



Classical Music Library

Bismarck State College Pathfinder

<http://www.bismarckstate.edu/library/>



What is Classical Music Library?

“Classical Music Library is the world's first classical music collection for listening on computers in the library and at home. Brought to you by Classical, it is a complete collection of recordings with a supplementary reference database, enabling you to listen to music both in the library (with headphones) or at home (by accessing the service via the library's secure system remotely) while simultaneously searching and browsing our vast reference database.”

Accessing the Classical Music Library (CML)

From BSC Library website:

- 1) <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/library/>
- 2) Select Databases (Articles and More) from left hand column.

Directly from a BSC Computer:

- 1) <http://internal.bsc.classical.com/>



Flexible Access Options

Most BSC Library's online resources can be accessed via the World Wide Web from any internet accessible computer in the world. Through Bismarck State College's Library homepage, BSC Photo ID/library card holders can access databases from their homes or other remote sites, 24/7.

To access Licensed Resources from off-campus, you will be prompted to log in. To do so, enter your **library card number** (barcode number on your card) and your **password** (your last name, in lowercase letters). Example: 23103000287468 doe

BSC Online Students:

Apply for a library card at: <https://merlin.bsc.nodak.edu/secure/library/libcard.asp>

To apply for your library card you will need:

1. User ID (a "w" followed by a 7 digit number; the seven digit number is your EMPL ID)
2. Valid e-mail address

Have a question or trouble accessing some of the resources?

**Contact Numbers: 1-800-445-5073 (toll-free)
701-224-5450 (local)**

Online Questions: BSC.Library.Department@bsc.nodak.edu



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Classical Music Library is a continually growing catalog of thousands of classical music tracks available for searching, browsing and listening, accompanied by extensive biographical and reference materials. Your library has subscribed to Classical Music Library for your use. Ask your librarian for details on how to access this service.

Creating a User Account

In order to use some of the key features of Classical Music Library, such as creating playlists, you must create an individual account. This will take you just a few seconds, by clicking the "Register" link on the yellow welcome bar on any page and completing the form shown at right. Once registered, you can log in to your account by clicking on the "Log in" link on the yellow welcome bar.

Finding Music

There are three ways of finding music on Classical Music Library:

1. Basic Search

Our basic search box is located at the top right hand corner of the screen, headed "search for music you want to hear." Follow these steps:

- 1 Type your simple search string (eg 'mozart piano concerto' or 'mass b minor' or 'partita') into the search box.
- 2 Click "Go".

2. Advanced Search

Our Advanced Search allows you to search for key words within specific fields, which include Work/Track Title, Genre, Instrument, Work/Opus Number, Soloist or simply Keyword. To conduct an advanced search, follow these steps:

- 1 Click the "advanced search" link below the basic search box, or click on the "Search" tab.
- 2 Enter your search terms in the "Search for:" boxes and choose the fields that they apply to (shown at left) in the corresponding drop-down boxes.
- 3 You can choose to enable automatic spell checking, select the type of Boolean search and whether or not you'd like to view all movements of a work grouped together.
- 4 Click "Submit Query."

3. Browsing by Category

Use of our "Browse" feature enables you to browse tracks within particular categories, such as Composer, Artist, Instrument, Genre, Period or Label.

- 1 Click on the category of your choice in the left hand column labelled "Browse Tracks."
- 2 Use the alphabetical buttons to find the specific composer, instrument, etc.
- 3 Your results are returned in alphabetical order.
- 4 Refine your search results by choosing one of the sub-categories offered (see the "Narrow your search further by selecting" option).



Listening to Music

Classical Music Library enables you to listen to complete tracks of any music you find.

When "search" or "browse" results are delivered, a yellow "play" button is situated to the right of each track. Clicking on this button launches the "Classical Player". This is a small, flash-based pop-up window that contains the following controls:

Basic music controls

- ▶ Play
- ⏸ Pause
- ⏹ Stop
- ⏭ Skip forward
- ⏮ Skip backward

Time counter

Volume control

Playlist, track, and artist information

Add to playlist button



Please note that if your library has chosen to offer optional Custom CDs and Downloads, you will see additional buttons alongside each track. In this case you will be able to purchase the track as a download or on Custom CD by online credit card payment directly from Classical Music Library.

Creating Playlists

You can create your own playlists on Classical Music Library and store them in your user account under "My Playlists". You should be logged in to your user account before doing this.

1. Copying existing playlists

Classical Music Library features hundreds of pre-programmed playlists in the "Playlists" section.

You can copy an existing playlist to "My Playlists" by clicking the "Add to Playlist" button next to the playlist name. You are then able to edit the playlist further, or return to browsing.

2. Creating new playlists

To create a completely new custom playlist, you should find a track you wish to add to your playlist, then click the "Add to Playlist" button. You will then be offered the options pictured above.



Reference Materials

Classical Music Library includes thousands of cross-referenced biographies, program notes and images. There are two ways to access this large library of reference materials:

- 1 Click on the "Reference" tab to deliver a list of contents.
- 2 Click on the "Information" button when you are browsing or listening to a track, to load a pop-up which contains details about the work, track, recording, artists and composer.

Need Help?

The online "Help" section on the Classical Music Library service aims to answer most queries. For other feedback or enquiries, please email support@classical.com