Digital Sheet Music –
The Danish Collaborative Project

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Background

- The Danish Music Library Consortium was founded at the beginning of 2003
- Aim: to collaborate nationwide regarding license agreements with Digital Sheet Music and Digital Music vendors
The Organization –
Danish Music Library Consortium

- The Consortium:
- The 6 largest Danish Public libraries (Copenhagen, Aarhus, Frederiksberg, Gentofte, Herning and Odense), State Library of Aarhus and The Danish National Library Authority
The Danish Act regarding Library Services, decided by the Danish Parliament in 2000

- New tasks and obligations:
- Equal access to all media types (text, CD’s, CD-ROM’s etc.)
- Access to electronic and digital resources to all patrons (Special Libraries and Public Libraries)
The Digital Sheet Music Project

- April 2003: First digital sheet music project within the library consortium
- Agreement with SheetMusicNow.com
- First agreement of its kind in Europe
The Sheet Music Project

- The agreement:
- Access to the catalogue of SheetMusicNow.com to the Danish Library Patrons.
- The library login / creating free access
The catalogue of SheetMusicNow.com

- The catalogue includes world-famous artists, composers and publishers, from Bach, Beethoven and Debussy to Chick Corea, Joe Lovano, Josef Weinberger Publishing and Schott Musik International.
The library use of Digital Sheet Music

- The statistics:
- The first months (April-July) use of the library offer, shows an increasing interest during the 3 months – Several hundreds of downloads.
- A very good cooperation between the libraries and SheetMusicNow.com.
- The cities hosting Academies of Music and the Music Conservatories had more users than those without
Conclusion on the first part of the project / test period

- A larger catalogue / variety of Digital Sheet Music is expected by the patrons.
- The libraries have to decide whether Digital Sheet Music should be continued as a free service to the patrons.
The development of new Digital Sheet Music services by the music consortium

- Next step:
- Creating library access from the patron’s own PC (using LDAP)
- Enlarging the catalogue
- Prolonging the project
- Creating access for smaller special and public libraries
The development of new Digital Sheet Music services by the music consortium

- Next step:
- SheetMusicNow.com offering more special services to the libraries:
- E.g. An agreement with the Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) in London distributing a collection of works by the world's greatest jazz composers. The list includes Duke Ellington, Charlie Mingus, Jan Garbarek and many more.
Other Digital Music offered by the Library Consortium

- Creating legal access to digital music files
- mp3, wma and others, eClassical.com full catalogue
- www.kkb.netmus.dk
- www.fremtidsmusikken.dk
- Collaborative project with www.phonofile.dk (all Danish music recordings)