

Links

If your Internet control panel is set up correctly, you should be able to command-click on any of the links below to start up your default browser and connect to the site. If this doesn't work for any reason you will have to copy and paste the link into your browser.

Your main starting point for everything to do with abc is the abc home page:

<http://www.gre.ac.uk/~c.walshaw/abc/>

Where you will find information about the history of abc, links to software for all platforms, a huge (but always out of date) sectionalised index to all the tunes on the net, and a vast selection of links to abc collections around the world.

If you are looking for a particular tune, try John Chambers' abc tune finder - it's an internet search engine specifically designed to find tunes in abc format:

<http://trillian.mit.edu/~jc/music/abc/findtune.html>

Here are a few links to some interesting abc collections:

Henrik Norbeck

<http://home1.swipnet.se/~w-11382/abc.htm>

Henrik is the author of an excellent abc player program for the PC, abcMus. He's a flute player who is mainly interested in Irish music, of which he has a very large collection (around 1500 tunes the last time I looked). His transcriptions are meticulously accurate, and everything works perfectly in BarFly without editing.

Bernie Stocks

<http://www.ulst.ac.uk/faculty/artdes/Global/Fiddle/Tunes/>

Unlike most collections, Bernie Stocks work represents detailed transcriptions of performances by traditional Irish players, rather than idealised versions of the tunes. I think most of his work was originally done for abc2mtex, so a little editing is required in places, but it rewards the effort.

Jack Campin

<http://www.purr.demon.co.uk/jack/jack.html>

Jack is an antiquarian scholar who writes on Scottish musical history, and he has some fascinating material on his site. He is a BarFly user himself, and writes very high quality abc.

Richard Robinson:

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/music/Info/RRTuneBk/tunebook.html>

An eclectic collection of dance music from England, Scotland and Scandinavia.

Frank Nordberg

<http://www.musicaviva.com/abc/index.html>

A huge (and highly professional) site covering just about everything musical, not just abc. There are abc transcriptions of renaissance, baroque and classical pieces as well as traditional music. Frank is also a BarFly user, and besides abcs also has macros and stress programs for download.

Luis Pablo Gasparotto

<http://abcmr.sourceforge.net/scores.html>

Transcriptions of jazz arranged for quartet of saxes and piano. Done using abcm2ps, so quite a lot of editing required for BarFly. (abcm2ps does multivoice slightly differently from BarFly, there's no standard here.)

Cranford publications

<http://www.cranfordpub.com/index.htm>

Paul Cranford is a music publisher who specialises in fiddle music from CapeBreton, Scotland and Ireland. His books are beautifully produced and he has lots of free sample tunes on his site, including an abc tune of the month page.