

Music scores and recordings

Music recordings

The Audio Visual Unit (on the Ground Floor of the Headington Library) has a collection of over 3000 CDs and LPs. These are mostly of classical music but also include popular music, jazz, electroacoustic music, sonic art, sound effects and world music.

Music CDs

These are divided into the following sections:

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1. Popular music, including world music, folk music and jazz
2. Opera, musicals and other musical theatre
3. Early music (by composers who died before 1643)
4. Music by composers who died after 1642 and were born before 1912
5. Contemporary music (by composers who were born after 1911), including experimental music and electroacoustic music
6. Other CDs, including sound effects, spoken word recordings and compilations combining several categories.

Within each section the CDs are arranged in alphabetical order by composer, performers, or the title of a compilation.

LPs

The LPs are arranged by type of music and by composer; they are listed on the printouts kept in the printout trolleys in the Audio Visual Unit. The LPs are available for listening only; they may not be borrowed.

Scores

Music scores are kept in the Audio Visual Unit, filed alphabetically by composer. Most of the scores are available on two week loan.

Finding music scores and recordings on the Library Catalogue

- Use **Title** search to look up a piece of music with a distinctive title (eg *Peter Grimes*).
- Use **Author** and **Keyword** search to look up a piece of music which does not have a distinctive title (eg Mozart quintets).
- Use **Advanced Search** and the **Limit search by Format** option to look for CDs (click on Compact disc).

Click on the title for each entry you find on the catalogue for fuller information about what is included in the score or on the CD, and for details of where you will find the CD on the shelves.

Complications

If you have problems finding a music score or recording on the catalogue, this may be because: your piece is included in a collection and may not be listed separately; your piece is listed under a different title, perhaps in another language (eg *The Marriage of Figaro/Le Nozze di Figaro*).

Please ask staff in the Audio Visual Unit if you have any questions about finding music scores and recordings.

Equipment

There are personal cassette players and CD players available from the Library Counter for use in the Library. There are CD players, an electronic keyboard and LP turntables in the Audio Visual Unit.

Borrowing music CDs

To borrow music CDs take them upstairs to the self service machines and borrow in the same way as books. The music CDs are part of the student normal allocation of twelve items. You may borrow CDs, two week and one week loan items in any combination up to the total of twelve items. The music CDs are available on a one week loan. CDs may be renewed in person on the self service machines, by phone or on the Catalogue, unless they have been reserved.

Returning CDs

During Library opening hours, please use the self service machines to return CDs. Please use the book returns boxes to return CDs only when the Library is closed. Fines are charged at 35p per day when music CDs are not returned by the date they were due back.

Help

Please ask staff in the Audio Visual Unit office if you have any enquiries about music scores and recordings.

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