



Music

What does it include?

State Library of Queensland's music collection comprises books, encyclopaedias, directories and journals, as well as scores, sheet music, songbooks and sound recordings. Online resources and videos are also available.

Books and reference material

State Reference Library collection houses an extensive range of books on music and dance.

Scores

State Library holds over 40,000 scores, available for loan through Queensland public libraries and the State Library. All periods of music are covered, from the medieval period to the present, and all genres are collected including classical, pop, jazz, folk, hymnology and early music. The collection includes instrumental music, vocal music, and musicals. In most cases, all parts required for performance are collected. Sets of composers' complete works are also available, but are not for loan.

Performance sets

The music collection contains performance sets for approximately 2,500 orchestral, choral and band works. These sets are closed access, but can be made available with the help of staff.

Sheet music

State Library has an extensive collection of sheet music containing over 100,000 items. These pieces encompass the Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian and modern eras of classical and popular songs and piano works. Although uncatalogued, the sheet music collection is available with the help of reference staff. In particular, the Australiana sheet music collection contains over 1,500 commemorative items with Australian subject matter – from places and people, to war songs, to TV themes. This collection is catalogued and can be searched by title or keyword.

Popular songbooks

The popular songbook collection contains over 2,100 items and covers current rock and pop music, country music, golden oldies, Australian and British folk songs and music hall songs.

Sound recordings

The collection contains over 5,500 CDs covering every genre of music, including early music, classical, jazz, folk, electronic, film, and musical theatre. CDs are not for loan, but visitors can listen to these in the State Library. CDs are lent to public libraries outside Brisbane via the Queensland public library network.

Online resources

- State Library offers several music databases, including *Oxford Music Online*, *Music Index Online*, *Music Online* (reference, audio and scores) and *Naxos Music Library*.
- *Music Queensland* www.slq.qld.gov.au/coll/musq is the State Library's digital music collection, and contains historically significant music scores about Queensland.
- *Netlinks* <http://netlinks.slq.qld.gov.au> is the State Library's gateway to quality music and dance websites.

Music Education Collection

The Music Education Collection contains 3,000 scores for use by Queensland schools for teaching and performance. This collection includes performance sets for orchestra, string orchestra, stage band and concert band, as well as small ensemble music and class sets of study scores.

Hymnology collection

The Cable Hymnology Collection is a research collection containing over 4,000 items, and is the strongest of its kind in Australia. It includes hymn books and reference works relating to hymnology. Hymn books in the collection date back to 1637 and include all denominations. The collection is not for loan and is closed access, but can be made available with the help of reference staff.

Palmer LP collection

The Palmer LP Collection consists of over 6,000 LP recordings, and includes over 600 operas with libretti. The collection is useful for locating particular performers or historical performances.

LPs are not for loan and are closed access, but can be made available with the help of reference staff.



How can I use the Music collection?

Queenslanders can borrow most of the scores in the State Library's music collection.

- If you live, work or study in the Brisbane City Council area, or live in Caboolture, Redland, Redcliffe, Ipswich, Pine Rivers or Logan, you may borrow material directly from the State Library by registering for free as a music borrower.
- You may register online at www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/ecard or come to the Reference desk. Identification with your current address must be shown in order to register and borrow.
- For those outside the Brisbane City Council area, State Library scores may be borrowed on inter-library loan through your local public library at www.slq.qld.gov.au/services/loans/music
- Schools, orchestras, choirs and organisations may also register as borrowers.

The standard loan period is four weeks. For orchestral, band or choral performance sets the loan period is three months. The loan period for items borrowed by community orchestras, bands and choirs is flexible to fit in with performance dates.

Items on loan may be renewed once and this can be done via the State Library web site.

Sound recordings and materials from the special collections, such as the Hymnology and Palmer LP collection, must be used on the premises.

What services are on offer?

Reference Services offer a state wide information and research service in music and dance. You may be looking for a particular piece of music (recorded or printed), information about a composer or work, the history of a musical era, technical specifications of a musical instrument, or the words of a song. Similarly, you may require the detailed steps of a particular dance form and its music, or a score with a specific arrangement, orchestration or key. Most music can be found in the State Library catalogue. In addition, reference staff will search a variety of sources, both print and online, to assist you with your query. The enquiry form is located at www.slq.qld.gov.au/enquiry

If State Library collections do not contain the items you require, staff can source material elsewhere and arrange an inter-library loan (ILL) upon request. This is a fee based service. The ILL service is available to registered individuals, organisations and libraries.

How do I access these services and facilities?

Relevant music materials can be identified using the State Library's online catalogue at www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/cat
To restrict your search to music materials click the 'set limits' and select a music category from the location box.

Performance sets and sheet music can be made available with the help of a reference staff member.

To access the music databases (*Oxford Music Online*, *Music Index Online*, *Music Online* and *Naxos Music Library*) go to www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles/music

Visit the State Library at South Bank, Brisbane to access:

- The State Reference Library's general collection, journals and serials on level 2
- Music scores, video recordings, DVDs, and newspapers on level 3
- The John Oxley Library and the Australian Library of Art on level 4.

For opening hours details go to www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/visit

Need further information?

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank

Reference Services: 07 3840 7810

John Oxley Library: 07 3840 7880

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