

Classical Music

Classical Music Library is a fully searchable database of classical recordings. It includes more than 50,000 licensed recordings that users can listen to on the Internet. Music ranges from medieval to contemporary, from choral works to symphonies, operas, and the avant-garde. The audio selections are cross-referenced to a database of supplementary reference information. Users can browse, search, click, and then listen to the music over the Internet through their headphones

Classical Music Library has collected information on 5000-plus artists, 1200-plus ensembles, 1800-plus composers and 900-plus conductors, along with numerous images and a huge library of midi files. This includes a Reference section of: Biographies – to learn about specific composers; Images; Discovering Music – to hear concerts on a theme; Glossary of musical terms; and Historical Periods – concise histories of music.

Accessing Classical Music Library:

1. Access **Classical Music Library** in different ways. Start at the library home page - <http://www.dit.ie/library> - Then click “databases” from the options box on the left side of the screen; Scroll to **Classical Music Library** and click to open. Or, starting again at the library home page, click “subject gateways” from the options box on the left of the screen; Then scroll to “Music”; Click “Subject Databases”; click **Classical Music Library**.
2. A PIN (personal identification number [see “access from home” pamphlet, Library A-Z web page, or staff about creating this]) is required to access **Classical Music Library** content from home.

Help - Click on the *Help* icon, located in the top right hand corner of every screen, for search tips etc.

Finding and Listening to Music on Classical Music Library:

Find music recordings to listen to on Classical Music Library by **browsing** or by **searching** for specific pieces. Once you identify the tracks you want, simply click to hear the music over the Internet through your headphones.

Browsing Classical Music Library:

Selecting any work provides a list of the performances available, allowing access to comparative listening. You can also move within a track, rather than listening from beginning to end.

Under “**Browse by A-Z**” () on the left of the home page, browse a composer’s works alphabetically, by year of composition, by genre. Alphabetical lists are available for browsing of: Composer, Artist, Conductor, Ensemble, Instrument, Genre, Period, or Label.

Alternatively “**Browse by Category**” () to browse lists of tracks sorted by category of music. Categories listed are: Chamber, Instrumental, Orchestral, Opera & Operetta, Sacred, Stage & Screen, and Vocal & Choral.

Searching Classical Music Library:

A **Simple Search** window is available at the top of every webpage of

Search for music you want to hear

Classical Music Library:

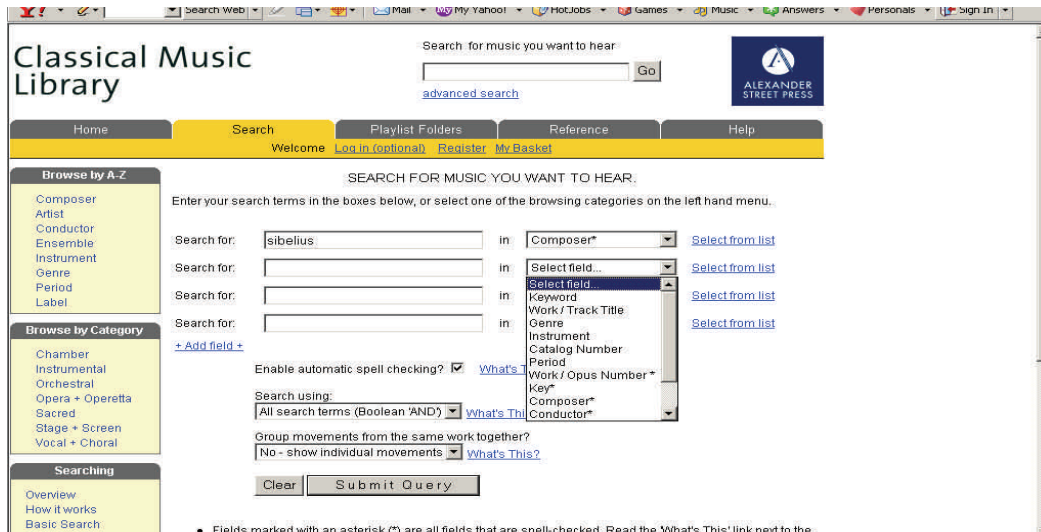
Simply type in the keyword(s) you wish to search for and click “Go” to retrieve tracks.

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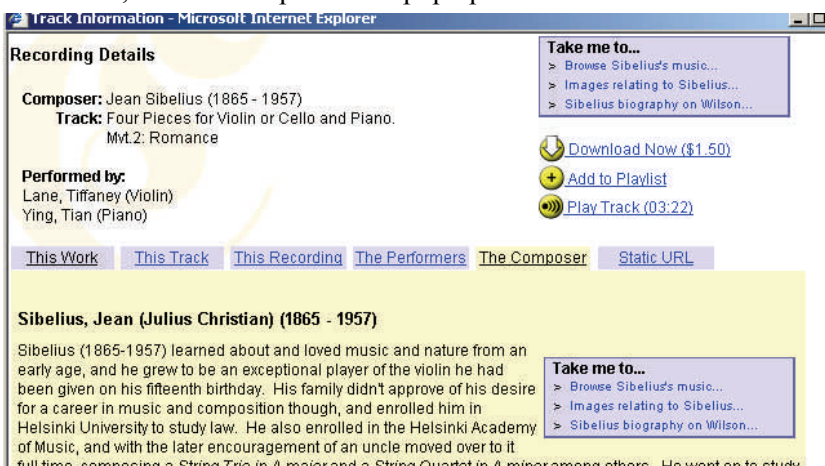
For a more specific search, an **Advanced Search** option is available. Simply click “**Search**” on the top of the webpage, or click “**Advanced Search**” ([advanced search](#)) under the simple search window, and a search screen will appear:



This window allows a search for a piece of music via several search fields such as composer, genre, etc. Searches can be simple—show every *concerto* by *Mozart*—or complex. For example, a search for individual *movements* by *Shostakovich* in the key of *C minor* brings back movements 19, 20, 39, and 40 in *24 Preludes and Fugues for Piano, Op. 87*, with Tatiana Nikolaveya on piano. A search for *Beethoven* on the *EMI* label with *Jacqueline du Pré* on cello brings back *14 Variations of an Original Theme in E flat, Op. 44*, among other works

In the example above, search for the composer Sibelius and instrument violin as above, we retrieve 16 tracks.

Click the information icon “” beside the track listing, information on the work, the track, the recording, the performers, and the composer will pop up:



Listen to the track from here or by clicking the “Play track” icon. A window like this will pop up:



Blue-coloured links help you cross-reference all searches and references quickly and easily.