Music 1BB3
History Of Western Music: Baroque (1580-1770)

Finding Scholarly Articles in Music

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Need Help? Just Ask!

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Objectives

Part 1: finding encyclopedia articles and bibliographies in Grove Music Online
Part 2: finding journal articles in Music Index Online & JSTOR

Questions?
Any time during the session!
Before you start...

- Check Mills Research Help Desk hours [http://library.mcmaster.ca](http://library.mcmaster.ca)
- time your research so you can get help!
How to get there

• library home page
  http://library.mcmaster.ca

• Find Articles > Music

• N.B. this works from home, too!
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Oxford Music Online

- leading online resource for music research
- includes **Grove Music Online**
- scholarly encyclopedia articles covering classical, opera, jazz, popular music, etc.
- composers, performers, conductors, individual works, instruments and notation, forms and genres
- **bibliographies** at the end of each article
Grove Music Online Titles

- The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians
- The New Grove Dictionary of Opera
- The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz
- + updates
Challenge 1

• using Grove Music Online, find the article about Johann Sebastian Bach

(1 minute)
Challenge 2

• at the bottom of the article, find the bibliography section L, on performance practice

• speed tip: try the left navigation bar (contents with + signs)

(1 minute)
What is it? #1

W. Emery: *Bach’s Ornaments* (London, 1953)

- book
- article in a book
- article in a journal
How do I find it? #1

W. Emery: *Bach’s Ornaments* (London, 1953)

- does work?
- how do I search if it doesn’t work?
Finding Books in the Library

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Admin options
Create content
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Content
Search content
Webforms
Log out

Library Catalogue

Find books, journal titles, online resources and other materials and affiliates.

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Examples:
einstein relativity
"active learning"

Go to: Classic MORRIS | Other Library Catalogues | Cent...
What is it? #2


- book
- article in a book
- article in a journal
How do I find it? #2


• does work?

• how do I search if it doesn’t work?
Finding Articles in the Library

1. Get the name of the journal
2. Go to... ?
3. Type into the search box...

Find **online full-text journals, magazines** and **newspapers**. NOTE: If your publication is not listed here, try searching our [Library Catalogue](https://library.mcmaster.ca) by *Title* or *Keyword(s)*.

*Title Keyword(s)*: musical quarterly

*Examples*: scientific american, globe and mail
4. click Get it!
5. choose the right link for your date


- Full Text Online JSTOR Complete
  Available from 1915 until 1999

- Full Text Online Oxford University Press Journals
  Available from 1915 issue:1

- Full text available from E-Journals - Scholars Portal

- Check for a print copy in our Library Catalogue
6. navigate to your date, volume, and page
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Databases – What are they?

• Music Index Online and JSTOR are databases
• let you locate articles by subject, author, etc.
• show “what exists” but not necessarily “what the library owns”
• some have
  – full text of the articles
  – citations (references) only
Challenge!

• working in groups of 2 or 3, find articles about: 
  *bach* *brandenburg concertos*

• look up this topic first in Music Index Online, then in JSTOR

• be prepared to say database do you prefer, and why?
  (10 minutes)
Database Tips & Tricks

Tip #1: Pick out the main concepts of your topic

• *bach*
• *brandenburg concertos*

Tip #2: Combine the main ideas with “and”

• *bach and brandenburg concertos*
Database Tips & Tricks

**Tip #3:** Use the asterisk symbol **wildcard** to retrieve plurals and alternate endings

Music Index wildcard: $concert$ will retrieve
concerto
certti
certtos, etc.
Try it!

• How would you use the wildcard to get all the possible endings for the word *symphonies*?
  1. symphonies$
  2. symphony$
  3. symphon$
  4. symp$
Limiting

- to **narrow** your search
- Advanced Search screen
- typical limits:
  - **date**, e.g. 1995-2004
  - **publication type**, e.g. journal article
  - **language**, e.g. English
Sorting Results

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  • or go to the Library Catalogue and search “in Journal Title”
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Good Luck with your Assignments!