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## Digital Collection of Old Russian music in the Russian State Library.

Today one of the main challenges facing by the Russian State Library is preservation of its collections, not only books, but all documents stored in the library. Special attention should be given to Old Russian music of the end of 18<sup>th</sup> century – the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Among them are intravital publications by guitarists Sikhra and Vysotsky, music from Romanovs family collection, Prince Odoyevsky's collection and other scores, which actually haven't been republished in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

For 4 years the Russian State Library with company "Adamant" has been working on the project "Digital Music Library Collection of the Russian State Library". Besides, currently, within the library a special department "Digital Library" is established, which is responsible for creating electronic collection based on a traditional printed collection of the Russian State Library.

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