



# Sourcing Choral Sheet Music

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## Intro

The purpose of this document is to help the members of the Sing Ireland source sheet music through different options including free downloads, hiring options and places to purchase sheet music.

Sing Ireland has, since its establishment, built up a significant library of over 14,000 pieces of music . Members of Sing Ireland may borrow from the library.

The Sing Ireland also published sheet music and singing manuals under the publisher name Cumann Náisiúnta na gCór. This music is available to purchase at very reasonable prices. The list of publications and other titles available to purchase is given below.

Please contact us for a bulk price if you wish to order a number of copies. Remember, each member of your choir should have an original copy of each piece of music being performed, even if singers 'learn by ear'.

Further information can be found on our website under Resources and Library/Publications



## Hire

[www.schott-music.com/shop/9/index.html](http://www.schott-music.com/shop/9/index.html)

Schott music hire library contains an extensive range, particularly of contemporary and new music, of works for orchestra and chamber ensemble as well as opera, ballet and musicals available to both professional and amateurs.

Ranging from works for chamber ensemble of eight players and upwards through to large orchestra with choir and soloists, you will find works to suit all combinations of instruments.

[www.cymlibrary.org.uk/catalogue-of-music-available](http://www.cymlibrary.org.uk/catalogue-of-music-available)

The Community and Youth Music Library [CYML] is a large collection of music sets for use by groups throughout UK. It comprises sets of vocal scores for over 350 major choral works, 700 sets of orchestral parts (including accompaniments for choral works) and more than 1000 wind band sets, as well as opera vocal scores (including Gilbert & Sullivan), and smaller-scale choral works (part-songs, madrigals, anthems etc.).

[www.nasingers.org/rental-catalogue](http://www.nasingers.org/rental-catalogue)

NAS Choral Music Rental Catalogue contains 742 choral music listings, including some accompanying instrument sets.

Music is normally rented for the three months prior to performance but may be rented beyond that period on a prorated basis. All music is due back to us within four weeks after your last performance.

[www.gerontius.net](http://www.gerontius.net)

The gerontius music hire database contains the music libraries of a number of choirs from around the UK. If you're looking for a set of scores to hire, you can search the database to see if a choir has the scores you need. You can then find out how to



contact the choir librarian to ask about hiring the scores. There are also some scores available for purchase.

The database currently lists over 9000 sets of scores (July 2011). Sets contain from 1 copy to over 300 copies.

[www.chameleon-music-hire.co.uk](http://www.chameleon-music-hire.co.uk)

Chameleon Arts Management provides one of the most comprehensive choral sheet music hire services in the UK, with well over 4,000 titles available to choirs and choral societies. Run by professional musicians, our service is knowledgeable and reliable.

[www.zinfonia.com](http://www.zinfonia.com)

Zinfonia combines information direct from many of the world's largest classical hire/rental and sale catalogues into one place.

<http://pathwaystolearning.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Music-Collections-Revision-Nov-2008.pdf>

Music PAL helps make music resources in a broad range of libraries throughout Ireland easily accessible to all. The Music PAL scheme includes 16 public, 10 higher education, 3 conservatoire and 6 special libraries throughout the island of Ireland, a total of 35 institutions in all. Many of these hold broad collections of various sizes, while others (such as the Irish Traditional Music Archive and the Contemporary Music Centre) focus on specific musical genres.

The Access Card will allow you to visit and make use of the facilities at any of the libraries that are members of the Music PAL scheme (subject to certain conditions).

Speak to the librarian at your local library and ask about the Music PAL Access Card.



[www.nycgb.org.uk/about-nycgb/activites/choral-music-hire-library](http://www.nycgb.org.uk/about-nycgb/activites/choral-music-hire-library)

NYCGB has an extensive collection of choral music available for hire, covering a wide range of ability levels and styles. Sets of between 5 and 300 scores, dependent on the piece, are available, including music for upper voices, lower voices and full choir.

[www.nycos.co.uk/Publications/Hiring-Music](http://www.nycos.co.uk/Publications/Hiring-Music)

NYCoS has a large selection of music available to hire to suit a variety of singers - from Handel and Cunnningham to Britten and Kodály.



## Free Downloads

[http://www2.cpdل.org/wiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://www2.cpdل.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page)

The Choral Public Domain Library (CPDL), is an Internet-based free sheet music website which specializes in choral music.

Begun in December 1998, CPDL is one of the world's largest free sheet music sites. The goal of CPDL is to host a large collection of music scores and other supporting files (such as midi or other sound files) which can be freely downloaded and used. Most of the scores on CPDL are modern editions based on older works whose copyright has lapsed (or which are otherwise in the public domain), but some scores are newly composed and offered for download by the composer.

<http://imslp.org/>

The International Music Score Library Project (IMSLP), is a project for the creation of a virtual library of public domain music scores, based on the wikiprinciple. Since its launch on February 16, 2006, over 300,000 scores and 35,000 recordings for over 93,000 works by over 12,000 composers have been uploaded. The project uses MediaWiki software to provide contributors with a familiar interface. Since 6 June 2010, IMSLP has also included public domain and licensed recordings in its scope, to allow for study by ear.

<http://cantorion.org/>

Cantorion is a welcome addition to our directory. A very easy site to use to find free sheet music, which is all in easy-to-read PDF format. Every piece of music is free.

<http://www.cipoo.net/>

Choral and vocal enthusiasts will enjoy this large collection sheet music for early, classical, Christmas and traditional works. Features choral music by Arcadelt, Bach, Lotti, Palestrina and many others with lots more on the way. Downloads available in PDF, Noteworthy Composer, and MIDI format. Some MP3 downloads available as well.

<http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/variations/scores/>

This catalog of music from Indiana University contains scores of all kinds, from opera, to orchestral, choral, piano and more. To download scores, select the category you want, and



then when you find the score you want, view the 'larger, scrollable version' of each. This will open your browser into a new window, from which you can scroll through each page of the sheet music. Files are in \*.gif format, and you'll need to right click on each image to save each page to your local drive. It's a bit of a process, but the sheet music is good quality, and quite readable.



## Purchase

[www.opus2.ie](http://www.opus2.ie)

This website provides information and on-line shopping for printed music, CDs and gifts. There is a shop in Galway City.

<http://store.michaelmcglynn.com/>

[www.musicroom.com](http://www.musicroom.com)

Online retailer of sheet music, tutor methods, instructional DVDs & videos, music software and instruments & accessories.

Established in 1995, Musicroom.com is part of the Music Sales Group, a long-established international organisation specialising in the publication and distribution of printed music.

Musicroom.com ships to over 300,000 customers in over 100 countries worldwide. All orders are dispatched from our state-of-the-art, 150,000 square foot warehouse in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England. Our headquarters are based in London, England.

Shop in Dublin-Mc Cullough Piggott's.

[www.sheetmusicplus.com](http://www.sheetmusicplus.com) or [www.choralsheetmusic.com](http://www.choralsheetmusic.com)

Sheet Music Plus offers musicians a full spectrum of sheet music, with trained musicians offering customer service and music from more than 1,000 publishers, including all major European publishers.

Sheet Music Plus features all styles of music, for every talent level and instrument. Whether you're a music teacher seeking instructional titles for your students or you're purchasing music for your band, orchestra or chorus, we have what you need.

[www.cmc.ie](http://www.cmc.ie)

The Contemporary Music Centre is Ireland's national archive and resource centre for new music, supporting the work of composers throughout the Republic and Northern Ireland.

The Centre is used, nationally and internationally, by performers, composers, promoters and members of the public interested in finding out more about music in



Ireland. Its library and sound archive, open to the public free of charge, contain the only comprehensive collection in existence of music by Irish composers. Extensive reference and advice services are available and the Centre's web site provides access to CMC's resources for those who cannot visit in person.

[www.waltons.ie](http://www.waltons.ie)

We currently have two high street shops, Georges Street in the city centre and Blanchardstown Retail Park, which have recently been renovated to allow for a wider choice.

[www.musicnotes.com](http://www.musicnotes.com)

Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Madison, Wis., Musicnotes.com is a sheet music retailer and publisher, providing nearly 300,000 pieces of officially licensed digital sheet music and guitar tablature.

[www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com)

Founded in 1876, J.W. Pepper & Son® has grown from a small print shop in Philadelphia to a leading retailer of sheet music in the world.

[www.halleonard.com](http://www.halleonard.com)

Hal Leonard is a publisher of songbooks; Real Books and fake books; sheet music; band, orchestra and choral arrangements for schools; music reference publications; children's music products; educational magazines; and more.

The company leads the way in technology, developing eBooks, digital sheet music, apps and more. In its catalog of more than 200,000 available titles, Hal Leonard represents many respected publishers, artists, songwriters, arrangers and musical instrument manufacturers



[www.carus-verlag.com](http://www.carus-verlag.com)

Carus-Verlag was founded in 1972 to publish sacred choral music. Since its founding the focus of Carus has been to publish both little known choral works from all eras in critical editions and reliable editions of older works which do not conform to the standards of modern editorial practice.

In pursuing its goal of continually expanding the repertoire available to choirs, Carus has become the leading publisher of sacred music worldwide. With more than 18,000 articles, including secular vocal music, instrumental music, CDs, books and postcards, the Carus program has grown far beyond the scope of its original intentions.

[www.choralmusicdirect.com](http://www.choralmusicdirect.com)

Choral Music Direct is an official, authorized and licensed service. Every sale on this site generates a royalty for the relevant publishers and composers.

[www.sheetmusicdirect.com](http://www.sheetmusicdirect.com)

Sheetmusicdirect.com is a downloads service for musicians. They provide a huge range of digital sheet music, downloadable audio backing tracks, and downloadable video lessons.

[www.norskkorsenter.com](http://www.norskkorsenter.com)

We supply all available Norwegian choral sheet music and CDs

[www.alfred.com](http://www.alfred.com)

Alfred Music is the world's largest educational music publisher. Alfred Music produces educational, reference, pop, and performance materials for teachers, students, professionals, and hobbyists spanning every musical instrument, style, and difficulty level. Alfred Music's home office is located in Los Angeles, with



domestic offices in Miami, Nashville, and New York as well as offices around the world including Germany, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

[www.savins.ie/sheet-music](http://www.savins.ie/sheet-music)

Provides sheet music and music books and it's a musical experience to browse through what is available. Savins take great pride in the fact that they possess the greatest collection of printed music in the Mid-West region. (Limerick)

[http://fsvltd.ie/?page\\_id=531](http://fsvltd.ie/?page_id=531)

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