

Music & Arts Library - Quick Reference Guide

Hours and Contact Information

Location: Music & Arts Library, 701 Dodge Hall
Phone: 212-854-4711
Email: music@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
Web: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/music/index.html>
Hours: See our web site for current library hours, or call 212-854-4711.

Circulation Essentials

For students, faculty, and staff, loan periods are:

Books and Scores	Semester Loan
Recordings*	2 weeks
Reserves	2 hours†

* See below for additional online audio resources.

† Some Reserve items are restricted to in-library use.

Finding materials in the Library

- Search [CLIO](#) to find materials in the Music & Arts Library's collections (for pre-1982 titles, also check the card catalog if you find nothing in CLIO).
- "[Quick Limits](#)" can limit your search to audio or video recordings, etc. Ask at the desk or email us if you need help with your searches.
- "[Set Limits](#)" can limit your search to music scores, and many other options.
- [Item not on the shelf?](#) Ask for help at the circulation desk, and we'll search for it.
- [Item checked out, or, not owned by Columbia?](#) Try Borrow Direct (see link at the top of the main CLIO screen) – items can often be delivered in 4 business days.
- [Need more help?](#) Please ask us at the circulation desk, or, email us at the address above for an appointment. We will be happy to demonstrate general resources or to help with specific research questions.

Reference Help

Reference help is available by asking at the circulation desk, by calling 212-854-4711, or by emailing us at music@libraries.cul.columbia.edu. Schedule a **one-on-one reference consultation**, (in-person or email) using the contact methods above. We're here to help!

Basic Research Resources

- *Finding Resources for Concert Reports*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/music/humguide.html>
- *Grove Music Online*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ARZ5060>

Finding articles, essays, and dissertations

There are several online databases which can help you search for articles in music periodicals (journals, magazines, etc.), collections of essays, and dissertations (many dissertations downloadable from 1997 forward). These can be a useful addition to information that you find in books.

- *International Index to Music Periodicals*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ATS0079>
- *The Music Index*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AQN8047>
- *RILM abstracts of music literature*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?ARG3245>
- *ProQuest Digital Dissertations*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?AQP0595>

Online Audio

In addition to the Library's audio CDs, Library Web provides access to several **online audio databases**. They are listed on Library Web under "Databases", or under "E-Resources" (navigate to "E-Music"). Bookmark-able URLs are also given below. You can also access these from off-campus (you will be asked to log in with your UNI). Make sure to select the highest quality audio resolution!

- *African American Song*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio5531301>
- *Classical Music Library*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio5165005>
(select 64kbps playback for better sound quality!)
- *Database of Recorded American Music (DRAM)*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio5020426>
- *Naxos Music Library*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio4793226.002>
- *Naxos Music Library-Jazz*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio5517003>
- *Smithsonian Global Sound*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio5359185>

There is also an extensive collection of audio available through the Libraries' *Online Music Reserves* site, at: <http://www.columbia.edu/itc/music>

Online Scores

- *Classical Scores Library*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio6218185>