



## Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Information Services: Finding Chamber Music Repertoire

If you use the Whittaker Library at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, you may not realise that you can search for chamber music for particular combinations of instruments.

A very long time ago, we began compiling a database for finding chamber music for different ensembles. We've continued to index anything that has parts, up to and including nonets. Because it is a 'heritage' database, we had to code it a certain way, so that you could tell how many of any particular instrument would be required. Here's how to code a string quartet:-

***Violin2, viola1, violoncello1***

And here's a wind quintet:-

***Flute1, oboe1, clarinet1, bassoon1, horn1***

Computers are more sophisticated now, so it doesn't matter which order you enter the instruments, but there are some basic rules:

1. Enter instrument name in the singular (Violin2 **not** Violins2)
2. NB that in our index, a cello gets its proper name – violoncello (see the example above!)
3. Always enter the number immediately after the instrument - **no spaces** (Flute1 not Flute 1)
4. Don't put a number after a single piano. So a piece for flute and piano is Flute1, piano.
5. Piano duets etc are coded like this:- Piano1 (4 hands) or Piano2 (4 hands).

You can also look for items with voice and a chamber ensemble: Voice1, violin1, piano

To try out the chamber music search, visit our online catalogue and see what you can find! Happy hunting!

<http://capitadiscovery.co.uk/rcs/>

Do come and see us if you need further help. We'd be happy to come and talk to RCS classes at a convenient time – just ask your class tutor to arrange a visit. Our Performing Arts Librarians each have subject specialisms, so we pass your query to the most appropriate specialist.

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