1. Record Nr. UNINA9910163337303321 Autore Becker Howard S. Titolo Thinking Together: an email exchange and all that jazz / / Howard S. Becker, Robert R. Faulkner; Dianne Hagaman, editor Los Angeles, CA:,: USC Annenberg Press,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-62517-203-6 1 online resource (172 pages): illustrations, photographs (some color) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 700.108 Soggetti Artistic collaboration Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Preface -- Prologue: how this book happened -- Part I: 2003 -- Part II: 2004 -- Part III: 2005 -- Appendix: list of song titles. Sommario/riassunto "Howard S. Becker and Robert R. Faulker, sociologists and experienced musicians, wrote a book in 2009 about their musical experiences--Do You Know? The Jazz Repertoire in Action--describing how musicians who didn't know each other could perform competently and interestingly without rehearsing, or playing from written music. When they wrote it, they lived at opposite ends of the country: Becker in San Francisco, Faulkner in Massachusetts. Instead of sitting around talking about their ideas, they wrote e-mails. So every step of their thinking, false steps as well as ideas that worked, existed in written form. When conceptual artist and poet Franck Leibovici asked them to contribute something that showed the "form of life" that supported their work. they collaborated with Dianne Hagaman to put the correspondence in order, which Leibovici exhibited and which, now, appears as an e-book (which lets them link to available performances of the tunes they discussed). Thinking Together: An E-mail Exchange and All That Jazz is one of the most revealing records of a scientific collaboration ever

made public, and an intimate picture of the creative process. Collective creativity--making sparks of originality produce something more than a glint in someone's eye--intrigues sociologists, people who study communication and theorists of business organization. The collective part of that process, turning an idea into a finished product, is even more complicated, and in Thinking Together, readers can watch the

authors go through all the complications of working together to make the final result happen. The e-book also includes more than 200 video click-throughs to songs that the authors discuss."--Publisher's web site, http://annenberg.usc.edu/News%20and% 20Events/News/140131AnnenbergPress.aspx (viewed on Feb. 6, 2014).