

Music Reference Resources

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What does the Music collection include?

State Library'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. The library holds over 40,000 scores, and an extensive collection of sheet music (over 100 000 items). The popular songbook collection contains over 2100 items and sound recordings include over 5,500 CDs. State Library offers a number of music databases, including Oxford Music Online, The Music Index, E-Music Quest, Naxos Music Library and the Classical Music Library.

The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians

REF 780.3 1980

This is the most comprehensive and substantial music encyclopaedia in English, with more than 29,000 biographical, historical and theoretical entries. Most entries often provide a bibliography for further reference and complete listings of composers' works. State Library also subscribes to Oxford Music Online (includes Grove Music Online).

Chronology of Western classical music

REF 780.9 2002

Two volumes, spanning 1751-2000. A variety of information is listed for each year, including births, deaths, debuts, prizes, musical literature and musical compositions.

The New Grove Dictionary of Opera

REF 782.103 1992

Contains information about opera composers, librettists, performers and conductors, as well as individual operas and other opera related information. Entries on specific opera librettos are included.

Encyclopedia of popular music

REF 781.6403 1998

A comprehensive eight volume history of twentieth-century popular music. Includes an index of 50 000 songs, 5000 artist and subject bibliographies, and discographies.

The New Grove dictionary of jazz

REF 781.6403 1998

A three volume dictionary which provides information about individual jazz performers and composers, jazz groups and bands, concepts and terms, instruments, record companies and labels.

Garland Encyclopedia of World Music

REF 780.9 1998-; QCD fol gar 033

A multi-volume work outlining the music of all the world's peoples. Each volume is devoted to a different region and details the culture and musical forms of that region, and individual music cultures within it. Each volume is accompanied by a CD containing recordings of the various cultural groups represented.

International who's who in classical music

REF 780.58

A biographical directory of contemporary musicians, conductors, producers and others associated with the classical and light classical music field. Appendices include international listings of orchestras, opera companies, festivals, music organisations, competitions and awards, libraries, and music conservatories.

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Baker's biographical dictionary of musicians

REF 780.922 2001

An important reference source for classical music biography. This is a six volume set expanded to include 20th century jazz and popular musicians. The musicians included are indexed by nationality, genre and time period in volume 6.

Contemporary musicians

REF 780.92

A multi-volume set which provides biographical information and bibliographies for a broad range of rock, rap, jazz, new age and classical musicians, bands, writers and conductors.

New Grove Dictionary of Musical Instruments

REF 781.910321 1984

Provides information and history about the instruments of classical and modern Western music, on non-western and folk instruments, on instrument makers, and Western performance tradition.

The Great song thesaurus

REF 784.50016 1989

Provides useful information about songs, including composers, lyricists, the date a song was written, and whether it features in a movie or film. Most songs listed are popular songs but some well known classics are included. A first line index is useful for verifying a song title.

Music Reference and Research Materials: An Annotated Bibliography

REF 016.78 1997

A bibliographic guide to a wide range of research topics. Listings include dictionaries and encyclopedias, histories, guides to musicology, bibliographies of music literature, catalogues of music, and discographies.

Music analyses : an annotated guide to the literature

REF 016.781 1991

A bibliography listing books which give specific analyses of works. Locate reference by first searching by the composer's name, then for the work listed under it.

Historical sets, collected editions, and monuments of music: a guide to their contents

REF 016.78 1980

A two volume set detailing the contents of published scholarly editions of composers' complete works, and monuments, or historical sets, of music. Arranged by composer name, or series title.

Collected Editions, Historical Series & Sets, & Monuments of Music

REF 016.78 1997

A more current volume listing the contents of scholarly editions than the previous book, also arranged by composer and series title.

Oxford Companion to Australian Music

REF 780.99403 1997

A comprehensive encyclopaedia of Australian music, including ancient Aboriginal traditions, European classical music traditions, folk, jazz, country, rock, and experimental music.

AMEB Manual of Syllabuses

REF 780.79

Lists the required works and technical requirements for all the Australian Music Examination Board music exams.

Australian chart book 1970-1992

REF 016.78242164

Chart lists, indexed by performer and song title, including each song's chart position and weeks held there.

Australasian music industry directory

REF 338.4778025

An Australian industry handbook listing artists, management, agents, radio and print media, retail stores, production and recording studios, and performance venues.

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