

# George1948

## NEWS

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### Note from the Editor

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

This is the first newsletter since April and you are probably all wondering what the heck has been going on!

Many of you are probably unaware that one of my personas is landscape gardener. From the early spring until mid summer (now) the gardening industry goes insane. We have just a few weeks in which to tidy, clean and plant for the incredibly short Canadian summer. Everyone always wants everything all at once and this year the weather did NOT cooperate. Since nothing spectacular was happening with George, and I knew that he was going away for a few weeks, together with being really busy, I kind of lapsed the newsletter....sorry. I shall try to be more punctual in future.

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 once per month since things have simmered down. As always - Comments, feedback are welcome.

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### Updates As of July 15, 2002.....

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#### George!

George has been practicing and getting used to the TrackIR mouse. In May George wne to visit his family in Scotland, but when he got back got an ear infection, so that put him out of commission for a bit. Then his computer got hit with a virus, so he held off writing til that was fixed. Several weeks ago he wrote to tell me that he was just about ready to begin working on music again. Goerge wrote to me last night to tell me that he has a new track. It is a remix of one of my songs. It is fantastic! here is the URL.

[http://www.madeinmusic.com/groups/George1948/song/one?product\\_id=3506](http://www.madeinmusic.com/groups/George1948/song/one?product_id=3506)

#### 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 8000 total listens, and almost all tracks have been played once on Besonic Radio. However, disappointly we are still sitting at only 14 CD's sold, which is the same number as at last new letter. Twice the listens, but no buyers.

#### AcidPlanet CD Project

Both Helium Gonsalves (the architect of this particular George project) and myself have been going crazy with work related stuff, so this project got really slwoed down. Helium thought he could use Yahoo Briefcase to store the track temporarily for me to retrieve. We found out that it can't handle the file sizes. to make a long story short. Helium is going to burn the tracks to a CD and send the CD to me so that I can go and get it 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

George is still using the The TrackIR Mouse controller or Headmouse, which is good news. He tells me that his voice is still okay and that for now the TrackIR meets his needs. I have received a \$50.00 u.s. donation toward the purchase of the QuadMouse which would be the next step up in devices. Thankfully George is still okay with the current device.

#### Press/Publicity

Our Sonja B from Besonic has continued to lobby various online and offline press people to support the project. She was successful in getting a small German radio station to give the project a one-hour program and as soon as George and they get together, they will be doing a short (10 to 15 minute) interview with George on the telephone. George is very pleased to have this opportunity. I will let you know when this is about to happen.

## **Music Benefit**

I had everything lined up with my good friends and clients at P.K. Creek Bar and Grill and their Sunday afternoon band, Robbie Lane and The Disciples had expressed willingness to help out. The event was planned for July 21 and we had a good line up of guests - suddenly the Robbie Lane Band decided that they didn't want to do it, at least not the way we had planned and we ended up cancelling. Perhaps it was for the good because although I like my pals at P.K. Creek, the location is not particularly attractive to walk-in traffic and many downtowners don't want to make the effort to go out there.

So now I am searching for another location and another band to be the "host".

## **Internet Promotions and Links**

I have had some interesting suggestions for places we could promote and have been following up.

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](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>

## **Other Stuff**

I have been in contact with the Motor Neuron Disease foundation in the U.K. but found that they are as bad as the Canadian branch. Lots of reasons why they can't or won't help. Definitely a case of if you want something done, do it yourself!

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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