

Classical Music

Classical Music Library is a fully searchable database of classical recordings. It includes more than 55,000 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.

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 at the top 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.

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.

Browsing Classical Music Library:

To Browse for music, click the Browse Icon at the top of the webpage. There is a dropdown menu from this icon that allows you to choose subsections of the library, such as Album title, Instruments, Genres, Dates recorded, etc. to browse.

If a subcategory is not chosen, All Recordings will be shown to browse:

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'Browse' selected. A dropdown menu is open, listing categories like 'All Recordings', 'Albums', 'Classical Works', 'Genres', 'Instruments', 'People', 'Ensembles', 'Time Periods', 'Labels', and 'Recording Date'. Below the menu, a table of recordings is displayed with columns for Track Title, In Work, Composer, Performer, Album, Recording Date, and Label. The first two rows of the table are visible, showing recordings by Schutz, Heinrich (Henrich) (Sagittarius, Henricus) and Schutz, Heinrich (Henrich) (Sagittarius).

The listing of recordings may be sorted in any of the shown categories—track title, work, composer, performer, album title, recording date and label—just by clicking on the arrows. When browsing specific subsections such as albums, different categories may be shown to sort by— e.g. genre.

Searching Classical Music Library:

A **Simple Search** window is available at the top of every webpage in the **Classical Music Library**:

Simply type in the keyword(s) you wish to search for, select a category from the dropdown menu if desired, and click “Go” to retrieve tracks.

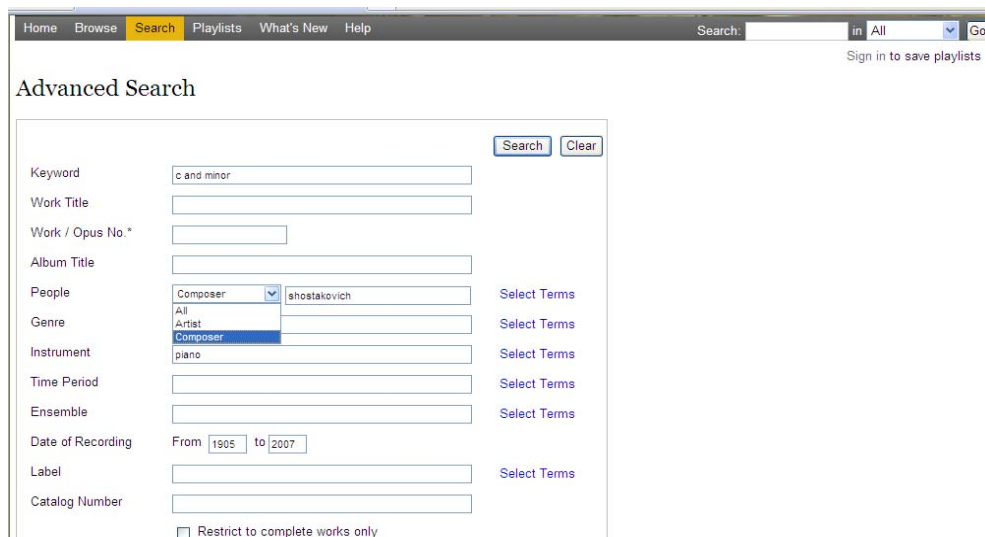
The screenshot shows the search bar with a dropdown menu open, listing search criteria: All, Work Title, Track Title, Album Title, People, Genres, Instruments, Ensembles, and Labels.

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For a more specific search, an **Advanced Search** option is available. Simply click “**Search**” on the top of the webpage, 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—find all the *concertos* by the composer *Mozart*—or more complex. For example, a search for *piano music* by *Shostakovich* in the key of *C minor* as shown above. This search results in 8 tracks in 2 albums being retrieved. If desired, search results can be further limited by choosing certain labels, artists, sub-genres and so on from the drop down-listings shown:



Listen to a track from here simply by clicking the “Play track” icon. →

A window like this will pop up:

To find out more information about the track, or the artist, or composer of the track you are listening to, just click on the underlined text and information about these will come up on the screen. This information may include related tracks, related recordings, biographies etc.



Blue-coloured links in the Classical Music Library website also help you cross-reference all searches and references quickly and easily. The links take you to information about composers, artists, album details and so on, making it easy to cross-reference results.