This site explores the world of Duke Special's music, and attempts to chronicle his career.
Who is Duke Special?

- Real name, Peter Wilson
- Northern Irish songwriter, recording artist.
- Significant for his popular, and literary-based music projects.

Photo by Rosemarie McGowan
Highlights of Duke Special’s Work

**Under The Dark Cloth**
Commissioned by the Metropolitan Museum of Arts.
Based on photographs by Stieglitz, Steichen and Strand.

**Mother Courage**
Written for production of Brecht play @ National Theatre in London

**Huckleberry Finn**
First artist to record the last songs written by Kurt Weill
Beginning the Project

Early searching for information about Duke Special resulted in a huge amount of articles, videos, and references to so many different types of projects it was overwhelming and difficult to parse out.

This, along with the quality of his work, has led me to believe in the value of curating content.

- Started the website
- Wrote the artist
- Integrated qualitative research methods to develop material

Photo by Jane Scales
Scope of Activities

- Weebly.com website configuring
- Intensive writing (40 blog entries since September 2014)
- Creating videos & graphics
- Google Fusion Tables
- Collecting data and files
- Addition of Omeka.net
- Communicating with artist, artist’s manager, and fan community
- Obtaining permissions
- Transcribing interviews
- Translations
- Tracking website traffic
- Promotion via Facebook and Twitter
Quantitative Look at Punch of a Friend and Omeka Duke

5,345 Unique Visits

7,259 Page Views

41 Different Countries

489 “Items”
  - Some items contain numerous files

449 Video Records

421 Image Files

90 PDF Files

Google Analytics
  - 208 sessions
  - 137 Users
  - 835 Pageviews
Context of Research

E-projects librarian?

Punch of a Friend → Omeka Duke → Irish Initiative

Informal → Formal
Irish Initiative

Record for “Emancipation...”

Welcome. Explore items related to arts and humanities of Belfast and Northern Ireland.

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