

# Finding What You Need ... About Music

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The study of music requires an awareness of the type of music, the time in which it was created and the creative force that makes it special. Students also need to learn about the technical aspects of music.



## REFERENCE WORKS

Use reference sources to;

- Become familiar with the technical and descriptive terms used in music
- Find background information about musical periods, genres and performers.

Examples;

R 780.92 Bak Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians

R 780.03 Coo Concise Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians

R 785.7 Cor Corbett's Cyclopedia of Chamber Music

R 780.4203 Sha Dictionary of American Pop/Rock

R 780.3 Bak Dictionary of Musical Terms

R 785.03 Ewe Encyclopedia of Concert Music

R 782.03 Ewe Encyclopedia of the Opera

R 784.4973 Law Folksingers and Folksongs in America

R 780.3 Gro Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians

R 781.91 Mar Musical Instruments

R 780.82 Sad Norton/Grove Dictionary of Women Composers

R 780.3 Nor Norton/Grove Encyclopedia of Music

R 784.54 Rol Rolling Stones Encyclopedia of Rock

Additional reference items are located in the 700 area of the reference section.

## **BOOKS**

Use the on-line catalog to find books.

- Music is a broad subject; use the 'Browse' option to see how it is divided in the catalog.
- Make your search more specific by combining search terms.
- Narrow your search -
  - By genre—'Rock Music,' Chamber Music,' 'Jazz.'
  - By country—'Music England,' for example.
  - By period—'Music 17th Century.'
  - By culture—'Music Greek and Roman.'
- Try books about related topics such as musical instruments or composers.  
Most business books are located in the 700 area of the library.

## **PERIODICAL INDEXES AND ONLINE INFORMATION**

Use the following indexes to locate articles in magazines and newspapers.

O – online            P - Print

Academic Search Premier (O)

Try newspaper articles for reviews and peer-reviewed journals for research.

Credo (O)

This online reference source has several dictionaries and encyclopedias.

Education Index (P)

A source of citations to articles about music education.

Humanities Index (P)

This index provides citations to articles in scholarly music journals.

JSTOR (O) - on-campus only

Use this resource for scholarly articles on music.

Newsbank (O)

This allows you to find full-text articles from New Jersey newspapers such as the Record and Star-Ledger. It is a good source of information about local events and performers, and reviews of concerts and recordings.

New York Times (P)

The Historical New York Times is a good source of retrospective information about classical music, opera and musical theater in New York and other major cities.

ProQuest (O)

Find newspaper articles about the music scene. Use the 'Research Library' for articles. The 'General Interest' module lets you find articles from magazines like Billboard and Rolling Stone. Limit your search to scholarly journals for research. You can also limit your search to the 'Arts' and/or 'Humanities' modules.

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature (P)

This is a good source of citations to articles about entertainers, concerts and composers, and is particularly good for retrospective research.

Social Science Index (P)

This index is a source of citations to articles in professional and research journals. Find articles about music from a social aspect, such as 'Therapeutic use.'

## **INTERNET**

American Singing: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Song Sheets –  
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amsshtml/>

Digital Librarian—[www.digital-librarian.com](http://www.digital-librarian.com) (go to 'Music'. This site offers links to many composer pages.)

Johan Sebastian Bach – <http://www.jsbach.net>

BUBL Link: Music – <http://link.bubl.ac.uk> (go to 'arts' and then to 'music.')

Classical Music Pages – <http://w3.rz-berlin.mpg.de/cmp/classmus.html>

Eastman School of Music (Sibley Library) - [www.esu.rochester.edu/sibley](http://www.esu.rochester.edu/sibley) (go to 'Music Resources' and then to 'From Anywhere.')

Julliard School of Music –

<http://www.julliard.edu> (go to 'Library and Archives and then to 'Internet Links.')

Medieval Music and Arts Foundation – <http://ockeghem.medieval.org/>

New England Conservatory of Music –

[www.newenglandconservatory.edu/libraries/online\\_reference.html](http://www.newenglandconservatory.edu/libraries/online_reference.html)

Online Resources for Musical Scholars—

[hd.harvard.edu/research/guides/music/resources/database.html](http://hd.harvard.edu/research/guides/music/resources/database.html)

Reason to Rock – [www.reasontorock.com](http://www.reasontorock.com)

Rolling Stone—[www.rollingstone.com/artists](http://www.rollingstone.com/artists)

Rutgers University Libraries –

Institute of Jazz Studies—<http://newarkwww.rutgers.edu/IJS/>

(enter site and go to 'Exhibitions' or 'Services')

Please see the reference librarian if you need help.

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