

GENERAL TIPS ON SEARCHING FOR MUSIC

a. Subject headings—search by instrument (to find the actual music (scores, recordings))

1 instrument Example: Piano music
2 instruments Examples: Flute and piano music; Piano music (Pianos (2))
3-9 instruments Examples: Trios (Piano, flutes (2))
Ensembles Examples: Orchestral music

b. Subject headings—search by musical form

Sonatas (Pianos (2))
Marches (Zithers (3))
Concertos (Piano)—2-piano scores
Songs (High voice) with piano

c. Searching for analysis or historical perspective—Look for subject headings that have the following phrases (or do a keyword search for these phrases):

History and criticism
Criticism and interpretation
Analysis, appreciation
Analytical guides

Example: Piano music—History and criticism

d. Searching by time period—Sometimes time periods will be added to subject headings for music. Searching by adding these to a keyword search may help you:

500-1400 (for Medieval)
15th century, 16th century....

e. Searching specifically for scores--Perform a BOOLEAN KEYWORD search and add the word “score” to your search

Example: Mozart and sonata and score

f. Search specifically for recordings--Use the dropdown menu below the search box and change to “Compact discs/Sound recordings”. (Note: This only works when doing a keyword search or a title search.

