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What is the *International Music Score Library Project*?
IMSLP is a project for the creation of a virtual library of public domain music scores, based on the wiki principle, but it is also more than that. Users can exchange musical ideas through the site, submit their own compositions, or listen to other people’s composition, which makes it an ever-growing musical community, by the music lovers for the music lovers.

IMSLP attempts to create a virtual library containing all public domain musical scores, as well as scores from composers who are willing to share their music with the world without charge.

IMSLP also encourages the exchange of musical ideas, both in the form of musical works, and in the analysis of existing ones. Therefore, feel free to create/edit a page with your analysis of a particular piece (please use the "Discussion" link on the work page of that particular piece).

The IMSLP collection contains 15,150 works and 28,804 music scores 28,000 as of May 13, 2009.

*Subjects:* Music  
*Login Required:* No  
*Full Text:* Yes  
*Provider:* IMSLP.org

How do I access IMSLP?

2. Scroll for the direct link to the *International Music Score Library Project*.

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How do I search in IMSLP?

There are two ways to search the IMSLP. You can either browse the material or use the search box.

BROWSING:

From either the homepage or the left side bar, select to browse scores by:

1. Composer Name
2. Time Period
3. Genre or Instrument

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Browses scores by:
- composer name
- time period
- genre or instrument

Composer Name
- Chopin, Frédéric
- Beethoven, Ludwig van

Time Period
- Classical
- Romantic
- 19th Century

Genre or Instrument
- Violin Concerto
- Symphony

Browsing by composer time period

Below are the main period divisions for composers. Click on a period to go to the corresponding composer category page.

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SEARCH BOX:

From either the homepage or the Use the search box on left side bar to search for scores by

1. Keyword (imslp.org button or ENTER)
2. Composer (Comp. button)
3. IMSLP Number
4. PMLP Number
What should I know about composer pages?

1. Browsing will often bring you to a composer page with works arranged alphabetically at the bottom.

2. Composer pages often have external links to detailed biographies, recordings, and other resources concerning the composer.

3. Use the Alphabet shortcut links or Intersections links to reduce the list of works to titles starting with a specific letter or to specific subcategories.

4. Use “See Also” links to explore related resources in IMSLP. Many composers have a List of Compositions that may aid you in selecting works to view.
What should I know about work pages?

Selecting a title from either a composer page or a search result will bring you to the work page. Each work page includes (as appropriate):

- Table of Contents
- Music Files (i.e. scores)
- Recordings (usually links to places to purchase)
- General Information
- Misc. Comments
How do I view and print a score?

1. Click on the title of the piece you want to view.
2. Read the disclaimer on the following page and select the link at the bottom to download the file.
3. The score will open on your screen for you to view, print or save.