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Codemasters brings MUSIC 2000, the leading home music creation brand, to PC CD-ROM complete with virtual jamming sessions online.

Codemasters will launch the first PC extension of its award-winning, best-selling music creation software as **MUSIC 2000** in May with a RRP of £34.99.

MUSIC 2000 builds on the phenomenal success of Codemasters' Music brand, launched on PlayStation in November 1998 where it revolutionised the games-only perception of the console and was voted "Most Innovative Product" in the Official PlayStation Awards.



Now firmly established as the most comprehensive, easy-to-use, and flexible music creation package, **MUSIC 2000**'s PC CD-ROM incarnation makes the brand stand head and shoulders above the competition.

In a cluttered PC market, **MUSIC 2000** will enter the genre as the most extensive and powerful music creation package available for home machines and span many musical styles. It will also introduce a unique facility that enables two players to join in simultaneous music jamming sessions over the Internet.

MUSIC 2000 enables bedroom DJs and wannabe producers to **construct and remix music tracks** and create and direct accompanying graphics-based "videos" with ease. The software is also powerful enough for skilled musicians to **write and arrange** tracks with their own edited riffs and manipulated sounds.

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Developed by Jester Interactive, the **MUSIC 2000** project is led by respected gaming musician Tim Wright who aligned gaming and clubbing culture with his work on *Wipeout* and its sequel.

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<u>Downloadable demo at dedicated MUSIC 2000 web site located at www.codemasters.com/previews/m2k-pc/</u>

Also at the Download section of Codemasters' web site located at www.codemasters.com

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MUSIC 2000 offers 99-channel audio channels – the most of any home computer music creation software – and delivers over **3000 individual** instrument, percussion and vocal riffs for users to create their own unique dance tracks with. User's own samples can be taken from any audio source, microphone, CD, line input, other software including MP3 players, to include in tracks.

The heart of **MUSIC 2000** is the 99-track music composition, editing and mixing screen. For the beginner, tracks can be laid down by assembling "building blocks" of pre-set riffs, back beats and percussion effects from an incredible variety of different music style libraries; including **house**, **rock**, **techno**, **trip-hop**, **ambient**, **drum & bass and indie**.

MUSIC 2000 is a thoroughly rewarding piece of software that gives users a real sense of achievement. Because the pre-set riffs are in the same key and time, it's simple to build a music track. Selecting individual elements from one style library, begin with a baseline, add additional percussion sounds, incorporate a melody, and mix in vocals – it really is that simple. In fact, it's practically impossible to create a bad track.

MUSIC 2000 comes complete with a selection of demonstration tracks in different styles. A great way of learning how the software operates is to hear the tracks and then, in the trackediting screen, add or remove sounds and have a go at remixing.

MUSIC 2000 is designed for a **broad spectrum of users**, so the software operates on different levels; ideal for someone who's into dance music without any traditional music knowledge yet capable of fulfilling the requirements of a skilled musician.

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For the more ambitious, MUSIC 2000 features a riff creator and editor enabling users to

design their own riffs by manipulating any of the 3000 sounds and saving and using them as

a user-designed riff.

Completely unique to MUSIC 2000 is Music Jam, a two-way multi-player music jamming

game. Two players, across a Local Area Network or on the Internet, can enjoy instant

gratification with a real-time jamming session. Choose your favourite style of music or use a

collection of song-blocks to create a spontaneous music mix simply by using the keyboard.

Possibly the easiest way to make music, Music Jam also features plug in filters, an effects

box and two mini-keyboards.

Importantly, MUSIC 2000 is an integrated music and video creation package. Having written

the latest floor filler, users complete the experience by designing and directing animated

club-style videos or dazzling light shows to run in time with music tracks using the

software's powerful graphical animation suite.

Like the music generation system, sweeping 3D visuals can be created on a basic level

using pre-generated visual effects such as 3D spinning textured objects, people dancing,

explosions, swirls and sweeping 'lights' and shapes. For the more ambitious user, entire

videos can be built from scratch and images imported from graphics packages can be

utilised.

For instant visual gratification, MUSIC 2000 can even auto-generate videos for written tracks

or generate synchronised visuals from audio CDs running from the CD drive.

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and launches on PC CD-ROM in May, RRP £34.99.

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