Some tips for accessing and using the new Oxford Music Online/Grove Music Online

Oxford Music Online introduced a new web design on December 7, 2017 – not a convenient time for those who are in the midst of completing their research papers for this term! Here are some basic tips to help you deal with issues that you may encounter.

1. The URLs have changed. Links on our Libraries’ webpages and in the library catalogue have been updated. Be sure to go through one of those links -- on the A-Z Database list (http://libraryguides.mta.ca/az.php?a=o) or on the Music Subject Guide http://libraryguides.mta.ca/music – to get into Oxford Music Online.

2. If you have old bookmarks or links to specific articles, you will need to update these.

3. If you are getting an error screen when attempting to access the site, try refreshing your browser. This should help if the problem is that the old URL has been cached on your computer.

4. If you are accessing the resource from off campus, you should be taken first to a MTA login screen. If you are not, go back and review item 1, or contact us for assistance. If your login is not working, contact us for assistance.

5. Once you get to the Oxford Music Online page, you will see a Sign In option – on the left side of the screen, or near the top if you are using a mobile device. Ignore this Sign-in unless you have a personal account! If you see Mount Allison listed there, you are already signed in. If not – review item 1 or contact us for assistance.

6. The basic search box is at the top right of the screen. Searching, and the display of search results can be confusing. A few basic tips:
   a. For an article about a specific composer, enter the full name if you can (e.g. Ludwig van Beethoven, rather than just Beethoven.)
   b. The specific resource (e.g. New Grove Dictionary, Grove Dictionary of Opera, etc.) is no longer displayed in the search results. The publication date of the article is listed, and this may provide a clue – for example, articles from the big 29-volume New Grove Dictionary will be listed as published in print in January 2001.
   c. Options to modify your search are on the left – or you may need to click on Modify Your Search at the top for the drop-down menu if you are using a mobile device or a tablet/laptop such as a Surface-Pro.
   d. Navigation within a long article is also on the left, or on a drop-down menu on a smaller device.
   e. The site also offers the option to browse specific topics, but as of Dec. 8, 2017 many of these lists are not working yet!
   f. doi links in articles seem to be broken and the URLs within the Cite feature don’t seem to be working either, as of Dec. 8. For now, use the URL at the top of your screen if you are citing an article.

7. Questions? Problems? Contact Laura Snyder (Music Librarian) – lsnyder@mta.ca for help!