Violin Reference Guide

This guide is designed to help you find information about, and music for, the violin. Use this as a starting point or browsing tool. As always, consult library catalogs for complete holdings information, and when uncertain, ask for help at the desk! Check out the related guides on Chamber Music for Strings and Performing Arts Careers.

Call Numbers for Shelf Browsing

Below are general call number ranges. More about call numbers @ http://goo.gl/ALzqn.

M40-44 violin solo
M217-223 violin with piano accompaniment
M286-287 duets—two string instruments
M290-291 duets—wind and string instruments
M1012 concertos with orchestra
M1013 concertos with orchestra (reduced for keyboard accompaniment)
M1112 concertos with string orchestra
M1113 concertos with string orchestra (reduced for keyboard accompaniment)
ML800-892 history and criticism
MT260-278 studies and methods
MT266 orchestral excerpts

For trios, quartets, and other ensembles, see the Chamber Music for Strings guide.

Subject Headings for Searching Library Catalogs

To find material on a specific topic, type in one of these subject headings to get a list of relevant titles. Access KentLINK subject heading search @ http://kentlink.kent.edu/search/d.

Violin music
[for violin and another stringed instrument, place instruments in score order (e.g., Violin and viola music; Violin and violoncello music); for music accompanied by piano alone, use violin and piano music]
Concertos (Violin)
Concertos (Violin) -- Solo with piano
Sonatas (Violin)
Violin -- Methods
Violin -- Orchestral excerpts
Violin -- Studies and exercises
Violin music (Violins (2))
Violin with [band, orchestra, etc.]

KentLINK Musical Instrumentation Search

Access this resource @ http://goo.gl/mBUem

Use KentLINK Musical Instrumentation Search to find printed music for specific instrument combinations. The KentLINK Musical Instrumentation Search Reference Guide provides an overview of basic tips and search strategies.

Electronic Research Databases

Use this link for the following online music databases: http://goo.gl/6617W
- Find Articles - JSTOR, Music Index Online, and RILM Abstracts of Music Literature
- Encyclopedias & Dictionaries - Oxford Music Online (New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians)
- Online Listening - Classical Music Library, Contemporary World Music, Naxos Music Library, Smithsonian Global Sound
Selected Print Titles (listed alphabetically)

Includes entries of French, English, German, etc. terminology for bowing string instruments.

An Encyclopedia of the Violin Ref. ML800.B13 1966
Comprehensive resource on violin construction, evolution, and technique, as well as music for the violin.

Overview of the history and development of violins and violin playing through the 19th century.

The History of Violin Playing from Its Origins to 1761 ML850.B7 1990
Overview of the history and development of violins and violin playing from the 16th century to 1761.

The Index of Violin Music ML128.V4 W53
List of resources on violin methods, studies and music for a variety of string groups.

Articles on the violin, as well as composers, forms, genres & time periods.

Principles of Violin: Playing & Teaching MT260.G34
Ivan Galamian’s philosophy of teaching and practice methods that incorporates aspects of both the Russian and French schools. Covers technique, interpretation, posture, vibrato, intonation, bowing, double stops, and many other subjects.

Representative Violin Solos and How to Play Them MT140.W5
Contains violin solos and recommendations on how to play them.

The Strad Directory Ref. ML5 .S892x
Directory of violin studio and shop listings both internationally and by state.

String Music in Print ML128.S7 F4
List of music for stringed instruments by group type (trio, quartet, quintet, etc.)

Violin and Viola MT260.M43
Instructive manual covering playing techniques, developing a practice routine, repertoire, repair, care, and teaching.

List of resources on violin music, technique, construction and general studies.

The Violin: History, Aesthetics, Manufacture, and Acoustics ML800.L3613
Historical overview of the structure, construction and sound of the violin.

Note: Reference titles (“Ref.”) are non-circulating and are located in the Performing Arts Library Reading Room.

Orchestral Excerpt Scores

Modern Orchestral Studies for Violin MT266.B96
Orchestral Excerpts from the Symphonic Repertoire: For Violin MT266.G55 1962 v. 1-3

Journals (listed alphabetically)

American String Teacher  Galpin Society Journal  Violin Society of America
American Suzuki Journal  Strad

Internet Resources (All links below are live @ http://goo.gl/VvYGJ)

All Things Strings: http://www.allthingsstrings.com
American Federation of Violin & Bow Makers: http://www.afvbm.org/
American String Teachers Association: http://www.astaweb.com
Catgut Acoustical Society: http://www.catgutacoustical.org/
The Strad Directory: http://www.thestrad.com/
Violin Society of America: http://www.vsa.to/

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