

KEY MUSIC DATABASES

All music databases can be accessed from the Music Library's home page: <http://www.library.northwestern.edu/music>

Research Databases

Database	Coverage	What's Included?	Things to Know
Grove Music Online	n/a	Complete and updated text of the <i>New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians</i> , 2nd ed., the <i>New Grove Dictionary of Opera</i> , and the <i>New Grove Dictionary of Jazz</i> , 2nd ed.	Use "Article Search" to search within a particular entry (esp. helpful with works lists) Does not include all images and musical examples from print editions Truncation symbol: *
RILM Abstracts of Music Literature	1967-current	Citations and (for most entries) abstracts for scholarly writings, including books, articles, and dissertations in English and European languages	Focuses especially on articles in music history and theory Truncation symbol: *
International Index of Music Periodicals (IIMP)	1884-current	Citations and (for most entries) full text of articles in English and European languages	Less focused on music history and theory than RILM; includes more coverage of articles addressing performance and education Truncation symbol: *
Music Index Online	1975-current	Citations for articles and reviews of concerts and recordings in scholarly and popular periodicals; some coverage of dissertations; mainly English-language publications	Good resource for information on popular music, jazz, and musical theatre Consult the print version for articles published from 1949 through 1974 [Music Library Reference ML 118 .M84] Truncation symbol: \$

Note: Off-campus access to the above databases requires authentication via EZProxy or Virtual Private Network (VPN).

Streamed Sound Recording Databases

Database	What's Included?	Things to Know
Naxos Music Library	Classical music of all styles and eras issued by Naxos, BIS, Bridge, Hungaraton, Vox, and other companies	<p>Liner notes for many recording are available by clicking "About this Recording" on the music player</p> <p>Many of the recordings are listed in NUcat with links to the recordings</p> <p>Can be quirky sometimes; if asked for a password, close all browsers, open a new browser window, and try again</p>
Naxos Music Library Jazz	Jazz issued by Fantasy, Pablo, Prestige, Riverside, and other companies	<p>Discographic details such as dates of recordings and complete personnel listings are not included</p> <p>Can be quirky sometimes; if asked for a password, close all browsers, open a new browser window, and try again</p>
Database of Recorded American Music (DRAM)	American music of various styles and traditions, including classical music, folk music, hymns, and band music issued by New World, CRI, and other companies	Liner notes for most recordings are included
Smithsonian Global Sound	Traditional music from around the world issued by Folkways, Smithsonian Folkways, the International Library of African Music, and other companies and organizations	Along with standard approaches to searching, includes searching by special categories such as country, cultural group, and instrument

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