodical Index

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cmipi-ipmc/>

Compiled by the National Library of Canada, CMPI is an index of articles from Canadian music periodicals, with nearly 30,000 entries on articles dating from the late 19th century to the present. 500 Canadian music journals, newsletters and magazines are represented, almost 200 of which are currently active. Since 1999, significant articles on international music and musicians, published in Canadian periodicals, have been included.

Encyclopedia of Music in Canada

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=EMCSubjects&Params=U2>

This is the full-text online version of the 2003 print edition with over 4000 articles on all aspects of Canadian music; it includes an index and search engine. An earlier edition is also available in print in the Music Reference section (ML 106 .C3 E52 1992).

Library and Archives Canada – Music

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/music/index-e.html>

An important source for Canadian musical history, this site includes a selection of virtual exhibitions, archives and digital collections such as Sheet Music from Canada's Past, and The Virtual Gramophone: Canadian Historical Sound Recordings. At the bottom of the page, click on External Links>Canadian Information by Subject: Music, for even more links.

Music Education Resource Base, University of Victoria, B.C.

<http://www.merb.org/>

This bibliographic database of over 31,000 resources in music and music education from 35 Canadian and international journals, covers 1956 to the present. The journals are fully indexed by title, author and subject. Click on "Search" at the bottom of the page.

SOCAN – Society of Composers, Authors, and Music Publishers of Canada

<http://www.socan.ca/>

This performing rights organization licenses public performance of copyright-protected music in Canada and distributes royalties. Find full-text access to their journal, Words & Music, and, under Resource/Education, find a complete list of music schools in Canada, as well as industry publications and online education links.

Theses Canada Portal - see under

**[RESEARCH-ORIENTED DIRECTORIES AND DATABASES](#)**

## COMMERCIAL WEB SITES

All-Music Guide

<http://www.allmusic.com>

Biographies and discographies of composers and musicians in all genres.

## SHEET MUSIC AND SCORES

Blank Sheet Music.Net

<http://www.blanksheetmusic.net/>

Free site to design and print out your own blank sheet music.

Choral Public Domain Library

[http://www.cpdlib.org/wiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://www.cpdlib.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page)

One of the world's largest free sheet music sites, find scores, texts, translations and information on composers.

International Music Score Library Project (IMSLP)

[http://www.imslp.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.imslp.org/wiki/Main_Page)

A site devoted to the complete collection of all public domain musical scores. Almost 2,000 downloadable scores to date.

Jean-Baptiste Lully Collection – University of North Texas Music Library

<http://www.library.unt.edu/music/lully/default.htm>

A full-text collection of early editions of Lully's opera and ballet scores. Includes plot summaries.

Lester S. Levy Collection of Sheet Music – Milton S. Eisenhower Library, Johns Hopkins University

<http://levysheetmusic.mse.jhu.edu/>

With over 29,000 titles, this collection focuses on American popular music from 1780-1960. Pages of music from the public domain can be retrieved if published before 1923.

Mutopia

<http://www.mutopiaproject.org/>

Free sheet music to download, print, perform and distribute. Over 500 titles.

Neue Mozart-Ausgabe: Digital Mozart Edition Complete Works

<http://nma.redhost24-001.com/mambo/index.php>

This digitized version of the entire Neue Mozart-Ausgabe, originally published in print by Bärenreiter, offers all the musical texts of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with critical commentaries. Operated by the Mozart Institute, Salzburg, it also has an English search interface.

Online Musical Scores (to Download) – Acadia University

<http://plato.acadiau.ca/courses/musi/callon/2273/scores.htm>

An extensive subject directory of links to sites with scores that can be downloaded for free.

Sheet Music from Canada's Past – Library and Archives Canada

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/sheetmusic/>

The most comprehensive Canadiana sheet music collection with over 20,000 titles of songs, piano pieces and sacred music, some dating back to the 1700s. Also includes music about Canada.

VARIATIONS Prototype : Online Musical Scores – Cook Music Library, University of Indiana

<http://www.mcgill.ca/music-library/http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/variations/scores/>

A collection of online musical scores in the public domain freely available from the Cook Music Library's holdings. The site is subdivided into the following categories, Opera, Songs, Orchestral and Choral, Chamber, Piano, and Solo Instrumental. Composers are arranged alphabetically under each category.

## **SOUND AND THEME DATABASES**

FindSounds

<http://www.findsounds.com/>

Search and download free sound effects and examples of musical instruments.

Musipedia: the Open Music Encyclopedia

<http://www.musipedia.org/>

A searchable collection of tunes, melodies and musical themes.

Themefinder

<http://www.themefinder.org/>

Search this site for themes under Classical, Folksong and Renaissance repertoires or by Composer (not all works have themes under Composer). Created by the Center for Computer Assisted Research in the Humanities at Stanford University.

## **WOMEN**

International Alliance for Women in Music

<http://www.iawm.org>

Celebrates women's contributions to music through publications, websites, competitions, conferences, etc. Under Resources and Educational Databases find biographical information on selected websites and full-text articles from the IAWM Journal.

## **SOME QUEBEC UNIVERSITY MUSIC LIBRARIES**

Bibliothèque de musique – Université de Montréal

<http://www.bib.umontreal.ca/MU/>

Bibliothèque de musique – Université de Québec à Montréal

<http://www.bibliotheques.uqam.ca/bibliotheques/musique/index.html#>

Bibliothèque de musique – Université de Sherbrooke

<http://www.usherbrooke.ca/biblio/bib/musique/index.htm>

Click on Catalogues>Catalogue Crésus at the top of the university's home page to access the online catalogue.

Marvin Duchow Music Library – McGill University  
<http://www.mcgill.ca/music-library/>

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