

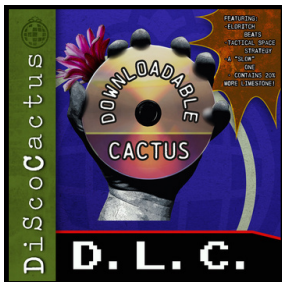
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News & announcements
from the VGM community

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ALBUM RELEASES



DiscoCactus

DLC

You've beaten our base game MANIA MODE, now get ready to patch in some extra-hard DLC! Featuring a selection of specially-designed arrangements for our top tier Kickstarter backers along with a few other surprises, this album is ready to rock, roll, reel you in, reck your face, rotate your tires, reupholster your furniture, restock your inventory, restore your system and recalibrate your soul. Six games in one!! You haven't seen a hot deal like this since like 2006!

<https://discocactusmusic.bandcamp.com/album/dlc>



PokéMemories Vol.01 & 02 Remastered
by PokéRus Project

PokéRus Project's classic Pokémon albums from 2016 and 2017 respectively will receive a brand new remastered versions this summer (Date TBD)! More than 30 tracks from various main line Pokémon games with full instrument re-recordings, new mix and mastering makes the return of the renowned Pokémon music saga started by PokéRus 8 years ago. Also, you can listen to the very first single "Battle! Vs Rival" from "Pokémon HeartGold & SoulSilver" from today on Spotify and every other platform!

<https://open.spotify.com/intl-es/artist/3H1hzWoTi6CGVY7oZnRKWI?si=0e8tMDN9T3WWEwpnLUQv6g>



Button Masher

Arzette: The Jewel of Faramore (Original Game Soundtrack\$)

Grammy Award winning Arranger Jake Silverman (aka Button Masher) presents the soundtrack to Arzette: The Jewel of Faramore! The music to this CD! spiritual successor is out on all platforms today!

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/3p0OtpbgE6a46IBMirYCe3?si=V3mk8TnwRgOWvTy3Tzklyw>

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THIS MONTH

Album Releases

Song Releases


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ALBUM RELEASES



 DARK and HEART: Music from Final Fantasy VII

 Presenting a new Double Album celebrating the music of Final Fantasy VII!


Voices in the Dark: 7 tracks exploring the mysteries, despair, and questions in the shadows

Dear to the Heart: 7 tracks about hope, joy, and the people we hold close

Both albums available now!

 <https://pattirudisill.com/dark-and-heart>



 The Hard Modes

 Extra Lives, Vol. 2

 Jazz x VGM quintet The Hard Modes are back with a new collection of live tracks that features arrangements from 'Final Fantasy Tactics', 'Chrono Trigger', 'NieR Replicant', and 'Zombies Ate My Neighbors'. Come experience the vibe of the audience as they utilize the passionate grind of the unfettered improvised moment to take classic hits to new levels!


 <https://song.link/thmextralives2>

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 GameGrooves

 Gotta Go Fast: A Speedy Tribute to Sonic

 GameGrooves presents Gotta Go Fast: A Speedy Tribute to Sonic, in which every single track gets faster and faster in the spirit of the blue blur. From hyper-fast, unbelievable metal to speedy samba covers from Sonic the Hedgehog's lightning quick franchise, this album threatens the very notion of tempo at every turn with riffs and solos that are sure to make your head spin!

 <https://www.bonusstage.ca/event-details-registration/lets-listen-gamegrooves-gotta-go-fast-a-speedy-tribute-to-sonic>


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ALBUM RELEASES



 GameGrooves, March Caprice

 March Caprice Concert Soirée Vol. 1 -Bits and Bytes-


 March Caprice Concert Soirée Vol. 1 -Bits and Bytes- is a collaborative video game music album from the 4th annual MARCH CAPRICE Concert Soirée. Combining the work of 21 musicians worldwide and cultivated from a common love and celebration of the KINGDOM HEARTS franchise, this album represents a particularly diverse corner of musicians, and is a microcosm of the wide-ranging and multifaceted styles found within the KINGDOM HEARTS series itself.


All proceeds go to Decolonizing The Music Room.


 <https://gamegroovescharity.bandcamp.com/album/march-caprice-concert-soir-e-vol-1-bits-and-bytes>


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 Magnificent Danger


 Now That's What I Call Danger!

 Now That's What I Call Danger! is the debut album from New England VGM brass band Magnificent Danger. This album is bursting with video game and anime tunes performed by the band's 20 (or so) musicians. From a Balkan style Gerudo Valley to a second line swing rendition of Bad Apple!!, these genre-bending arrangements give a new edge to your favorite tunes.

 <https://magnificentdanger.bandcamp.com/album/now-thats-what-i-call-danger-vol-1>

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 3xBlast

 Video Store

 Video Store is a Pop-Punk/Chiptune Vocaloid album with songs inspired by movies, games and early 2000s media. Songs about Nier: Automata, Trackmania, monster movies, Cyberpunk, Anime... All in an upbeat chiptune and pop-punk mix with Hatsune Miku vocals.

 <https://3xblast.bandcamp.com/album/video-store>



ALBUM RELEASES







-  GameGrooves
-  XIII Cheers for Sweet Revenge: Kingdom Hearts Goes Emo
-  Bust out your black lipstick and eyeliner because these 15 covers from the Kingdom Hearts series will put the emo back in screamo. Whether you grew up listening to My Chemical Romance or fighting Organization XIII, this album is for you.
-  <https://lnk.to/xiiicheers>

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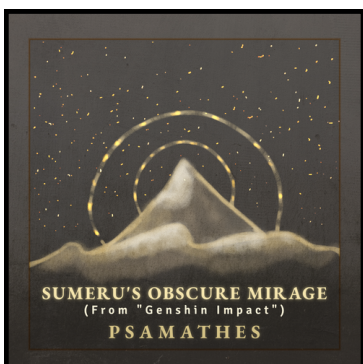






SONG RELEASES



-  Rahul Vanamali
-  Fisherman's Horizon (Final Fantasy VIII)
-  Rahul continues to arrange music that aims to straddle the video game music and classical percussion spheres with his newest release - an arrangement of "Fisherman's Horizon" from Final Fantasy VIII for solo marimba! This arrangement takes inspiration from the "Distant Worlds" Final Fantasy symphony's version of this track, and is also strongly influenced by marimba chorales that are standards in the classical and contemporary percussion repertoire.
-  <https://song.link/fishermanshorizon>

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-  Psamathes
-  Genshin Impact - Sumeru's Obscure Mirage
-  I heard this song while randomly walking through Sumeru and it flabber'd my gasted! I had to get it out of my system, so I sang it. There's no vocals in the original version, so I used this new and unique vocal style I recently developed for fantasy vocal settings, along with an instrumentation that ranges from traditional to cinematic. Now I can go back to farming Rukkhashava Mushrooms in peace.
-  <https://fanlink.tv/psamamirage>



SONG RELEASES



Geekswag



Paopu



Geekswag and the otherworldly King Boo came together to create this Kingdom Hearts-inspired track! ZEN's smooth vocals and BoZ's reference-packed bars celebrate the legacy and emotional essence of the Kingdom Hearts series over King Boo's hauntingly masterful production and synth-tastic beatcraft. It's guaranteed to leave you feeling real simple and clean.



<https://linktr.ee/geekswag>



Qumu



Pokémon X & Y - Lumiose City



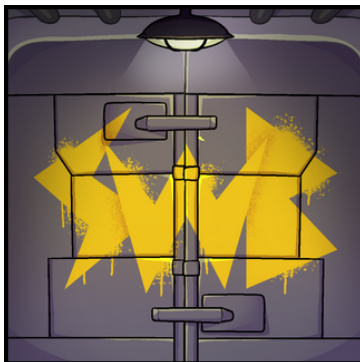
A little cover of Pokémon X & Y's Lumiose City to celebrate the announcement of Pokémon Legends: Z-A. The arrangement features a mix of dreamy French Indietronica, an orchestral brass section, chiptune elements, nostalgic synth and rompler lines, cute beats and a bit of of accordion!



<https://qumu.lnk.to/LumioseCity>

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Atom (Sound Wave Bits)



Till the Quota's Due



An original R&B/Pop style song about Lethal Company.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dq3mdEEFUV4>

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Virtual Video Game Orchestra



VVGO gives an explosive performance of Final Fantasy VII's Opening~Bombing Mission!



The latest release from VVGO honors the latest release in the Final Fantasy series through a virtual performance of the iconic Opening Bombing Mission from Final Fantasy VII. With production starting in 2021 for the 25th anniversary of Final Fantasy VII in 2022, VVGO received over 600 submissions from 105 musicians around the world and features guest performers such as Marc Papeghin, known for their Final Fantasy music covers, and EMCproductions, a renowned Marching Percussionist YouTuber.



<https://bit.ly/vvgop16>



SONG RELEASES



Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra

WMSGO: Crystals in Time Singles

WMSGO recorded a series of music video singles from the Final Fantasy series featuring our orchestral chamber groups! Check out our Sudowoododuo playing a soulful version of FFVII's Main Theme or our Little Big Band playing a jazzy version of Tifa's Theme from Remake. These promo tunes are examples of the high quality audio that WMSGO will be showcasing in our forthcoming album, Crystals in Time, set to debut later this year.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tlvh9zs8Ko0&list=PLmrt8ABOvfN5BAITxMJlWKifBKYWH2gsy>

LIVE EVENTS



Half Moon Orchestra Spring Concert

The Half Moon Orchestra will be performing a Video Game Music Concert Saturday, April 6th at 4 PM at the James A Meyer Performing Arts Center in New Hartford, NY. Expect to hear music from games like Mario, Zelda, Halo, Pokemon, World of Warcraft and many more of your favorite games! Also featuring a new arrangement by special guest pianist, Nathan Gulla!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-video-game-music-concert-tickets-809511088457>

Half Moon Orchestra



VGM Jam Sessions Boston: Session #8

Monthly video game music jam sessions in Boston, Massachusetts

<https://liinktr.ee/vgmboston>

Andrew "Big Red" Collins



Bit Brigade with The Limit Breakers

The Limit Breakers are opening for Bit Brigade at High Dive in Gainesville, FL on 4/13/24. The Limit Breakers will be performing a variety of VGM covers and Bit Brigade will be performing Zelda + Castlevania with their speed runner.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/413-bit-brigade-performs-the-1/146127496118958/>

The Limit Breakers



LIVE EVENTS



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!

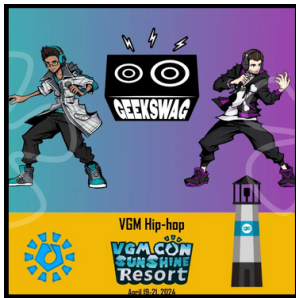


<https://vgmcon.org/>



Lucas Guimaraes

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Geekswag @ VGM CON 2024



Geekswag will be returning to VGM CON with a spicy program of VGM Hip Hop jams, spanning a myriad of games and topics. Opening the convention at 1:30 PM Central Time, BoZ & ZEN will be joined on the Boss Stage by a stacked band comprised of VGM artists from across the scene, and will strive to kick off VGM CON 2024 with geeky lyricism, smooth vocals, tasty arrangements, and dynamic performance energy! Hope to see you there!



<https://vgmcon.org/guests/geekswag-2/>



Geekswag

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An Adventure Through Video Game Music



Music, Giveaways & Battles! Classical and video game music pianist, Ryan McGaughey, will perform music from Final Fantasy, NieR, Hollow Knight, Celeste, Super Mario, Legend of Zelda, Undertale, and more! Listen to music from your favorite games with accompanying visuals. and later on pick a side and join in on a battle involving YOU, the audience, fight for your team to bring home the prize. Maybe there will be a video game giveaway too?

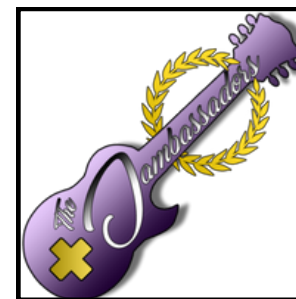


<https://tickets.mvcpa.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=608>



Ryan McGaughey

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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/the-jambassadors/>



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LIVE EVENTS



WMGSO performs at VGM Con!

Catch WMGSO at VGM Con in Plymouth, Minnesota! WMGSO will perform music from Super Mario Sunshine, Wii Sports, and more tropical-themed games on Sunday, April 21st at 11 AM CT on the Boss Stage!

<https://vgmcon.org/guests/washington-metropolitan-gamer-symphony-orchestra-wmgs0-2/>

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Beeps 'n' Bops Winnipeg

These aren't your grandma's beeps and bloops. It's Beeps 'n' Bops! Great video game music performed live by Super FX, 8-bit & The Single Players, OrchKeystra and Samantha Ballard.

WHERE: The Park Theatre (698 Osborne St, Winnipeg)
 WHEN: Thursday April 25. Doors at 6:00 PM, Show at 6:30 PM
 HOW MUCH: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, 19+

<https://www.bonusstage.ca/event-details-registration/beeps-n-bops-winnipeg>

Bonus Stage

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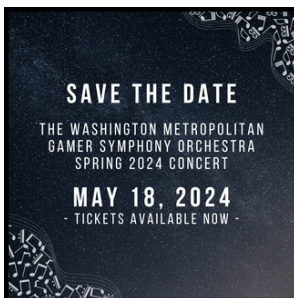


Keystone Concert Band plays VGM!

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, Sonic, and more! With guest soloist and arranger, AarekMG!

AarekMG

MAY 4



Ad Astra: Interstellar Harmonies

WMGSO is proud to present our Spring 2024 orchestra & choir production, Ad Astra: Interstellar Harmonies, live and online! Join us in-person on Saturday, May 18th at 6 PM ET in Alexandria, VA at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center on the Northern Virginia Community College or on twitch.tv/wmgs0 for the livestream. We'll play feature a collection of arrangements inspired by Star Fox 64, Super Mario RPG, Celeste, and Baldur's Gate III and more.

<https://givebutter.com/WMGOSOP24>

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VIRTUAL EVENTS



📡 Let's Listen | GameGrooves: Gotta Go Fast, a Speedy Tribute to Sonic

📄 On a very special edition of Let's Listen, Bonus Stage features GameGrooves and their new album: Gotta Go Fast: A Speedy Tribute to Sonic!

🌐 <https://www.bonusstage.ca/event-details-registration/lets-listen-gamegrooves-gotta-go-fast-a-speedy-tribute-to-sonic>

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📡 VGM CON Warp Stage

📄 Bonus Stage returns to VGM CON! Continuing our announcement blitz, we're ecstatic to once again host the Warp Stage at VGM CON this year. Slip into a whirlpool and warp to a stage beyond physical limitations. Whether onsite or online you can enjoy and take part in our portal-proof program featuring online performers, in-person interviews and interactive games. Lineup and schedule coming soon!

🌐 <https://www.bonusstage.ca/event-details-registration/warp-stage-at-vgm-con>

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PODCAST



👥 Mason Lieberman on Nerd Music Meltdown

📄 Kent has video game composer, musician, and audio producer Mason Lieberman on Nerd Music Meltdown! His credits include PUBG Mobile, One Piece, Made in Abyss, Soundfall, Apex Legends Mobile, RWBY, and more.

We talk about his start through Rooster Teeth and their shutdown, how VGM musicians can break into the game industry, GDC, how he manages his crazy schedule, and his video game band Tournament Arc. They just released their self-titled debut album and performed at Super MAGFest.

🌐 <https://ongakuoverdrive.com/2024/03/14/nmm-119-mason-liebermans-tournament-arc/>

🗣️ Kent Ward



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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 April 18 will be part of the May newsletter while an event submitted on April 22 will be part of the June newsletter. If you have any questions, reach out to Nujj on Discord (nujjjj) or X (@kmelbone). [Submit your news here!](#)



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