

## **Classical Music Library**

**Classical Music Library** from Alexander Street Press is a fully searchable classical music resource—a comprehensive collection of distinguished classical recordings. It includes tens of thousands of licensed recordings that users can listen to over the Internet. The audio selections are cross-referenced to a database of supplementary reference information. Users browse, search, click, and then listen to the music through their headphones.

### **To access *Classical Music Library*:**

Go to: RCPL (<http://www.myrcl.com>)

Click: **Research Tools**

Click: **Music (or use the A-Z list of databases)**

Scroll to: ***Classical Music Library***

Click: **Inside the Library OR Home Access**

1. I enjoy the music of Gustave Holst. How can I find it on CML?
  - At the home page, click the hyperlinked word *Composers* in the left margin of the screen.
  - At the *Browse Composer* page, type 'holst' in the *Limit to Composer Name* box and click *Search*.
  - When Holst's hyperlinked name appears on the *Showing Results* page, those works and recordings available in **Classical Music** will be indicated by hyperlinked numerals. Clicking the numeral for *Works* will list all titles. Clicking *Recordings* will list all sound tracks available for those works (some titles have more than one recording).
2. Now that I have the list for Holst, how do I find and play "The Planets"?
  - Once the page for Holst is accessed as outlined in Question 1, click the hyperlinked numeral under *Works List* or *Recordings*.
  - When the list appears, scroll down to *The Planets* (alphabetized under *P*) and click the plus sign (+) next to it. This action will display more than one recorded version (different orchestras, conductors, etc.).
  - To listen, click the arrow to the left of the selected recording and then click the arrow beside either a specific movement or the entire work.
3. I'm fond of flute music. How can I find some?
  - Under *Browse*, click *Instruments*.
  - At the *Browse Instruments* page, enter 'flute' in the *Find Term* box and click *Go*.
  - When the flute page appears, click the hyperlink for the desired type of flute (alto, piccolo, etc.). This will display music featuring the flute by composer, work and individual movement.
  - The pages can be advanced by clicking the arrows or the page numbers.
4. How can I get biographical information about composers in *Classical Music Library*?
  - Click *Composers* at the home page.

- When the *Browse Composer* page appears, enter the first and last names in the *Limit to Composer Name* box and click *Search*.
- This will display in the *Person* column a hyperlink for that composer that can be clicked for biographical information.
- If only one name is known and entered in the search box, all composers having that as either first, middle or last names will be retrieved.

5. What are Playlists?

- Playlists are sound tracks grouped by albums. Searchers can listen to playlists already selected by Alexander Street Press editors (*All Playlists*) or create these for themselves by clicking *Create a Playlist*.
- Clicking the *Playlists* tab at the top of the screen opens the appropriate page.