

Crouch Fine Arts Library

String Ensemble Guide

This guide is designed to help you locate string ensemble music and information about the string ensemble. Consult **BearCat** (Baylor University's online library catalog) for complete holdings information and availability of materials. BearCat is available on all public computers in the library and is also accessible on the Internet at <http://www3.baylor.edu/Library/>. If you need assistance, the library staff will be happy to help you.

♪ How do I find music for string ensemble?

If you have a specific piece in mind, you can search by title, author (person/organization/composer), or both on BearCat.

Below are general call number ranges for string ensemble music. You can browse the shelves or you can consult BearCat for a listing of materials by call number. To search by call number on BearCat, select Call Number, then Library of Congress/NLM, and enter the beginning of a call number, ex. M310.

Suggested Call Numbers for String Ensemble Music

- M310-M386 trios which may include one or more string instruments
 - M310-M314 two strings and piano
 - M349-M353 string trios
 - M410-M486 quartets which may include one or more string instruments
 - M410-M414 three strings and piano
 - M450-M454 string quartets
 - M510-M586 quintets which may include one or more string instruments
 - M510-M514 four strings and piano
- [follow for sextets, septets, octets, nonets]
- M550-M554 string quintets
 - M650-M654 string sextets
 - M750-M754 string septets
 - M850-M854 string octets
 - M950-M954 string nonets
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♪ How can I find books about the string ensemble?

You can search by title, author, or both on BearCat.

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Suggested Call Numbers for Books about the String Ensemble

ML128. S8, ML132 string ensemble bibliographies
ML749.5-ML927 string music history
ML1100-ML1165 chamber music history
MT259-MT338 studies and methods for string instruments
MT728-MT728.3 studies and methods for chamber music

♪ How can I find periodicals or journals about the string ensemble or string ensemble music?

In BearCat search "bowed stringed instruments" as a subject and limit the results to the material type "periodicals." Also consult journals related to strings in general (violin, viola, etc). The following are a few recommended journals held in the Crouch Fine Arts Library:

American String Teacher
American Suzuki Journal
Bass World: The Journal of the International Society of Bassists
Galpin Society Journal (Online)
Instrumentalist
International Musician
Journal of the American Viola Society
Journal of the Viola da Gamba Society of America
Strad
Strings

Current issues of periodicals are shelved alphabetically in the Reading Room. Back issues are bound and shelved along the wall in the main shelving area where music books and scores are shelved.

♪ How can I find periodical or journal articles about the string ensemble or string ensemble music?

There are a number of electronic resources to assist you in finding periodical and journal articles. Below are only a few:

JSTOR (Online)—Full text articles.
International Index to Music Periodicals (Online)—Citations for articles and some full text articles.
The Music Index Online—Citations for articles and dissertations.
RILM Music Abstracts—Citations and abstracts for articles, dissertations, and books.

To access the electronic resources above and to explore other resources available, follow the steps below:

In BearCat, select Other Electronic Resources, then enter the name of the resource.
or
In BearCat, select Other Electronic Resources, then select Music as the subject.

♪ How can I find dissertations about the string ensemble or string ensemble music?

There are a number of electronic resources to assist you in finding dissertations. Below are only a few:

ProQuest Digital Dissertations (Online)—Abstracts for dissertations.

The Music Index Online—Citations for articles and dissertations.

RILM Music Abstracts—Citations and abstracts for articles, dissertations, and books.

To access the electronic resources above: In BearCat, select Other Electronic Resources, then enter the name of the resource.

♪ How can I find recordings of string ensemble music?

Search for "string ensembles" as a subject on BearCat and limit your search by the type of format that you want (CD audio; laserdisc; videocassette; audiocassette; audio-other (LP records)). Other helpful subject headings are given in the next section.

To locate all sound recordings regardless of format, search for "string ensembles" as a subject, limit your search by Words in the TITLE, and enter "sound recording." The search result will list all CDs, audiocassettes, and LPs that contain string ensemble music. Other helpful subject headings are given in the next.

To locate all videorecordings regardless of format, search for "string ensembles" as a subject, limit your search by Words in the TITLE, and enter "videorecording" (all one word). The search result will list all videocassettes, laserdiscs, and DVDs that contain string ensemble music. Other helpful subject headings are given in the next.

♪ What are some useful subject headings to help locate materials relating to the string ensemble?

Suggested Subjects in BearCat

Subject Headings for Books about the String Ensemble

bowed stringed instruments—history
string ensembles—history
stringed instruments—history
stringed instruments—bibliography
stringed instruments—instruction and study

Subject Headings for Scores, Recordings, and Videorecordings of String Ensemble Music

bowed stringed instruments—instruction and study
bowed stringed instruments—methods
string ensembles
string trios; piano trios; trios
string quartets; piano quartets; quartets
[follow for quintets, sextets, septets, octets]

♪ How can I find out what books have been published about the string ensemble? How can I find out what music has been published for string ensemble?

Consult the bibliographies and repertoire lists of string ensemble music in the call number section ML128.S8 & ML132 (both in the Crouch Reference area and general shelves) or search on BearCat for the subject "stringed instruments—bibliography."

The following is a selected list of literature about the string ensemble and repertoire lists of string ensemble music held in the Crouch Fine Arts Library:

Selected Bibliography of Literature and Repertoire Lists

- American String Teachers Association. *String Syllabus: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Ensembles*. C. Gregory Hurley, ed. U.S.: The Association, 2003. (ML132.S8 A4 2003)
- Baron, John H. *Baroque Music: A Research and Information Guide*. N.Y.: Garland, 1993. (Crouch Ref. ML116 .B37 1993)
- Baron, John H. *Chamber Music: A Research and Information Guide*. N.Y.: Routledge, 2002. (Crouch Ref. ML128.C4 B37 2002)
- Berger, Melvin. *Guide to Chamber Music*. N.Y.: Dodd, Mead, 1985. (Crouch Ref. ML1100 .B45 1985)
- Cobbett, Walter Willson. *Cobbett's Cyclopedic Survey of Chamber Music*, 2nd ed. London: Oxford University Press, 1986. (Crouch Ref. ML1100 .C7 1986)
- Cohn, Arthur. *The Literature of Chamber Music*. Chapel Hill, NC: Hinshaw Music, 1997. (Crouch Ref. ML1100 .C74x 1997)
- Farish, Margaret. *String Music in Print*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Musicdata, 1980. (Crouch Ref. ML128.S7 F4 1980)
- Rangel-Ribeiro, Victor, and Robert Markel. *Chamber Music: An International Guide to Works and their Instrumentation*. N.Y.: Facts-on-File, 1993. (ML128.C4 R3 1993)
- Scott, William. *A Conductor's Repertory of Chamber Music: Compositions for Nine to Fifteen Solo Instruments*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1993. (Crouch Ref. ML128.C4 C6 1993)
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♪ What are some internet Websites related to the string ensemble?

The following are only a few recommended Websites:

Internet Websites

- Catgut Acoustical Society. www.catgutacoustical.org/
- ChamberMusic America. <http://www.chamber-music.org/>
- String Quintet Sheet Music.
<http://www.virtualsheetmusic.com/downloads/Indici/Ensemble/StringQuintet.htm>

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