

George1948

NEWS

Note from the Editor

This is the seventh issue of the George1948 newsletter. As before, I will attach this document to email both as a .pdf file, and a .RTF file.

For now, in order to keep you all updated as to what was happening on all fronts with George, this Newsletter will be coming out every two to three weeks, as things simmer down. As always - Comments, feedback are welcome.

Updates As of April 28, 2002.....

Besonic CD project

To recap - Most of you know that Soundblast of Besonic initiated a compilation CD project which was to be promoted and sold through Besonic.com. The CDs are UP and are available for purchase.

As of today, the project has had over 4582 total listens, and almost all tracks have been played once on Besonic Radio. Nonie Crete's Moonlight Dreams is sitting at number 2 in the Country and Folk category in Canada on the Besonic Charts. 14 CD's have been sold which means that 41.30 Euro has been made for George.

AcidPlanet CD Project

The overall quality of the music submitted for this project is impressive, and because of the generosity of the various artists (you know who you are...) we are definitely going to have more than one CD in the REACH project. Helium Gonzales is busy creating a track list for volume 1, and as soon as he sends that to me, I am going to begin downloading the appropriate .MP3 files which will then be burned to CD and taken to a studio to be mastered. Once mastered, we can then send the CD and artwork (Helium is creating the artwork) to Utah to become a CD! We will keep you posted on progress.

Special Devices

For now, George is using the The TrackIR Mouse controller or Headmouse, which he says he is learning to use getting on quite well. However, the reality is that we have to be prepared for the day when George is no longer able to use the TrackIR. There are devices that can be operated by eye or eyebrow movement and that will be our next target device, and that is why we are continuing to pursue fundraising efforts...so that we can get the next device for George.

Press/Publicity

Our Sonja B from Besonic has been doing a fabulous job of stirring up the press at her end. This weekend she emailed me that she has been successful in getting a small German radio station to give the project a one-hour program and they will be doing a short (10 to 15 minute) interview with George on the telephone. George is very pleased to have this opportunity. This is going to happen sometime at the end of May. We will keep you updated!

Here in Canada, although we continue to experience lackluster response from the regular Canadian Press, a music magazine called Penguin Eggs from Western Canada, our Songwriters Association, (SAC) and the OCF (Ontario Council of Folk Festivals) have offered to put a plug in for the project as soon as I give them a firm date for the Fundraising Music Benefit.

Music Benefit

P.K. Creek Bar and Grill and their Sunday afternoon band, Robbie Lane and The Disciples have expressed willingness to help out. P.K. Creek will host the event one Sunday in July and Robbie Lane will be the MC. Confirmed guests include Frank Cosentino (on the Besonic CD), Brian Cober of The Nationals, Nonie Crete and Eugene Rea (also on the Besonic CD). Other Toronto musicians on the CD are Melwood Cutlery and Frank Prather who have also been invited, but who are both away, so we don't have an answer yet.

Internet Promotions and Links

Don't forget to go to the ForGeorge station at MP3. Even though not all the tracks are at MP3, all the tracks are mentioned, and it helps if you go and stream the playlist.

You can access the station through this url http://stations.mp3s.com/stations/280/for_george.html

Also visit George's pages at other sites and help to boost his music.

Acid Planet: <http://www.acidplanet.com/Lounge/ArtistDetail.asp?ArtistID=76568>

MadeinMusic: <http://www.madeinmusic.com/groups/George1948/index>

Besonic: <http://www.besonic.com/User/0,1391,g0r0l0t0o0i190957,FF.html>

Anyone else with ANY ideas for getting more exposure for this project, PLEASE do not be shy. We want your ideas!

Thanks to all of you for your support!

Well, that's it for now...hope I haven't left out anything.....as usual we'll have to wait and see how things go next week.

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