

## HOW TO FIND PRINTED MUSIC IN BOBST LIBRARY

“Score” is the technical term the library uses to categorize printed music in all its various formats (including full scores, piano-vocal scores, short scores, sheet music, lead sheets, etc.)

Bobst Library’s online system offers three different methods for finding scores.

### I. BOBCAT ON THE WEB

- Connect via the NYU Library home page < <http://library.nyu.edu> > or with the direct link < <http://www.bobcat.nyu.edu> >

1. On the **Select Catalogs** page choose **Bobst Library (all locations)**.

NOTE: If you want also to include the Scherman Music Library (Mannes College of Music) and all the other libraries in the consortium in your search results, choose instead **Search ALL collections**. Do not choose **Avery Fisher Center** as a specific Bobst location, because it is not a cataloging location for scores (only for recorded media).

2. Click the blue **Keyword Search** button.
3. Click the gray **Limit Search** button.

NOTE: The **Limit Search** function is not available with **Phrase Search**, only with **Keyword Search**.

4. Open the **Format** menu and select **Music Scores**.
5. Click the **Set Limits** button.
6. Perform a **Keyword Search**, using one or more of the menu categories (Author, Title, Subject Heading, All Keywords, etc.)

EXAMPLES:

**Author: john cage**  
<for all scores by John Cage>

**Author: john cage AND Subject Heading: piano music**  
<for scores of piano music by John Cage>

**Author: john cage AND Title: asleep**  
<for the score to *She Is Asleep* by John Cage>

NOTE: The **Title** search on the **Keyword Search** menu does not search the tables of contents of song collections or other types of music anthologies. To search tables of contents, use either **All Keywords** or **Notes**.

EXAMPLES (Compare the results)

**Author: nirvana AND Title: lithium**

**Author: nirvana AND All Keywords: lithium**

**Author: nirvana AND Notes: lithium**

7. To perform another search, click **Keyword Search** again and repeat the process starting with Step 6.

NOTE: The limit to scores will remain in force now through all subsequent searches unless and until you click the **Clear Limits** button.

IMPORTANT: Do not try to use the search **Format: score** from the **Keyword Search** menu. This does not work at all for scores.

IMPORTANT: Do not try to use the search **Subject Heading: scores** from the **Keyword Search** menu. This works occasionally but is unreliable.

## II. CLASSIC BOBCAT

- text-only version—via telnet connection at dedicated terminals throughout the library stacks.

1. Type in a **Keyword Search**, using one or more of the indicated codes (AW= for Author, TW= for title, SW= for subject heading, W= for all keywords, etc.)

Examples:

**AW=john cage**

<for all materials in the library by John Cage>

**AW=john cage and SW=piano music**

<for piano music by John Cage>

**AW=john cage and TW=asleep**

<for the work, *She Is Asleep* by John Cage>

NOTE: The search result at this point is not limited by format.

NOTE: The **Title** search on the **Keyword Search** menu does not search the tables of contents of song collections or other types of music anthologies. To search tables of contents, use either **All Keywords** or **Notes**.

EXAMPLES (Compare the results)

**Author: nirvana AND Title: lithium**

**Author: nirvana AND All Keywords: lithium**

**Author: nirvana AND Notes: lithium**

2. Highlight **Modify Search** and press **Enter**.
3. Highlight **Select Modifiers** and press **Enter**.
4. Using the **Enter** key, move the cursor down to the **Material Type** line.
5. Type the word **score** [must be singular] into the box.
6. Press **Enter** two more times, until you see **Proceed** highlighted in the **Options** area below.
7. Highlight **All** and press **Enter**. The result is now limited to the scores format.
8. To perform another search, highlight **New Search** and repeat the entire process starting with Step 1.

NOTE: In classic BobCat the format modifier expires with each new search. You must repeat the entire process each time.

IMPORTANT: Do not try to use the keyword search **GMD=score**. This does not work at all for scores.

IMPORTANT: Do not try to use the keyword search **SW=scores**. This works occasionally but is unreliable.

### III. **THE VIDEOS & MUSIC SEARCH ON THE LIBRARY HOME PAGE**

- connect via < <http://library.nyu.edu> >
1. Click the link Videos & Music.
  2. Click the gray tab **Search for Scores**.
  3. Type identifying keywords into the box.

NOTE: This is a google-style search. Do not add any codes or prefixes for authors, titles, etc. The execution of the search will be faster if the keywords are distinctive.

**EXAMPLES:**

john cage piano music

cage asleep

nirvana lithium

IMPORTANT: You are now inside BobCat with the **Search Limits** set to scores. To perform another search, just pick up the process starting at Section I, Step 6 above.