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News & announcements
from the VGM community

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ALBUM RELEASES




-  Allison Martin
-  Heart Seeker: A Kingdom Hearts Collection
-  Heart Seeker, Allison Martin's jazz tribute to Kingdom Hearts, is OUT NOW!






"Heart Seeker: A Kingdom Hearts Collection" is two things. First, it's a tribute to the songs that may not come to mind when we think "Kingdom Hearts music" but still manage to make us hum along as we hear them. And second? It's a way to hear these tracks like you've never heard them before. Allison experiments with genre, instruments, timing...well, everything!

Catch the premiere of "Savannah Pride" at March Caprice 4.0!

-  <https://allisonmartin.bandcamp.com/album/heart-seeker-a-kingdom-hearts-collection>






-  Brian Roberts from Console
-  Press Start
-  Console's debut album slams into the retro scene like a sonic meteor summoned by the video game gods! Embark on a nostalgic, genre-surfing journey through gaming history with epic arrangements of iconic and forgotten game tracks spanning the NES-era to the PS3. Hailing from Honolulu, Console fuses jazzy, progressive rock-inspired melodies and grooves with electrifying keyboards and face-melting guitar solos. Will you PRESS START?



-  <https://distrokid.com/hyperfollow/consolethevgmband/press-start>



-  Dog Food For Bananas
-  Fishing Hook
-  Dog Food For Bananas' first album covering a range of tracks (from various Zelda games) from our performances in 2023

-  <https://ffm.to/fishinghook>

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THIS MONTH

Album Releases

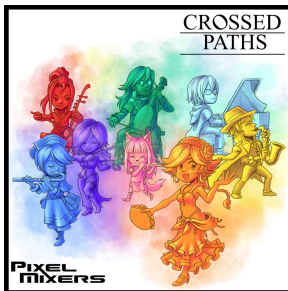
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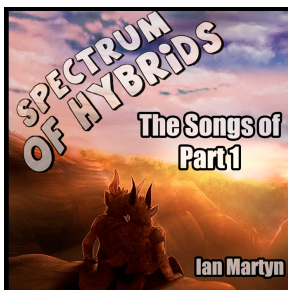






ALBUM RELEASES



-  Hashel, from Pixel Mixers
-  Octopath Traveler II - Crossed Paths
-  This is a 39 tracks tribute album to the work of composer Yasunori Nishiki on Octopath Traveler 2 soundtrack by the Pixel Mixers community. It features a wide variety of music styles, with EDM, Metal, Orchestral, Jazz, Solo Piano, Chill, Folk and much more!
-  <https://fanlink.to/CrossedPaths>





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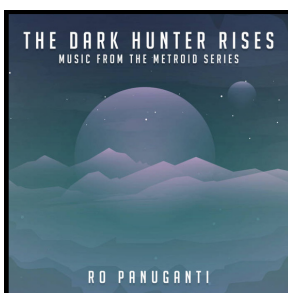



-  Ian Martyn
-  Spectrum of Hybrids - The Songs of Part 1
-  I'm super excited to announce that I just released my contributions to the Spectrum of Hybrids soundtrack! It's a mix of different genres of rock as well as some instrumental tracks. It's available on cassette tape and digital download on Bandcamp as well as most streaming services. Hope you enjoy!
-  <https://album.link/krfkzq4qsjgcv>

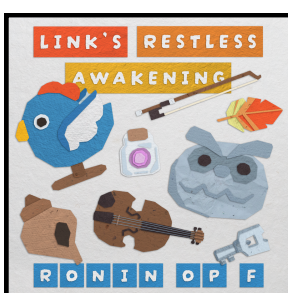
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-  Marco Schirripa
-  Digital Dances
-  Original concert music for marimba directly inspired by video games.
-  <https://www.marcoschirripa.com/digital-dances-album.html>



-  Ro Panuganti
-  The Dark Hunter Rises: Music from the Metroid Series
-  The Dark Hunter Rises is a metal tribute to Nintendo's Metroid series featuring visceral, dark, and atmospheric arrangements and revitalizing the 2017 release "The Dark Hunter" with new recordings, production, and tracks. Inspired by modern progressive metal, grunge rock, and the classic science fiction film scores, each track serves to depict intense boss fights, unsettling caverns, and the ambience that Samus Aran intrudes upon each adventure.
-  <https://ropanuganti.bandcamp.com/album/the-dark-hunter-rises-music-from-the-metroid-series>

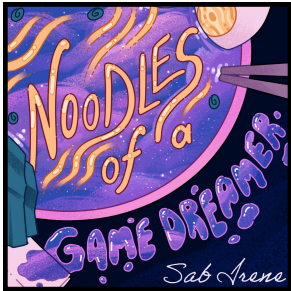





-  Ronin Op F
-  Link's Restless Awakening
-  My solo breakbeat/beats album of lesser known Link's Awakening music
-  <https://ffm.to/restlessawakening>


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ALBUM RELEASES






-  Sab Irene
-  Noodles of a Game Dreamer
-  An original digital fusion album inspired by video game music. Sab Irene's 'Noodles of a Game Dreamer' explores sonic dreamscapes and tales inspired by the otherworldliness of nature, space, and video games.

 <http://noodlesofagamedreamer.com>

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-  Split Screen
-  Split Screen
-  The self-titled debut album of Eric Ladish's VGM jazz fusion band Split Screen released on Friday, 1/26/2024! Recorded entirely remotely, "Split Screen" features music from classic titles and modern smash-hits: there's a bit of something for almost every type of gamer on this album.

 <https://splitscreenvgm.bandcamp.com/>

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-  Thennecan
-  Cult of Extra Lives
-  "Cult of Extra Lives" is a compilation album of tracks released by Thennecan between 2018 and 2023. It features tracks from Final Fantasy VII, Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance, Persona 4, Deltarune, and much more. Some of the tracks were rerecorded, remixed and remastered for this release.


 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilvDZ2egoCo>






SONG RELEASES



-  88bit
-  2021 GANG Awards Music of the Year Medley
-  This is an original piano medley arranged for the 2021 G.A.N.G. Awards Music of the Year category featuring themes from 6 games: Animal Crossing: New Horizons, Ori and the Will of the Wisps, Metamorphosis, Hades, Star Wars: Squadrons, Final Fantasy VII: The Remake

 https://ffm.to/88bit_2021gangawardsmusicoftheyearmedley



-  Coastal Satellites
-  Phendrana's Edge (Metroid Prime)
-  Coastal Satellites arranged and recorded their own revamped version of "Phendrana's Edge" from Metroid Prime. This cover introduces ambient guitar, a multitude of synth layers, and punchy house drums to create an even more edgy (pun intended) feel to the original track. Bust a move to this song's trance groove, just be careful not to slip and fall into the Sheegoth pit!

 <https://coastalsatellites.bandcamp.com/track/phendranas-edge>




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SONG RELEASES






-  Psamathes
-  Fallen Down from "Undertale - Slowed Down Epic Orchestral Version"
-  Fallen Down from Undertale becomes a cinematic fantasy with trailer music vibes, harp accents, epic vocalizes, and ethereal elf-like lyrics in an invented language. This unique take on the iconic melody was crafted by Psamathes, from arrangement to mix and watercolor artwork, to sing out the deep, tangled emotions of finding oneself fallen down, whatever their situation may be.




 <https://too.fm/psamfallen>



-  Theology vs. Ryu Matrix
-  Pokemon R/B/Y - Trainer Battle Theme (Theology vs. Ryu Matrix Remix)
-  Ryu Matrix and Theology join forces to bring you a 200BPM UK Hardcore remix of Pokemon's iconic Trainer Battle Theme! This high energy track was debuted at Pose on January 18th and if you listen til the end, you are greeted with a powerful halftime bassline that is sure to make you feel like you are on the winning side of the battle 🐾



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 <https://songwhip.com/theology/trainer-battle-theme-from-pokemon-redblueyellow-theology-vs-ryu-matrix-remix>

LIVE EVENTS

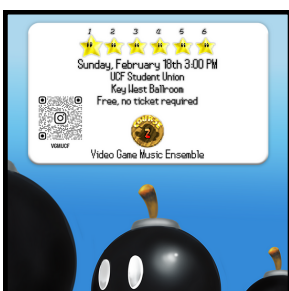



-  Mega Ran's Black Materia Live in Orlando
-  Mega Ran and The Limit Breakers teamed up to perform songs from Mega Ran's critically-acclaimed Final Fantasy VII album, Black Materia on January 25th at Conduit in Winter Park, FL. Watch the VOD here!


 <https://youtu.be/BXztUIHlr4Q>

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 Video Game Music Ensemble @ UCF February 2024 Concert

-  The Video Game Music Ensemble @UCF held their February 2024 concert on Sunday, February 18th at 3:00 PM. The event took place at the University of Central Florida in the Key West Ballroom, and was livestreamed on YouTube.

 https://youtu.be/dD9a9WfXqaQ?si=D_A2HenLdNKWC8tB

 The Video Game Music Ensemble @UCF

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LIVE EVENTS



UltraNOVA II - Rebirth

UltraNOVA is BACK at Crescendo Studios in Falls Church, VA with "UltraNOVA II: Rebirth"! We're bringing in talented video game music (VGM) bands not only from the DMV area, but across the country! We've brought together six electric, eclectic, and energetic acts that are ecstatic to perform!
Lineup: Bi Score, Geekswag, Mahn, WASD, Steel Samurai, Zakuscrip

<https://crescendostudios.bigcartel.com/product/ultranova-rebirth>

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WMGSO performs at Awesome Con

WMGSO will perform on Sunday, Mar. 10th, aka MAR10 day, at Awesome Con. We'll have chamber groups featuring orchestral instrumentation and our own unique take on video game music from Mario, Baldur's Gate 3, Final Fantasy and more. Catch us at 11:15 AM on 3/10 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

<https://awesome-con.com/programming/#/event/wmgso-chamber-group-performances>

Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra

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VGM CON 2024

VGM CON is a three day event from April 19th to April 21st in Minnesota.

VGM CON offers a vendor and artist hall, panels, workshops, open gaming, cosplay, tournaments and other con activities. Combined with three music stages, jam spaces, orchestra clinic, recital and album jam.

Acts on the lineup include:
The Tiberian Sons, Ro Panuganti Prog Experience, Split Screen, Super Strikers, Atlys, Arc Impulse, Knight of the Round, Vector U, Gunderslam, String Player Gamer ...And over 20 more!

<https://vgmcon.org/>

Lucas Guimaraes

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Jonathan Aldrich @ VGM CON 2024!

Jonathan Aldrich is returning to VGM CON this spring with a selection of jazz- and classical-inspired solo piano video game arrangements, with a deep dive into tunes with tropical and coastal vibes! Come hear chill takes on a selection of tunes from Mario, Kirby, Final Fantasy and more!

<https://vgmcon.org/guests/>

Jonathan Aldrich





LIVE EVENTS



The Jambassadors @ VGM CON 2024!

The Jambassadors are a 7 piece jazz combo that reimagines VGM as if it were played during the era of hard-bop jazz, bossa novas, and funky fusion grooves. Join Joe Beach, Jess Destramp, Mark Mascaro, Ben Horkley, Ashanti Mills, Jonathan Aldrich, and Nathan Froehlich at VGM CON Sunday afternoon!

<https://vgmcon.org/guests/>

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AarekMG and KCB play VGM!

Join the Keystone Concert Band in Harrisburg, PA on May 4 at 7:00 PM EDT for their Spring concert featuring music from Mario, Zelda, Minecraft, and more! With guest soloist and arranger, AarekMG!

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Ad Astra: Interstellar Harmonies

The Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra (WMGSO) is proud to present our spring show, Ad Astra: Interstellar Harmonies. Catch us at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center on the Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, Va. on Sat., May 18 at 6:00 pm ET. We're offering streaming tickets too if you can't make it live.

This performance will feature a collection of arrangements inspired by Star Fox 64, Super Mario RPG, Celeste, and Baldur's Gate III and more.

<https://givebutter.com/WMGSO24>


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VIRTUAL EVENT



 March Caprice 4.0!

 May your heart be your guiding key! March Caprice is an online event celebrating the Kingdom Hearts series, and it gathers fans to show off their fan work and discuss the games. There are music videos, discussion videos, fan art, fan fiction, merchandise, and more!

There's also the March Caprice Concert Soirée on Twitch (3/29-3/30), which showcases all of the music videos in one place. It's being run by David Russell and Ro Panuganti this year, and GameGrooves will also participate!

 <https://www.marchcaprice.com>


 Allison Martin


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NEW GROUP



 Game Audio Maryland

 Game Audio Maryland is a new game audio community-run initiative, serving the DC metro area. Anyone is welcome to join that is interested in VGM, game audio, video game orchestras and choirs! We just held our first meetup at MAGFest 2024! Go to our website and give us a follow on X, where we will post about future events!

 <https://gameaudiomaryland.com/>

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Submit your news to vgmt monthly!

vgmt monthly is a newsletter that offers a centralized place for the VGM community to make announcements! The newsletter will be posted each month on vgmtogether's social media and archived on our website. You're free to print or share the newsletter once it is released, but please do not alter it in any way.

If you have multiple announcements, please fill out the form once for each one. You can submit multiple announcements each month, and in as many months as you would like!

The deadline for the following month is the 21st of the current month. For example, an event submitted on February 18 will be part of the March newsletter while an event submitted on February 22 will be part of the April newsletter. If you have any questions, reach out to Nujj on Discord (nujjj) or X (@kmelbone). [Submit your news here!](#)



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