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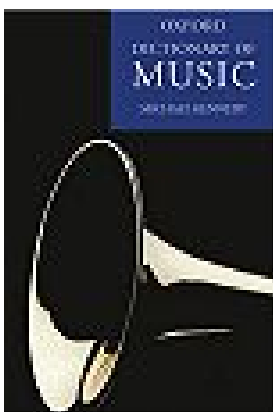
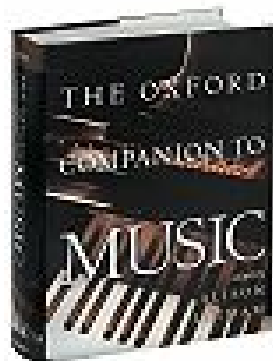
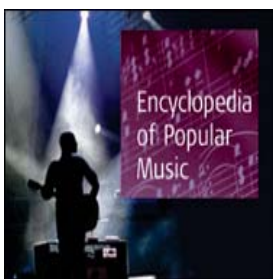
Music

New online subscription which extends

Your reference library even further



**Oxford**  
**Music**  
**Online**



Bedfordshire libraries now subscribe to this comprehensive music resource so that you can use it free.

**Oxford Music Online** provides more than 50,000 signed articles on all kinds of music as well as links to sound files so that you can hear examples.

It includes the complete:

- **Grove Music Online**, which gives you the full texts of the following standard reference works:

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians in 29 volumes

New Grove Dictionary of Opera, and

New Grove Dictionary of Jazz with additional articles to the print version

In addition you will find:

- **The Encyclopedia of Popular Music**, the 'most comprehensive reference work devoted exclusively to popular music', with biographies of rock, pop, and jazz artists.

For the first time you can search across all these titles in one enquiry or choose which title you wish to search.

To log in to **Oxford Music Online** on the Virtual Library, go to Information and Reference > Reference Books Online

## "Gramophone" archive available free online

Published continuously since it was founded in 1923 the archive of this important music magazine will be available free online. You will be able to search 85 years of issues which will include more than 100,000 articles and many more reviews and interviews.

The archive has more than 100,000 articles and hundreds of thousands of reviews and interviews.

This should all be online by September 2008. A download and mail order feature will be added a little later.

To read the current edition of Gramophone visit <http://www.gramophone.co.uk/>



## Campanology

The definition of Campanology according to the Oxford English Dictionary is: "The subject of bells; detailed examination of the principles of bell-founding, bell-ringing, etc." A bell can be a "hollow vessel usually of metal, but sometimes of horn, wood, glass, or clay, struck near the rim by an interior clapper or exterior hammer or mallet to produce a ringing sound.....the shape of bells depends on cultural environment, intended use, and material of construction." (Encyclopedia Britannica).

Some interesting facts about bells:

- Forged and riveted metal bells antedate those of cast metal. The earliest bell founding (i.e., the casting of bells from molten metal) is associated with the Bronze Age.
- No instrument has been made in such a wide range of sizes as the bell. The smallest is no bigger than a pea; the largest could be used as a room.
- The use of bells for protection against evil spirits is a common feature of folklore and religious systems throughout the world. The robes worn by ancient Hebrew priests were fringed with golden bells, and bells figure prominently in the costumes of shamans, medicine men and spiritual leaders of many cultures.
- The ancient Chinese were the first to employ sequences of bells musically; such sequences are termed chimes, or bianzhong.
- Fairies are said to find the ringing of church bells unbearable, and according to Teutonic legend, dwarfs and trolls were driven out of Germany and Scandinavia by their sound.
- The world's largest bell, the Tsar Kolokol III (Tsar Bell III) in Moscow, was cast in 1733–35, weighing about 400,000 pounds (180,000 kilograms); broken by fire in 1737, it never rang.

## References:

- Credo Reference
- Encyclopedia Britannica Online
- Oxford English Dictionary Online
- Oxford Music Online



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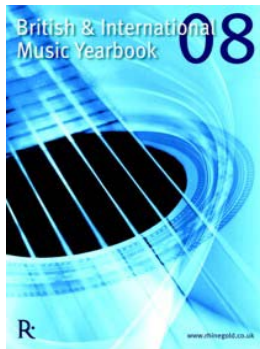
## Music Directories at Bedford Central Reference Library

### International Showcase: the Music Business Guide

Use for all types of contacts across the music business (mainly UK) – venues, artists, agents, record companies, media and etc.



### British & International Music Yearbook



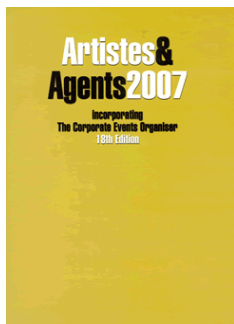
A comprehensive directory for the classical music industry in the UK and abroad. Track down: 'Orchestras; opera; choirs; ensembles, instrumentalists; singers; composers; agents; venues; promoters; music clubs; early music; broadcasting; competitions; festivals; marketing; music publishers; book publishers; education; youth orchestras; summer schools; instrument manufacturers; music journalism; record companies; musician services; music & disability; regional arts councils; libraries & museums; associations'.

### British and International Federation of Festivals for Music Dance and Speech

Contact details, dates and information about festivals affiliated to the Federation throughout the country. Music, dance and speech adjudicators are also listed.

& some more directories which have a broad coverage of the arts and entertainment industries including music ....

### Artistes & Agents



This is the directory to use to find artistes and their agents, media contacts and venues as well as organisers and suppliers in the entertainment industry.

It includes event contacts for corporate days out too: bungee jumping, Go-kart, hot air ballooning, paintball and wine tasting, for example.

## British Performing Arts Yearbook

This yearbook covers all the arts including music and offers a 'complete guide to venues, performers, festivals, arts courses, support organisations and services for the arts professional'.

## The White Book

Aimed at the event organiser, this directory, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, includes listings of agents and rock, pop, contemporary & jazz musicians, bands and choirs plus substantial sections of contacts in the record, concert and show industry. Find also information about support services and venues.



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## Credo Reference **music** books.....

Credo Reference is another of our subscriptions on the Virtual Library at Information and Reference > Reference Books Online. It includes the following music books -

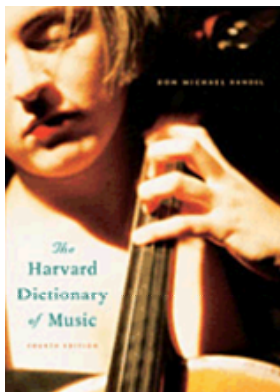
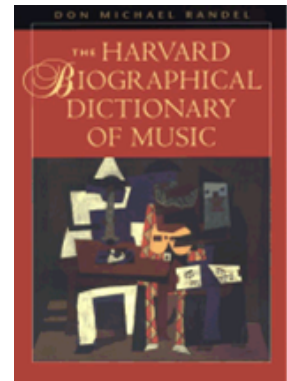


### The Faber companion to 20th century popular music

Whether you want to find out about Western swing, bebop or facts on Abba or Noel Coward this informative book will help.

## The Harvard Biographical Dictionary of Music

Covers jazz and blues, rock and pop, hymns and show tunes across the ages and has excellent coverage of classical and art music.



### The Harvard Dictionary of Music

If you need to find out what the Coffee Cantata is all about or what defines a Rebab instrument this dictionary will answer your questions.

## The New Penguin Dictionary of Music

Music history, theory, language and performers and entries on composers' lives all in a readable style.



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## Music in Gale online reference books

Although our Gale subscription does not have any of the dedicated music titles mentioned above you can find valuable articles when subjects such as Music Therapy are searched.

Log in on the Virtual Library  
at Information and Reference > Reference Books Online

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## Music Information at Bedfordshire Libraries

### Music Scores

- Music scores are available for loan through Bedfordshire libraries
- Many choirs and dramatic groups use this service
- Find scores through the library catalogue

### Books to borrow

Search the library catalogue to find books to take home on different aspects of music including:

- music appreciation
- music composition
- music careers

## **Web sites** you may find interesting:

The Virtual Library's Gateway to the Internet has an extensive collection of links in the [Music and Sounds](#) section. Here are some examples:

National Jazz Archive

The national repository and research centre for printed material, photographs and memorabilia relating to jazz

<http://www.nationaljazzarchive.co.uk/>

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

All Associated Board's exams and much much more on this site

<http://www.abrsm.org/exams.html>

The Internet Bandsman's Everything Within

Everything you need to know about brass bands worldwide.

<http://www.ibew.co.uk/>

Folk and Roots

Folk clubs (click 'Venues'), events, festivals, features and more

<http://www.folkandroots.co.uk/>

Yahoo Music - Lyrics

You can find accurate lyrics in Yahoo's huge searchable collection of lyrics supplied by record companies themselves

<http://music.yahoo.com/lyrics>

Gracenote

You can search for tracks on CDs (all styles of music from pop to classical)

<http://www.gracenote.com/>

Musicals 101

Everything that you need to know about musicals: history (stage, film and TV), alphabetical list of stage musicals, who's who, chronologies and photos.

<http://www.musicals101.com>

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## **Music** tutors and groups

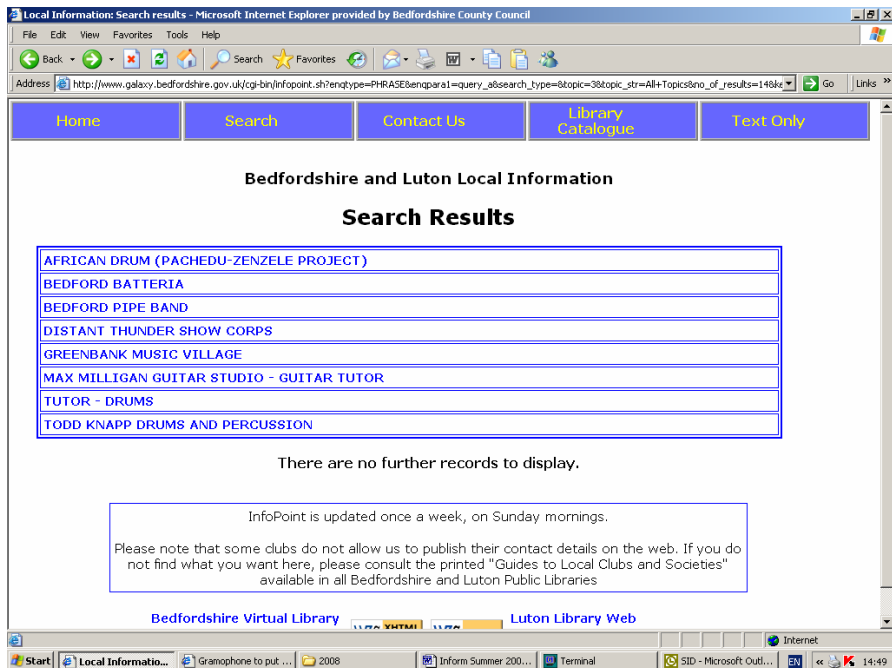
### **Want to learn to play the drums or improve your saxophone playing?**

- Music tutors can be found through InfoPoint and by asking in libraries

### **Would you like to join a choir or a perhaps a band?**

- Clubs and societies contact information is listed in InfoPoint

Find InfoPoint in Virtual Library > Local Information. Here is a sample page:



### Bedford Central Library

Harpur Street  
Bedford  
MK40 1PG

Telephone:  
Main Library – 01234 350931  
Reference Library – 01234 270102

### Opening Hours

Mon & Wed 9.00am - 6.00pm  
Tues & Fri 9.00am – 6.00pm  
Thurs 9.00am – 1.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

[www.bedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.gov.uk) click on 'Libraries'

### Other Bedfordshire Libraries

Ampthill Library	01525 402278
Barton Library	01582 881101
Biggleswade Library	01767 312324
Bromham Library	01234 824391
Dunstable Library	01582 608441
Flitwick Library	01525 715268
Houghton Regis Library	01582 865473
Kempston Library	01234 276453
Leighton Buzzard Library	01525 371788
Potton Library	01767 260740
Putnoe Library	01234 276462
Sandy Library	01767 680384
Shefford Library	01462 639070
Stotfold Library	01462 730695
Toddington Library	01525 873626
Wootton Library	01234 766061



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