

## **FRANCE: MUSIQUES, CULTURES, 1789–1914 ARCHIVE GUIDE**



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**Opening Hours:**

Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm

With some exceptional closures, including for public holidays

**Public Transport:**

Bus: 20, 21, 27, 29, 45, 52, 66, 68, 95

Metro: 3, 7, 8 (Opéra)

9 (Chaussée-d'Antin)

RER A (Auber)

**Access:**

You will need to queue up at the tourist entrance on corner of Rue Scribe and Rue Auber. Once you are through security screening, bypass the ticket booths and show your BnF card at the attendant in the Salle Rotonde to gain access to the opera house — you may have to explain what it is and what you're doing. Go up the grand staircase from the entrance up to the amphitheatre doors, and then turn left. At the end of the corridor, take the stairs by the museum display rooms, and turn left at the top of the stairs. Ring the bell to gain access to the reading room.

For temporary exists you will need to fill out a *laissez-passer* and get it signed by the person behind the desk; you will show this when you re-enter the building, using the entrance you used at first. Exit through the opera house gift/bookshop.

**Storage:**

There are lockers available to store belongings; your locker space will be assigned according to your seat number.

**Ordering Materials:**

Materials can be ordered in advance via your [Espace Personnel](#), or on the day using the paper slips in the reading room. There is also a card catalogue in the reading room, which contains some records that are not held in the [BnF's online catalogue](#). Enquiries regarding holdings may be made to the BnF's Ask A Librarian service, [SINDBAD](#). Some materials require special permissions from a specialist librarian; you will need to contact the library in advance to obtain the relevant consultation rights.

**Internet:**

There is WiFi available on site: connect to "BNF".

**Food and Drink:**

Unlike at other BnF sites, there are no dedicated facilities — other than the pricey Palais Garnier restaurant. There are, however, plenty of suitable options in the vicinity of the opera house!