

Who made all those cool Musical Pictures, anyway?

We hope that you enjoy all the “musical pictures” we've included with SimTunes. We also thought that you might like to know a bit about the people who made the example Tunes and the files in the Gallery. Some of the Gallery & Tunes files were created by the people who worked on SimTunes, some were made by other people who work at Maxis (or their friends), and some were made by professional artists and illustrators. Here is a bit of information about some of these folks.....

Toshio Iwai

Toshio is the creative force behind SimTunes. Toshio is a Japanese media artist, who has been making interactive installations for museums and galleries all over the world since 1985. Two of Toshio's works, *Well of Lights* and *Music Insects* are part of the permanent collection at the San Francisco Exploratorium and his recent piece, *Piano -- as image media*, an interactive installation which combined a computer-controlled grand piano and computer-generated imagery, was shown at the Guggenheim Museum in SoHo, New York. Toshio became a cult figure in Japan with his computer-generated virtual sets and characters for the immensely popular daily interactive children's show for Fuji TV, "UgoUgoLhuga" (1992-94). Recently, he has been trying to combine visual and musical creativity on the computer. Check out Toshio's home page at:
<http://www.iamas.ac.jp/~iwai/>

Michael Wyman

Michael is the producer of SimTunes at Maxis. Outside of the office, he is a drummer, and has his own band, called YOYODYNE, which just put out its first CD *Every Seven Seconds*. You can get more information about YOYODYNE on the web at: <http://www.slip.net/~ckent/yoyodyne/>
Michael is also a member of Muzazananda, a Marimba band which plays Shona music from Zimbabwe.

UrumaDelvi

UrumaDelvi is a Japanese artist team of Uruma and Delvi. They have been working together since 1985 on animation, illustration and comics, mostly on the computer. They created a very popular short animation series on a kid's daily TV program in Japan called "Shikato" and "Burutab-chan." UrumaDelvi also publish comic books in Japan based on their television characters.

Look for UrumaDelvi's site on the World Wide Web!

Benimaru Itoh

Benimaru Itoh is a Japanese comic artist. His comics "Star Fox"('92-'93) and "Metroid"('94), based on Nintendo video games became very popular on Nintendo Power in the United States. He is currently working as an art director of a Nintendo64 real-time 3-D role-playing game. Benimaru used be a professional guitar player as well, and owns over 250 guitars. He is friends with many musicians, including Ry Cooder and David Lindley.

Marc Russo

Marc Russo is a Grammy award-winning saxophone player, who has played with the Tower of

Power, the Yellowjackets, and toured with Huey Lewis and The News and Narada Michael Walden's band. Marc has also performed with Kenny Loggins' band as well as on numerous commercials, soundtracks for film, etc. Marc has been a professional saxophone player since the seventh grade, when he earned \$5 playing at his school's dance.

Ask for "The Window," Marc's latest solo CD, at your local record store.

Patrick Buechner

Patrick is Maxis' Public Relations Manager. He's been hooked on digital games and creativity tools since his first job as an arcade attendant in St. Louis. Patrick spends a great deal of time humming tunes to his new daughter, Emma.

Uncle Michael

Uncle Michael is Michael Bremer, a strange, silly and sometimes annoying creator of children's stories and games. He is also a happy mountain climber who figures nobody else would do much with the chromatic scale.

Hawkin Chan

Hawkin is a 2D animator for Maxis who loves to travel.

Fred Cooley

Fred is a product tester at Maxis. Some of his favorite things include: Frank Sinatra, House Muzik, Cafes, and Cartoon Networks.

Shannon Gray

Shannon is a Quality Assurance tester, who enjoys playing Magic the Gathering and just hanging out with her friends. Shannon collects polar bears, Snowbabies, and Scooby Doo.

Tom Beyer

Tom is a music educator and a performing musician who plays both electric and acoustic bass. When composing music Tom often uses a computer as a musical tool.

Michelle Perry

Michelle is a programmer at Maxis who worked on SimTunes.

Corinne Finegan

Corrine is Marketing Product Manager, Kids Products at Maxis. Her favorite musical artists are the Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam and Frank Sinatra. She also digs Van Gogh and Renoir.

Michael Perry

Michael is a Managing Producer at Maxis. Michael recently produced the Network Edition of SimCity 2000, and programmed the Windows 95 version of SimCity Classic. His hobbies include playing guitar, bicycling, snowboarding and playing computer games.

Laura O'Shea

Laura is a Creative Writer at Maxis who wrote the *Bugmaster's Guide*. Before she played with the musical creatures of SimTunes, Laura never met a bug she liked.

Kevin Muoio

Kevin is the Southeast District Sales Manager for Maxis. Kevin enjoys all types of music, with some of his favorite bands being Archers of Loaf, Sebadoh, Chavez, and Son Volt. Kevin would like everyone to know his SimTune was NOT created during business hours!

Cort Oi

Cort is a programmer at Maxis who occasionally writes electronic music in his spare time.

Russell Johnson

Russell is a Quality Assurance tester at Maxis. Russell enjoys just about all kinds of music, as well as reading and writing fiction and poetry whenever he's not testing SimTunes.