Welcome to Notes from MPAL!

Notes from the Music and Performing Arts Library (or Notes from MPAL for short) will be a twice-yearly publication, with one issue in the fall and one in the spring.

**Events**

**CD Sale!**

*Friday April 6th 5:30-7:30PM*

*Saturday April 7th 10AM-Noon*

On April 6th and 7th MPAL will be holding its first-in-a-very-long time sale—this time of almost 1,500 gift CDs that are duplicated in our collection and therefore we don’t need. But, we thought you all would love them!

CDs will be sold for $2/disc—so a single CD album is $2, a three-disc set is $6, etc. Some particularly valuable sets may be priced higher.

We will accept CASH or CHECK only. Proceeds will be used to improve MPAL collections, services, and facilities.

There is a lot of vocal music such as operas and songs, but also orchestral, piano, and other music too.

**Services**

**Technology Survey**

We have iPads, CD/DVD drives, and headphones to checkout, but MPAL wants to continue to expand its loanable technology collection in order to meet your needs. With that in mind, we have created brief surveys for faculty/staff and students to take. The survey will run until Friday, April 13th.

Please take a moment to complete it and let us know what you would like to be able to check out from us.

*Faculty/staff survey:* [http://go.library.illinois.edu/mpaltechsurvey_facstaff](http://go.library.illinois.edu/mpaltechsurvey_facstaff)

*Student survey:* [http://go.library.illinois.edu/mpaltechsurvey_student](http://go.library.illinois.edu/mpaltechsurvey_student)
Improved Technology in Listening Rooms

Rooms 3-6 on the second floor now have 50” screens that can display DVD or VHS playback or be connected to your laptop to display materials from our streaming tools or elsewhere. We are finishing up the details and they’ll be ready soon.

New Overhead Scanner

Because campus is no longer supporting photocopiers, MPAL now has an overhead scanner. It’s pretty slick—ask for a demo next time you’re here!

Facilities

New Roof

The Music Building will be getting a new roof this spring/summer, which means the days of plastic covering the second floor stacks and hoses and buckets in the aisles should be over soon. If you have any difficulties locating or accessing items, please ask for assistance at the desk.

Player Piano Restoration and Room

Due to the generosity of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, MPAL received funding to renovate the reproducing player piano that was in listening room number 2. Once it returns from the restorer, it will be available to faculty, students, and classes by appointment only. We will be having an event to showcase the piano and our piano roll collection in Fall 2018—stay tuned for more information.

Significant Acquisitions

World Music CDs

MPAL has obtained the entire Archives internationales de musique populaire series on CD. The AIMP was founded in 1944 and contains field recordings from all over the world. We will continue to add new volumes to this important series as they are released.

Tool Tips

Request Backlog Items

If an item in the Library Catalog says it is unavailable because it is in the Backlog, please ask at the service desk so that we can process the item for you.

Set Default Delivery Location

You can set the default delivery location to MPAL for items from other libraries on campus or via iShare that you request through the library catalog.

1. Log in to your Library account: https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-uiu/MyResearch/Home
2. Select “Preferences”
3. Choose “UIUC MUSIC CIRC DESK” as your preferred pick-up location.
4. Click Save pick-up preference

Changes to Oxford Music Online

You might have noticed that there have been major changes to Oxford Music Online (which includes the Grove titles). One of them includes source attribution. Oxford is in the process of adding “Opera” or “Jazz” in parentheses after an individual’s name to differentiate whether the article is from New Grove or one of the other Grove titles. In some cases, to find the additional articles click on the “More on this topic” link at the very bottom of the left side navigation menu. If you have any questions, let us know.