

# Getting started with **Grove Music Online**

## Access to Grove Music Online

Access to Grove Music Online requires a username and password. Further information is available on a separate information sheet or from any staff member at The British Council Information Centre.

## What is Grove Music Online?



Grove Music Online is the ultimate authority on all aspects of music worldwide - from Bach to the Blues! Including 50,000 articles, 28,000 biographies, and thousands of links to images, sounds, and related websites, Grove Music Online covers everything you need to know about composers, performers, styles, works, traditions, instruments and much, much more.

There are over 5,000 links to images, sound, and other related web sites, and over 500 audio musical examples

A wide range of search and browse options are available to explore the full text, bibliographies, works-lists, biographies, and links.

## What you can do with Grove Music Online

- Explore 28,000 biographies – from Mozart to Yo-Yo Ma, Diaghilev to P.T. Barnum, Fats Waller to Thin Man
- Discover world cultures through articles on Africa, Asia, S. America, Jewish music, and much more
- Learn about styles and movements – from classical to hip-hop and from baroque to blues
- Study the development and construction of instruments
- Search Grove's acclaimed works-lists to find little-known or favourite compositions
- Access cross-references in the text with a click of the mouse
- Updates, new articles and links added as an on-going feature

## Search

Search  

A **Search** box appears on the top right-hand side of every page. Enter a term in the box and click **Go**. This search looks first within articles headings, then subheadings, then full text.

Your search result will be displayed in a list (see the

sections **Search results** and **Viewing Articles** for more information).

## Advanced search

Use this facility to search the entire text of the dictionary for every mention of a subject. Click the **Advanced Search** icon from any page to go to the Advanced Search page. From here you can search the entire text of the dictionary for any term(s).

### **Advanced search**

Enter one or more terms in the box (use double quotation marks for a phrase) and click on **Search**. A list of articles matching your criteria will be displayed. Click on an article in the list to view it in full.

The results of your search will depend on the **search mode**:

**Concept Mode** looks for words that are synonyms or related in form

- A search on **'state'** will also match **'province'**, **'country'** and **'land'**
- A search on **'mouse'** will also match **'mice'**

**Pattern Mode** looks for words similar in spelling to those entered. This is useful when searching for words with alternative spellings or if you are uncertain of a spelling:

- searching **'Orpheus'** will match **'Orfeo'**

**Boolean Mode** - searches only for exact matches for a word or a phrase. Use Boolean operators (**AND**, **ADJ**, **OR**, **NOT**) to refine your search.

- **'hypermetre AND polyrhythm AND tempo'**
- **'interlude OR intermezzo'**
- **'keyed bugle ADJ 2'** (two adjacent terms)
- **'cornet NOT cornett'**
- **'York NOT New'** would find articles on York, but not New York

## Specialised searches

Specialised searches allow a search to focus on a particular area of the dictionary. Choose one of the following from the navigation bar within Search:

**Search Bibliographies** - confine your searches to the bibliographical sections.

**Search Biographies** - find people by name, or search using birth and death dates and places, occupations and nationalities.

**Search Contributors** - enter a name or part of a name to find all articles written by a specific contributor.

**Search Links** - search the web of links to external web sites featured in Grove Music Online.

## Entering search terms

It is not necessary to be case-specific or pay attention to foreign language character accents e.g. 'andre' will find 'André'; 'durer' will find 'Dürer'. To search for a phrase, surround it with double quotation marks, e.g. "keyed trumpet".

### Use wildcards/special characters:

**!** for alternative spellings: **theater!** finds theater and theatre, **Rachmaninoff!** finds Rachmaninoff, Rachmaninov and Rakhmaninov.

**?** matches any single character (**Sm?th** will find Smith and Smyth).

**\*** matches any number of characters (**cor\*** will find cor, cornet, cornett, cornon, cornophone and cornu).

**[ ]** matches any single character from within the brackets (**Sm[ly]th** will find Smith or Smyth); specifying a numerical range using a hyphen will find numbers within that range (**199[0-9]** will match dates from 1990 to 1999).

**~** preceding a search term matches words that sound alike (**~chikovsky** will find Tchaikovsky).

## Search results

Results are displayed in groups of 25 per page. Each result shows the article heading, and the first few lines of text (a percentage ranking is also given when using **concept** and **pattern** modes, with the search results ranked from highest to lowest).

## Explore



This allows you to find articles using a biography subject classification. Articles are classified according to genre, date and nationality. The top-level groups are arranged as follows: **Composers, Performers, Printers and publishers, Writers**. Each group is further sub-divided.

## Browse

You can browse A-Z listings in a number of ways including:



- A-Z comprehensive index
- A-Z listings of headings of all available articles
- A-Z listings of abbreviations for general terms
- A-Z contributors to The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians

## Viewing articles

To view an article listed in the results pages, click on an article heading. When viewing the text in an article, you will see your search term(s) highlighted in red.

### Tables of Contents

A table of contents for each article always appears in the frame to the left of the article text so you can easily return to any place within that article. Use the scroll bar to move down through the headings and click on a heading to open that section of the article. You can also click on the **Article** tab in the top grey navigation bar to return to the article at any time.

### Cross-references

Cross-references within articles are highlighted in a different colour and appear in small capital letters. Click on the highlighted text to navigate to the article or section to which it refers.

Illustration and figure references are highlighted in a different colour. Click on the highlighted text to view the image in a new window.

**Note:** For copyright reasons many of the illustrations in The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians are not available on Grove Music Online. Where they are not available, cross-references to figures will not be highlighted.

### Searching within an article

When viewing an article, select **Article Search** from the grey navigation bar at the top of the article to search for a term only within the article you are currently viewing. Search results for the all instances of the term within the current article will be displayed. This is particularly useful for longer articles.

### Dates

Dates in Grove Music Online are listed by day/month/year. All new articles, updates and revisions are noted by dd/mm/yyyy in the upper right hand corner of the article page.

### Illustrations

The **Illustrations** tab in the top grey navigation bar allows you to view a list of images that appeared in the print dictionaries. For copyright reasons Grove Music Online cannot show all the illustrations which appear in print or are referenced in the article. Click on a caption to view the image.

### Links

From the article menu in the top grey navigation bar, links may be available. To view the links, open the list and click on a caption to navigate to that site. From this point you may explore the site further. Close the external site to return to Grove Music Online by closing the browser window.

### Sound

Click on **Sound** in the top grey navigation bar. A list will be displayed of sound files hosted on the Grove Music Online and external links to web pages with sound files and Sibelius musical examples.

### Abbreviations

Enter the abbreviation you wish to find in the **Find Abbrevs** box in the navigation bar across the top of the screen and then click **Find Abbrevs**.

The selected term will be displayed, with the full meaning appearing beneath the abbreviation in the left-hand frame. To display the article **Table of Contents** click on **Back to Table of Contents**.

### Navigating an article

Use the arrows at the right-hand side of the top grey navigation bar or, in a large article, move directly to a chosen section from the table of contents displayed automatically in the left-hand frame.

### Related articles

Choose Related Articles from the top grey navigation bar to view the list of related articles drawn from the Index. From the related articles view, click on an article title to view that article. To return to the original article click on the **Back** button in your browser.

## When in doubt use Help



The Grove Music help pages provide guidance to help you make optimum use of this powerful resource.

Contextual help is available throughout all sections of the system - simply click on the **Help** link found at the top of each page.