

# Resources: Searching for Music for Performance (Scores and Parts)

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## *Sources of information about sheet music*

- Emusicquest: The Music-in-Print Series (online version of the original print series)
- WorldCat
- Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog: [http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk\\_en.html](http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk_en.html)
- *Bonner Katalog: Verzeichnis reversgebundener musikalischer Aufführungsmateriale*. Berlin: Walter De Gruyter, 2009.
- Library and Archives Canada; Library of Congress
  - <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/>
  - <http://www.loc.gov/>
- Local catalogues of other institutions with music collections
- Oxford Music Online – useful for verifying opus numbers, correct titles
- Library of the institution where the composer taught
- IAMIC (International Association of Music Information Centres)
  - <http://www.iamic.net/>
- Religious or ethnic music information centres
  - e.g. Milken Archive of American Jewish Music: <http://www.milkenarchive.org/>
- PROs (Performing Rights Organizations)
  - BMI – Broadcast Music, Inc.: <http://www.bmi.com/>
  - ASCAP – American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers  
<http://www.ascap.com/index.aspx>
  - SOCAN – Society Of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada  
<http://www.socan.ca/>
- MPA (Music Publishers Association); CMPA (Canadian Music Publishers Association)
  - <http://mpa.org/>
  - <http://www.musicpublishercanada.ca/>
- Composer web pages, including those maintained by scholarly institutes
- Guides to repertoire by ensemble type
  - Daniels, David. *Orchestral Music: A Handbook*. 4th ed. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2005. Well-known for its instrumentation, publication, and timing information.
    - Orchestral Music Online (online version of Daniels' book)
  - Eaton, Quaintance. *Opera Production: A Handbook*. 2 vols. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1961-1974. Handy for opera orchestra instrumentations.
  - Shrock, Dennis. *Choral Repertoire*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
  - Rehrig, William H. *Heritage Encyclopedia of Band Music: Composers and Their Music*. 3 vols. Westerville, OH: Integrity Press, 1991-1996.
  - Manning, Lucy. *Orchestral "Pops" Music: A Handbook*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2009.

- Schneider, Klaus. *Lexikon Programmusik*. 2 vols. Kassel: Bärenreiter, 1999-2000.  
This resource can help you plan your program by suggesting themes.
- Chwialkowski, Jerzy. *The Da Capo Catalog of Classical Music Compositions*. New York: Da Capo Press, 1996.  
This book breaks down large works into their various parts (by movement, by aria, etc.).
- Other ensemble librarians: Major Orchestra Librarians' Association (MOLA)
  - <http://www.mola-inc.org>

### ***Sources for acquiring sheet music***

- Petrucci Music Library, which includes the Choral Public Domain Library
  - [http://imslp.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://imslp.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Educational Music Service, or any other local music dealer/supplier
  - <http://www.emsmusic.com/>
- Hal Leonard Corporation
  - <http://www.halleonard.com/>
- Reprint houses: Kalmus, Luck's, Broude Brothers
  - <http://www.kalmus-music.com/>
  - <http://www.lucksmusic.com/>
  - <http://www.broude.us/>
- Publisher websites
  - <http://www.schott-music.com/>
  - <http://www.universaledition.com/>
  - <http://www.henle.de/>
  - <http://www.baerenreiter.com/>
  - <http://www.breitkopf.de/>
  - <http://www.edition-peters.com/home.php>
- Rental agents
  - <http://www.boosey.com/>
  - <http://www.schirmer.com/>
  - <http://www.eamdllc.com/> (European American Music Distributors)
  - <http://www.cpmusiclibrary.ca/> (Canadian agent for Oxford University Press, Edition Peters, and others)
- Canadian Music Centre
  - <http://www.musiccentre.ca/>
- Edwin A. Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music
  - <http://libwww.freelibrary.org/collections/collectionDetail.cfm?id=14>
- Orchestra Musician's CD-ROM Library
- Sources for jazz charts
  - <http://www.marinamusic.com/>
  - <http://www.uncjazzpress.com/>
  - <http://www.otterdist.com/>