

Using IIMP (*International Index to Music Periodicals*)

The *International Index to Music Periodicals* (IIMP) provides abstracts and citations from more than 400 current (1996 to date) music periodicals from more than 20 countries. It also furnishes retrospective (pre-1996) citations from more than 140 journals, including the complete runs of 29 publications that date back to 1874. The database is updated monthly.

There are two ways you can research articles on the *Search Articles* screen (at right). 1) By clicking on the “select from a list” link next to each search field, you can browse the thesaurus for that field. Useful search fields include **Subject Categories**, **Subject Terms**, and **Document Types**. 2) You can enter your own keywords or phrases into the relevant search boxes.

You can also click on the “Search Reference” link on the vertical toolbar on the left side of the screen. This search covers the following reference works: Glossary, Opera Synopsis, Music Fundamental Terms, and Pronunciation Guide. Click on the Help link for additional information.

Search Tips

- Multiple keywords are automatically searched together (e.g., “beethoven symphonies” is the same as “beethoven and symphonies.”)
- To search for a phrase, enclose the words with quotation marks.
- You may limit searches to peer-reviewed journals and may include or exclude reviews.
- To email items, first mark them, then click on the “Selected Records” link and then “Email Selected Records.”
- Click on “Locate Article” to see if a periodical article cited in IIMP is available full-text in another database or is in the libraries’ collections.