Searching special characters in Voyager


Note: this page was created with music cataloging in mind.

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Searching titles in both the cataloging module and the OPAC:

- Titles containing words with *internal* commas cannot be retrieved unless the comma is included in the search string.
- Commas that occur *between* words are not affected and may be omitted when searching.

**Comma, colon, semi-colon, period, apostrophe:**
In the Voyager title search, omit or, if copying and pasting, include the punctuation.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>Beethoven's grand mass in D, op. 123</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Search:</td>
<td>beethovens grand mass in d op 123 or beethoven's grand mass in D, op. 123</td>
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<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>Trio : no X, for alto flute, viola, and harp, 1977</th>
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<tr>
<td>Search:</td>
<td>trio : no X, for alto flute, viola, and harp, 1977 or trio no X for alto flute viola and harp 1977</td>
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This title includes several different types of punctuation.
If omitting the apostrophe, do not leave a space.
If omitting the hyphen in "F-Dur" and the colon in "XV:39" you must include spaces in their place.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>Trio : no. 4, F-Dur (Hob. XV:39)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Search:</td>
<td>trio : no. 4, F-Dur (Hob. XV:39) or trio no 4 F Dur Hob XV 39</td>
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**Ellipses:**

In a Voyager title search, include or omit the ellipses with or without a space after them.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>... huésped de las nieblas ...</th>
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<td>Search:</td>
<td>... huéspeed de las nieblas ... or huésped de las nieblas</td>
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Either search may be done with or without the diacritic

**Hyphen:**

In a Voyager title search, either include the hyphen in the search or delete it and replace it with a space

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>Konzert f-Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056</th>
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<tr>
<td>Search:</td>
<td>konzert f-Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056 or konzert f Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056</td>
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**versus a similar title without a hyphen:**

In both, include the space in "f Moll"

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Title:</th>
<th>Konzert f Moll für Klavier und Orchester</th>
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<tr>
<td>Search:</td>
<td>konzert f Moll für Klavier und Orchester</td>
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</table>
A hyphen in the name:
In a Voyager staff name headings search, either include the hyphens or omit the hyphens, in the name and date portions of the heading, and replace with spaces.

Name:            Eckhardt-Gramatté, S. C. (Sophie-Carmen), 1899-1974
Search:          eckhardt-gramatté, s. c. (sophie-carmen), 1899-1974 or eckhardt gramatté, s. c. (sophie carmen), 1899-1974 or eckhardt gramatté s c sophie carmen 1899 1974
Note: search with or without the comma.

Ampersand:
In a Voyager title search, you must include the ampersand. It cannot be omitted or spelled out.

Title:          Sonata for violin & piano
Search:         sonata for violin & piano

Plus sign:
In a Voyager title search, you must include the plus sign. It cannot be omitted or spelled out.

Title:          Paduana + 2 galliards for 5 instruments
Search:         paduana + 2 galliards for 5 instruments

Parentheses:
In a Voyager title search, either omit or, if copying and pasting, include the parentheses.

Title:          2e sonate (en mi majeur) pour violin et piano
Search:         2e sonate (en mi majeur) pour violin et piano or 2e sonate en mi majeur pour violin et piano

Brackets:
In a Voyager title search, either include the brackets or omit them and do not add spaces.

Title:          Horn sonat[a]s
Search:         horn sonat[a]s or horn sonatas

Musical flat sign:
a Voyager title search, truncate the search to "sonata in b" and scroll down to the end of titles retrieved, which are in alphabetical order.

Title:          Sonata in B? for clarinet and piano
Search:         sonata in b
Note: The results are in alphabetical order; the musical flat sign is alphabetized at the end of the list of titles.
        or
        include the flat sign; do not substitute with a lower case "b":
        Sonata in B? for clarinet and piano

Musical sharp sign:
In a Voyager title search, include the sharp sign.

Title:          Trio, F# minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello ?
Search:         Search using the pound sign (#), with or without commas or periods:
        trio, f# minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello or trio f# minor op 1 no 1 for pianoforte violin and violoncello
        If the search retrieves no results, try the search again using the UNICODE sharp sign (?), with or without commas or periods:
        trio, f? minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello or trio f? minor op 1 no 1 for pianoforte violin and violoncello

Diacritics:
In a Voyager title search, either omit or, if copying and pasting, include the diacritics.
Title: Sonate für Flöte (Altflöte) und Klavier, op. 25
Search: sonate für flöte (altflöte) und klavier, op. 25 or sonate fur flote (altfloete) und klavier, op. 25

**Special alphabetic characters:**

Special one-letter characters such as Polish L, d with bar, slash o, etc.
In a Voyager title search, substitute the character with the letter without the slash, bar, etc. or, if copying and pasting, search with the character.

Name: Aksdal, Bjørn
Search: aksdal, bjørn or aksdal, bjorn
Note: search with or without the comma.

Special two-letter characters such as Æ, æ:
In a Voyager title search, search either as individual letters or, if copying and pasting, with the character.

Title: Mediæval musical relics of Denmark
Search: mediaeval musical relics of denmark or mediaeval musical relics of denmark

**Superscript o**
This character may also be input as a regular lower-case o, so it would make sense to search this title with and without the o.
In a Voyager title search, omit the superscript ° and replace it with a lower case letter o.

Title: Symphonie n° 5 en ut dièse mineur
Search: symphonie no 5 en ut diese mineur

**The German Eszett: ß**
The ß should be input and searched as "ss"

Title: Baßschlüssel, das ist, Anleitung für Anfänger und Liebhaber der Setzkunst
Search: bassschlussel das ist anleitung fur anfanger und liebhaber der setzkunst

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