Music Databases and the Music Library

The following are excellent information resources for the study of music and can be accessed through Weis Library.

Dictionaries & Encyclopedias


Oxford Quick Reference is a database of academic subject, language, and quotations dictionaries published by Oxford University Press. There are over 300 dictionaries that cover subjects like art, business, history, language, law, literature, medicine, music, performing arts, quotations, philosophy, religion, science, social sciences, technology, and more.

Books & E-Books

eBook Collection is a searchable database of over 205,000 multidisciplinary e-books. It includes titles for a broad range of academic disciplines, including art, business, education, history, law, mathematics, music, political science, religion, science, and technology. The database provides access to the full-text of every e-book contained in the collection.

ProQuest Ebook Central is a multidisciplinary database that provides full-text access to more than 187,000 e-books on a wide range of subject matters. These include disciplines like anthropology, business, economics, education, history, law, literature, life sciences, medicine, music, physical sciences, political science, religion, and sociology among others.

WorldCat Discovery is an online database of the resources that are available in Weis Library. It describes and provides access to the library's print and electronic books. For print books, WorldCat Discovery shows where they are located in the library and whether they are available; and for e-books, it provides direct links to the full-text of the publications.

Journals & Magazines

Academic Search Complete is a multidisciplinary database that includes journal and magazine articles about numerous subjects in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. It provides full-text access to over 8,500 periodicals, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed publications. This database also contains thousands of articles on music and musicians.

Journal Finder is an online guide to the full-text periodicals available through the library's databases. This research tool provides the option to browse or search for specific journal titles to determine whether electronic access is granted to them by the library, and if so, includes links to the journals.

JSTOR is a database of archived scholarly journals from the humanities and social sciences. For each journal, it contains the first issue published through issues published within the past three to five years. The journals cover fields like music, art, economics, history, political science, sociology, ecology, language, mathematics, literature, and religion.

Music Index is a database that indexes articles about music, musicians, and the music industry. It covers every aspect of classical and popular fields of music, and contains citations from more than 475 publications. The sources indexed and abstracted include journals, magazines, newspapers, trade publications, book reviews, and obituaries.

Streaming Audio & Video

Films On Demand is a video service that provides access to a collection of more than 44,500 educational films from over 700 producers. The videos may be watched in segments or in their entirety, and cover topics of interest to students and faculty in most academic disciplines. The database includes more than 800 streaming videos on music and dance.

Naxos Music Library is a database of online classical music. It offers streaming access to nearly 154,000 CDs and more than 2.3 million tracks of both standard and rare repertoires. It includes the complete Naxos and Marco Polo catalogues plus titles from over 650 record labels. Along with classical selections, the library includes jazz, world, and pop/rock.

The Music Library

Located within the Leroy and Lois Peters Music Center, the Music Library is a special collection of information resources that supports the academic programs of the Department of Music. It contains over 1,300 music scores, 600 music CDs, and two computers for conducting research. The hours for the Music Library are posted on the Weis Library website.

You can search for items in the Music Library by using the WorldCat Discovery link found on Weis Library’s website. For example, you can locate music scores by Mozart by conducting a keyword search on the composer’s name and limiting your search results to music scores. You can locate music CDs by Haydn by conducting a keyword search on his name and limiting your search results to music CDs.

Please note: While music CDs and scores are located in the Music Library, music books are located in Weis Library. This includes both reference and circulating books. You can use WorldCat Discovery to find books in Weis Library as well. To do so, simply limit your keyword search to print books.