Online Exhibits on a Shoestring:
Berklee College of Music Archives

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Intro: about the Archives at Berklee

- Background: archives established in 2012
- Resources: challenges & strengths
- Online exhibits: vision, tools & strategies
Online Exhibits: where we started...

- Static web content
- Historically significant content
- Showcases content and technology
- http://youtu.be/jtrKWLy4AcY
Online Exhibits: where we’re going...

- Fully dynamic metadata index
- Browsable and searchable content
- Ability to create virtual display pages
- Manage access and permission needs
- [http://youtu.be/netSg28HPGY](http://youtu.be/netSg28HPGY)
Online Exhibits: how we are getting there...

- Design local “closed” index for metadata migration
  - FileMaker database
- Enter metadata and content from static, and dynamic infrastructures
  - Copied text from static page
  - URLs to link metadata to asset in digital repository

http://youtu.be/_g89aRVwa_4
Online Exhibits: how we do it

- Create work plan for student employee and graduate interns
  - Intern:
    - designs database layout
    - creates base content foundation
    - writes documentation for continued content metadata management
  - Student employee adds and updates metadata based on Intern’s documentation
Online Exhibits: Example Documentation
Online Exhibits: what we are using..

- FileMaker as intermediary metadata storage and management
- Open Source technologies
  - Islandora (http://islandora.ca)
  - Drupal (http://drupal.org)
  - Fedora Commons (http://fedora-commons.org)
Number 1 lesson learned:

Do what you can with what you have
Demonstration & discussion: workflows, tools, & strategies

● Dean Earl papers
  ○ https://library.berklee.edu/archives/archives-virtual-display/dean-earl
  ○ https://archives.berklee.edu/berklee-bca-010-earl
    ■ http://youtu.be/WfqkSoU0BG8

● Lawrence Berk papers on the Schillinger System
  ○ https://library.berklee.edu/archives/archives-virtual-display/lbss

● Frank McGinley collection on Duke Ellington
  ○ https://library.berklee.edu/archives/archives-virtual-display/franklin-mcginley-collection-duke-ellington
  ○ https://archives.berklee.edu/berklee-bca-004-mcginley
    ■ http://youtu.be/ZEJtmi_sqOY

● Periodicals Index
  ○ http://archives.berklee.edu/berklee-bca-033-popular-music-periodical-collection

● Berklee Oral History Project
  ○ https://library.berklee.edu/archives/archives-virtual-display/bohp
  ○ https://archives.berklee.edu/berklee-bca-011-bohp
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