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FIELD OF HUMANITIES

Arts: Music

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS ACTIVITY

1. Digital technology:

None.

2. Pre-existing knowledge and skills:

None.

ONLINE CHOPIN VARIORUM EDITION (OVCE)

Online Chopin Variorum Edition (OCVE) has exploited emerging technical capacities for text/image comparison as well as recent musicological advances. It is one of three projects featured in the Chopin Online resource. It is a database and high-resolution imagery, a toolkit allows annotation.

GOALS

An important body of primary source material has been comprehensively assembled for the first time, facilitating philological and style-historical investigation and encouraging new understanding of Chopin's compositional and publication histories.

The OCVE provides direct access to musicians and musicologists to Chopin's manuscripts and a range of impressions of the first editions of his music. The online catalogue excerpts and bar-level commentaries foreground the major differences between the manuscripts and multiple first editions, in addition to highlighting their chronological and filial relationships.

The annotation tools provide users with unprecedented scope to construct their own 'critical commentaries' within what amounts to a uniquely 'dynamic edition'.

The technical outcomes are generalisable to similar projects of a musical and/or non-musical nature and to other initiatives.

KEY OUTCOMES

The main outcomes of the OCVE project have been as follows:

An online musical edition demonstrating the ways in which scholarship and technology can interact to mutual advantage.

An interlinked archive of digitised manuscript and printed sources of a large body of music, all of which can be displayed in various formats.

Detailed philological descriptions written by the scholarly team.

Personal annotation tools allowing individual users to create their own virtual OCVE with personal comments at several levels of granularity, and pick-lists of scores or works which persist between access sessions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://www.chopinonline.ac.uk/ocve>