Visualizing catalogue data: mapping local music in a digital environment

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Project goals

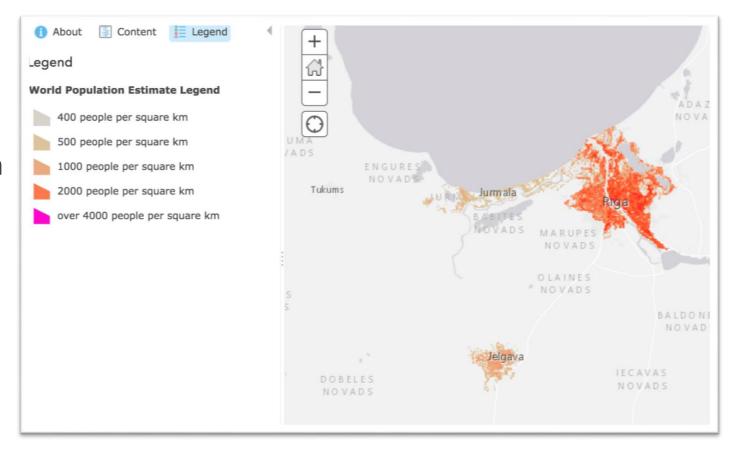
- 1. To understand the number, location, and concentration of community-based large ensembles in Saskatchewan and
- 2. To enable location-based searching and browsing of the Saskatchewan Music Collection

Features influencing musical development

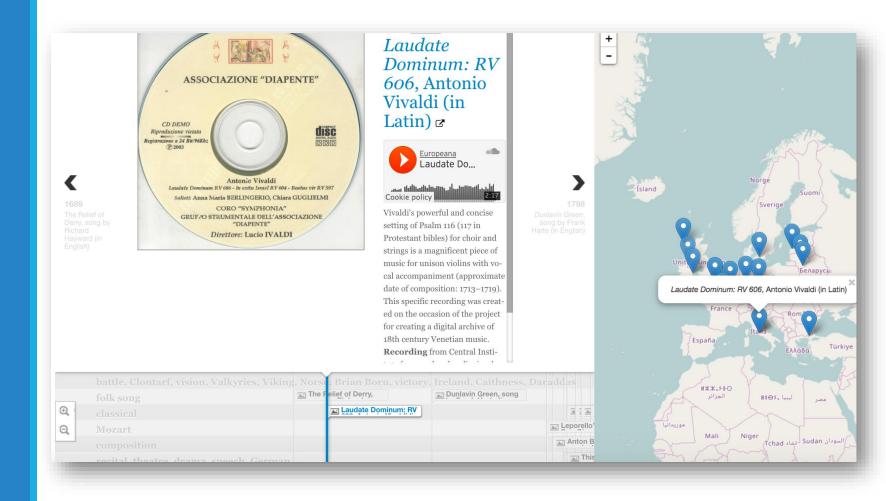
- 1. Geography
- 2. Climate
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- 4. Educational systems
- 5. Industry

Geo-visualization

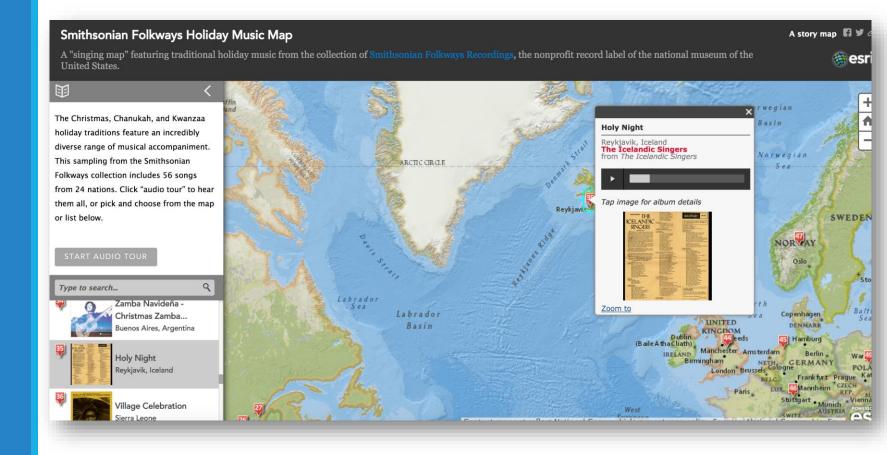
- geographic visualization
- A set of tools and techniques supporting geospatial communication and information analysis
- uses interactive maps that are computer-based



Travelling through Time with Sounds. Europeana.



Smithsonian Folkways Holiday Music Map



Data collection

Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria		
Sound recordings in any format.	 Sound recordings containing reductions of choir, band, or orchestra music but not performed by a large grouping of musicians 		
 Recordings by large ensembles that were in an identifiable place (city or town) in Saskatchewan. 	 Ensembles that were not associated with a place within the province. 		
	 Items that had not been digitized and uploaded to the Islandora digital asset repository system. 		

Why large ensembles?

- Discrete subset of the larger collection
- Easily identified with a particular place
- Wide relevance to the province
- Many albums are uniquely held in the U of S Library



Method

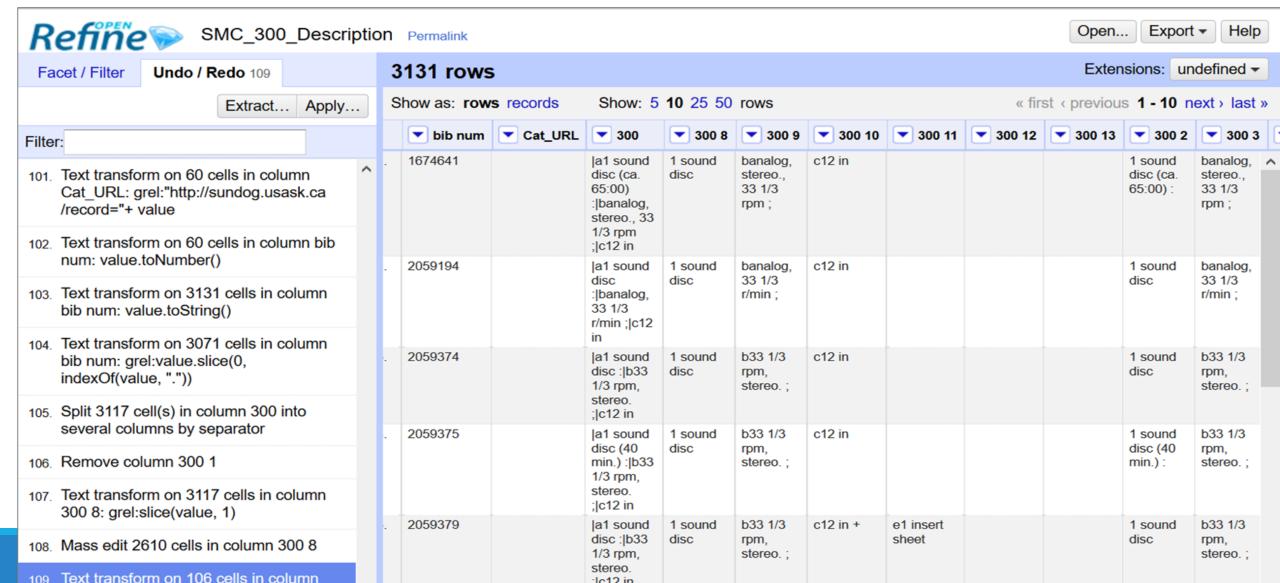
- Create an interactive mapping tool documenting location and descriptive information about each album
- Plot data on the map according to the location of the ensemble
- Allow users to browse the map to find more information
- Create links between the map and existing information systems (catalogue, digital collection)

Data cleaning example: terminology

RDA 3.3.1.3	Alternative: Common Usage	AACR2
audio disc	CD or compact disc	sound disc
audiocassette	cassette or cassette tape	sound cassette
audio cartridge	MiniDisc	sound disc cartridge

Comparison of Terminology Allowed in RDA 3.4.1.3 Extent ("300 \$a," Yale University)

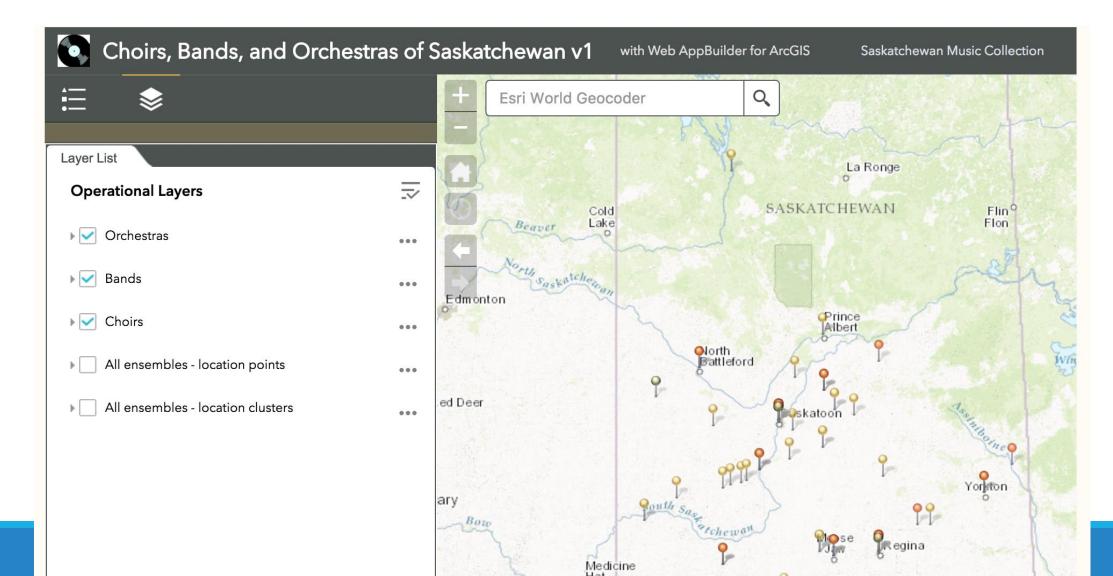
OpenRefine



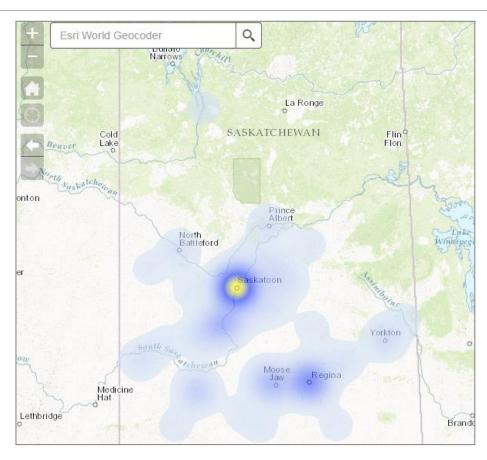
.csv file post-cleaning

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J			
1	F_OBJE	Ensemble	Title	Number_	Responsibility	Islandora_URL	Front_cover_UR	Cat_URL	Format	Vinyl_size	RPM Pub_Loc_1	Pub_Date	Grou
2	1	Choir	Ernest A. Moore	farewell recital	Ernest A. Moore	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Regina, SK	1967	Regir
3	2	Choir; Band	Theme March		Moose Jaw Lions	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	45 RPM	7 in	45 Moose Jaw, SK	1970	Moos
4	3	Choir; Band; O	rc The Regina Boa	rd of Education pr	esents music from	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 SK	1971?	Regir
5	4	Choir; Band	Raisins and alm	onds	River Heights Ele	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Saskatoon, SK	1982	Saska
6	5	Choir	Christmas with J	Juventus	Juventus Concer	http://smc.usask.	ca/islandora/obje	http://sundog.usa	Compact Disc		Regina, SK	1998	Regir
7	6	Choir	Chante Noël		Entr'Amis	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	Compact Disc		Prince Albert, Sh	2005?	Prince
8	7	Choir	Winter concert, I	December 3, 2001	University of Sas	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	Compact Disc		Saskatoon, SK	2001?	Saska
9	8	Choir	Christmas selec	tion, 1966	St. Angela's Acad	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 SK	2005?	Prela
10	9	Choir	Beauval Indian F	Residential School	Beauval Indian B	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Beauval, SK	1960?	Beau
11	10	Choir	Joy is music		St. Augustine Sc	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Saskatoon, SK	1981	Saska
12	11	Choir	It's up to us		The Meistersinge	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 SK	1969?	Swift
13	12	Choir	Together again		Swift Current Co	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 SK	1978	Swift
14	13	Choir	1974 College Pa	ark School Choirs	College Park Sch	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Saskatoon, SK	1974	Saska
15	14	Choir	Hanley High Sch	nool Choral Group	Hanley High Sch	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Hanley, SK	1967?	Hanle
16	15	Choir	Happy Together		The Swift Curren	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Saskatoon, SK	1973?	Swift
17	16	Choir	Selections from	Peoples Mass Boo	Marian High Sch	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 s.l.	1966?	Regir
18	17	Choir	Saskatoon Boys	nVolume 2	Saskatoon Boys	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Saskatoon, SK	1960?	Saska
19	18	Choir	The Raymore U	nited Church Choi	The Raymore Ur	http://smc.usask.	http://smc.usask.	http://sundog.usa	33 1/3 RPM	12 in	33.33333333 Saskatoon, SK	1968	Raym
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21	20	Choir	Cantus populi		Saskatoon Childr	http://smc.usask.	ca/islandora/obje	http://sundog.usa	Compact Disc		Saskatoon, SK	2010?	Saska
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Demo http://smc.usask.ca/



Concentrations of activity

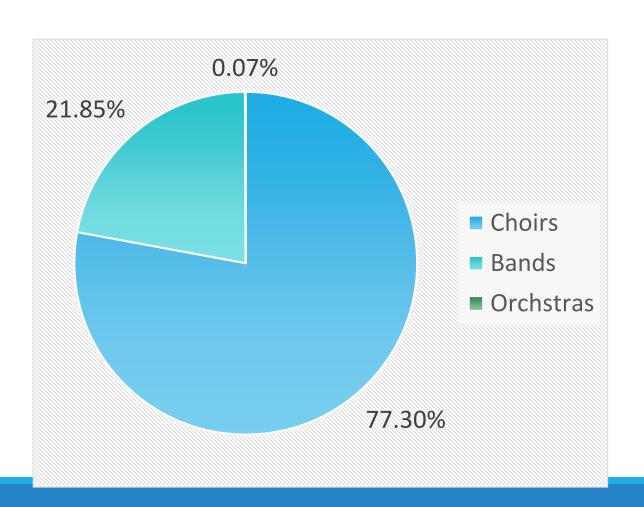


- Heat map feature and area measurement tool in ArcGIS
- Almost all recordings are in the southern half of the province

City size and album concentration

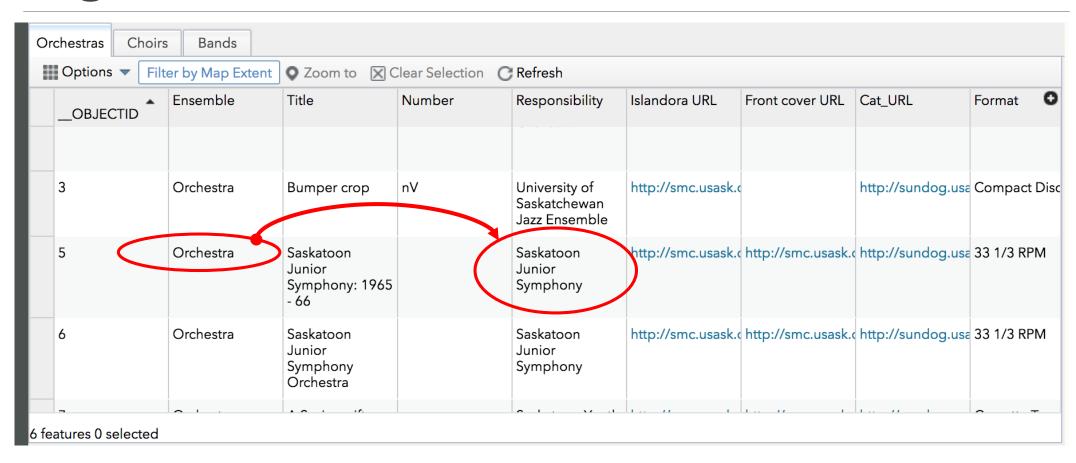
City name	City size (2011 census)	Number of albums per location
Saskatoon	222,189	41
Regina	193,100	18
Moose Jaw	33,274	5
Outlook	2,204	9
Swift Current	15,503	5

Representation of ensemble types

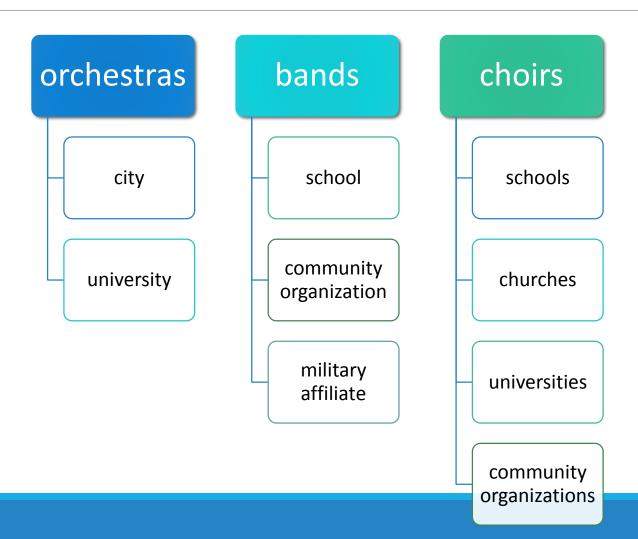


- one album may contain more than one ensemble type
- larger centres contain all three ensemble types
- rural locations are more likely to contain choirs only

Ensemble types and community organizations



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Comparison of Search Interfaces

Criteria	Catalogue	Islandora	ArcGIS Map	
Text searching	Author, title, subject, keyword, call number	Keyword	Location	
Visual representation and searching	No	No	Yes	
Portion of the collection	Complete collection, 3000+ albums	Digitized items, 1000 albums	Digitized albums by large ensembles, 119 albums	
Digital object included	No	Yes – images and sound files	Yes – cover image	
Link to other representations of the collection	No	No	Yes – links to both catalogue and Islandora	

Conclusions

- library collection data has significant potential for exploring local histories
- Geo-visualizations offer alternative ways of engaging with locational data
- Sound recordings can be used as meaningful evidence of development of musical history and community development



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