Saxophone Guide

♫ Introduction ♫

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

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♫ Printed Music ♫

How do I find saxophone 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 saxophone music.

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

Suggested Call Numbers for Saxophone Music

M106 – M109  saxophone alone
M268 – M269  saxophone 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*
M562 quintets – wind instrument with string quartet*
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*
M1034 concertos with orchestra*
M1035 concertos with orchestra (arranged)*
M1134 concertos with string orchestra*
M1135 concertos with string orchestra (arranged)*
M1470 ensembles of wind instruments*
Online Music Scores

How can I find online music scores for the saxophone?

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 saxophone?

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

Suggested Call Numbers for Books about the Saxophone

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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.
How can I find periodicals or journals about the saxophone or saxophone music?

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

**Chamber Music**
- 2000-present, 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 saxophone or saxophone 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 saxophone or saxophone 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 saxophone music?

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

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

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

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

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

- saxophone music
- saxophone music (saxophones (2))
- saxophone music (jazz)
- saxophone and [computer, electronic, guitar, etc.] music
- saxophone with [band, chamber orchestra, etc.]
- saxophone – orchestral studies
  - concertos (saxophone)
  - rondos (saxophone)
  - sonatas (saxophone)
  - suites (saxophone)
  - variations (saxophone)
- saxophone – studies and exercises
- saxophone – instruction and study
- saxophone – methods

- woodwind instruments
  - woodwind trios; wind trios; trios
  - woodwind quartets; wind quartets; quartets
  - woodwind quintets; wind quintets; quintets
  - woodwind sextets; wind sextets; sextets
How can I find out what books have been published about the saxophone? How can I find out what music has been published for saxophone?


In French and English. Bibliography of approximately 2,000 original compositions and 1,000 arrangements composed between the years of 1844 and 1969. Provides composer, title, scoring, and publisher. Index of instrumentation.

The Index of Saxophone Music - compiled and edited by Wayne Wilkins. Magnolia, Ark.: Music Register, 1979. Call Number: (Abilene Christian University, Non Circ. 788.66016 W685I)

Bibliography of more than 2,000 works for saxophone organized into the following sections: (1) saxophone methods, (2) saxophone studies, (3) unaccompanied saxophone, (4) duets, (5) trios, (6) quartets, (7) quintets, (8) sextets, (9) septets and larger groups, (10) soprano saxophone and piano, (11) alto saxophone and piano, (12) tenor saxophone and piano, (13) baritone saxophone and piano, (14) trios with piano, (15) quartets with piano, (16) quintets with piano, (17) sextets and larger groups with piano, (18) saxophone and orchestra, (19) saxophone and band, (20) vocal music with saxophone, and (21) books.


A continuation of Londeix's 125 ans de Musique pour Saxophone: Répertoire Général des Oeuvres et des Ouvrages d'Enseignement pour le Saxophone (see above). In French and English. Bibliography of works for saxophone composed between the years of 1969 and 1984. Provides composer, title, scoring, and publisher. Index of instrumentation.

3-volume dictionary/encyclopedia of musical instruments. The entry on "saxophone" is approximately 6 pages and is divided into the following sections: (1) General, (2) Compass, (3) Technique, (4) History, (5) Manufacture, and (6) Use. Photos and illustrations. Bibliography of 14 writings.

### Web Sites

What are some internet Websites related to the saxophone?

The following are only a few recommended Web sites:

- **Australian Clarinet & Saxophone**
  Reviews of clarinet and saxophone CDs/books/concerts, articles regarding all aspects of the clarinet and saxophone, and free downloadable clarinet and saxophone fingering charts/music manuscript. Publishes the *Australian Clarinet and Saxophone Magazine*.

- **Clarinet & Saxophone Society of Great Britain**
  The CASS promotes the playing of the clarinet and saxophone at all levels from beginners to serious students, amateurs and professionals, and in all musical styles. Home of the *Clarinet & Saxophone* journal.

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

- **The North American Saxophone Alliance**
  Resources for the saxophone, including master's and doctoral theses, festivals and master classes, discographies, and other resources. Publishes the *Saxophone Symposium*.

- **The Orchestra: A User's Manual: Saxophone**
  Information about saxophone construction, range, articulations, effects, extended techniques, player's tips and tricks, and links to saxophone-related sites.
• **Sax on the Web**  
  By Harri Rautiainen. Provides links to Web pages related to the saxophone.

• **Saxophone.com**  
  Rental and sales of saxophones.

• **Saxophone.org**  
  Articles, interviews, reviews, and other helpful saxophone links.

• **The Vintage Saxophone Gallery**  
  Information about saxophone makers and models. Photos of saxophones.

• **The Woodwind Fingering Guide: Saxophone Fingering Chart**  
  Basic, alternate, trill, quarter tone, and tremolo fingerings for saxophone and altissimo fingering for Buffet alto saxophone.

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