



# Wichita State University Libraries

## Art Index Retrospective and Art Full Text

*Art Index Retrospective* and *Art Full Text* are databases of citations for international art periodicals. *Art Index Retrospective* covers 1929 through 1984, and contains citations and abstracts. *Art Full Text* continues the coverage of art periodicals from 1984 to the present, but also contains abstracts and full text. These databases index articles on advertising art, antiques, archeology, architecture and architectural history, art history, crafts, decorative arts, folk art, graphic arts, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, motion pictures, museology, non-western art, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture, television, and textiles. Of special note, *Art Index Retrospective* not only indexes articles but reproductions of art works.

From the Wilson Web interface as shown, click on the “Open Database Selection Area.” Check both boxes next to “Art Full Text” and “Art Retrospective” to search both databases simultaneously:

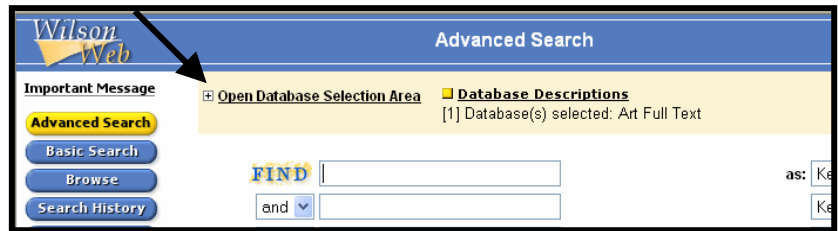


Figure A

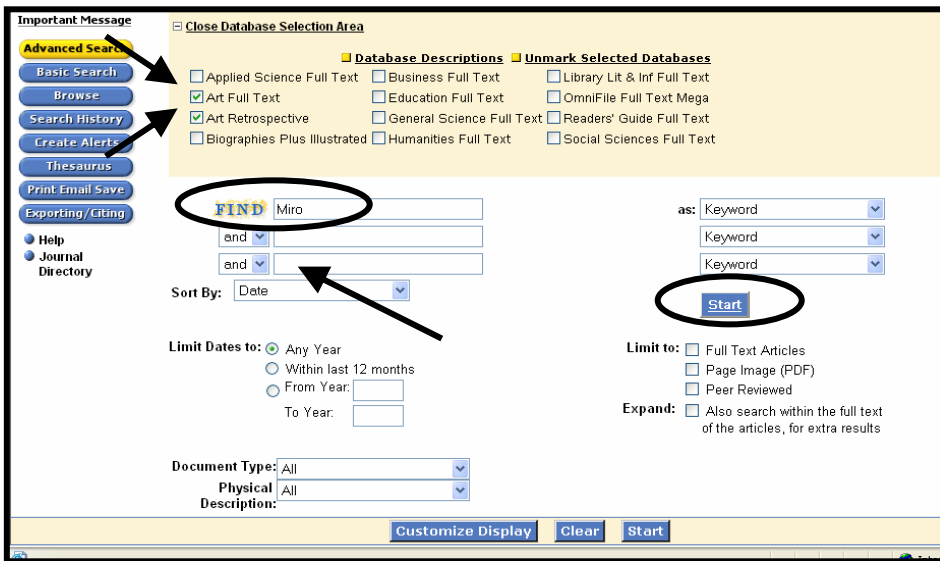






Figure B

Type your search request in a given box(s) and click on the “Start” button: The resulting list of records will automatically be sorted by “Date” unless another option is selected from the pull-down menu.

This sample “Search” for “Miro” results in 2006 records. Click on the  icon to the left of the record to find out if the library owns a copy of this item. To further limit the search, a click on the , “Peer Reviewed,”  “Full Text” or  “PDF” icons in the upper left corner to further limit the list.

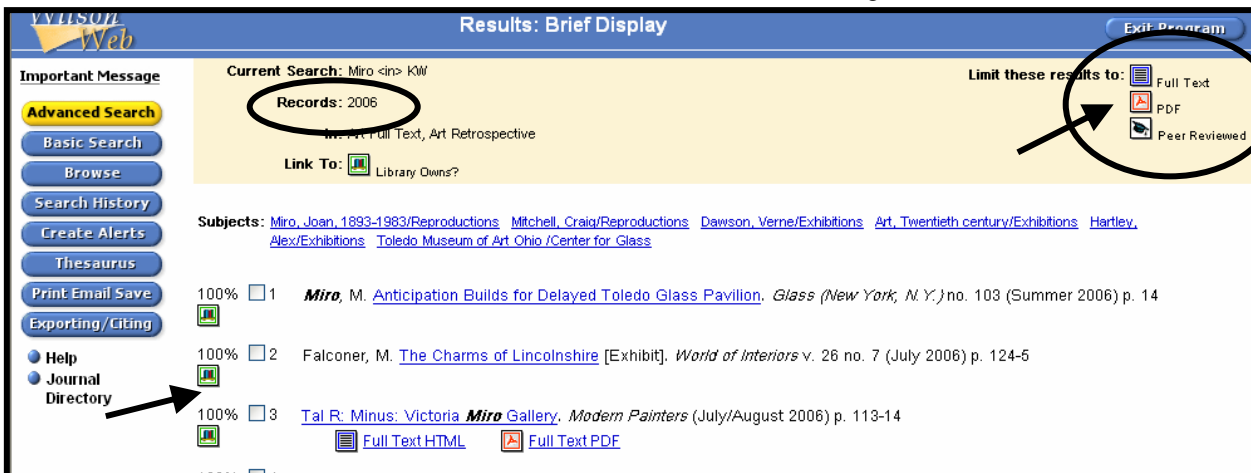


Figure C

“Figure C” presents only citations for each record as indicated by “**Brief Display**” at the top of the screen. Click on the title link of the article to view the complete record. To show the first 10 listed records in complete display, choose “**Full**” from the menu at the bottom.

A complete record in **Full Display**:



Figure D

To focus on a narrower topic, add an additional search term(s) in the empty field(s) allotted. For example:

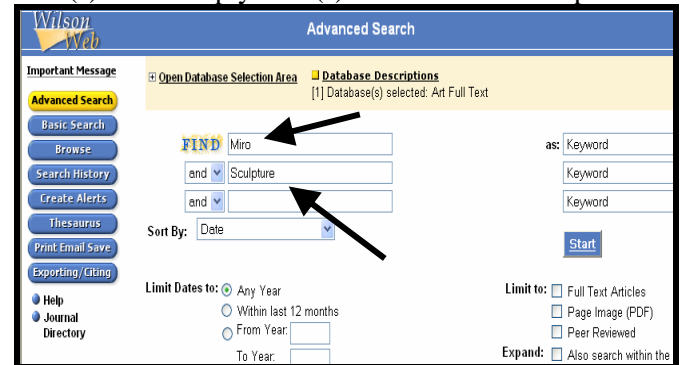


Figure E

You may print or email the article from the menu on the left.

To refine your search, type in your terms as a phrase by enclosing them in quotation marks (“ ”). You may also restrict your search to a single field by selecting the chosen category from the pull down menu to the right of the search box.

In this example, we are searching for “Miro, Joan” as a phrase, and we are looking only in the field of the records designated as “Artist.”

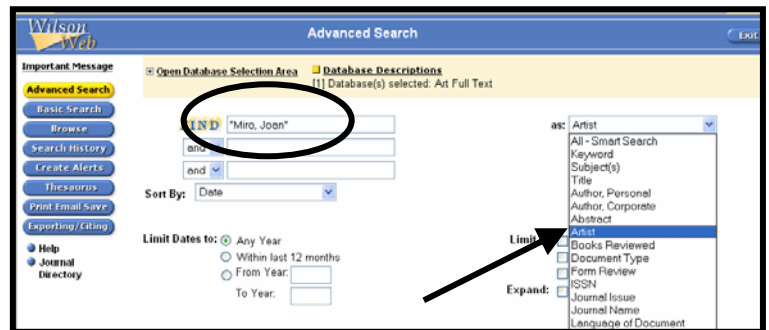


Figure F

Other limit possibilities from the Advanced Search screen include restrictions by date, full text, peer reviewed, document type and physical description. In this example (Figure G), we are searching for full text entries containing the terms “symbolism” and “glass,” published from 1998 through 2006, found only in peer reviewed journals, to be listed in alphabetical order by artist (when an artist is indicated).

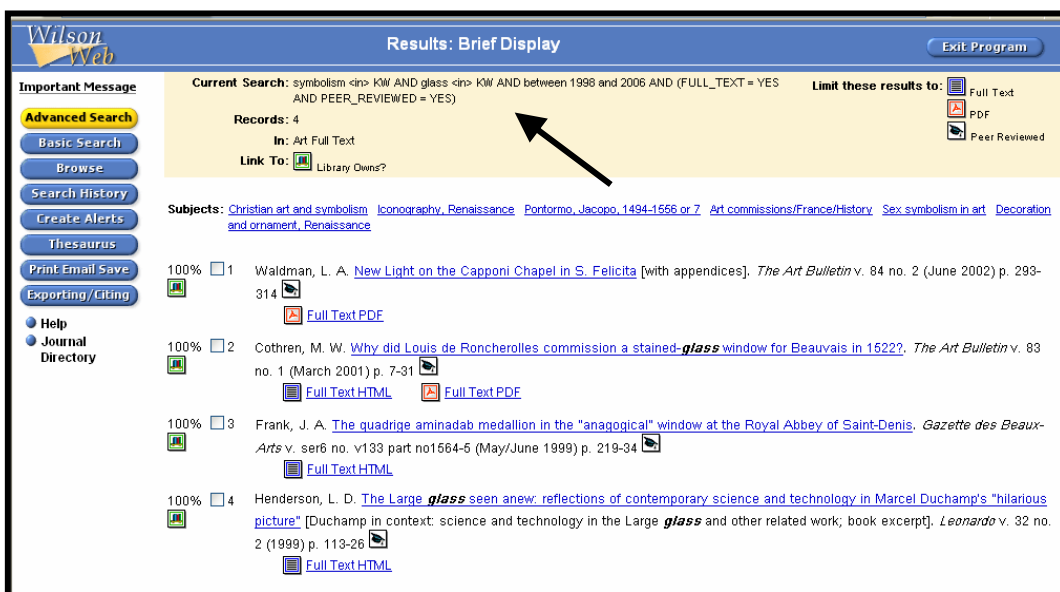


Figure G

For more information on searching the Wilson Web, see the library handout: *Wilson Web*. For further information on searching *Art Full Text* and *Art Index Retrospective* contact the Ablah Library Reference Desk.