

# *Siemon: Applied Voice*

## How To Find Musical Scores...and other Information!




### Online Catalog

Our library is more than just books! We have musical scores and recordings as well! Here are some helpful tips on navigating within our Catalog.

#### Keyword Search

You can try a keyword search for a particular topic or even a composer's name, and then **Modify** your search from there, so that only certain types of materials will show up in the results list.

Ex.      **Keyword =**      **Johann Sebastian Bach**      **OR**  
   **popular music and voice**      **OR**  
   **art songs**

Many results may initially come up, but you can make the Catalog only give you, say, musical scores by clicking on the  icon at the top. Then scroll down to **Material Type** and select **MUSIC SCORES**. You will then see nothing but musical scores by and/or regarding J.S. Bach. (You may also limit the Material Type to MUSIC CD or VIDEODISC (DVD) as well as other material types if you like.)

#### Author Search

If you already know the composer you're interested in, you can do an author search by typing in his/her last name first, a comma, then the first name. Again, you can **Modify** the search to call up only musical scores, or CD's only, or whatever type of material you're looking for.

#### Title Search

Works on the same premise. Enter the title of a work (be sure spelling is correct, especially for those works written in a foreign language!), and then **Modify** your search accordingly.

### PASCAL Delivers

What if you're not particularly happy with what we have? What if you need/want more? Just click on the



icon and you'll be taken to a huge cumulative Online Catalog of virtually ALL books available in S.C. college and university libraries! You can request any book and it will be delivered here within 3-4 days! (**Note:** You will have to re-**Modify** your search after you've entered the PASCAL Catalog. Just do it the same way you did it in our Catalog, except the **Material Type** will now be **PRINTED MUSIC**.)

### Interlibrary Loan

And don't forget - there's always ILL. If no academic library in the state of SC seems to have what you're looking for, you can submit an ILL request for it, and you can do it online from the Edens Library web site. But it will take up to a week or a week-and-a-half for the materials to come.

## Specialized Encyclopedias



Encyclopedias and Dictionaries generally do not contain musical scores, but should you find yourself in need of other information - such as biographical information on a musician or analysis of a particular genre or form - specialized encyclopedias are great for this. Name your topic and chances are, there's a specialized encyclopedia out there for it!

*Specialized encyclopedias* are different from *general encyclopedias* (such as *World Book*, *Britannica*, etc.) in that they are more...well...*specialized*. So here are just a few that you may find helpful.

*The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*  
*The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz*  
*Encyclopedia of Rap and Hip Hop culture*  
*The Green Book of songs by Subject*  
*Encyclopedia of American Gospel Music*  
*The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*  
*Guinness Encyclopedia of Popular Music*

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REF ML 102 R27 B96 2006  
REF ML 156.4 P6 G73 2002  
REF ML 102 G6 E63 2005  
REF ML 100 N48 2001  
REF ML 102 P66 G84 1995

## What About Google?

There's a possibility that you may be able to find *some* scores available on the Internet via a Google search. However, keep in mind that anything you'd be lucky enough to find would have to be in the public domain to make it onto the Web. This would be limited to older works no longer protected by copyright.

A couple of good search formulas to use might be:

1. Composer's name + title of work + the phrase "public domain" + the phrase "musical score"

Example:

**johann sebastian bach arias public domain music score**

(Google search box)

2. Because Google is so intuitive, you can often start typing something in and it will attempt to finish the phrase for you. This can often be helpful. Say you're just looking for some sites - any sites - that have **free sheet music for voice**.....

Try:

**free sheet music for voice**

Watch Google fill in your query **as you type**. Are the suggestions helpful?

Helpful Websites: ShubertLine: [www.schubertline.co.uk](http://www.schubertline.co.uk)  
Choral Public domain Library: [www.cpd.org](http://www.cpd.org)

## Can I use Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is not considered a scholarly source of information. Anyone (yes, that means me, you, your little brother, or the dude at the gas station) can immediately publish anything on there. Sounds pretty cool, but if you think about it, that means you don't know what you're getting. Therefore, you shouldn't use it.

## Questions about copyright?

- Questions regarding printed material, contact Jane Tuttle: 786-3337
- Questions regarding music files/recordings, contact the Media Center. Cathy Miller is very knowledgeable on this subject: 786-3007