

### **Bristol University Music Society**

# Chamber Music Guide

Some basic information to get you started doing chamber music



## Rehearsal spaces

If your ensemble is all music students you can book a green room with the porters or book one of the rooms on the ground floor by emailing the music administrator.

If you are not a music student you can book one of the music rooms in the Richmond building. They don't have many music stands so you may want to bring some with you.



#### **Music Rooms**

The music practice rooms in the Richmond Building are now available to Bristol SU affiliated student groups, and University of Bristol students. There are three spaces, two are suitable for single or duo practice, and one band room. Please note that the piano's should not be moved, and the rooms come as they are as the equipment is not being managed currently.

Bookings need to be made at least a day in advance, but can be made up to 14 days beforehand. Bookings can be up to 2 hours long, please only book for the amount of time you need and cancel online if you are unable to attend your slot as these bookings operate on a trust basis and once your booking is in place you make the room unavailable to others.

Bookings can be made using this <u>calendar</u>, please email <u>bristolsu@bristol.ac.uk</u> to request the login details.

Follow this link to go to the Su website page:

https://www.bristolsu.org.uk/support/tools-for-committees/running-events-activities#: ~:text=To%20book%20a%20room%20you,with%20your%20room%20booking%20request.

Link to book rooms (You'll need to have an account first- so email <u>bristolsu@bristol.ac.uk</u> to request login details): <a href="https://bristolsu.skedda.com/booking?spacefeatureids=74939">https://bristolsu.skedda.com/booking?spacefeatureids=74939</a>

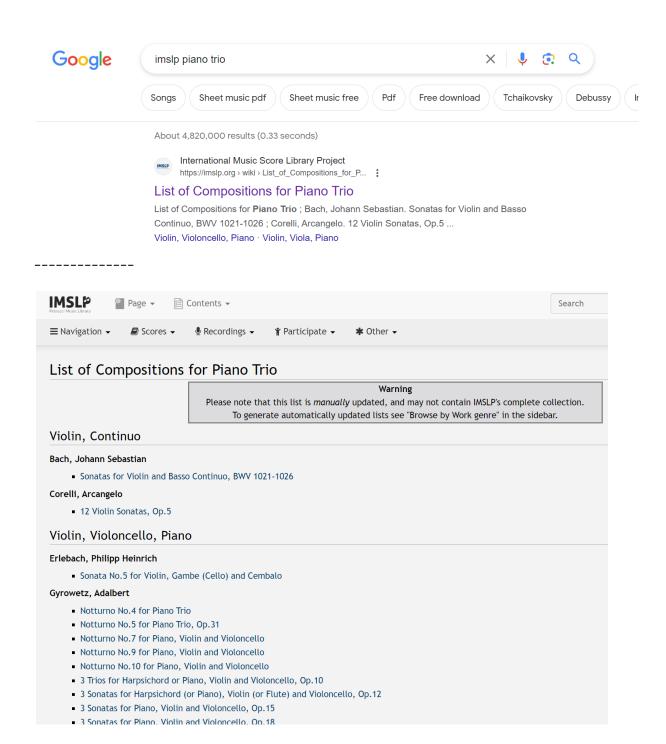
If you're a first year living in university accommodation your halls may have a practice room where you and your ensemble could rehearse.

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## Sourcing sheet music

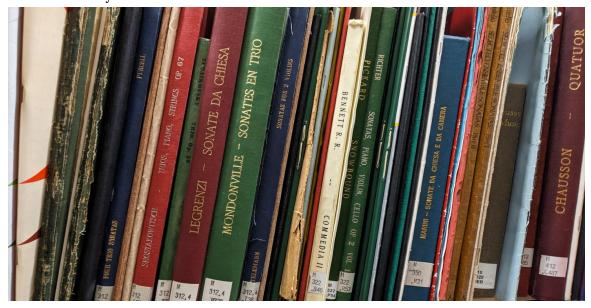
**IMSLP** 

IMSLP is a great place to find free sheet music. If you google imslp and then your instrument combination you can get a list of compositions for your ensemble.

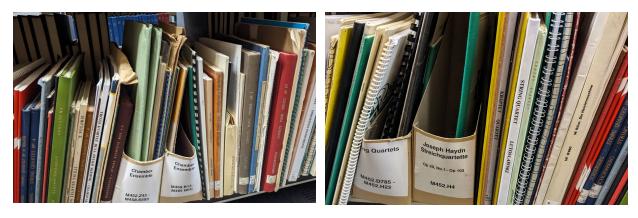


#### Libraries

The university of bristol owns some sheet music which can be found in the arts and social sciences library.



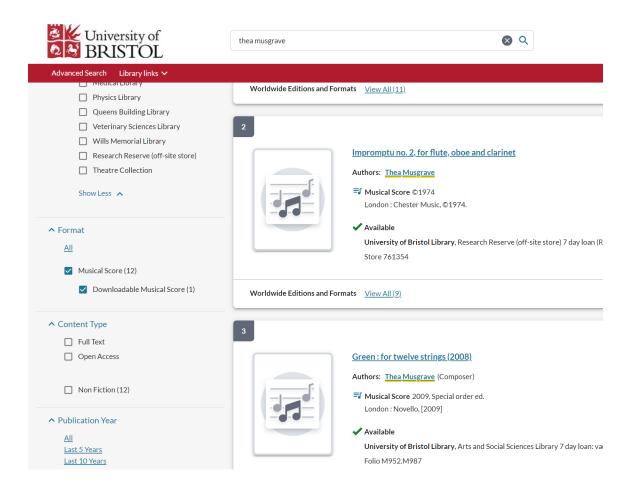
Some things are just study scores but there are many works that have the score and parts so can be played from. This is an especially good place to look if you like 20th and 21st century music as many of their scores are more modern works that you won't find on imslp.



If you want to look online you can go to the bristol university libraries website

#### https://www.bristol.ac.uk/library/

Then I recommend you search a musical word, it would be an instrument, composer or work name. Then go to the filters column along the side, find format and select musical scores.





Browsing the scores in person is a great way to discover new pieces. Most scores can be taken out of the library the same way you take out a book. The scores are on the 2nd floor in the music section. Find the isle that is titled music scores and have a browse!

#### Musescore

This is a website where people upload scores they've made. This can be a good place to find arrangements of pieces. You can view scores on the website for free without a subscription.

https://musescore.com/

#### YouTube

If you are unsure on where to start in looking for music to play you could try typing your instrument combination into youtube, there will likely be lots of pieces there to listen to and draw inspiration from.

## Running your group

We recommend that groups have a manager/s who take the lead on arranging rehearsals, you may want to make a group chat for your ensemble so you can easily communicate.

We will want one person from each group to be a point of contact for the group who we can liaise with about concerts and events.

If you have any questions about chamber music or need support you can email <a href="mailto:bumschambermusic@outlook.com">bumschambermusic@outlook.com</a>

If you aren't in a group but want to be you can fill out the chamber music interest form here. Join the chamber music facebook forum to connect with other chamber musicians, get ideas and support.

**CHAMBER MUSIC FORM** 

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