Music Related Searches in the TU and USMAI Library Catalogs

Start at the Cook Library web page: [http://libraries.towson.edu](http://libraries.towson.edu)

Musical Compositions

To search by composer name for all musical compositions written by that composer:
**Basic Search:** use *author beginning with search* and type in composer’s last name
**Example:** Basic Search – author beginning with: Copland, Aaron

To search for specific piece of music when you know the composer name:
**Advanced Search:** use *author search in top box* (type in composer’s name) + *title search in second box* (type in composition title)
**Example:** Advanced Search: Stravinsky, Igor (author) in box #1 + Circus Polka (title) in box #2

To search for specific piece of music when you don’t know the composer’s name, but know composition title:
**Basic Search:** use *title words search* and type in name of composition
**Example:** Basic search - title words: rhapsody in blue
Note: If no results, go to Basic Search - Words Anywhere and type in name of composition

Special Limits to Target Search Results

To limit search to only sound recordings (includes CD’s and vinyl):
In **Advanced Search**, after inputting search box information, scroll down to **Format** box, click down arrow and highlight Recordings/All

To limit search to only CD recordings:
In **Advanced Search**, after inputting search box information, scroll down to **Format** box, click down arrow and highlight Recordings/CD

To limit search to only printed scores:
In **Advanced Search**, after inputting search box information, scroll down to **Format** box, click down arrow and highlight Scores
Composer Biographical Information

**Basic Biographies and Autobiographies**

Basic Search – use subject beginning with search (type in composer’s last name):
Example: Basic Search – subject beginning with: Ravel, Maurice

**Research Bibliographies Search Limit**

Advanced Search – use subject search in top box (type in composer’s last name) + subject search in second box (type “bibliography”)
Example: Advanced Search – Brahms, Johannes (subject) in box #1 + bibliography (subject) in box #2

**Correspondence / Letters Search Limit**

Advanced Search – use subject search in top box (type in composer’s last name) + subject search in second box (type “correspondence”)
Example: Advanced Search – Schumann, Clara (subject) in box #1 + correspondence (subject) in box #2

**Key to Format Descriptions**

Types of music materials found in the library collection:

- **Score** = printed musical score
- **Sound Recording CD** = compact disc
- **Sound Recording Phonorecord** = vinyl recording (LP)
- **Videos/DVD’s** = DVD’s
- **Videos/VHS** = VHS tapes
- **Electronic resource** = digital file: score, e-book, streaming media

**Location Notes**

- **Stacks**: upper floors of the library containing print materials – M, ML, MT stacks located at the back of the 5th floor, by rear elevator
- **Quartos and Folios**: special oversize score shelves at the beginning of the M stacks and in wooden bookcases next to windows of M stack area
- **Reference**: Reference Collection shelved by windows on the 3rd floor
- **Audio CD / Record / DVD / VHS**: request item at Circulation Desk on the 3rd floor

If you need further assistance, please contact the Library Liaison for Music, Lisa Woznicki at (410) 704-2498 or email at: lwoznicki@towson.edu. More information on finding music resources is available on my web page: [http://wp.towson.edu/lwoznick/](http://wp.towson.edu/lwoznick/)