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.  
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, ? minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello or trio ? 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 (alflöte) und klavier, op. 25 or sonate fur
flote (altflote) und klavier, op. 25

**Special alphabetic characters:**

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.

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**Special one-letter characters such as Polish Ł, d with bar, slash o, etc.:**

Note: search with or without the comma.

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**Special two-letter characters such asÆ, 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 |
|                       | 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 |
|                       | 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 |
|                       | bassschlussel das ist anleitung fur anfanger und liebhaber der setzkunst |

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