

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Information Services: Finding Chamber Music Repertoire

At the Whittaker Library at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, you can search the catalogue for chamber music for particular combinations of instruments.

We index any chamber music that has parts, up to and including nonets. There's a special way of coding your search, so you can tell the system which instruments are in your ensemble, and how many of any particular instrument. Here's how to code a string quartet:-

Violin2, viola1, violoncello1

And here's a wind quintet:-

Flute1, oboe1, clarinet1, bassoon1, horn1

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!
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