

Music Resources @ Your SCC Library

Website Evaluation Basics

Ask these questions to help determine whether or not a website is reliable!

WHO? Who is the person/organization producing the web site? What are their qualifications?

Hint: Look at the URL! Is it a dot-com (.com)? Or dot-edu (.edu)?

WHAT? What is the nature of the information? Is there an obvious bias? Is it objective? Are they trying to sell you something?

WHEN? When was the website content last updated? Is the information still valid and reliable if it is out-of-date?

Finding Websites

Directories vs. Search Engines

A **Directory** is a listing of *selected* websites. The person or organization responsible for the list has made a determination that the selected websites are the best ones for their purpose. **Librarians' Internet Index** (www.lii.org) is an example of a directory.

A **Search Engine** searches through all the millions of web pages to find those that meet the search criteria. **Google** (www.google.com) is an example of a search engine.

If you can find a directory listing of websites on your topic, you will be one step ahead in evaluating those web pages.

Recommended Web Sites

[SCC Library Recommended Web Sites: Music](#)

[SCC Library Recommended Web Sites: Writing Research Papers](#)

[Librarians' Internet Index](#)

[It's Official!](#)

[123 World: Music Bands and Singers](#)

Suggested Databases

[Biography Resource Center](#): a good resource for information about musicians.

[ProQuest](#): Use ProQuest to find magazine articles on a range of topics.

[United Streaming Video Library](#): View and download video clips on music and musicians.

Finding Books, CDs & Videos @ Your SCC Library

Use the SCC/SFCC Book & Media Catalog. It provides *subject, title, author* or *keyword* access to books and videos in the SCC and SFCC library and media collections.

Selected Library Reference Books

These books can be found in the Reference section of the library (*not available to be checked out.*).

American Decades (R 973.9 AMERICA)

Baker's Dictionary of Music (R780.3 SLONIMS 1997)

The Billboard Illustrated Encyclopedia of Music (R 780.3 BILLBOA 2003)

Bowling, Beatniks and Bell-bottoms: Pop Culture of 20th Century America (R 973.9 BOWLING 2002)

Cassell Companion to 20th Century Music (R 780.904 PICKERI 1998)

Encyclopedia of Popular Music (R 781.6403 ENCYCLO 1998)

New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians (20 vols) (R780.3 N42G)

Jazz: the Essential Companion (R785.4203 C23j)

Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock & Roll (R781.6603 ROLLING 2001)

Periodicals available through your SCC Library

19th century music American music American music teacher American record guide Asian music Bass player Billboard Canadian musician Current musicology Down beat Early music Ethnomusicology General music today Guitar player	Journal of music teacher education Journal of musicology Journal of research in music education Journal of the American Musicological Society Journal of the Royal Musical Association Keyboard Latin American music review Melody maker Music & letters Music educators journal Music perception Music theory spectrum Music week (1983) Musical America (1987) Musical opinion Musical quarterly Musical times	Notes Opera news Opera quarterly Ovation Performing arts & entertainment in Canada Perspectives of new music Piano & keyboard Popular music and society Rolling stone Stereo review's sound & vision Strings Teaching music Women & music
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