

# Research Guide -- Music History

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## FIND A REFERENCE SOURCE

Using the Rickman Library Online Catalog (SWUcat)

- Type in a keyword, title, or subject in the search box
- Limit the location to **Southern Wesleyan Reference**

### **\*\*KEY REFERENCE SOURCES FOR MUSIC STUDENTS\*\***

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians – Ref 780.3 N42

New Grove Dictionary of Musical Instruments – Ref 781.910321 N42

Oxford History of Western Music – 780.9 Ox2

Garland Encyclopedia of World Music – Ref 780.922

Baker's Dictionary of Music and Musicians – Ref 780.922 B177

## FIND A BOOK

Using the Rickman Library Online Catalog (SWUcat), [www.pailssc.org/search](http://www.pailssc.org/search)

- Use a composer or theorist's name as a keyword and use the search box **Any field**
- Then, narrow the location to **circulating books**
  - **Example: Finding a biography on J.S. Bach**

## NEED HELP?

During library hours, visit [www.swu.edu/library](http://www.swu.edu/library) and chat live in the Meebo window on the right hand side.

Or, contact:

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## DO NOT

assume that the library contains nothing on your topic if you get no (or very few) results. Use your logic to try different combinations. If you get stuck, ask a librarian!

## FINDING ARTICLES IN ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To do a THOROUGH AND COMPLETE search of the electronic articles available to you, use these three steps.

**STEP ONE:** Search the library's general databases: Academic Search Premier, Expanded Academic ASAP, and Academic OneFile.

- This will also help you narrow and focus your topic.

**STEP TWO:** Search **Music Index**--the subject database for articles on music

**STEP THREE:**

- Go to the full-text journal finder.
- Click on the subject tab.
- Choose **Fine Arts and Music** from the drop down box, then choose **Music** from the list.
- Scroll through the list of titles to see which ones might be relevant to your topic.
- When you find a journal you would like to search, click on the database that has the journal
- After being taken to the database, find the box or area that allows you to "search within the publication."
- Type in your search terms and see what articles turn up.
- Repeat the process for all relevant journal titles.

Yes—it does take time to search this way! But, searching in the full-text journal finder will yield articles that you can read or scan in their **entirety**, which is extremely valuable.

## FINDING ARTICLES IN PRINT JOURNALS

Using the Rickman Library Online Catalog (SWUcat)

- In the location box, choose **Southern Wesleyan Periodicals**, then type your other search terms (such as title or subject) in the boxes next to **Any Field**.
- If you are in the library, look for the binder by the reference desk that lists all of our print journals.

The dash next to the number indicates that this periodical's most recent issue is on the main floor in current periodicals.

Keywords (1-41 of 41)			
1	<a href="#">Clavier companion.</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kingston, N.J. : Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy, 2009-		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2	<a href="#">Call to worship : liturgy, music, preaching &amp; the arts.</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Louisville, KY : Office of Theology & Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), c2001-		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	<b>Location</b>	<b>Call No.</b>	<b>Status</b>
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 264.051 R259</a>	LIB USE ONLY
3	<a href="#">Reformed liturgy &amp; music.</a>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Louisville, KY : Theology & Worship, Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (USA),		
	<b>Location</b>	<b>Call No.</b>	<b>Status</b>
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 264.051 R259 v.18-21</a>	LIB USE ONLY
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 264.051 R259 v.34</a>	LIB USE ONLY
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 264.051 R259 v.22-25</a>	LIB USE ONLY
	There are additional copies/volumes of this item		
4	<a href="#">Church musician today.</a>		1998 -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nashville, TN : Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board, 1997-		
	<b>Location</b>	<b>Call No.</b>	<b>Status</b>
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 781.71 C474 ?</a>	LIB USE ONLY
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 781.71 C474 v.1-2</a>	LIB USE ONLY
	SWU Bound Periodicals 2nd Floor	<a href="#">SERIAL 781.71 C474 v.3-4</a>	LIB USE ONLY
5	<a href="#">The Chorister : journal of the Choristers Guild.</a>		1996 -
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choristers Guild,		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garland, TX : Choristers Guild,		
	<b>Location</b>	<b>Call No.</b>	<b>Status</b>

The date range here indicates that we have stopped receiving this periodical and it is now upstairs in the bound collection.

**NOTE:** If you find a periodical you would like to search, check to see if it is in the full-text journal finder (<http://atoz.ebsco.com/titles.asp?id=Sout2797&sid=123039529&TabID=2>). If it is not, then you must come to the library and browse it the old fashioned way!

## **FINDING SCORES AND RECORDINGS**

### **Using the Online Catalog (SWUcat)**

- Narrow the location to “Southern Wesleyan Music Scores” or “Southern Wesleyan AV”
- Type in your keywords—such as composer or title

The EASIEST way to find a score or recording in SWUcat is usually to search by composer.

Why? Because most pieces have what is called a UNIFORM TITLE. For instance, the uniform title for Mozart’s opera *The Magic Flute* is “DIE ZAUBERFLOTE.”

So if you search in our catalog for “magic flute” with the location limited to “Southern Wesleyan AV”—you get NO results. But using “Die Zauberflote”—you get SIX results.

### **In databases**

- The database **Classical Music Library** has thousands of recordings via streaming audio.
- **NOTE: You will soon be able to access Classical Music Library OFF-CAMPUS.**

### **Websites**

- Arkivmusic – [www.arkivmusic.com](http://www.arkivmusic.com)
  - This is a commercial site, but is valuable for research because they also list the composition and publication dates of the pieces included on each CD.
- Librarians’ Index to the Internet – <http://www.lii.org/pub/topic/music>
  - Go here if you like—your textbook is probably more helpful!

### **Digital Scores**

- International Music Score Library/Pettruci Music Library
  - Located at <http://imslp.org/>
  - This is a collection of works that are in the public domain. It has thousand of scores, from Bach to Beethoven to Ravel. You can download and print scores for FREE.
- VARIATIONS
  - Located at <http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/variations/scores/>
  - Created by Indiana University’s Cook Music Library, it contains the most widely used scores in a wide range of genres.

## FINDING SPECIFIC MUSIC SOURCES IN SWUCAT

<b>Song Indexes</b>	Search: <b>songs index</b> (must be plural!) as a subject or keyword (any field)
<b>Song Texts</b>	Search: <b>Songs texts</b> (must be plural!) as subject <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In a particular language = Songs, [language] (i.e. Songs, Italian-texts)</li><li>• By a particular composer = search <b>songs texts</b> as a subject and add the composer's last name as a keyword</li></ul>
<b>Interpretations and Guides to Performance</b>	Search: <b>&lt;your instrument/range&gt;</b> as a keyword (any field) and <b>History OR criticism OR analysis</b> as a keyword (any field)
<b>Phonetics and Diction</b>	Search: <b>singing diction</b> as a subject
<b>Operas</b>	Search: <b>opera</b> or <b>operas</b> as a subject
<b>Music Theatre</b>	Search: <b>musicals</b> as a subject

## OTHER LOCAL LIBRARY RESOURCES:

**NOTE:** You need to **physically go** to these libraries to use their electronic databases.

(HINT: Clemson is closer but Furman will tend to have a greater number of music resources, both print and electronic, that will be useful to you.)

PASCALCAT: [www.pascalcat.org](http://www.pascalcat.org) (searches ALL library catalogs in the state)

Clemson – <http://www.lib.clemson.edu/research/subjects/music/index.htm>

Furman (Maxwell Music Library) – <http://library.furman.edu/music/>

The main reason to visit these libraries in person is to access their additional online databases, such as:

- Oxford Music Online
- Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale
- International Index to Music Periodicals
- JSTOR Music

You can check out physical materials from these libraries by obtaining a **state-wide borrowing card**. You may do this by coming into the library or by going to <http://www.swu.edu/library/services/borrowingcard.htm>.

## **Finding scores, recordings, and books not available at SWU:**

<http://www.worldcat.org/> -- use this to search for books, scores, and recordings.

PLEASE NOTE: SWU's holdings do not appear in this database. Therefore, ALWAYS check SWUcat for any title you find. Use the Interlibrary Loan request form <http://swu.edu/library/services/illform-books.htm> for items you want/need that are not available at SWU.

**Your librarians always want to help you in any way. Please do not hesitate to ask!!!**