

# SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY PATHFINDER

## *Frédéric Chopin*



The year 2010 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Frédéric Chopin. The Central Library will feature an all-Chopin piano concert in its Winter/Spring concert series on April 17, 2010, at 2:30 pm.

The materials listed are just a small selection of the Central Library's online resources, books for adults and children, videos, and compact discs related to Chopin. Many of these are also available at one or more of the 35 branch libraries.

### **Catalog**

You can locate books or other items by searching the library catalog (<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>) on your home computer or a library computer. Select the type of search (keyword, title, author or subject) via the drop-down menu, enter your search terms and click on the "Search" button.

Here are some suggestions for SUBJECT searches. To find materials on Chopin, search for *Chopin, Frédéric, 1810-1849*. For information on Chopin for children, search *Chopin, Frédéric, 1810-1849 -- Juvenile literature*.

In KEYWORD searching, words can be combined. For example, you could search for *Chopin and concerto*. In advanced search by clicking in the "TYPE" drop-down menu you can limit the search by material type such as VHS Video, Music Score or Music CD. For example, enter *Frédéric Chopin* in "WORDS OR PHRASES," limit it to *Music CD* and click Search. This search will display compact discs containing music by *Frédéric Chopin*.

### **Online Databases**

The library offers free access to numerous databases through its web site ([www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)) available at home (for library card holders) and in the library. Two useful databases for finding relevant articles are the following:

#### *General OneFile*

Offers full-text articles from magazines, academic journals and reference texts covering a broad range of

disciplines, including music.

#### *Oxford Music Online*

This online database features over 50,000 subject articles and biographies written by over 6,000 contributors. Also includes 500 audible music examples.

### **Books**

*Chopin: a new biography* (1980) by Adam Zamojski. B/CHOPIN

Compares Chopin's works not with his contemporary Romantic composers but with Bach and Mozart instead.

*Chopin at the boundaries: sex, history, and musical genre* (1996) by Jeffrey Kallberg.

786.2092/KALLBERG

Examination of Chopin's role in European culture combines social history, literary theory and musicology.

*The Chopin companion; profiles of the man and the musician* (1973) edited by Alan Walker.

780.92/CHOPIN

Informative retrospective of Chopin's works with each chapter written by a different author, listings of his music chronological and alphabetical.

*Chopin in Paris: the life and times of the great composer* (1998) by Tad Szulc. B/CHOPIN

This biography of Chopin covers the 18 years he spent in Paris with his circle of literary and creative friends.

*Chopin: his life and times* (1980) by Ateş Orga. B/CHOPIN

Prominent biography of Chopin, his music and his life as a composer and with novelist George Sand.

*Chopin studies* (1988) edited by Jim Samson.

786.1092/CHOPIN

Collection of ten essays from leading music scholars that are both informative and readable.

*Chopin's funeral* (2003) edited by Benita Eisler. B/CHOPIN

Biography of Chopin focusing on the



## RESOURCES

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A sampling of the materials available at the Central Library related to Frédéric Chopin

composer's later years and funeral.

*Fryderyk Chopin: pianist from Warsaw* (1987) by William G. Atwood. B/CHOPIN  
Biography of Chopin featuring anecdotal accounts of his infrequent public performances.

*The life and times of the great composers* (2004) by Michael Steen. 780.922/STEEN  
Included in this collection is a biographical piece on Chopin.

*A reader's guide to the Chopin preludes* (1994) by Jeffrey Kresky. 786.2/KRESKY  
A study of Chopin's set of 24 interconnected piano preludes, op. 28.

### Compact Discs

*Chopin: famous pianists around 1900* (2006).  
CD 786.66/CHOPIN  
Various pianists performing the works of Chopin. Originally recorded in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*The complete preludes* (2008).  
CD 786.2168/CHOPIN  
Chopin's 24 piano preludes on one disc, performed by Rafal Blechacz.

*Études* (2005).  
CD 786.2168/CHOPIN  
Godowsky's transcriptions of Chopin's piano études are recorded alongside the originals. Performed by Boris Berezovsky.

*Famous piano works II* (2002).  
CD 786.2168/CHOPIN  
Chopin's works recorded at the Frederic Chopin International Piano Competition in Warsaw.

*4 ballades; Scherzos; Mazurkas* (2005).  
CD 786.2168/CHOPIN  
Two-disc collection of Chopin's piano music includes several mazurkas and études, performed by Emanuel Ax.

*Piano concertos no. 1 and 2; selected piano works* (1996). CD 784.262/CHOPIN  
Features Chopin's two concertos performed by pianist Evgeny Kissin and the Moscow Philharmonic

Orchestra.

*Rafal Blechacz: the winner of the 15th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition, Warsaw 2005* (2005). CD 786.2168/CHOPIN  
Blechacz plays pieces by Chopin and one by Debussy, accompanied in part by the Warsaw Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Three-disc set.

*Scherzi, impromptus* (2004).  
CD 786.2168/CHOPIN  
Selection of Chopin's impromptus performed by Yundi Li and recorded in Berlin.

*Vladimir Horowitz III* (1999).  
CD 786.2168/HOROWITZ  
Noted pianist Horowitz performs several of Chopin's études and mazurkas.

### For Children and Teenagers

*Frederic Chopin, son of Poland: early years* (1948).  
by Opal Wheeler. J 780.92/CHOPIN  
First of a two-part children's biography on Chopin.

*Frederic Chopin, son of Poland: later years* (1949).  
by Opal Wheeler. J 780.92/CHOPIN  
Second of a two-part children's biography on Chopin.

*The life and times of Frédéric Chopin* (2005) by Jim Whiting. B/CHOPIN  
A biography of Chopin for teen readers.

### Video

*Impromptu* {DVD} (2002).  
DVD 791.4372/IMPROMPTU  
Movie version of the love story between Chopin and Sand performed as a romantic comedy. Stars Hugh Grant and Judy Davis.

*Artur Rubinstein* {videocassette} (1977).  
VC 786.2092/ARTUR  
Video of Rubinstein performing seven of Chopin's piano pieces along with other works.