


# 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
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# 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
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# 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)
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# 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
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# The Sheet Music Project

- The agreement:
  - Access to the catalogue of SheetMusicNow.com to the Danish Library Patrons.
  - The library login / creating free access
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# 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.
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# 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
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# 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
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# 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](http://www.kkb.netmus.dk)
  - [www.fremtidsmusikken.dk](http://www.fremtidsmusikken.dk)
  - Collaborative project with [www.phonofile.dk](http://www.phonofile.dk)  
(all Danish music recordings)
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