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.

Title: Beethoven's grand mass in D, op. 123
Search: beethovens grand mass in d op 123 or beethoven's grand mass in D, op. 123

Title: Trio : no X, for alto flute, viola, and harp, 1977
Search: trio : no X, for alto flute, viola, and harp, 1977 or trio no X for alto flute viola and harp 1977

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.

Title: Trio : no. 4, F-Dur (Hob. XV:39)
Search: trio : no. 4, F-Dur (Hob. XV:39) or trio no 4 F Dur Hob XV 39

Ellipses:

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

Title: ... huésped de las nieblas ...
Search: ... huésped de las nieblas ... or huésped de las nieblas

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

Title: Konzert f-Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056
Search: konzert f-Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056 or konzert f Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056

versus a similar title without a hyphen:

In both, include the space in "f Moll"

Title: Konzert f Moll für Klavier und Orchester
Search: konzert f Moll für Klavier und Orchester

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.

**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, # 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 (altflote) und klavier, op. 25

**Special alphabetic characters:**

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<th>Special one-letter characters such as Polish L, d with bar, slash o, etc.</th>
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<tr>
<td>In a Voyager title search, substitute the letter with the letter without the slash, bar, etc. or, if copying and pasting, search with the character.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Name: Aksdal, Bjørn</td>
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<tr>
<td>Search: aksdal, bjørn or aksdal, bjorn</td>
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<td>Note: search with or without the comma.</td>
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**Special two-letter characters such as æ, æ:**

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<td>Title: Medæval musical relics of Denmark</td>
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<td>Search: mediæval musical relics of denmark or mediaeval musical relics of denmark</td>
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**Superscript o**

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<th>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.</th>
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<tr>
<td>In a Voyager title search, omit the superscript ° and replace it with a lower case letter o.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Title: Symphonie n° 5 en ut dièse mineur</td>
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<td>Search: symphonie no 5 en ut diese mineur</td>
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**The German Eszett: ß**

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<th>The ß should be input and searched as &quot;ss&quot;</th>
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<tr>
<td>Title: Baßschlüssel, das ist, Anleitung für Anfänger und Liebhaber der Setzkunst</td>
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<td>Search: bassschlussel das ist anleitung fur anfanger und liebhaber der setzkunst</td>
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