

Evaluating Websites About Beethoven's Life

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-What was the reason for choosing this title?

The reason for choosing this topic is because Beethoven is a well known musician that have invented and wrote some of the fabulous music, songs, symphonies, and melodies in the world that no one have invented such music as he did. Not everyone knows that he was deaf; so I decided to search and evaluate websites that talks about his life to guide people for the best sites that will help them to know more about Beethoven's life.

- The ratings will be based by the following criteria:

- **Authority**

- Does the author have sufficient authority to speak on the subject?
- Is there any way to contact the author?
- Is there a reference & links?
- Is it trustworthy?
- The Domain name?

- **Relevance**

- Is the reading clear?
- Is it accurate, well written?
- Is it relevant to the topic?

- Currency

- Is the information up – to date?
- Can you tell when the page was last up dated?
- Are there dead links?

- Clarity

- Is it clearly presented?
- Is the text neat, legible and formatted for easy reading?
- Is there graphics?
- Are there advertisements?
- Is the pages well organized-good layout-?
- Are there mistakes in spelling or word usage?

- Accessibility

- Can you get in?
- Does the site load quickly?
- Can you move, browse around easily?

<u>Score</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Authority	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Relevance	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Currency	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Clarity	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Accessibility	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>*4</u>	<u>*4</u>	<u>*4</u>

-Here are the websites that I have evaluated and are applicable to the title from the best et cetera:



Classical Music Pages

By: Matt Boynick

1.

<http://w3.rz-berlin.mpg.de/cmp/beethoven.html>

Rating: 84%

This site first came into view in Goggle search when I typed 'Beethoven's Life' which indicates that a lot of people have used this site. It introduces in brief overview about Beethoven's Life it also has many links to Beethoven's symphonies, letters, and other musicians like Mozart, Salieri, and Gluck (which Beethoven have met in his life), picture gallery, and you can contact the author for comments or you can go to his homepage that is linked to in the site (All of the site links work). Also there are references, and no advertisements. The information in the site is extracted with permission from [The Grove Concise Dictionary of Music](#), but there are two negative points about this site. First, it is not up - to date, it was created on 1 February 1996 but it seems that the author has taken a good care of his site and the information given when he revised it in 10 October 2000 which I can conjecture that the site is accurate, has a good presentation (clear expression), easy to browse, and worth to trust. Second, you might face some hard time in reading the information or finding it because it looks jammed. In addition to all of these points that I have mentioned the site is free for any one to use.

2.



By: Peter Harrison

<http://www.kingsbarn.freemove.co.uk/>

Rating: 76%

This would have been the best site to know about Beethoven's Life it shows his photos, his hand writing on his letters, photos of his friends, lovers, his pianos, links (some does not work), places that he have visited, and you can listen to his symphonies, if only the author didn't include his opinions; that's why it can't be trusted and it includes just one or two references that are books which the author have written, despite the information that is given looks accurate and relevant and the last up date was on 2/1/2004. You can contact the author and it is a free site. Even after all what I have revealed about the bad things in this site still some amazing things can be taken from it that you wouldn't find in other sites.



By: Beethoven.com®

<http://www.beethoven.com/>

Rating: 1% (just for accessibility)

This site is not relevant to the title it is just for hearing Beethoven's symphonies or music and shopping.



By: William Lane

<http://www.lucare.com/immortal/>

Rating: 52%

This site is dedicated to Beethoven's bibliography, picture, and audio/MIDI of Beethoven's symphonies. It is a private individual site and most of the information presented is from other sources in addition to all of this he doesn't have a copy right permission also you can't contact the author but you still can use the site for some information (it's a free site).



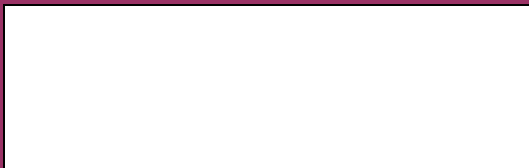
5.

By: San José State University

<http://www2.sjsu.edu/depts/beethoven/>

Rating: 92%

The author in this site is an educational university (domain name-edu-) that means that there is accuracy, references, and no misspellings or grammatical errors also you can contact the author. The site offers Beethoven's Life information in database, which is trustworthy. The site is clear presented; the pages are in good layout, easy to read, but not much graphics. It was lastly updated on 3/14/2003, which is not too far. It includes links to other related sites (all of them works), and photos. There are no advertisements and it is a free site.



6.

By: Radio Beethoven FM todos los derechos reservados, ® 203

<http://www.beethovenfm.cl/>

Rating: 1%(just for accessibility)

This site is not applicable to the title it is like a radio station for hearing music and symphonies and it is presented in French.



<http://www.lvbeethoven.com/Bio/BiographyLudwig.html>

Rating: 76%

This site is actually a French site it was translated by Hannah SALTER. It is relevant and a good one too. Its clarity is fantastic, it has amazing pictures, graphics, clearly presented, no advertisements, pages are well organized, no spelling mistakes, all links works, you can browse around easily, it was last up dated on December 31st 2003 which is before some days. There are only three things that are not good in the site or else it would be a very good for your information. First, it is a private individual which that we can't fully trust it (domain name-.com-). Second, it has no references. Third, the text is not so clear. But even though you still can take or see some pictures in it and it is a free site.



By: [Mailto: Ingrid Schwaergermann](mailto:Ingrid.Schwaergermann)

8.

<http://raptusassociation.org/index.html>

Rating: 69%

This site is helpful and relevant to the topic it has plenty of Beethoven's information, pictures, and letters. It is up dated on December 30, 2003 and it looks like it can be trusted (domain name -. org-); it has copyright, nice background, references, clear text, and no advertisements. The site is free to any one.

CONCLUSION

After I had finished evaluating the sites, the best site that was appropriate was the fifth it had lot information and it was authorized which my rate for it was 92 rating. There is one more site that astonished it was the first site it had a large amount of information but its problem was not up to date, and not clearly presented.

At the end I hope that my evaluating would help to know more
About

Beethoven's Life