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Introduction

The Europeana Collections website was launched as a Beta release in December 2015, with two Thematic Collections (previously named "channels"), namely Europeana Music and Europeana Art History. Over the course of Europeana DSI, Europeana Foundation has further developed and improved these Thematic Collections. Work has also been undertaken to develop new Thematic Collections, of which Europeana Fashion was the first to be launched as an Alpha release.

During Europeana DSI, the concept of Thematic Collections was further refined, and the requirements for launching a new Thematic Collection were defined. While technically developing a Thematic Collection can be straightforward, the curatorial and editorial tasks of managing a Thematic Collection require continuous effort. Ensuring that effort is available and sustainable takes time to arrange. Editorial and curatorial capacity is the main constraint on the speed with which new Thematic Collections can be launched.

This document gives a brief overview of the Thematic Collections available or being developed in Europeana.

References

The Thematic Collections are available on:

<http://www.europeana.eu>

The source code for the Thematic Collections is available on:

<https://github.com/europeana/europeana-portal-collections>

1. Music Collections

The Europeana Music Collections brings together a selection of the best music recordings, sheet music, and other music related collections from Europe's audiovisual archives, libraries, archives and museums.

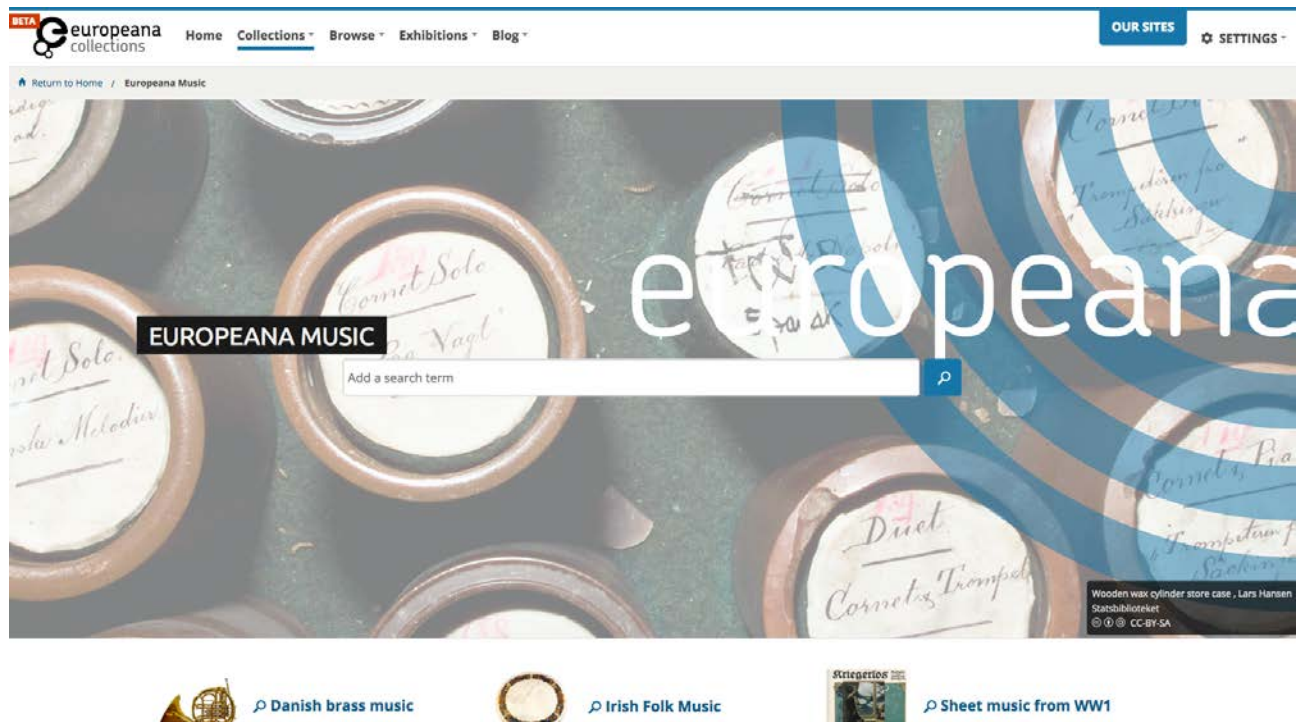


Figure 1: Screenshot of the Europeana Music Collections

The Music Collections were created as an outcome of the Europeana Sounds project, and are curated by data providers of this consortium. Every month one data provider is featured as the main curator for that month, and is responsible for highlighting content, writing blog posts and other activities which contribute to the outreach and curation of the Music Collections.

A summary of the user research, design and development work leading up to the Music Collections can be read in MS22 of the Europeana Sounds project: [Audio channels first production version.](#)

The Music Collections can be found under the following URL:

<http://music.europeana.eu>

2. Art History

The Europeana Art History Collections introduces users to artists and artworks from across Europe.

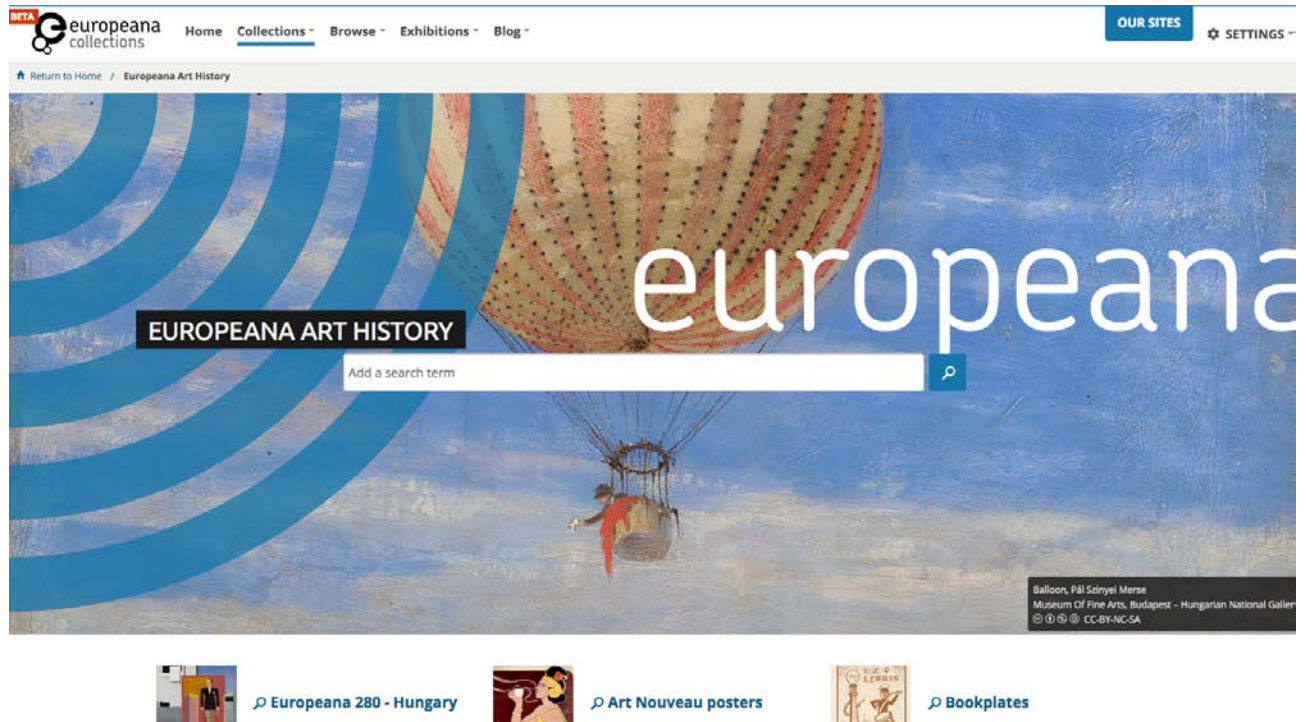


Figure 2: Screenshot of the Art History Collections.

Throughout spring 2016, Europeana Art History has highlighted content contributed by member states for the [Europeana 280](#) campaign, including weekly features and an online exhibition [Faces of Europe](#). This online exhibition is a part of the new online exhibitions platform launched during Europeana DSI, and its exhibitions are currently the main driver for users to visit the Art History Collections.

The Art History Collections can be found under the following URL:
<http://art-history.europeana.eu>

3. Fashion

The Europeana Fashion Collections brings together more than 30 public and private archives and museums, coming from 13 European countries, in order to collect and give public access to high quality digital fashion content, ranging from historical dresses to accessories, catwalk photographs, drawings, sketches, videos, and fashion catalogues.

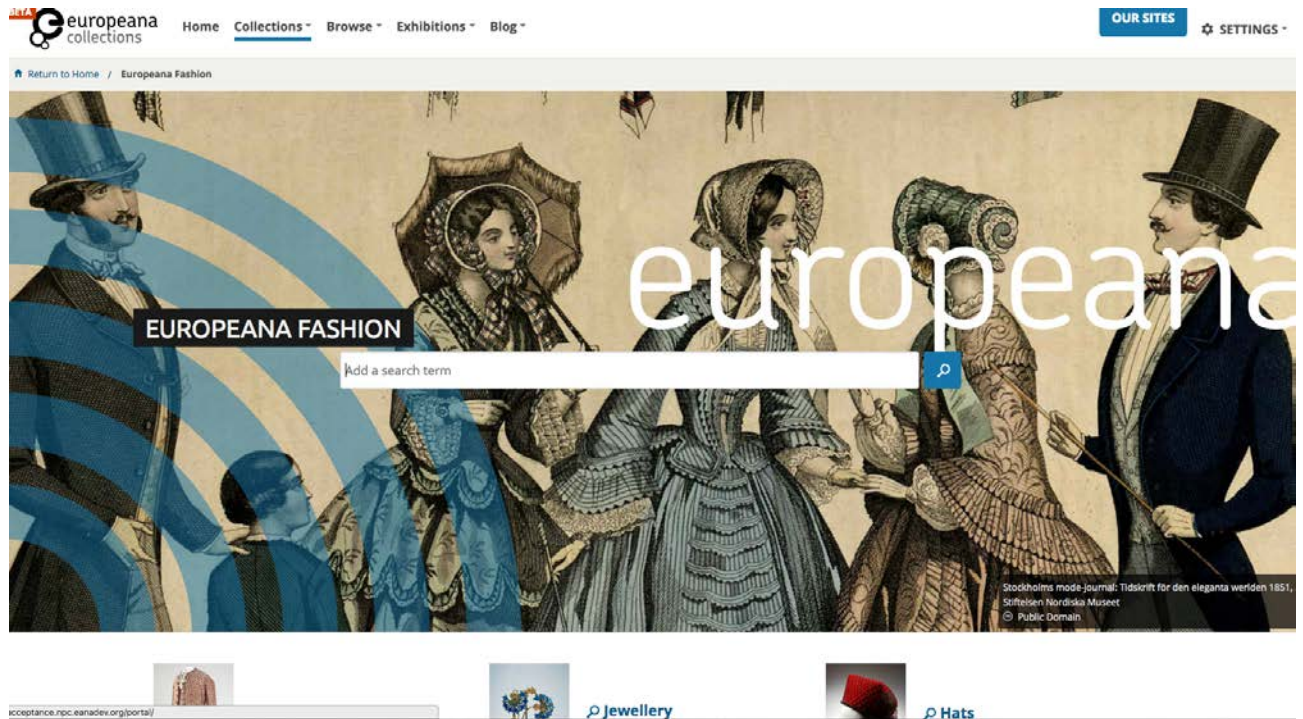


Figure 3: Screenshot of the Fashion Collections.

The Fashion Collections is a part of Europeana that will become a replacement for the current [Europeana Fashion portal](#), developed as part of the Europeana Fashion project. Currently the Collections are in a test phase and the website co-exists with the current portal. In the coming months, features will be further developed and tested to improve the Fashion Collections until it is able to fully replace the current fashion portal.

The Fashion Collections can be found under the following URL:

<http://fashion.europeana.eu>

4. Newspapers

The fourth Thematic Collection featured in Europeana will be the Newspaper Collections. The Newspaper Collections will highlight historic newspapers aggregated from many institutions. Its main content will be the newspapers aggregated by the Europeana Newspapers project.

The Europeana Newspapers Collection is currently available for internal testing and in development, it will be publicly launched during Europeana DSI 2.