Music Collection
Location of Printed Music and Literature

Repertoire Guides – Piano
This guide was created to aid you in finding information about, and music for, the piano. Use this repertoire guide as a browsing tool or as a beginning to your search. As always, consult the University of Alberta Library website (library.ualberta.ca) and the catalogs for complete holdings information, and when uncertain, ask at the Reference/Service Desk!

Suggested Call numbers for shelf browsing
The classes below are general call number ranges, and contain scores for many ensembles which may not include the oboe. For specific call numbers of works, consult the NEOS Library Catalogue. Do not forget to look in collections of music by composer.

Solo Repertoire
M 2 – M 39 Piano solo
   M 20 Miscellaneous collections;
      Original compositions
   M 21 Collections, 2 or more
      composers
   M 22 Collections, 1 composer;
      Special collections and separate
      works
   M 23 Sonatas
   M 24 Suites
   M 25 Pieces not classifiable elsewhere
   M 26 Left hand only
   M 26.2 Right hand only
   M 27 Variations
   M 28 Marches; Dances
   M 30 General
   M 31 Two-rhythm

Piano Ensembles
M 200 – M 215
   M 200 Piano, 4 hands; miscellaneous
      collections
   M 201 – 205 Original compositions
   M 207 – 212 Arrangements
   M 214 Original compositions
   M 215 Arrangements

Concertos
M 1010 Concertos with orchestra; Scores
   M 1011 Piano reductions; Concertos with
      string orchestra
   M 1110 Scores
   M 1111 Piano reductions

Set Parts for Small Ensembles

Special Locations for Printed Music
In addition to the main collection of printed music, there are two other locations, all at the east end of the Library near the listening area, where special materials are shelved. A particular call number may occur in all three locations. The two special locations are the following:

- Miniature scores (less than 21 cm tall): On the east side of the last range of shelving. In the online catalogue, this location, within the Rutherford Library, is given as “Music Miniature Scores.”
- Oversize scores (too large for the regular shelves): On the west side of the last range of shelving. In the online catalogue, this location, within the Rutherford Library, is given as “Music Oversize.”

Piano Studies, Methods, and Literature
In addition to printed music, the University of Alberta Rutherford Library houses study materials, including orchestral excerpts, as well as literature concerning the piano.
## Piano Studies and Methods

| MT 220 – 249 | Instrumental techniques | MT 549 | Keyboard instruments; Piano |
| MT 220 | General |
| MT 222 | Systems and methods; Studies and exercises |
| MT 225 | General |
| MT 226 – 240 | Special techniques | ML 652 – 697 | Construction |
| | | ML 700 – 747 | Music and playing |

## Literature

- **ML 549** Keyboard instruments; Piano
- **ML 649.8** Periodicals
- **ML 650** General
- **ML 651** Pre-piano instruments

## Selected Bibliography: Music, Recordings and Writings


## Internet Resources

- **U of A Music Library Guide** [http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/music](http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/music)
- **American Pianists Association** [http://www.americanpianists.org/](http://www.americanpianists.org/)

## Searching for Piano Recordings or Scores using Keyword in the Online Catalogue

- Use quotation marks around phrases. "Piano"
- Truncate using "?" This is an excellent way to improve your search results. For example, Sonata? will find Sonata, Sonatas, Sonatina, Sonatinas etc. Truncating means you don't have to search for these words separately by typing each one individually.
- Use "AND" and "OR" to combine words or phrases. These are known as Boolean operators.
- Use parentheses: (), called "nesting", to groups terms together so you can combine even more concepts or Synonyms. For example: (cello OR violoncello) or (beliefs OR attitudes). Using both terms ensures you will get relevant results.
- Use the limits within “Advanced Search” to limit by type to recordings, scores or videos.

## Subject Headings

Please find below some subject headings that may aid in searching for items within the NEOS Library Catalogues.

- piano -- history
- piano -- instruction and study
- piano -- methods
- piano -- orchestral excerpts
- piano -- performance
- piano -- studies and exercises
- piano music -- bibliography

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