Flute Guide

♫ Introduction ♫

This guide is designed to help you locate flute music and information about the flute. Click on a topic below.

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♫ Printed Music ♫

How do I find flute music?

If you have a specific piece in mind, you can search by title, author (person/organization/composer), or both in the online catalog. Below are general call number ranges for flute music.

*Some of the recommended call numbers below contain music that does not include flute. For example, M298 is a duet between a wind instrument and percussion. The wind instrument may be flute or another wind instrument.

Suggested Call Numbers for Flute Music

M60 – M64 flute alone
M240 - M244 flute with piano accompaniment
M288 – M289 duets – wind instrument with another wind instrument*
M290 – M291 duets – wind instrument with a string instrument*
M296 – M297 duets – wind instrument with guitar, harp*
M298 duets – wind instrument with percussion*
M317 trios – 2 wind instruments with piano*
M322 trios – 2 wind or string instruments with piano*
M357 trios – 3 wind instruments*
M357.2 trios – 3 woodwind instruments*

M417 quartets – 3 wind instruments with piano*
M422 quartets – 3 wind or string instruments with piano*
M457 quartets – 4 wind instruments*
M457.2 quartets – 4 woodwind instruments*

M517 quintets – 4 wind instruments with piano*
M522 quintets – 4 wind or string instruments with piano*
M557 quintets – 5 wind instruments*
M557.2 quintets – 5 woodwind instruments*

M617 sextets – 5 wind instruments with piano*
M622 sextets – 5 wind or string instruments with piano*
M657 sextets – 6 wind instruments*
M657.2 sextets – 6 woodwind instruments*

M717 septets – 6 wind instruments with piano*
M722 septets – 6 wind or string instruments with piano*
M757 septets – 7 wind instruments*
M757.2 septets – 7 woodwind instruments*

M817 octets – 7 wind instruments with piano*
M822 octets – 7 wind or string instruments with piano*
M857 octets – 8 wind instruments*
M857.2 octets – 8 woodwind instruments*

M917 nonets – 8 wind instruments with piano*
M922 nonets – 8 wind or string instruments with piano*
M957 nonets – 9 wind instruments*
M957.2 nonets – 9 woodwind instruments*

M1020 concertos with orchestra
M1021 concertos with orchestra (arranged)
M1120 concertos with string orchestra
M1121 concertos with string orchestra (arranged)

M1470 large ensembles of wind instruments*

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How can I find online music scores for the flute?

A number of online music resources are available for free download and printing. Click below for a listing of resources.

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How can I find books about the flute?

You can search by title, author, or both in the online catalog. Below are general call number ranges for information about the flute.

Suggested Call Numbers for Books about the Flute

- ML128.F7 bibliographies of flute music
- ML931 general books on woodwind instruments
- ML935 – ML937 history of the flute (ML935, general; ML936, history of flute construction; ML937, history of flute playing)
- MT342 – MT345 studies and methods for flute
- MT346 orchestral excerpts

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What music databases are available for research?

Hardin-Simmons offers the following music resources:

- **JSTOR**
  
  Full text journal articles.

- **Oxford Music Online**
  
How can I find periodicals or journals about the flute or flute music?

The following are a few recommended journals available through the Smith Music Library.

**Chamber Music**
- 2000-present, available in bound volumes

**Early Music**
- 1973-1999, available through the JSTOR database
- 1998-2008, available as microfilm

**Flute Talk**
- 1987, 1991 available in single issues

**Flutist Quarterly**
- 2000-2010 available in bound volumes

**The Galpine Society**
- 1948-ca. 6 years behind present year, available through the JSTOR database

**The Instrumentalist**

**International Musician**
- 1989-2000, available as microfilm
- 2008-present, available in bound volumes

**Woodwind World-Brass & Percussion**
How do I find periodical and journal articles about the flute or flute music?

The following electronic resources can assist you in finding periodical and journal articles.

- **JSTOR**
  Full text articles.
- **Music Index**
  Citations for articles and dissertations.
- **RILM Abstracts of Music Literature**
  Citations and abstracts for journal articles, dissertations, and books.

How can I find dissertations about the flute or flute music?

The following electronic resources can assist you in finding dissertations.

- **Comprehensive Dissertation Index: 1861-1972**
- **Music Index**
  Citations for articles and dissertations.
- **RILM Abstracts of Music Literature**
  Citations and abstracts for journal articles, dissertations, and books.
- **WorldCat Dissertations**
  Citations for dissertations.

How can I find recordings, videos, and DVDs of flute music?

Search for "flute" as a subject in the online catalog. You can limit your search by library, format, location, etc. A few commonly used limits are:
What are some useful subject headings to help locate materials relating to the flute?

Search the online catalog for materials related to the subjects below:

**Subject Headings for Books about the Flute and Flute Music**

- flute – history
- flute – performance
- flute – instruction and study
- flute – methods
- flute music – bibliography
- flute music – interpretation (phrasing, dynamics, etc.)

**Subject Headings for Scores, Recordings, and Videorecordings of Flute Music**

- flute music
- flute and [double bass, flute, etc.] music
- flute with [chamber orchestra, electronic music, etc.]
- flute music (flutes (2))
- concertos (flute)
- concertos (flute [and piano, viola, etc.])
- rondos (flute)
- sonatas (flute)
- sonatas (flute [and percussion, piano, etc.])
- suites (flute)
- variations (flute)
How can I find out what books have been published about the flute?
How can I find out what music has been published for flute?

**An Annotated Bibliography of Woodwind Instruction Books, 1600-1830** –
Detroit: Information Coordinators, 1967. Call Number (Hardin-Simmons University, Smith Music Library, Ref. ML128.W5 W4)

Dated. Annotated bibliography of woodwind instruction books. The index on p. 134 will lead you to 51 instruction books for the flute.


Divided into 3 main sections: (1) The Instrument; (2) Performance; and (3) The Music. The Instrument (I) discusses the flute today, how to choose and instrument, care and maintenance of the flute, a brief history of the flute, and the flute family. Performance (II) discusses breathing, tone, vibrato, articulation, technique, style, performance opportunities and preparation, and recordings. The Music (III) discusses the flute in music history from the Baroque Era through the 20th century. The latter two-fifths of the book is a repertoire catalog of approximately 3,000 works by 300 composers. Provides composer, title, scoring, publisher, and editor. The catalog is divided into the following sections: (A) Baroque
Era; (B) Classic Era; (C) Romantic Era; (D) Modern Era; and (E) Study Materials. Various appendices. Classified bibliography of approximately 250 writings.

**Flute Repertoire Catalogue: 10,000 Titles** - by Frans Vester. London: Musica Rara, 1967. Call Number: (Hardin-Simmons University, Smith Music Library, Ref. ML128.F7 V48)

Bibliography of published flute works and books about the flute, covering the 18th through the 20th century. Organized into the following sections: (I) Instrumental Works (composers in alphabetical order); (II) Instrumental Works (instrumental combinations); (III) Works including Vocal Parts; (IV) Studies; (V) Methods and Instruction Books; (VI) Literature; and (VI) Listing of Publishers.


Bibliography of approximately 1,200 works for flute in the following categories: (1) Methods, Daily Exercises, & Etudes; (2) Orchestral Studies (also Band); (3) Reference Materials; (4) Solos for Flute & Piano/ (and Flute Alone); and (5) Ensemble Literature. Graded according to degree of technical difficulty. Index of authors/composers.

**The Index of Flute Music Including the Index of Baroque Trio Sonatas** - compiled and edited by Wayne Wilkins. Magnolia, Ark.: The Music Register, 1974. Call Number: (Hardin-Simmons University, Smith Music Library, Ref. ML128.F7 W54)

Bibliography of approximately 7,000 works for flute organized into the following sections: Piccolo; Flute Methods; Flute Studies; Flute Solos (Unaccompanied); Duets; Trios; Quartets; Quintets; Woodwind Quintets; Sextets; Septets; Octets; Nonets; Ten & More Instruments; Flute & Piano; Flute & Organ; Flute & Guitar; 2 Flutes & Piano; 3 Flutes & Piano; 4 Flutes & Piano; Woodwind Quintet & Piano; Six or More Instruments & Piano; Voice with Flute; Flute & String Orchestra; 2 Flutes & Orchestra; and Scores of Especial Interest to Flutists; and Books. Includes Index of Baroque Trio Sonatas.


3-volume dictionary/encyclopedia of musical instruments. The entry on "flute" is a little more than 18 pages and is divided into the following sections: (1) General, (2) The Modern Flute, (3) Other Members of the Family, (4) History, and (5) Repertory and Its History. At the close of the flute entry is a list of hundreds of
other flute types, from "a" to "Zwerchpfeiff," with entries found throughout the dictionary. Photos and illustrations. Bibliography of approximately 30 instruction books and 80 books and articles.


Presents a bibliography of woodwind ensemble and chamber music.

♫ Web Sites ♫

**What are some internet Websites related to the flute?**

The following are only a few recommended Web sites:

- **British Flute Society**

- **Dayton C. Miller Flute Collection at the Library of Congress**
  Images of over 1,700 musical instruments along with accompanying essays and writings about Dayton Miller, his collection, and flutes and flute makers.

- **Eble Music**
  Publisher of flute music and music for other instruments.

- **The Flute Network**
  A non-profit educational corporation which serves flutists and teachers. Has a Masterclass Listing which provides dates, locations, and contact people. Home to the print publication *The Flute Network.*

- **Flute World**
  Provides access to over 16,000 products including instruments, sheet music, recorded music, and accessories

- **FluteHistory.com**
  Information and resources about the transverse flute and flute-playing in Western Europe and America over the past 800 years. It's designed for players of the modern instrument as well as earlier types, such as renaissance and baroque flutes.

- **Flutetrends**
  The homepage of the Swiss Flute Player, composer, loop artist, and recording engineer Stefan Keller
• **Hickey's Music Online: FluteCat**  
Publisher of flute music and music for other instruments.

• **Jennifer Cluff: Canadian Flutist and Teacher**  
Advise about playing the flute and handy links.

• **The National Flute Association**  
The largest flute organization in the world founded to encourage a higher standard of artistic excellence for the flute, its performers, and its literature. Provides information about competitions and other flute resources. Publishes *The Flutist Quarterly*.

• **The Orchestra: A User's Manual: Flute**  
Information about flute construction, range, articulations, effects, extended techniques, player's tips and tricks, and links to flute-related sites.

• **The Woodwind Fingering Guide: Flute Fingering Chart**  
Basic, alternate, trill, quarter tone, harmonic, piano, forte, and unusual fingerings for flute, piccolo, soprano, alto, bass, and open-G# flute.

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