

NEWS

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR - FEB 16, 2002

This is the first issue of the George1948 newsletter, and as such it may well change in format because I am still ironing out the wrinkles. I hope to attach this document to email as a .pdf file, please let me know if this works for you....

Anyway, I promised that I would keep you all updated as to what was happening on all fronts with George, so here goes. Comments, feedback are welcome.

AS OF FEB 16, 2002

Besonic CD project

Most of you know that Soundblast of Besonic initiated a compilation CD project which was to be promoted and sold through Besonic.com.

Yesterday Soundblast informed me that he hopes to have the Besonic compilation CD's ready and on the special Besonic page (<http://www.besonic.com/forgeorge>) by Sunday (Feb 18).

The response to his call for donated tracks for this project has been just super and he thinks he will have enough for possibly three CDs.

Once the CD's are on line, we all need to get over there and buy a copy...

AcidPlanet CD Project

This initiative is being undertaken by Helium Gonzalez of AP and is moving along quite nicely.

Helium has approached some of the other AcidPlanet artists and the response has been positive.

AcidPlanet does not have CD manufacturing or burning facilities so Helium is looking for a suitable way to produce the final product.

The really great news about this is that Helium tells me that the folks at AcidPlanet have offered to promote the finished product on their site to help out.

Additionally - Helium has prepared some really nice sample artwork that he felt would work for the cover, and Wezel decided to adopt part of this artwork for the new (not quite ready) George1948 donations webpage.

Special song for George

Today Silverside of AcidPlanet created and uploaded a new track for George. It's a lovely piece and much in line with the sort of thing that George himself creates. The link is:

<http://www.acidplanet.com/Lounge/Detail.asp?PID=141648>

The Search for Special Devices

We have all been searching the web and everywhere else for possible equipment or software that could help George regain access to his music software.

Happily, the search turned up quite a few good leads. Among those leads was a connection to a charitable institute in the U.K, called the Drake Foundation which specializes in computer music devices to assist the severely disabled. At last update, George had contacted them and

they are supposed to be going to see him next week!

Other promising leads include a tongue activated and controlled joystick, eye, and forehead movement controlled pointing devices, and brainwave controlled devices.

Outside help

A number of people have been searching for outside help and in addition to offers of cash donations, we have an offer to hold a benefit concert from a group of Canadian musicians, the possibility for a write up from an american biotech journalist, and potential help from the ALS foundation here in Toronto, Canada.

We badly need publicity and any suggestions for ways in which we can promote this project will be gratefully accepted.

Special Donation Website

In order to make it easy for people to donate, we are setting up a special website. For now it will be REALLY basic, but it will have a link to PayPal which will allow people to securely make donations, and PayPal then sends them directly to George. No need for anyone to set up a special bank account. The URL for this site will be:

<http://www.wezel.com/george1948>

I hope to have it active by Sunday morning EST. (I guess that means Sunday night for the UK, France, etc.)

That's it for now, I apologize if I've left anything out, I'm sure you'll let me know if I have.... LP