Searching special characters in Voyager

**Music Cataloging at Yale** [1] ? **Orbis and OCLC** [2]

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

See also **Searching music plate and publisher's numbers in Voyager** [3]

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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.

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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.

| **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 |

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Either search may be done with or without the diacritic.

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**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 |

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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

**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, # minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello or trio # 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:**

**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: mediæval 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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