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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Your search for information on **CLASSICAL MUSIC** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources

Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians
REF ML105 .B16 2001

The Thames and Hudson Encyclopaedia of 20th-century Music
REF ML100 .G85 1992

Harvard Dictionary of Music
REF ML100 .A64 2003

The Great Composers, Their Lives and Times
REF ML390 .C7185 1990 (5 vols.)

The Great Composers and Their Works
REF ML160 .S48 2000 (2 vols.)

Random House Encyclopedic Dictionary of Classical Music
REF ML100 .R29 1997

The Harvard Biographical Dictionary of Music
REF ML105 .H38 1996

New Grove Dictionary of Opera
REF ML102 .O6 N5 1994 (4 vols.)

Art of the Piano : Its Performers, Literature, and Recordings
REF ML105 .D8 1995

The Chronicle of Classical Music : An Intimate diary of the lives and Music of the Great Composers
REF ML390 .K35 1994

Guide to the Pianist's Repertoire
REF ML128 .P3 H5 1994

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians
REF ML100 .N48 2001 (29 vols.)

Oxford Companion to Music
REF ML100 .S37 2002

New Grove Dictionary of Musical Instruments
REF ML102 .I5 N48 1984

Latin American Classical Composers : A Biographical Dictionary
REF ML105 .F53 2002

The NPR Listener's Encyclopedia of Classical Music
REF ML100 .L66 2006

International Dictionary of Black Composers
REF ML105 .I5 1999

Women Composers: Music Through the Ages
Ref M2 .W88 1999

Classic FM Guide to Classical Music the Essential Companion to Composers & Their Music
REF ML100 .N53 1996

The HarperCollins Dictionary of Music
REF ML100 .A48 1995

The Norton/Grove Dictionary of Women Composers
REF ML105 .N38 1994

The Oxford History of Western Music
REF ML100 .K35 1994

Contemporary Composers
REF ML160 .T18 2005 (6 vols.)

Baker's Dictionary of Music
REF ML100 .S635 1997

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Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. The general call number for books on all aspects of **Music** starts with **M** for a music score, or **ML** for books about music, or **MT** for books on music instruction and study.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to **Music**. A few headings are listed below.

Music

Music dictionaries
 Music encyclopedias
 Music – 15th century
 Music – 16th century
 Music – 17th century
 Music – 18th century
 Music – 19th century
 Music – 20th century
 Music – Africa
 Music – Asia
 Music – Europe
 Music – Latin America
 Music – United States
 Music – Instruction & Study

Music History

Music – History and criticism
 Music – History and criticism-16th century
 Music – History and criticism-17th century
 Music – History and criticism-18th century
 Music – History and criticism-19th century
 Music – History and criticism-20th century

Musicians

Musicians – Biography

Composers

Composers – Biography

Women Composers

Women composers – Biography

Additional Subjects:

Chamber Music

Musical Instruments

Orchestra

Symphony

Opera

Songs

Choral Music

Magazine, Journal and Newspaper Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

[EBSCOhost](#)

[Gale Databases](#)

[Oxford Music Online](#)

[Proquest Newspapers](#)

[Project Muse](#)

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources. For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985. Here is a list of useful print indexes.

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Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

All Music : Classical

<http://www.allmusic.com/cg/amg.dll?p=amg&sql=73:c>

Worldwide Internet Music Resources

http://library.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/

Essentials of Music

<http://www.essentialsofmusic.com/>

Chopin Early Editions

<http://chopin.lib.uchicago.edu/>

Operabase

<http://www.operabase.com/index.cgi?lang=en>

The Library of Congress : Performing Arts & Music

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?category=Performing%20Arts,%20Music>

Medieval and Renaissance Instruments

<http://www.music.iastate.edu/antiqua/instrumt.html>

Music Teachers' Association of California

<http://www.mtac.org/>

International Alliance for Women in Music

<http://www.iawm.org/>

International Music Score Library Project (IMSLP)

<http://imslp.org/>

The Aria Database

<http://www.aria-database.com/>

Classical Net

<http://www.classical.net/>