**Introduction**

This guide is designed to help you locate oboe music and information about the oboe.

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**Printed Music**

**How do I find oboe 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 oboe music.

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

**Suggested Call Numbers for Oboe Music**

- M65 - M69  oboe alone
- M245 - M246  oboe with piano accompaniment
- M247  oboe with piano accompaniment (arranged)*
- 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*

M1022 concertos with orchestra
M1023 concertos with orchestra (arranged)
M1122 concertos with string orchestra
M1123 concertos with string orchestra (arranged)

M1470 large ensembles of wind instruments*
Online Music Scores

How can I find online music scores for the oboe?

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

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Books

How can I find books about the oboe?

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

Suggested Call Numbers for Books about the Oboe

- ML128.O2 bibliographies of oboe music
- ML931 general books on woodwind instruments
- ML940 – ML944 history of the oboe
- MT362 – MT365 studies and methods for oboe
- MT366 orchestral excerpts

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Databases

What music databases are available for research?

Hardin-Simmons offers the following music resources:

- **JSTOR**
  Full text journal articles.

- **Oxford Music Online**

- **Music Index**
  Citations for journal articles and dissertations.

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

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**Journal Titles**

How can I find periodicals or journals about the oboe or oboe 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

- **The Galpin 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**

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**Journal Articles**

How do I find periodical and journal articles about the oboe or oboe 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.

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

Search for "oboe" as a subject in the online catalog. You can limit your search by library, format, location, etc. A few commonly used limits are:

- library = Hardin-Simmons University Smith Music Library
- format = Score
- format = Sound Recording
- format = Video Material

Also, substitute other terms for "oboe," such as "musical instruments" or "woodwind." The results will be of a more general subject, but may include oboe.
What are some useful subject headings to help locate materials relating to the oboe?

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

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

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

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

obo music
obo and [clarinet, guitar, etc.] music
obo with [instrumental ensemble, orchestra, etc.]
obo music (oboes (2))
concertos (oboe)
rondos (oboe)
sonatas (oboe)
suites (oboe)
variations (oboe)
obo – studies and exercises
obo – instruction and study
obo – methods
obo – orchestral excerpts

woodwind instruments

woodwind trios; wind trios; trios
woodwind quartets; wind quartets; quartets
woodwind quintets; wind quintets; quintets
woodwind sextets; wind sextets; sextets
woodwind septets; wind septets; septets
wind octets; octets
nonets
How can I find out what books have been published about the oboe? How can I find out what music has been published for oboe?

**An Annotated Bibliography of Woodwind Instruction Books, 1600-1830** – Detroit: Information Coordinators, 1967. Call Number (Hardin-Simmons University, 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 oboe.


A bibliography of 10,515 works for oboe. Works are arranged in alphabetical order by composer, then by title. Provides scoring, publication information/manuscript, and the library where the score is located. The index on page 365 is very helpful in locating works for specific instrumental combinations.


3 volume dictionary/encyclopedia of musical instruments. The entry on "oboe" is a little more than 16 pages and is divided into the following sections: (1) General, (2) Acoustics, (3) Early History and Construction, (4) The 18th Century, (5) The 19th Century and After, (6) Larger Oboes, (7) Technique and Capabilities, (8) Performers and Teachers, and (9) Repertory and Its History. At the close of the oboe entry is a list of approximately 175 of other oboe types, from "aba" to "zurna," with entries found throughout the dictionary. Photos and illustrations. Bibliography of approximately 12 instruction books and 35 books and articles.

**The Reed Trio: An Annotated Bibliography of Original Published Works** – by James E. Gillespie, Jr. Detroit: Information Coordinators, 1971. Call Number (Hardin-Simmons University, Ref. ML128.W5 G54)

An annotated bibliography of nearly 200 works for reed trio (oboe, clarinet, and bassoon).


Presents a bibliography of woodwind ensemble and chamber music.
What are some internet Websites related to the oboe?

The following are only a few recommended Web sites:

- **Bibliography of Oboe Literature**
  Compiled by Anna Hendrickson at the Sibley Library. Bibliography of ca. 80 works for oboe.

- **Covey Oboes**
  In addition to information about the instrument vendor, this Website offers a basic timeline with numerous links, a brief history, and a bibliography.

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

- **Hickey's Music Online: OboeCat**
  Publisher of oboe music and music for other instruments.

- **International Double Reed Society**
  The official website of the International Double Reed Society, the world-wide organization of double reed (oboe and bassoon family) players, instrument manufacturers and enthusiasts.

- **Kestrel Reeds**
  Reed making supplies and 18th-century oboe reproductions.

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

- **Stellar Oboe Products**
  Offers reeds, supplies, books, and sheet music.

- **TrevCo Varner Music**
  Publisher of music for double reeds.

- **The Woodwind Fingering Guide: Oboe Fingering Chart**
  Basic, alternate, trill, and tremelo fingerings for oboe.

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