Organ Guide

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

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How do I find organ 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 organ music.

Suggested Call Numbers for Organ Music

M6 – M14  organ solo
M6   miscellaneous collections
M7   general collections - original compositions
M8   sonatas
M9   suites and cyclical works
M10  fugues with or without preludes
M11  pieces
M11.2  pedal pieces
M12  arrangements, collections
M13  arrangements, separate works
M14  accompaniments to collections of psalms and hymns
M15 – M19  harmonium solo
M180 – M181  one or more organs, two or more players
M182 – M186  organ and one other instrument
M191 – M195 harmonium and two other instruments
M300 – M304 organ and two other instruments
M305 – M309 harmonium and two other instruments
M400 – M404 organ and three other instruments
M405 – M409 harmonium and three other instruments
M500 – M504 organ and four other instruments
M505 – M509 harmonium and four other instruments
M600 – M604 organ and four other instruments
M605 – M609 harmonium and four other instruments
M700 – M704 organ and four other instruments
M705 – M709 harmonium and four other instruments
M800 – M804 organ and four other instruments
M805 – M809 harmonium and four other instruments
M900 – M904 organ and four other instruments
M905 – M909 harmonium and four other instruments
M1005 concertos with orchestra
M1006 concertos with orchestra (arranged)
M1108 concertos with string orchestra
M1109 concertos with string orchestra (arranged)
MT180 – MT208 studies and methods (includes etudes)

How can I find online music scores for the organ?

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

How can I find books about the organ?
You can search by title, author, or both in the online catalog. Below are general call number ranges for information about the organ.

Suggested Call Numbers for Books about the Organ
ML128.O6 bibliographies of organ music
ML549 – ML649 books about the organ
MT180 – MT198 organ music—instruction and study

Databases

What music databases are available for research?
Hardin-Simmons offers the following music resources:

- **JSTOR (Online)**
  Full text journal articles.

- **Oxford Music Online**

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

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

Journal Titles

How can I find periodicals or journals about the organ or organ music?
The following are a few recommended journals available through the Smith Music Library.

**American Organist**
1948-1970, available in bound volumes

**American Organist (1979)**
1979-present, available in bound volumes
**Choir & Organ**  
1993-1995, 2000-present, available in bound volumes

**Clavier**  

**The Diapason**  
1948-present, available in bound volumes  
2010-present, available through *The Diapason* subscription

**Early Music**  
1948-present, available in bound volumes  
2010-present, available through *The Diapason* subscription

**The Galpin Society**  
1948-ca. 6 years behind present year, available through the JSTOR database  
1998-2008, available as microfilm

**The Instrumentalist**  

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

**Pedalpoint**  
1982-present, available in bound volumes

**The Tracker**  
1986, 2003-present, available in bound volumes

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♫ **Journal Articles** ♫

How do I find periodical and journal articles about the organ or organ music?

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

- **JSTOR (Online)**  
  Full text articles.

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

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

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

The following electronic resources can assist you in finding dissertations.

- *Comprehensive Dissertation Index: 1861-1972*

- *Dissertations*
  Citations for dissertations.

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

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

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

Search for "organ" 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 "organ," such as "harmonium" or "keyboard." The results may be more broad, but may include organ.

What are some useful subject headings to help locate materials relating to the organ?

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

**Subject Headings for Books about the Organ and Organ Music**
(some book subject headings also yield scores, recordings, and videorecordings)

chorale preludes
concertos (organ) – bibliography
concertos (organ) – history and criticism
organ (musical instrument)
  – bibliography
  – construction
  – France (also, other countries)
  – history
  – instruction and study
  – methods
  – periodicals
organ builders
organ music
  – 16th century – history and criticism (also, other centuries)
  – analysis, appreciation
  – bibliography
  – discography
  – history and criticism
  – indexes
  – Interpretation (Phrasing, dynamics, etc.)
  – periodicals
  – thematic catalogs
organ music (jazz)
organ music. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix (also, other composers)
organ stops
organists
symphonies (organ)

Subject Headings for Scores, Recordings, and Videorecordings of Organ Music

organ music – 15th century (also, other centuries)
  – arranged
    – England (also, other countries)
organ music (4 hands)
organ (musical instrument) – studies and exercises
organ and [clarinet, piano, electronic music, etc.] music
organ with [band, brass, chamber orchestra, etc.]
concertos (organ)
concertos (organ with [band, chamber orchestra, string orchestra, etc.])
chorale preludes
sonatas (organ)
suites (organ)
symphonies (organ)
variations (organ)

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How can I find books published about the organ? How can I find music published for organ?


Bibliography. Organized into two parts: (1) organ and instruments and (2) organ and keyboard. Section 1 is further classified by number of instruments. Within each section or subsection, arranged by composer. Provides composer, title, instrumentation, publication information, annotative remarks, and duration. Various indexes.


In German, but fairly easy to follow. Organized into 16 sections based on genres or instrumentation combinations. Within each section, organized alphabetically by composer. Provides approximately 8,000 titles for organ works along with publisher and year of publication.


Organized by composer. Provides brief biographical information followed by a list of keyboard compositions. Indicates whether a manuscript or published work along with other relevant information.


Bibliography of ca. 1,500 20th-century organ work. Organized by composer. Provides title and publication information.


Organized in alphabetical order by composer. Provides approximately 19,000 titles for organ works along with publisher and year of publication.


Bibliography of ca. 1,400 compositions scored for organ with other instruments. Classified by instrumental combinations, such as Violin and Organ, Two C Instruments and Organ, String Orchestra and Organ, Tape (Electronic) and Organ, etc. Provides composer, title, number of pages/minutes, publication information, and instrumentation. Index.


Extensive index of organ works based on carols, chorales, hymn tunes, and plainsong and Gregorian tunes. Two volumes. Volume 1 is a composer index. Lists composer/arranger, nationality, dates, and titles with publisher. Volume 2 indexes titles and variant titles and provides composer/arranger and a thematic incipit for most entries. Heavily cross-referenced


Bibliography of organ works arranged in title order. For each title, provides composers, publication information, location within the cited item, and key. Some annotative notes. Serves as an index to hymns in selected hymnals. Two supplements published in 1988 and 1997, respectively.


In German. Two volumes: (1) organ solos and (2) organ with instruments. Bibliography of more than 50,000 works. Provides composer, title, date of composition, publication information, and other relevant information. Index.

Historical narrative and bibliography. Organized by country or geographic region. Provides composer, title, and publication information.

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♫ Web Sites ♫

What are some internet Websites related to the organ?

The following are only a few recommended Web sites:

American Guild of Organists
A national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. Home of the American Organist. Provides information about education, careers, competitions, conventions, and other matters.

American Theatre Organ Society
An organization based in the United States that provides information about theatre organs all over the world.

The Associated Organ Builders of America
A professional association of firms engaged in building traditional pipe organs.

Organ Historical Society
An international association for organ. Home of The Tracker. Provides information about education, careers, competitions, conventions, and other matters.

Organ Site
Maintained by Martin Doering (known as Dröhnich). Has a large number of photos of organs as well as MP3 recordings of music. Click on this link for a list of organ Websites: http://www.die-orgelseite.de/links_e.htm.

International Society of Organbuilders
Links to news. Home of the ISO Journal.

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