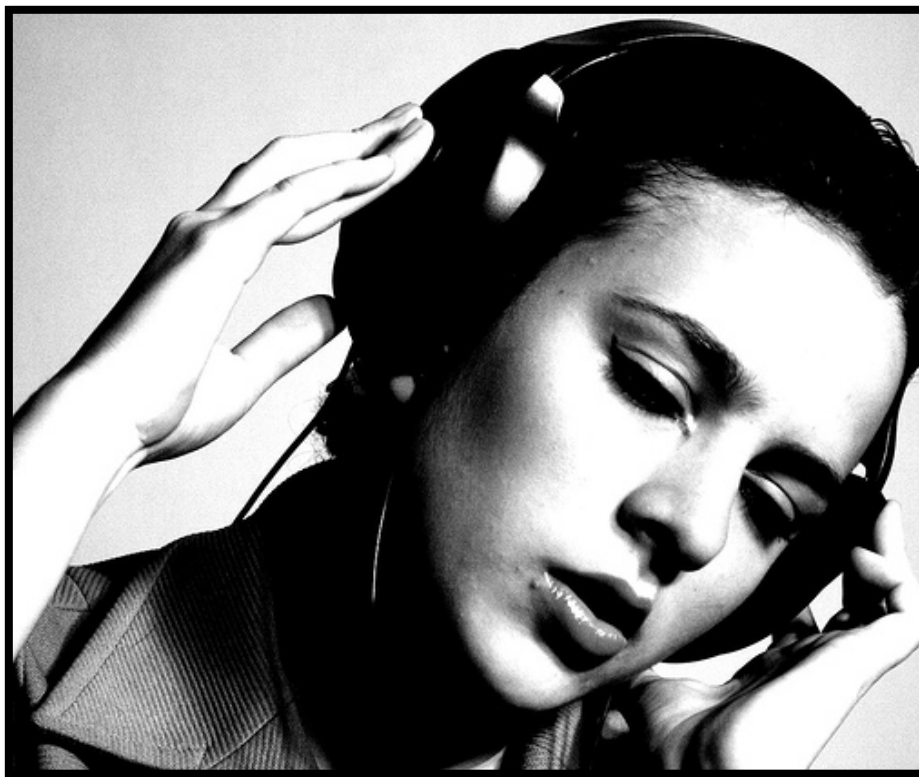




Guidebook for the Internet Audiophile



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1. Introduction

This manual was created with the intention of helping to inform the general music lover on various ways to access, listen to, download, and manage music online as well as locally on their computer. Amongst other things, this guide also features tips on discovering new music, live performances, and organizing your music.

I hope you find *The Guidebook for the Online Music Lover* informative and useful to expand your knowledge of the wide world of sound.

This free eBook was made possible by [MakeUseOf.com](http://makeuseof.com)¹.

¹ <http://bit.ly/17Nde>

2. Listening to Music Online

The internet is a *very* big place. Content, more specifically music, on the web is organized using a variety of methods, making finding music often difficult. Fortunately, there are many websites you can use to find virtually any kind of song, artist, genre, etc. The following are some of the top free sites that let you stream and listen to music on your computer.

Personalized Radio Stations

These sites are like personalized radio stations. They won't always let you pick a specific song (we'll get back on that later), but flex their playlists to match your likes and avoid your dislikes.

Last.fm

The screenshot shows the Last.fm website interface. The main content area is for the artist Aerosmith, displaying their biography, a list of similar artists, and a section for top albums. The right sidebar contains video thumbnails and event listings. The top navigation bar includes links for Music, Radio, Events, Videos, Charts, and Community.

[Last.fm](http://last.fm)² is one of the more popular music streaming sites on the web with over 30 million active users and due to their deals with Warner Music and the Sony BMG record labels, an absolutely huge library of songs. Listening to music is easy on Last.fm. Simply click “Play [artist] Radio” on any artist page and listen to an endless supply of related songs. Last.fm also lets you listen to similar artists to whoever you are listening to, listen to a radio station of certain tags, view certain artists’ next dates, biographies, photos, music videos, and find future live gigs.

² <http://bit.ly/43CM1e>

To access all of what Last.fm has to offer you can register a free account and listen whenever you like. Last.fm also offers a paid option for \$3 a month that gives you priority on the Last.fm servers, no advertising, status on message boards, more radio options, and the ability to listen to Last.fm radio outside of the US, UK, or Germany.

Another useful feature of Last.fm is the ability to use their Windows/Mac/Linux [radio player](#)³ to listen to and scrobble music from your desktop without having to go to the website. Paid subscribers can listen to their “favorite” tracks using the player any time they like.

A serious Last.fm challenger these days is [Spotify](#)⁴. Sadly it isn't available in all countries yet.

Pandora



[Pandora](#)⁵ is another widely used streaming music site that has gained popularity for its extremely large library of millions of different songs and thousands of artists, as well as its ability to make suggestions following what you have “loved” and “not loved” as well as over 400 other attributes.

Another cool thing about Pandora is that you can create as many music “stations” as you want and, no matter where you are, will still be able to listen to your entire music library from their web interface.

Up until recently, anyone could listen to Pandora for any amount of time completely free, but due to an increase in royalty fees, Pandora now requires users that listen for more than 40 hours a week to pay \$0.99 a month, which is truly not a hefty price compared to other, similar, services like Napster.

Pandora also features a downloadable desktop app and a free iPhone app for listening on the go.

(Note: Pandora is only available in the US.)

³ <http://bit.ly/qZv7>

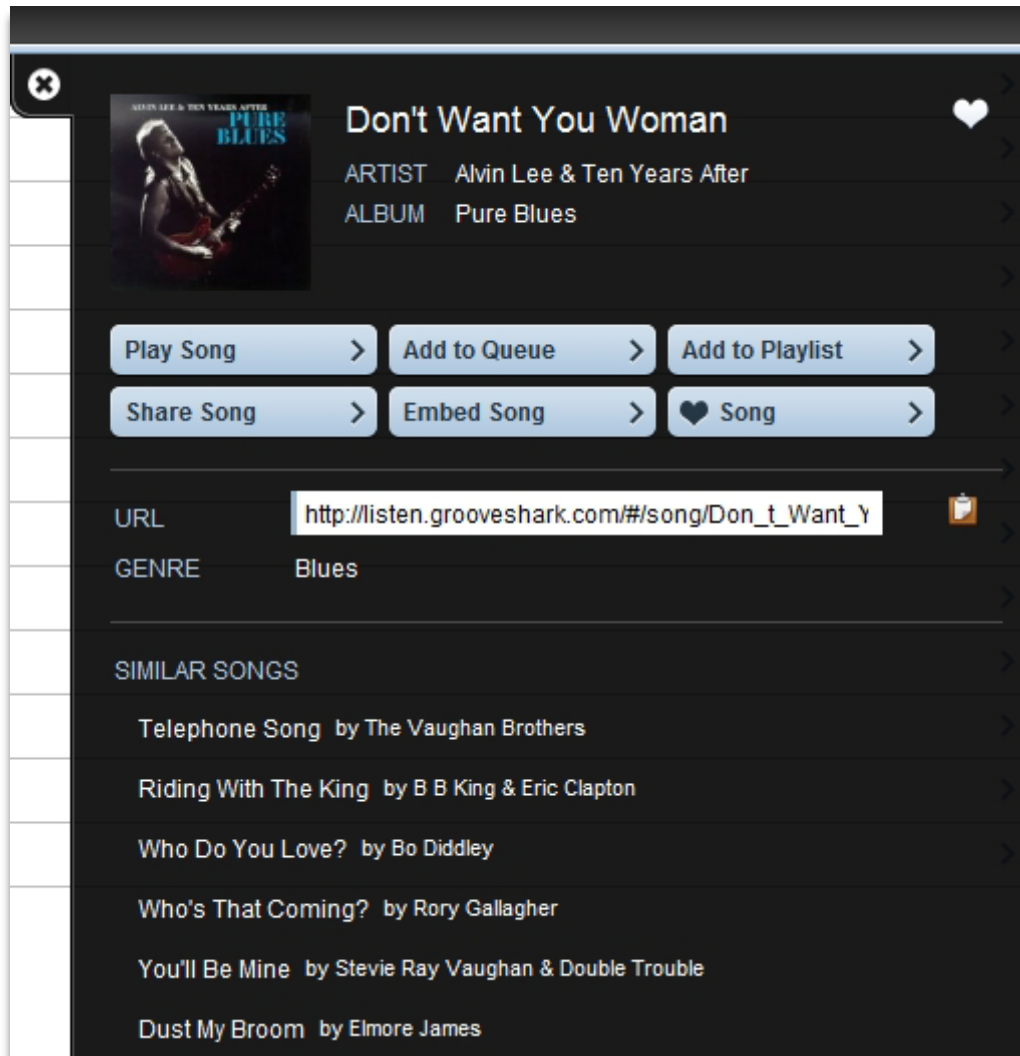
⁴ <http://bit.ly/n6lt>

⁵ <http://bit.ly/Ox5r>

Music Directories

These sites are like huge online mp3-players. You can search their directories for any song, artist or album you like and determine what you want to listen to.

Grooveshark



[Grooveshark](#)⁶ is a popular web-based music streaming site that boasts a large number of features separating it from other streaming sites on the web. While less popular than Last.fm, Grooveshark currently has over 400,000 active users and streams approximately 60 million songs to users across the world. Unlike Last.fm, Grooveshark is internationally available, not limiting its users to a certain set of countries due to copyright restrictions.

⁶ <http://bit.ly/NUiQ5>

Deezer

The screenshot shows the Deezer website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Music', 'Mobile', 'Blog', and 'Help'. A search bar is on the right with a 'Search' button. Below the navigation bar, there's a music player for 'Oslo Swan - Doesn't Matter What You Say'. The main content area shows search results for 'jimi hendrix'. There are three large image thumbnails: 'Jimi Hendrix', 'Various Artists', and 'Out of Phase'. Below these, there's a 'Tracks' tab selected, showing a list of songs related to Jimi Hendrix. The list includes tracks like 'Stone Free', 'Who Knows', 'All Along The Watchtower', etc., with columns for Track, Artist, Album, Popularity, and Duration.

Track	Artist	Album	Popu.	Duration
Stone Free	Mark Doyle	Voodoo Crossing A Tribute To		04:07
Who Knows	Jeff Richman, Jimmy Has	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		05:49
All Along The Watchtower	Jimi Hendrix	Encyclopedia Of Rock Vol. 1		04:02
Bold As Love	Robben Ford	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		04:04
Little Wing	Mark Doyle, Keith Harris	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		03:47
Purple Haze	Larry Coryell, Paul Santa	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		07:53
Hear My Train A Comin'	Steve Lukather	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		05:44
The Wind Cries Mary	Arlen Roth, Paul Ossola, :	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		03:48
Hey Joe	Mike Onesko	Voodoo Crossing A Tribute To		05:56
Spanish Castle Magic	Peter Alt	Gypsy Blood A Tribute To Jimi		03:32

[Deezer](http://bit.ly/POOp)⁷ is a recently developed French music search engine/streaming web app that, although with limitations, gives access to a multi-million song/artist library not easily accessed on other rival sites. Simply type in a song, artist, or album name and up comes thousands of customized results catered uniquely to each search.

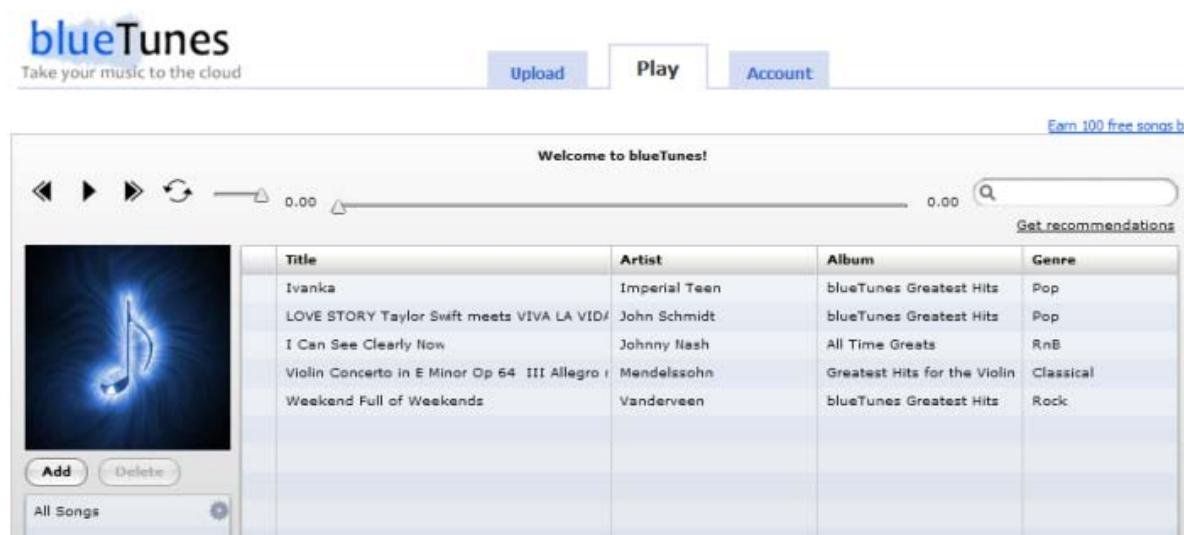
Similar to Pandora, Deezer allows users the ability to create a self-built online radio station for continued listening. For example, on my search term of "Jimi Hendrix," clicking "Launch a SmartRadio" creates a massive playlist catered directly to songs related to the style of "Jimi Hendrix." I can then select and love songs I enjoy to then set up Deezer to continually add to and create a playable list of tracks (SmartRadio playlists can also be set to not play songs again and skip songs if desired).

⁷ <http://bit.ly/POOp>

Playing your own Music from a Distance

Now, with everyone's busy schedules, how can we take our thousands of songs and favorite bands with us on the go? Maybe you just need to access your huge music library from your work without carrying multiple external hard drives to and from. Well, the internet has you covered. Check out these cool sites for hosting your own music collection in the cloud.

blueTunes

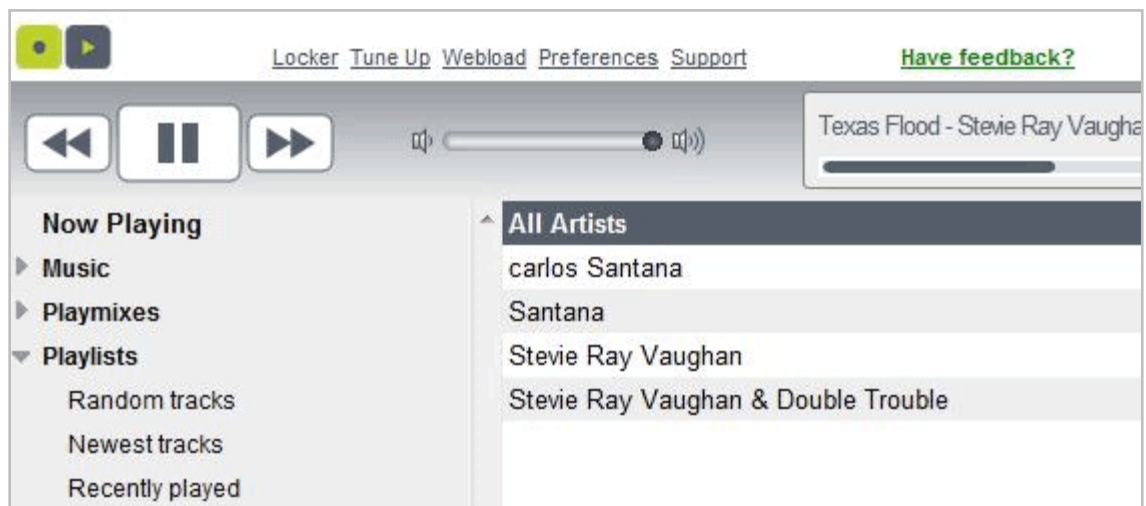


[blueTunes](http://bit.ly/4v2QYD)⁸ is one of the most popular and user friendly online streaming music sites. Upon signing up, uploading your music archive is easy as blueTunes features a Java application that allows users to select as many folders you like and then allows blueTunes to automatically tag your songs while importing them into your profile. After the upload process users are directed to their now populated library to listen to any song using the flash interface (or the downloadable desktop app).

The only downside to blueTunes is the limited number of supported formats which includes MP3, AAC, and MP4 files. Another downside to blueTunes, though understandable, is that users are only allowed to upload 100 songs before having to pay \$0.01 per song. Of course, although it is a very reasonable amount, if you happen to have a library of 10,000 songs it is going to cost you.

⁸ <http://bit.ly/4v2QYD>

MP3Tunes



Another popular cloud based music streaming site, [MP3Tunes](http://bit.ly/11SEnZ)⁹ boasts a *huge* number of features. Of course, it does offer basic music streaming, be aware it also offers a whole lot more.

Unlike blueTunes' pay-per-song plan, MP3Tunes gives users 2GB free and then allows the ability to upgrade to any one of their 3 "premium plans" for \$4.95 /m (50GB), \$7.95 /m (100GB), \$12.95 /m (150GB).

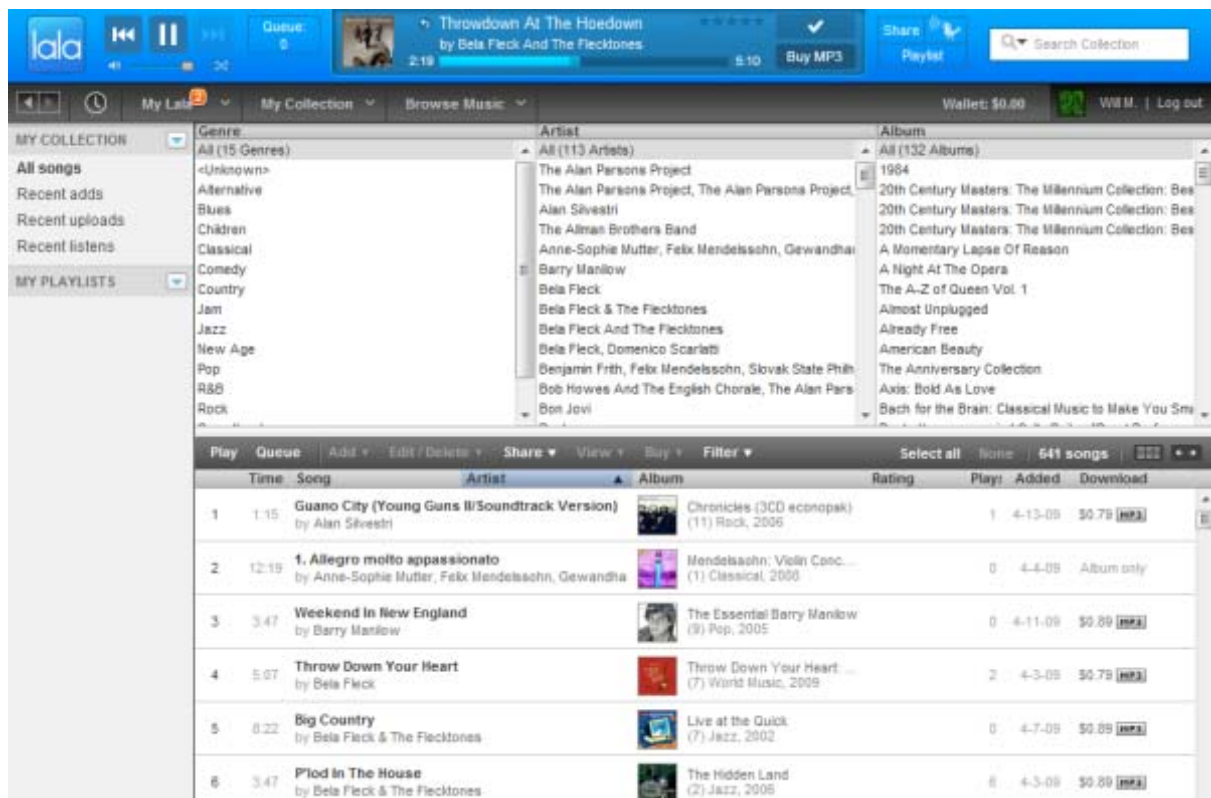
Like previously stated, MP3Tunes offers an enormous variety of features as well. Some of which include: internet radio, advanced open api, streaming to multiple devices (including cell phones and stereos), desktop app, video player, etc.

For extended reading on blueTunes and MP3Tunes read the [Top 3 Sites For Streaming Your Music Anywhere](http://bit.ly/BxlPV)¹⁰, on MakeUseOf.

⁹ <http://bit.ly/11SEnZ>

¹⁰ <http://bit.ly/BxlPV>

Lala



[Lala](#)¹¹ functions as not only a cloud streaming site for your own music, but also as an online music store with a large community.

(Check out this [article](#) by Stefan on MakeUseOf for another look at Lala.)

With the “Lala Mover,” users can easily upload any amount of music from their desktop to the online library and have each song tagged and tracked by Lala on your online profile.

Another cool feature of Lala is that it mimics many of the popular desktop apps in look and feel, including traditional features such as playlists, ratings, selection tools, categories, and top listened to filters.

Other alternatives

Alternative worthy websites and applications to stream your own music collection have been profiled on MakeUseOf as well. Check out [Audiolizer](#)¹², [Mecanto](#)¹³ and [Nutsie](#)¹⁴ to put your music directory on the web, or take a look at [Simplify Media](#)¹⁵, which allows you to stream the music directly from your computer, without need to process and upload it first.

¹¹ <http://bit.ly/3QKIFM>

¹² <http://bit.ly/O25NO>

¹³ <http://bit.ly/EFPP6>

¹⁴ <http://bit.ly/4Dpue>

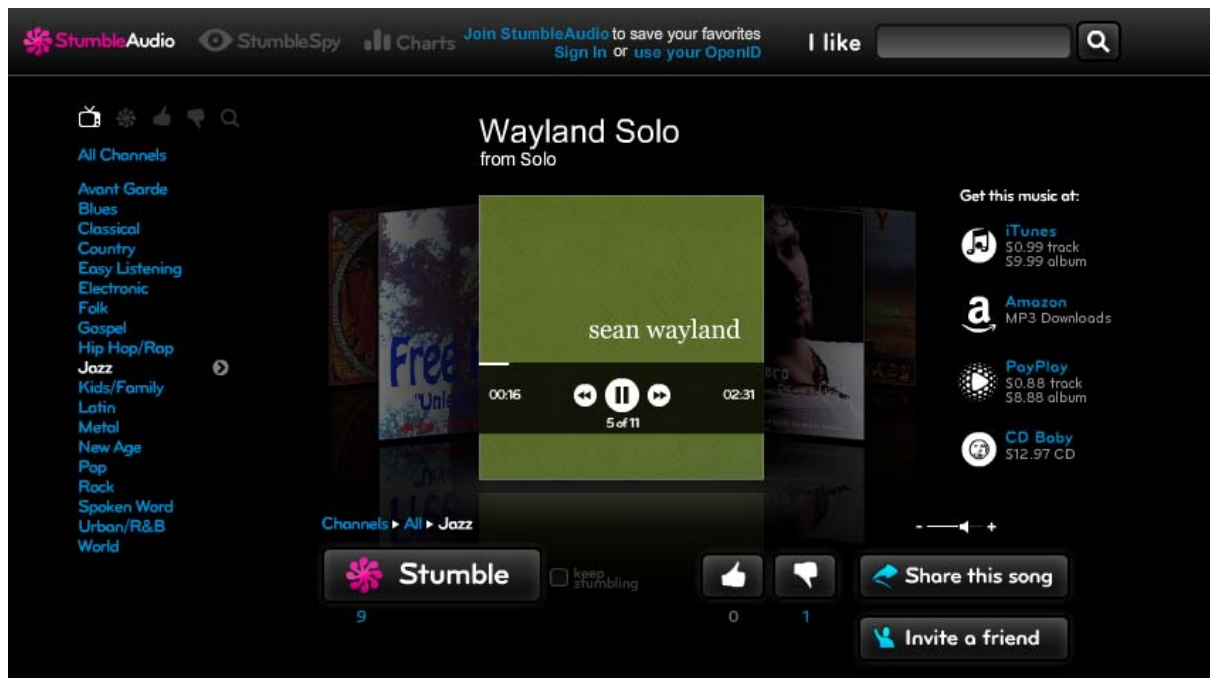
¹⁵ <http://bit.ly/GWwqy>

Discovering New Music

Although you now have all of your music managed on your local computer, you will probably find the need to discover even more music!

Fortunately, there are many, many different websites that allow users the ability to find new music based on their current tastes and even discover whole new genres. In no particular order, here are the top 3 sites.

StumbleAudio



[StumbleAudio](http://bit.ly/2eEJmq)¹⁶, very similar to the popular music radio [Pandora](http://bit.ly/Ox5r)¹⁷, boasts over 2,000,000+ songs with a user friendly flash interface. All that is required is for you to select a genre (20+ with 20+ subgenres for each genre) and begin listening. Users can easily skip through songs by clicking on albums to the left or right, or go through an entire album using the skip controls. If you like the song, select the thumbs up and let StumbleAudio find more songs similar in quality to it and thus continue your customized listening experience.

If you wish to track your customized “stations” simply sign up or use your OpenID and have access to newly discovered songs on the go.

¹⁶ <http://bit.ly/2eEJmq>

¹⁷ <http://bit.ly/Ox5r>

iLike

The screenshot displays the iLike website interface for the artist Stevie Ray Vaughan. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter an artist or song name here". Below the search bar, the user's profile "Hi Will M (1)" is visible, along with a "Help / FAQ" link. The main navigation tabs are "Home", "Songs", "Albums", and "Listeners". The "Home" tab is selected, showing a section for "Popular music videos" with a "Play All" button and a grid of video thumbnails for "Texas Flood", "Little Wing", "Pride And Joy", "The Sky is Crying", "Crossfire", "Mary Had A Little Lamb", and "Lenny". Below this is a "Most played songs" section with a "View all" button and a list of songs: "Pride And Joy", "Texas Flood", "Little Wing", "Cold Shot", and "Crossfire", each with a "Buy" button. On the right side, there is an artist profile for Stevie Ray Vaughan, featuring a photo, the text "Stevie Ray Vaughan", a fan count of "Fans: 259,524", and buttons for "iLike'd", "Come to my town", and "Get ringtones". Below the profile is a "Latest bulletin 09.23.09" section with a thumbnail for "theCOLLECTION" and the text "The Collection: Stevie Ray Vaughan Box Set".

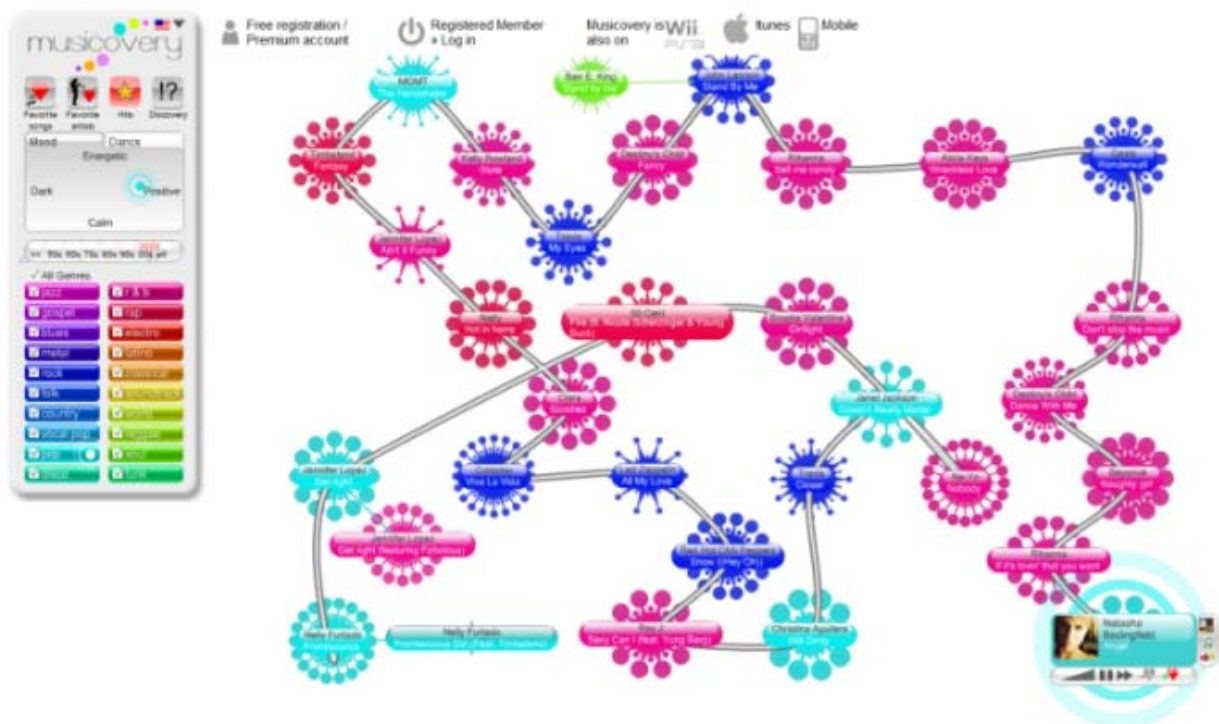
iLike¹⁸ holds many similarities to that of the popular music streaming site Last.fm¹⁹ and serves a great purpose in discovering new music. With a database of millions of songs and tens of thousands of artists, you will likely find any artist you are familiar with quickly. After which, iLike will give you recommendations based on your favorite bands, tour dates, free streaming (\$0.89 song downloads), live performances, and free ringtones.

iLike also offers users a free downloadable sidebar app for iTunes and Windows Media Player for monitoring all of your songs/artists and listening trends to determine better recommendations as well as a Facebook app, iPhone app, Orkut, and more.

¹⁸ <http://bit.ly/2cYMPK>

¹⁹ <http://bit.ly/43CM1e>

Musicoverly



[Musicoverly](http://bit.ly/2eJmq)²⁰ does not relate very heavily to any other music discovery site although is exceptionally accurate in its own way. The basis of the site is a flash based sidebar that allows you to select multiple genres as well as the mood of the song you are looking for then Musicoverly goes to work. Immediately, a group of connected songs will appear, distanced by their relation. Users are also able to “love” a song or skip and select another to receive a completely revised map of related songs.

Musicoverly contains even more unique features though, including an app available for the Wii and PS3, iTunes, and cell phones.

²⁰ <http://bit.ly/2eJmq>

3. Downloading Music from the Internet

If simply listening to music on the web is not appealing enough and you are one of those people that just *need* to have a huge archive of mp3, wav, flac, etc. files on your computer (like me), then there are some other, very easy ways of laying your hands on music.

Legal Music Downloads

Music Stores

If you would prefer going the legal and 'just' way, then online music stores are your best bet at downloading music. Here are just some of the most popular **legal** online music stores:

Amazon.com



The very popular, international online bookstore Amazon.com²¹ also features a growing [online MP3 download store](#)²². With tens of millions of songs and almost an equal

artist database to that of iTunes, Amazon is quite appealing. Fortunately, it is a good alternative to the previous monopoly of iTunes. With individual songs ranging from \$0.45 to \$0.99 and a large number of \$4.99-\$9.99 albums, prices are close to identical. One major difference between the two though is that Amazon's MP3 downloads feature no DRM restrictions, which restricts transferring and listening to such songs on other computers impossible.

The fun does not stop there though, Amazon also features multiple free songs for download, unlike iTunes' 1 free song a day, as well as quite a large variety of vintage vinyl records in digital format for download. If you are looking for an alternative legal download source, Amazon may just be it.

For more information, check out Ryan Dube's [Break Free from iTunes with Amazon Music Downloads](#)²³ on the website.

7digital



Although not as popular as sites like Amazon, [7Digital](#)²⁴ is certainly a noteworthy candidate as an online music store.

With over 4 million tracks in September of 2008 and no DRM restrictions on downloads. Not only does 7Digital have the backing of many international record labels, but it also has deals with Warner Music, EMI, Universal, and Song BGM Studios, four of the largest record labels in the world. (Note: The status of each vary for each

²¹ <http://bit.ly/1L2iWb>

²² <http://bit.ly/7aEMu>

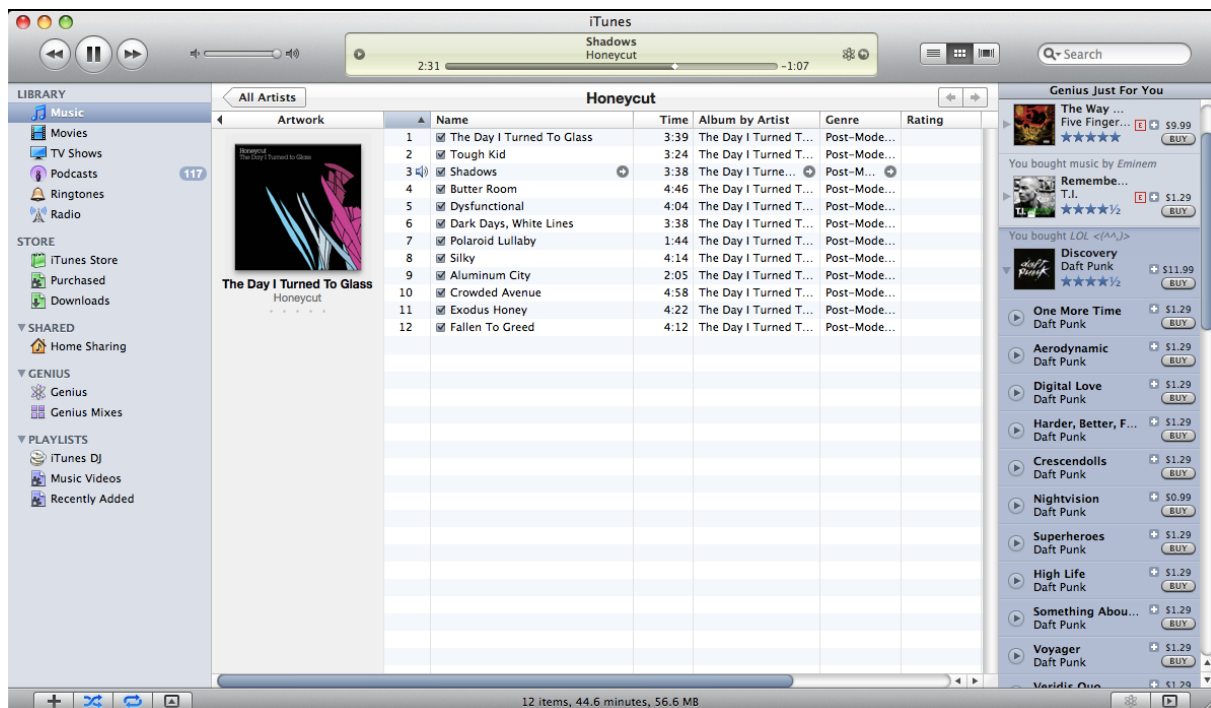
²³ <http://bit.ly/7aEMu>

²⁴ <http://bit.ly/41SP>

country, but all of them are available in the US, UK, Germany, Ireland, France, and Switzerland.)

Another cool feature of 7Digital is the ability to create your own music store if you are an indie band. And unlike many other online music download services, 7Digital offers payment types including PayPal, ClickAndBuy, and a special SMS download service. Furthermore, also unlike many other similar services, 7Digital offers all of its downloads in 320kps MP3 format, which is the highest quality MP3 possible. They do offer other bitrates to save space and allow for transfers to other players.

iTunes Music Store



The iTunes Music Store - accessible via [iTunes](#)²⁵ - is the most popular online music store of all. Made popular by the Apple iPod, it hosts millions of songs, movies, tv shows, games, applications, and more through a nice, neat and usable interface.

The only limitation of iTunes music is that all of the downloaded music is NOT DRM-free, which essentially means you cannot copy your music to a external hard drive and listen to it (or any other digital device). Fortunately, this is not *entirely* true as iTunes does offer **some** of their songs and albums DRM-free for an extra \$0.30 fee per song.

(For more info on iTunes, download the MakeUseOf "[The Big Book of iTunes](#)"²⁶ guide.)

For other online music download stores, check out [3 Ultra Cheap Alternatives to iTunes Music Store](#)²⁷ on MakeUseOf. By using legal backdoors, most of these sites are selling full albums for 1-2 USD!

²⁵ <http://bit.ly/inrE>

²⁶ <http://bit.ly/4OEa>

²⁷ <http://bit.ly/rQo7V>

Open Sourced Music

Downloading from “free online music sites” can be illegal if the user downloads any copyrighted material. Fortunately, there are *legal* online alternatives that offer music under a creative license.

Jamendo

The screenshot shows the Jamendo website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to Music, Selections, Community, Jamendo PRO, and About. A search bar is on the right. The main content area is titled 'This week's 100 most listened to'. The top track is 'Virtue lost' by Celestial Aeon Project, marked as #1. Below it is a list of tracks with their respective album covers, titles, artists, and durations. The tracks are: 'Invisible Walls' (7:00) by Revolution Void, 'Stream 1' (1:57) by Frozen Silence, 'do it over' (3:04) by amélie, 'Emptiness' (4:01) by Alexander Blu, 'Forever and Ever' (4:30) by Project Divinity, and 'Painted Dream' (4:32) by The Dada Weatherman. The right sidebar contains a 'Sign up now!' button, a 'Join the community' link, and a 'Try Jamendo PRO' button. There's also a 'Now featuring...' section with a link to 'Listen to the album' for Alex Bailey and the album 'The Four Seasons'.

[Jamendo](http://bit.ly/j5CUUn)²⁸ is a fast growing online music download site dedicated mainly to indie and starting up artists. The great thing about Jamendo, though, is that anything you hear, you can download FREE! Not only that, but Jamendo features a very large variety of music for any interest, including: rock, jazz, classical, instrumental, techno, lounge, dance, hip-hop, and more. Simply browse a genre, tracks, etc. and download an entire album for unlimited personal use. The only limitations on downloads for Jamendo are in public places, for which users are required to get a paid account.

Registered users get the benefit of being able to review certain albums, artists, and tracks, and tracking all of their “loved” songs to get a better sense of what music to enjoy and discover.

²⁸ <http://bit.ly/j5CUUn>

Newgrounds



[Newgrounds](#)²⁹ is known for being a popular distributor of royalty-free flash games and now they have a good market of royalty-free music. Searching on the site is not as perfected or user oriented as Jamendo or similar sites, but certainly still easily navigate able. Search for the top songs, artists, and albums of the week or all time and receive a comprehensive list of numerous indie songs of various genres just waiting to be critiqued, not to mention downloaded for free. (Downloaded songs can be used unlimited number of times for free, but have to be paid for if used for commercial purposes.)

See Simon Slangen's article on [The Best Sites to Download Free Music](#)³⁰ for other legally free alternatives.

²⁹ <http://bit.ly/8Yd6w>

³⁰ <http://bit.ly/185iL>

Less-Than-Legal Music Sources

Please note that downloading licensed music if you don't own the CD is illegal in practically every country. Doing so will be entirely on your own risk.

File Sharing Sites

Another, generally safe and secure method of downloading music for free are online file sharing networks and file sharing search engines.

Katz

The screenshot shows the Katz search engine interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Games, Apps, TV, Movies, **Music**, eBooks, Templates, Other, Porn, and Live Sex. Below the tabs is a search bar with the text 'beethoven' and a 'Go' button. To the right of the search bar, it says 'Bookmark' and '605 users online Katz Forums'. Below the search bar, there is a sidebar on the left with a list of categories and their counts: All (31), Music (18), Movies (12), XXX (1), Games (0), Apps (0), TV (0), eBooks (0), Templates (0), and Other (0). Below this list are links for 'Rapidshare Search', 'USAwarez', 'Hide My Ass!', 'Premium Downloads', and 'VoteSex'. There are also logos for 'Norton Safe Web' and 'McAfee SiteAdvisor'. The main content area shows 'Spell Checking...' and 'Results 1 - 18 of 18.'. Below this is a table with columns: Name, Date, Provided by (?), and Rating. The table lists 18 results for Beethoven, including 'Ultimate Beethoven, The Essential Masterpieces', 'Beethoven - The Best of Beethoven - READ NFO (1997)', 'Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Beethoven's Last Night (2000)', 'The Nine Symphonies of Ludwig Van Beethoven', 'Beethoven: For Meditation (2005)', 'Beethoven - Complete String Quartets (1990)', 'Beethoven - Complete Works for Cello & Piano (1975)', 'Beethoven: String Quartet Op. 18, Nos. 1-6 (2006) Tokyo', 'Ludwig van Beethoven - Best of Beethoven (2009)', 'Beethoven: String Quartet Op. 18, Nos. 1-6 (2006) Tokyo', 'Ludwig van Beethoven - Best of Beethoven', 'Beethoven: Complete String Quartets - The Lindsays (2005)', 'Beethoven - The Best Of', 'Ludwig von Beethoven: Romantic Classic', 'New London Chorale: The Young Beethoven (1990)', and 'New London Chorale: The Young Beethoven (1990)'.

Name	Date	Provided by (?)	Rating
Ultimate Beethoven, The Essential Masterpieces	13/10/09	MusicDemon	★3
Beethoven - The Best of Beethoven - READ NFO (1997)	09/10/09	Tak I Ostavim	★1 ○○○○
Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Beethoven's Last Night (2000)	03/10/09	DragonzDen	★3
The Nine Symphonies of Ludwig Van Beethoven	17/09/09	DirtyDingo	★5
Beethoven: For Meditation (2005)	12/09/09	Kurds Portal	★3
Beethoven - Complete String Quartets (1990)	08/09/09	DDL World	★3
Beethoven - Complete Works for Cello & Piano (1975)	08/09/09	▲	
Beethoven: String Quartet Op. 18, Nos. 1-6 (2006) Tokyo	19/08/09	Lairs of the Dragon	★2
Ludwig van Beethoven - Best of Beethoven (2009)	15/07/09	InstaWarez	★4
Beethoven: String Quartet Op. 18, Nos. 1-6 (2006) Tokyo	01/06/09	LSC	★3
Ludwig van Beethoven - Best of Beethoven	17/05/09	SmoothZone	★3
Beethoven: Complete String Quartets - The Lindsays (2005)	16/05/09	LSC	★3
Beethoven - The Best Of	09/05/09	Waz-Warez	★4
Ludwig von Beethoven: Romantic Classic	09/02/09	JungleWarez	★3
New London Chorale: The Young Beethoven (1990)	04/02/09	▲	
New London Chorale: The Young Beethoven (1990)	19/01/09	▲	

[Katz](http://bit.ly/1l35jB)³¹ is a relatively popular online media search engine that offers users the ability to access tens of millions of media files, including (but not limited to): movies, audio, videos, games, TV shows, eBooks, among others.

Do note that Katz does not necessarily offer a large selection of specific search terms, but does offer an extensive list of recent and new additions, such as popular movies, CDs, TV shows, and such.

³¹ <http://bit.ly/1l35jB>

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Hosted on: [rapidshare.com](#) | Source: http://avaxhome.ws/music/music_with_the_mozart_effect_for_children.html [Save to quick list](#) - [Download](#) Music with the "Mozart effect" for children

[FilesTube](#)³² is very similar to Katz with regard to selection and choice, but more extensive – and I mean a lot more. As of the time of writing, FilesTube offers a collection of over **39,363,000** files (more than about 99% of all music stores, with the exception of Amazon and iTunes).

Upon searching for any term, FilesTube gives users an interface very similar to Google with search terms, advertisements, and video searches. Most of the search terms come from searches on Rapidshare (a popular pirated online file hosting site) as well as 4shared (another popular file sharing site).

³² <http://bit.ly/1I35jB>

Torrents



One of the most common and controversial methods of downloading music, as well as many other forms of media, is the protocol called **BitTorrent**. Introduced in 2001, BitTorrent has gained a massive following for its ability to quickly transfer files between many computers.

It uses P2P-technology, which allows you to download tiny data packages from other users. As soon you're done downloading any of those packages, you'll start to 'upload' - send them to other users as well, thereby contributing to the network and enabling everyone to download without the mediation of a single remote host or server.

Torrent files simply contain some rough information on the file(s), as well as the addresses that'll allow you to connect you to those downloading networks. To process a torrent file, you're going to need a client application, like [µTorrent](#)³³. This sounds way harder than it is; you just have to open the right 'torrent file' in µTorrent, and wait for the download to finish.

For a more in-depth look, there is a whole [Guide on BitTorrent](#)³⁴ available on MakeUseOf.

The BitTorrent protocol has been criticized to a large extent due to the ability of the user being able to share copyright files through the medium. The actual BitTorrent P2P file sharing protocol is not illegal, simply the actual sharing of the copyrighted files between computers *using* the BitTorrent protocol. Because of this, you should be aware of the proper copyright laws in your country.

Below are some sites where you can find and download torrents.

Mininova

[Download this torrent](#)

Filename:	Mozart_The_Complete_Violin_Concertos_Gidon_Kremer_Kremerata_Baltica_(EAC_FLAC)_[istabraq]_+-Demonoid
Info hash:	c4ce03757d61c5d5936bbe1b1d13a7cc2432703a
Added on:	Wed, 12 Aug 2009 00:32:56 +0200
Last updated:	Wed, 12 Aug 2009 11:10:00 +0200
Last downloaded:	Thu, 13 Aug 2009 00:58:34 +0200
Total size:	507.61 megabyte in 29 files
Tracker scrape:	http://inferno.demonoid.com:3418/scrape (http://inferno.demonoid.com:3418/scrape)

Contents of download:

- The Complet Violin Concertos
 - Mozart cd 1
 - 01 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 1 In B-Flat Major, K. 207- Allegro Moderato - Gidon Kremer.flac (31.43 megabyte)
 - 01 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 1 In B-Flat Major, K. 207- Allegro Moderato - Gidon Kremer.md5 (3.47 kilobyte)
 - 02 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 1 In B-Flat Major, K. 207- Adagio - Gidon Kremer.flac (30.84 megabyte)
 - 03 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 1 In B-Flat Major, K. 207- Presto - Gidon Kremer.flac (26.6 megabyte)
 - 04 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 2 In D Major, K. 211- Allegro Moderato - Gidon Kremer.flac (39.13 megabyte)
 - 05 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 2 In D Major, K. 211- Andante - Gidon Kremer.flac (30.98 megabyte)
 - 06 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 2 In D Major, K. 211- Rondeau. Allegro - Gidon Kremer.flac (20.82 megabyte)
 - 07 - Gidon Kremer - Violin Concerto No. 3 In G Major, K. 216- Allegro - Gidon Kremer.flac (40.02 megabyte)

³³ <http://bit.ly/oajfV>

³⁴ <http://bit.ly/1WJBBS>

One of the most popular torrent indexes on the web, [Mininova](http://bit.ly/1WJBBS)³⁵ came onto the scene in the aftermath of the death of Suprnova. With over 1,200,000 torrents and over 9,961,350,000 downloads as of the time of writing, Mininova is by far more popular than any other torrent index.

Another useful aspect of Mininova is its dedicated, long time users of BitTorrent continuously uploading (and seeding) quality material not often found on other torrent indexes of our time.

isoHunt

The screenshot shows the isoHunt website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Site, Forum, Latest, and Releases. A search bar contains the text 'watchmen OST'. Below the search bar, statistics are displayed: Sites: 512, Trackers: 125555, Active Torrents: 3919988, Files: 97.5 mil, Size: 9859.94 TB, Peers: 21.4 mil. There are links for RSS, Upload torrent, and Browse All Torrents. A login section prompts users to keep track of searches. A PayPal donate button shows a recent donation of \$9.66. The main content area shows search results for 'Watchmen OST' with filters for category, age, and sorting. A table lists 19 items, including audio tracks and video/movie files. A sidebar on the right shows site statistics and top searches.

Category	Age	Torrent Tags, Name	Size	S	L
Audio	33.2w	The Watchmen (OST) - 2009	69.1 MB	275	31
Audio	32.1w	Watchmen OST and Score inc Bonus Tracks	183.63 MB	35	10
Audio	1.7d	Rock Watchmen OST (2009)	94.45 MB	8	4
Audio	62.6w	clips SmashingPumpkins-TheBeginningsIsTheEndIsTheBeginning (Ost Trailer ...	6.96 MB	17	0
Audio	27.4w	Soundtracks The Watchmen Ost .rar	75.97 MB	0	1
Audio	33.3w	Soundtracks VA-The Watchmen (OST)-2009-MTD.rar	75.97 MB	0	1
Video/Movies	33.1w	DC Comics Chronology - Optional Fill Pack 7 (Watchmen Part 2)	1.05 GB	0	3
Audio	33.3w	VA-The Watchmen (OST)-2009-MTD	76.19 MB	8	2
Audio	33.4w	Soundtracks VA-The Watchmen (OST)-2009-MTD	76.19 MB	3	0
Audio	33.5w	VA-The Watchmen (OST)-2009-MTD	76.19 MB		
Pics	32.7w	Tyler Bates-Watchmen-(OST)-2009-MTD	60.27 MB	8	0

[isoHunt](http://bit.ly/HmWo)³⁶ is another relatively popular torrent search engine, growing at a good steady pace, and with good reason. Currently with an index of over 3,901,621 **active** torrents and 21.3 million peers at the time of writing, isoHunt is definitely providing quality in massive numbers.

Another reason isoHunt holds such a large number of users is because of how many torrents the isoHunt site can index (a span of 511 sites in fact), which essentially means isoHunt has a massive directory that is consistently updated.

³⁵ <http://bit.ly/1WJBBS>

³⁶ <http://bit.ly/HmWo>

Coda.fm



[Home](#) [Browse Albums](#) [Browse Artists](#) [Genres](#) [Community](#) [Upload torrent](#)

Search by artist or album name

GO

Full album BitTorrent downloads

Download and discover new music in Coda.fm

Welcome to Coda.fm, your best resource to download albums with BitTorrent and discover new music and artists. Some good places to start:

- [New albums](#)
- [Most popular albums](#)
- [Most popular artists](#)
- [Browse all artists](#)

We are a music community

Help us grow and build the best music resource.

- [Upload a torrent](#)
- [Digg us](#)
- [Share...](#)

Sign in or register

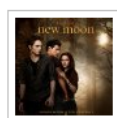
Username

Password

☐ Remember me

[Log in](#) or [create an account](#).

Popular albums this week



The Twilight Saga: New Moon
Various Artists



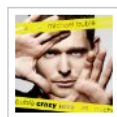
Kaleidoscope
Dj Tiesto



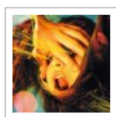
The Blueprint 3
Jay-Z



Liebe Ist Für Alle Da (stand)
Rammstein



Crazy Love
Michael Buble



Embryonic
The Flaming Lips



In This Light & on This Evening
Editors



Brand New Eyes
Paramore

Most downloaded albums in the past seven days

[See more](#)
[All-time popular](#)

Browse albums by genre

[Alternative Rock](#) [Blues](#)
[Broadway & Vocalists](#) [Children's Music](#)

[Coda.fm](#)³⁷ is one of the most helpful and user friendly online music torrent sites on the web. Indexing (not hosting) tens of thousands of high quality albums from all across the web, Coda.fm will not let music lovers down in their search for the perfect library. Some of the more interesting features include: individual sections based on genres, top artists, top albums, similar artists/albums suggestions, RSS feeds for particular categories, and more. Read more about Coda.fm in [Stefan Neagu's full review](#)³⁸.

For even more torrent trackers, check out my roundup article [here](#)³⁹.

³⁷ <http://bit.ly/5vM7>

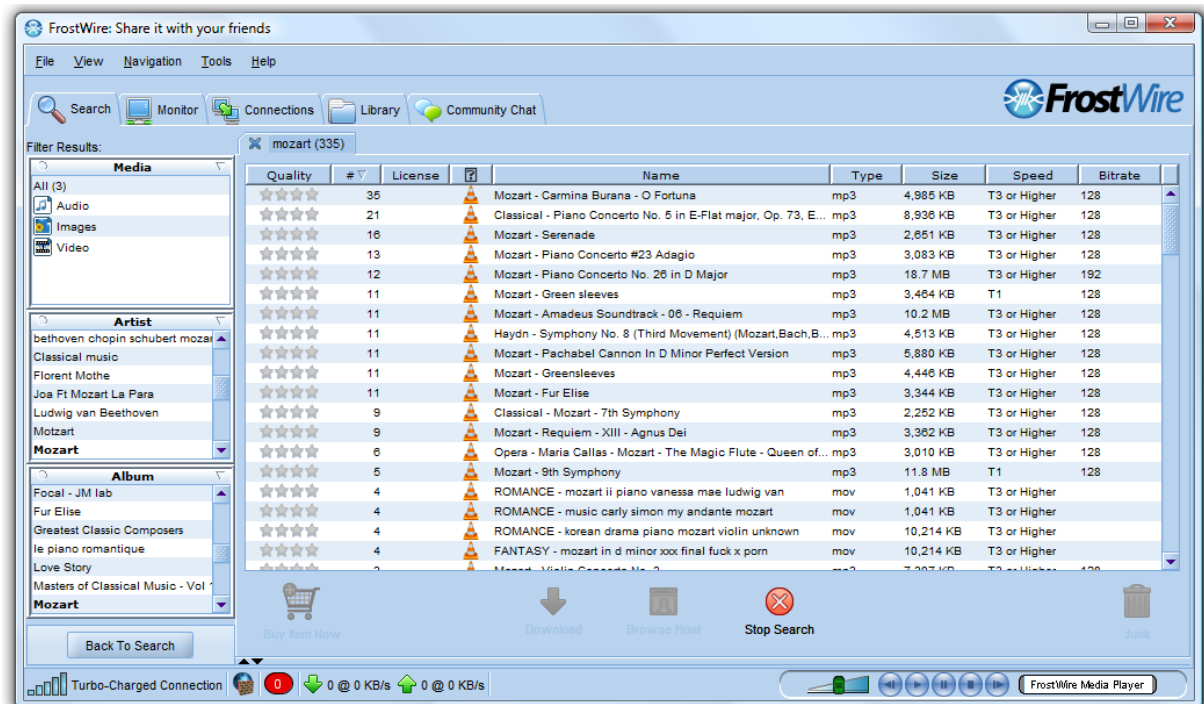
³⁸ <http://bit.ly/4nle4>

³⁹ <http://bit.ly/14qq1j>

P2P Software

Similar in protocol to Torrents, P2P applications connect with other file sharing users in a graphical interface, content search and exchange under one roof. Because these networks often aren't as active as torrent trackers, they'll turn up less results. Nevertheless, they're an incredibly quick and flexible way to pull in music.

FrostWire



A popular online P2P network, [Frostwire](http://bit.ly/PHwAv)⁴⁰ is similar to the P2P file sharing network, [Limewire](http://bit.ly/12y9AR)⁴¹ in many ways. Not only does the interface offer similar initiatives, but Frostwire also gives users access to millions of audio and video files, documents, applications, and more through access to hundreds of thousands of other people's computers.

Furthermore, Frostwire serves as a *.torrent* application and connects to six ultrapeer networks so you truly do have access to hundreds of thousands of computers. Even cooler, Frostwire is built off of Java and thus is multi-platform.

(Note: For more info on Frostwire, check out [this](http://bit.ly/dD4oH)⁴² MakeUseOf article.)

⁴⁰ <http://bit.ly/PHwAv>

⁴¹ <http://bit.ly/12y9AR>

⁴² <http://bit.ly/dD4oH>

Google Hacks



Another common and just as effective method of downloading music is to use the world's largest search engine, Google. Because Google archives billions of webpages across the internet, including files, and you can easily find virtually any song/artist/album/discography using a few simple tricks.

One of the most popular of these tricks is to do a [Google](#)⁴³ search for:

`-inurl:htm -inurl:html intitle:"index of" mp3 "brecker brothers"`

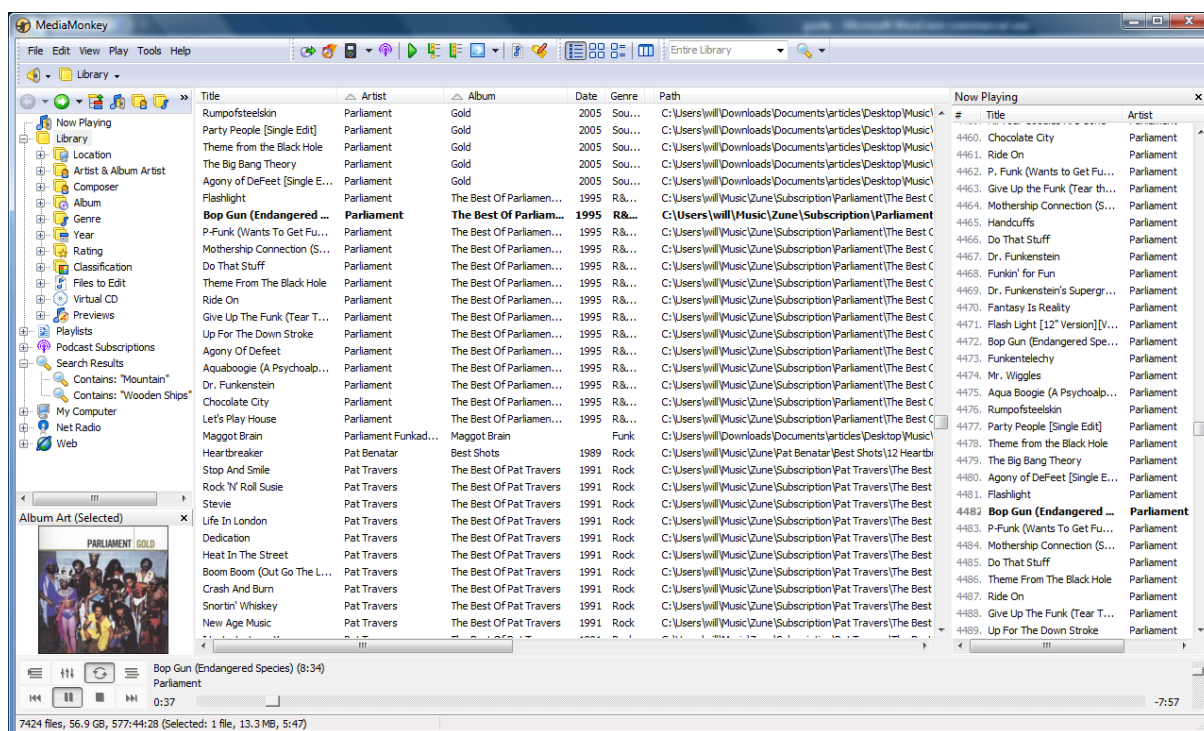
Of course, you'll have to replace the term "brecker brothers" with another band or album name. The corresponding results will be directories of mp3s from the band The Brecker Brothers.

⁴³ <http://bit.ly/2V6CFi>

4. Applications to Manage your Music Offline

Now, you have a large collection of your favorite tunes, artists, and live performances - all you need to do is organize them. Fortunately for you, we have come up with a list of the top 4 best free media players for managing your music.

MediaMonkey



[MediaMonkey](http://bit.ly/1Otd)⁴⁴ is a popular alternative to other media players like Windows Media Player due to the fact it is free and boasts quite an array of features not commonly found in many other similar alternatives.

Some of the best and most valuable features of MediaMonkey includes its large number of supported formats, including: MP3, FLAC, WAV, OGG, WMA, AAC, MPC, CDA, M3U, PLS, M4A, and more. Furthermore, MediaMonkey has a wonderful and truly exceptional ability to maintain large quantities of audio files and libraries with over 50,000+ audio files with little to no lag time in processing.

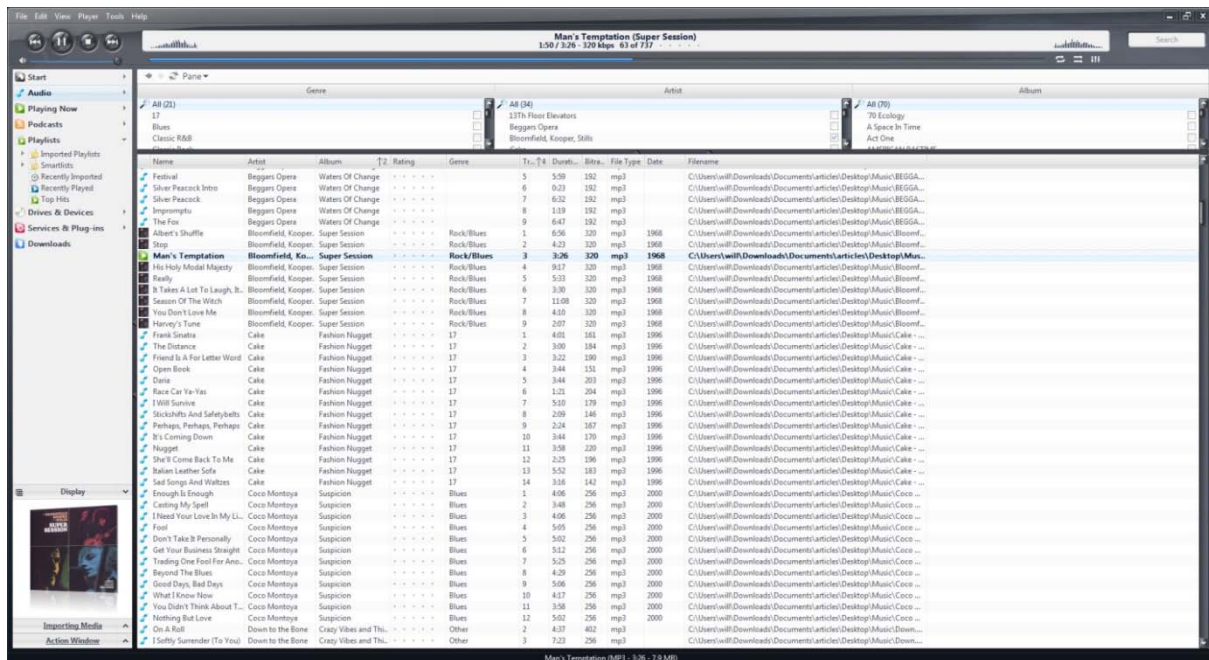
The features do not stop there though. Other MediaMonkey features include: CD ripping/burning, audio recording, track tagging, various auto-organizing techniques, auto-DJ, themes, visualizations, and the ability to download and install as well as program your own extensions/plugin-ins for ultimate customization (MediaMonkey is also compatible with most WinAmp plug-ins).

Although MediaMonkey's most popular product is the free version of their software, there is also an optional "Gold" Edition for \$19.95 that gives users more features, including:

⁴⁴ <http://bit.ly/1Otd>

automatic file updating, faster burning speed, support for multiple genre collections, unlimited MP3 encoding, and high performance multi-core audio playback.

Media Jukebox



[Media Jukebox](#)⁴⁵ is not necessarily as popular as some of the other mentioned music management apps, but certainly deserves to be. While providing the traditional look and feel of other similar applications, Media Jukebox delivers a wide array of features beneficial to any music junkie.

Some of these features include: ability to sync with a number of portable media devices (including phones), ability to print custom CD covers, an extensive database of millions of songs and artists to automatically tag your music correctly, ability to add custom fields, high quality audio enhancements, support for a number of plug-ins/add-ons (including Last.fm), rip/burn audio CDs at full speed, built-in music stores (including Amazon MP3), a number of supported formats, and more.

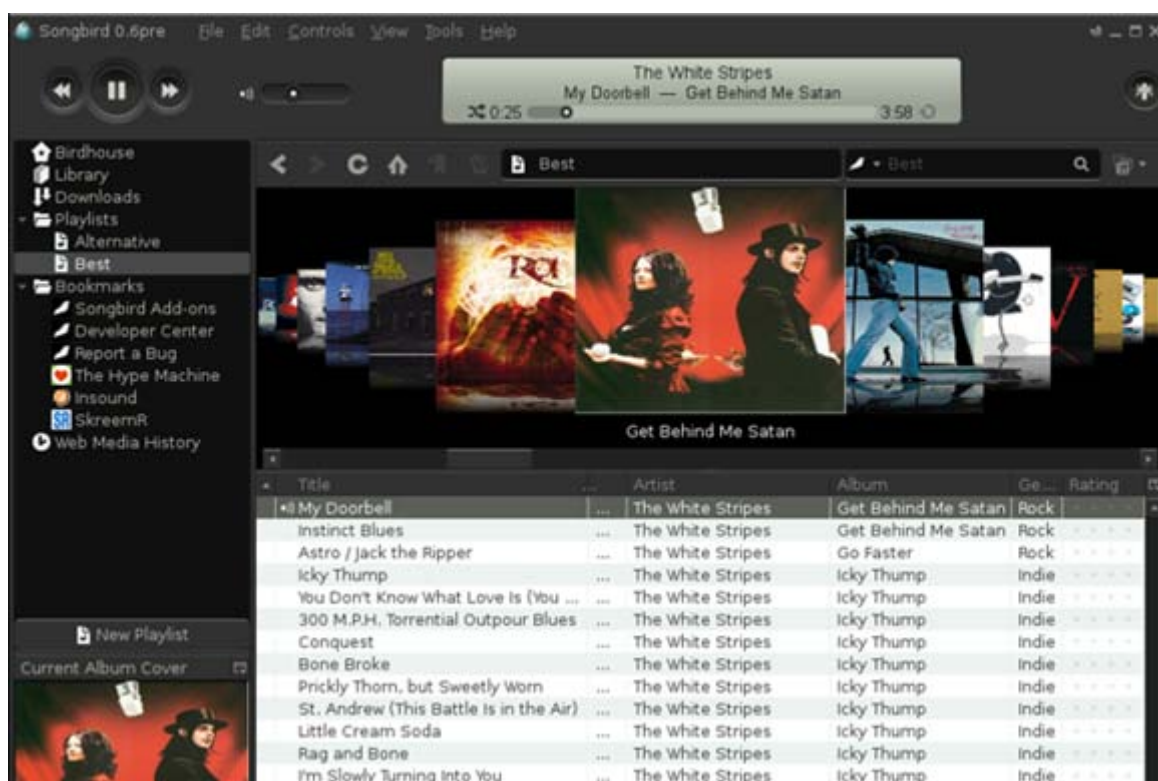
Media Jukebox also gives users the capabilities to create an unlimited number of playlists as well as “Smart Playlists” – playlists that automatically run and make recommendations for you based on what you are currently listening to.

SongBird

[SongBird](#)⁴⁶ is another popular media player that boasts the title of being open-source, customizable and free. Don't just take my word for it though, you can be sure Songbird is customizable considering it was created and is maintained by the open-source people at Mozilla, creators of the popular web browser Firefox.

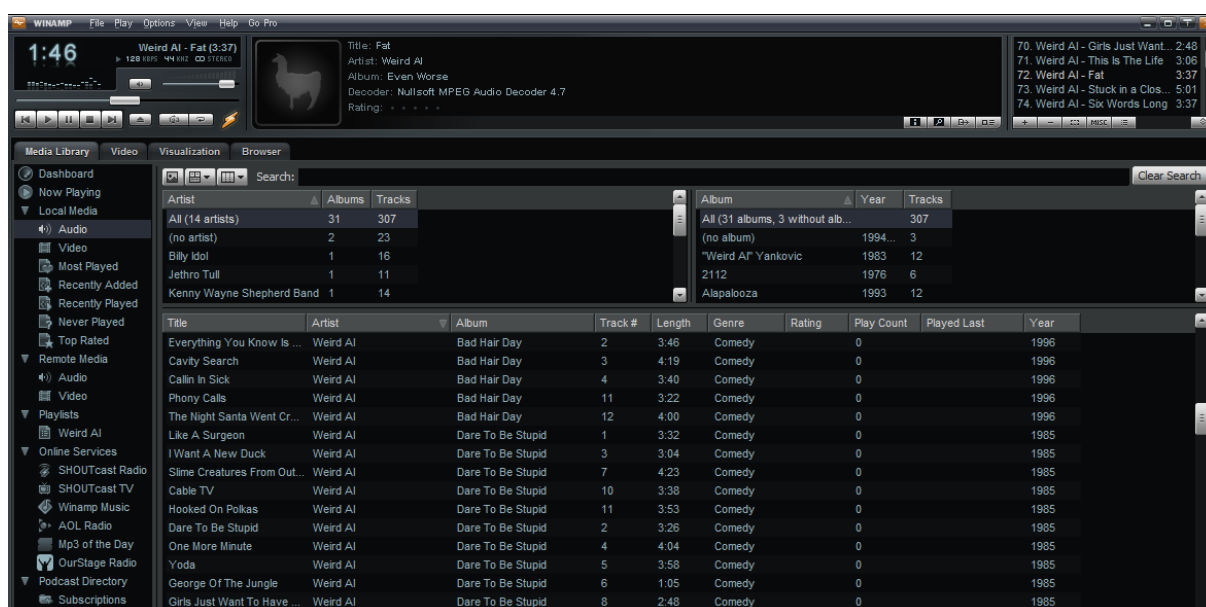
⁴⁵ <http://bit.ly/uitb9>

⁴⁶ <http://bit.ly/4mupdC>



Considering it's background, as you might expect, Songbird allows users the ability to create and install other users' add-ons for ultimate customizability. Furthermore, Songbird is multi-platform and can be used on Windows, Linux, and Mac computers.

WinAmp



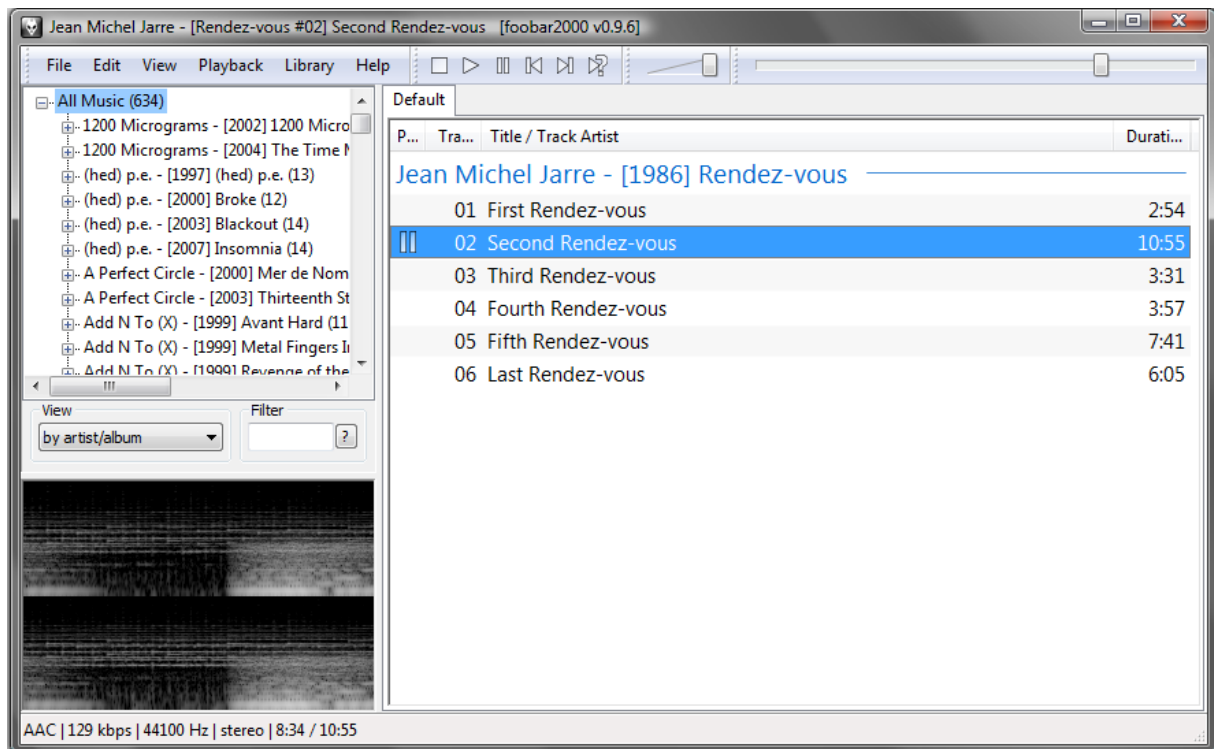
[WinAmp](#)⁴⁷ is the second most popular music/media management software ever created (behind iTunes); containing many of the same features as MediaMonkey and Songbird,

⁴⁷ <http://bit.ly/4FWdf9>

WinAmp offers much more than the traditional media management application. Some of its more prominent uses and features include: optional skins, rip/burn CDs, plug-in support (which rivals that of Songbird), over 60 supported audio/video formats, 15 different language packs, video support, and an integrated web browser.

Although WinAmp's most popular application is the free version, there is also an optional \$20 upgrade to WinAmp Pro, which boasts faster ripping and burning of CDs and higher quality bitrate playing.

Foobar2000



Another greatly popular media player is [Foobar2000](http://bit.ly/13ZRBg)⁴⁸, Although it doesn't look like much special, it's got a lot of surprises under the hood. Foobar2000 plays pretty much any type of media you throw at it, and bothers your CPU and computer memory little to none. It tends to keep low-profile, but audiophiles know why they love it.

Apart from standard playback functionality, Foobar2000 can help you rip those CD's, as well as convert audio from one format to another.

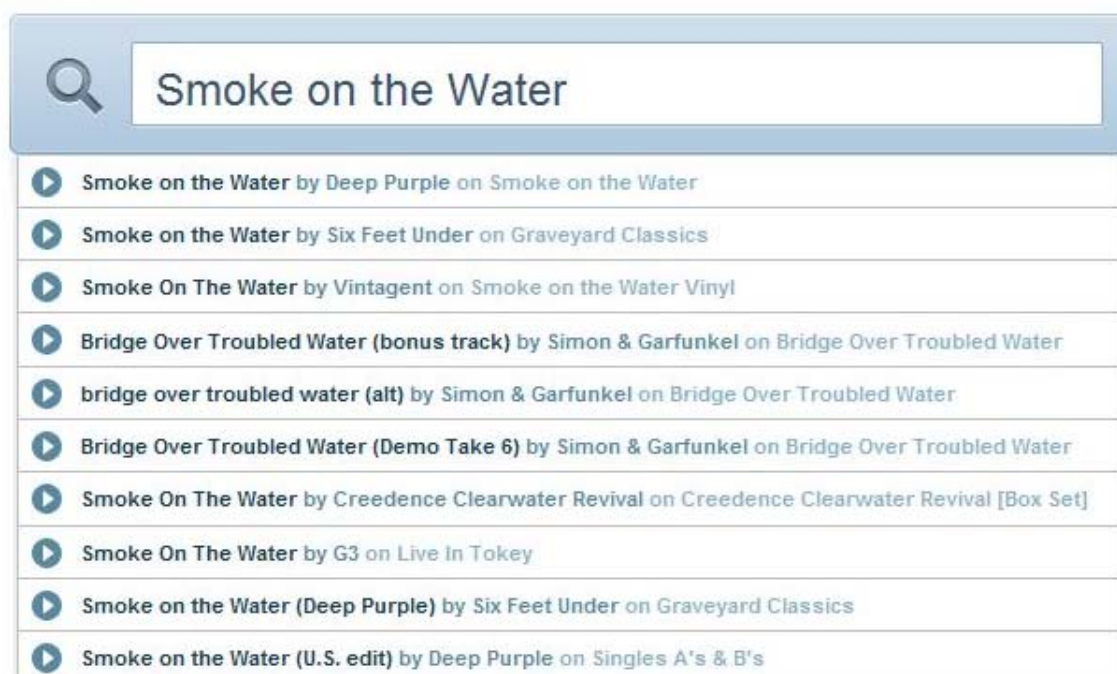
⁴⁸ <http://bit.ly/13ZRBg>

5. Cool Tools for the Internet Audiophile

Sharing your Music with Others

You may be the biggest music junkie in the world, largest library, most efficient software, biggest stereo, etc. but what is it without sharing your wonderfully and newly discovered music with the world? Here are just a few of the many tech ways to share your music library with others.

tinySong

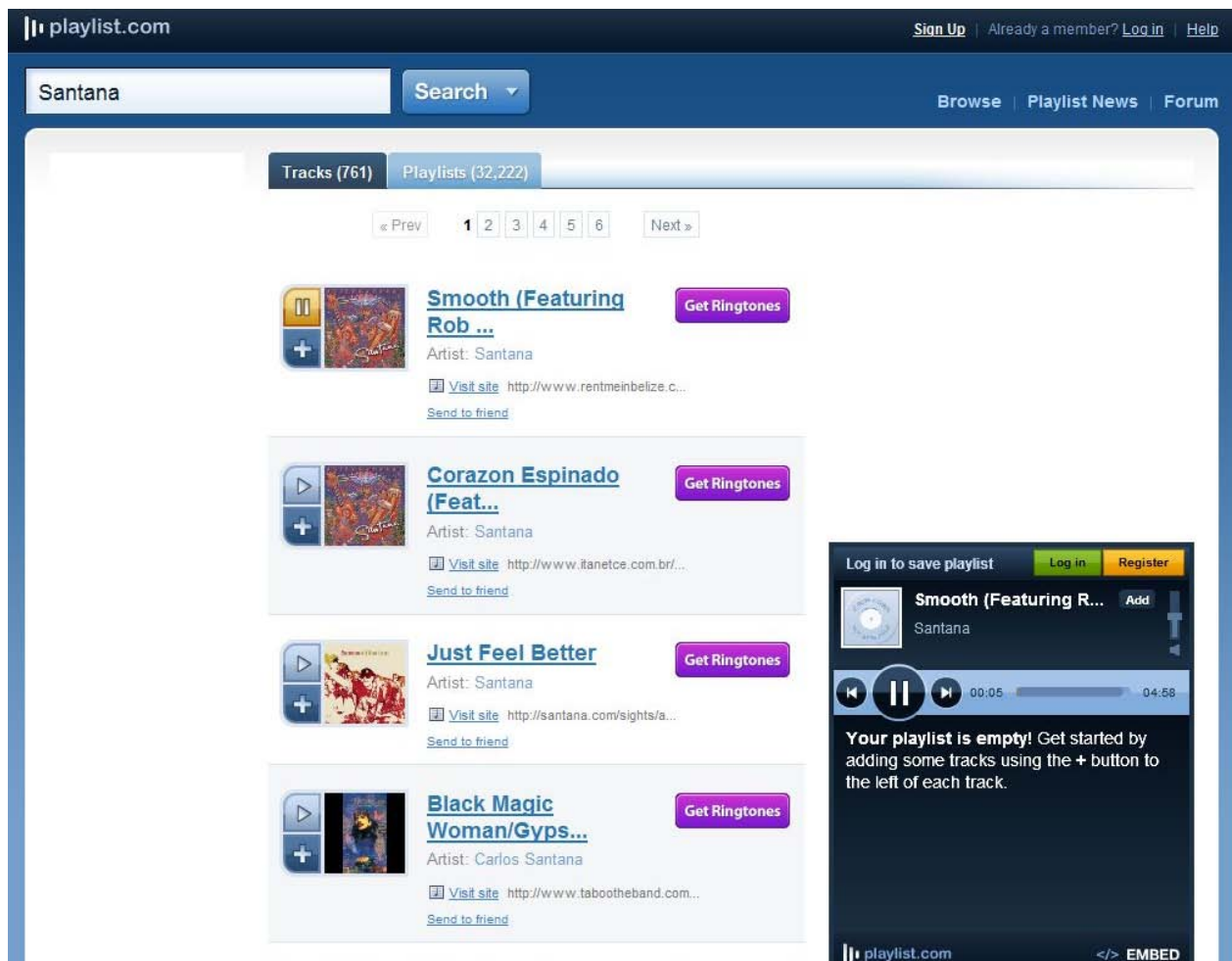


[tinySong](http://bit.ly/cTqKM)⁴⁹ is a growing sub-site to the popular and previously mentioned [Grooveshark](http://bit.ly/NUiQ5)⁵⁰ streaming site that allows anyone the ability to access and share any part of Grooveshark's massive multi-million song library of tunes and get a unique, playable URL. All one needs to do is access the home page at tinySong.com, type in a song name or artist and up comes a list of over 10 related terms. Simply click on the song you were looking for and tinySong returns a nice, short URL that can be easily accessed and listened to in your browser.

⁴⁹ <http://bit.ly/cTqKM>

⁵⁰ <http://bit.ly/NUiQ5>

Playlist.com



[Playlist.com](http://bit.ly/cTqKM)⁵¹ is another one of the most popular free online streaming apps, but also is the most popular online playlist manager. Registered users can easily search for any song, artist, or album and compile an embeddable widget, easily place able on any website, blog, or even MySpace/Facebook profile(s).

Although registering is not necessary, registered users of Playlist.com can share links, playlists, and even individual songs/artists.

⁵¹ <http://bit.ly/cTqKM>

Imeem

Music Results (1-10 of 308 for stevie ray vaughan)

View these results as a playlist

Little Wing.wma (6:53)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Texas Flood (5:21)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan A...
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Pride And Joy (3:39)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan A...
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble - ... (4:11)
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Taxman (3:33)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Superstition (4:44)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan A...
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Little Wing (0:55)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan a...
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

The Sky Is Crying (4:09)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

027[1].Stevie Ray Vaughan - Pride and Jo... (3:41)
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Cold Shot (4:01)
by Stevie Ray Vaughan A...
more info [Ringtone] [Playlist] [Download]

Artist Results (2)

Stevie Ray Vaughan
With his astonishingly accomplished guitar playing, Stevie Ray Vaughan ignited the blues r...more [Get Ringtone]

Stevie Ray Vaughan And Double Trouble
[Get Ringtone]

Album Results (19)

Texas Flood/In the Beginning
Stevie Ray Vaughan
2008

The Best of Stevie Ray

imeem quickmix - Mozilla Firefox
http://www.imeem.com//dialogs/onthegoplaylist.aspx?key=...

Texas Flood
BY Stevie Ray Vaughan And Double Trouble
ON Texas Flood/In the Beginning
5,718 plays

01:48 05:20

#	title	artist	length
1	Texas Flood	Stevie Ray Vaughan And Double Trc	05:20
2	Pride and Joy	Stevie Ray Vaughan And Double Trc	03:39
3	Superstition	Stevie Ray Vaughan And Double Trc	04:44
4	Little Wing	Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Tro	00:55

Save Playlist

Transferring data from www.imeem.com...

[Imeem](http://www.imeem.com)⁵² is a relatively popular alternative to iLike and Last.fm as the site offers a wide variety of similar features and a large library of music. Members of Imeem can easily create sharable playlists with others by just searching for a band, song, or album and then clicking the “Playlist” icon to create a new playlist. When you have created a playlist of songs to share, simply click “Save Playlist” at the bottom right of the window and share the public link with any friends (including non-members). Viewers of your newly created playlist can download all of the songs through iTunes, add the playlist to their profile/favorite it, share it on any number of social networks, or even tweet it.

Imeem offers users the ability to upgrade their accounts to a “VIP” account which offers an exclusive web player, ability to upload music to your player (which varies in price based on the number of songs), ability to upload entire playlists, and premium customer support. The “Light” package is \$9.99 per year.

⁵² <http://bit.ly/Ffpt>

Record Streaming Audio

Streaming audio is one of the most popular forms of listening to music on the computer through the web, and rightfully so. But what if you want to download what you are listening to right now? Well, here are a few wonderful sites and applications that might be able to do just that.

TheLastRipper

[TheLastRipper](#)⁵³ is possibly the most useful streaming audio recorder ever created. Using the massive online library of Last.fm, TheLastRipper can easily record audio from almost any band you could ever want to record from. And, like Streamripper, TheLastRipper is cross-platform and can be used on Mac OSX, Windows, or Linux.



Users can easily enter a band/artist, song, or album name and tell TheLastRipper to record the audio to your *My Music* folder, with META information and separated by band name, album name, and then song name.

Streamripper

[Streamripper](#)⁵⁴ is a simple and easy to use add-on/plugin for the previously mentioned, popular music management application, WinAmp.

⁵³ <http://bit.ly/Tpkdd>

⁵⁴ <http://bit.ly/EpQJv>



In its most basic form, Streamripper automatically records all streaming audio onto your computer in a nice, easily manage-able format. Unlike many other streaming applications, Streamripper does an exceptional job of locating new songs once they start, even without proper META tags through streaming files. Furthermore, Streamripper is platform independent and can be used on Windows, Mac OSX, or Linux platforms.

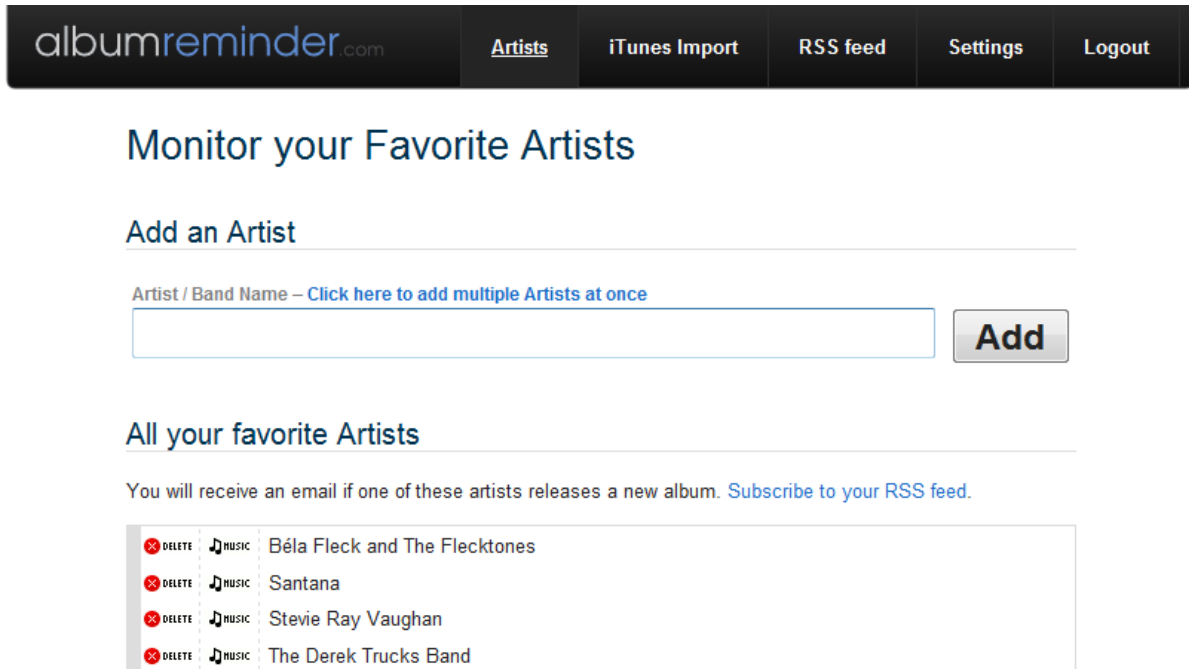
For more info on Streamripper and TheLastRipper, as well as a third alternative, check out Tina's article on [3 Easy Tools to Record Streaming Music as Mp3](#)⁵⁵.

⁵⁵ <http://bit.ly/em1YY>

Monitor New Album Releases

Getting the latest albums of your favorite bands can be a hassle unless you are notified. If I was to check the Amazon MP3 Store for new music from my 750+ artist library, it would take forever. Fortunately, there are a few sites to help us:

Album Reminder



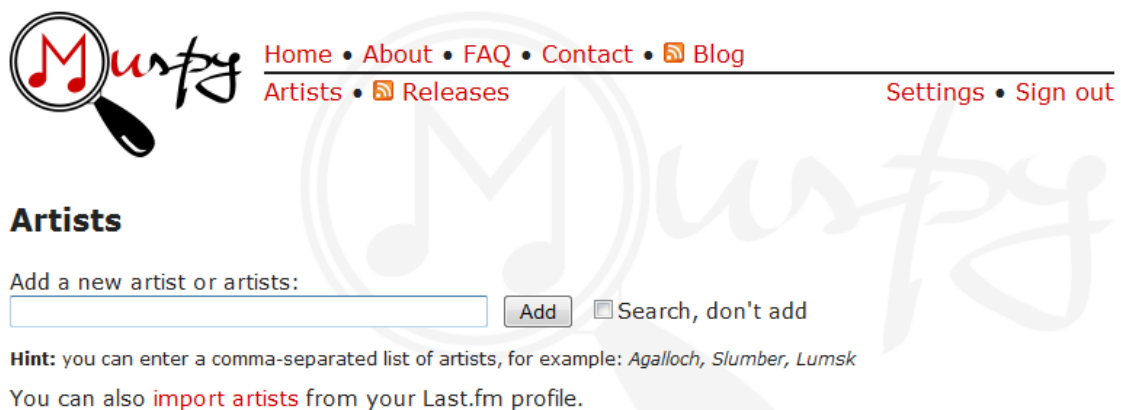
The screenshot shows the Album Reminder website. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the logo 'albumreminder.com' and links for 'Artists', 'iTunes Import', 'RSS feed', 'Settings', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation bar is a heading 'Monitor your Favorite Artists'. Under this heading is a section 'Add an Artist' which contains a text input field for 'Artist / Band Name' with a link 'Click here to add multiple Artists at once' and an 'Add' button. Below this is a section 'All your favorite Artists' which includes a note: 'You will receive an email if one of these artists releases a new album. [Subscribe to your RSS feed.](#)'. Below the note is a list of four artists, each with a 'DELETE' button (a red circle with a white 'X'), a 'MUSIC' icon (a musical note), and the artist's name: Béla Fleck and The Flecktones, Santana, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and The Derek Trucks Band.

[Album Reminder](http://bit.ly/sawQe)⁵⁶ is a very useful and dead-simple, as well as extremely helpful, online album notification application that really takes the weight and hassle off checking for new albums.

Signing up is simple and once you have activate your account, search for your favorite bands out of Album Reminder's over 146,400+ artists (at the time of writing) and click "Add." When anyone of your added artists comes out with a new album, Album Reminder will send you a quick email with helpful info. Definitely worth trying out.

⁵⁶ <http://bit.ly/sawQe>

Mupsy



[Mupsy](#)⁵⁷ is very similar to Album Reminder and offers an equally satisfactory experience, at the least. Signing up is very simple (a 2 step process) and once you have logged in, you can start adding artists. One feature, though, that really stands out is the option to add all of the artists from your Last.fm profile into Mupsy – something that will save countless minutes and hours and certainly worth checking out. Mupsy also gives users their own customizable RSS feed for use on feed readers, or web browsers.

For more info on Mupsy, check out [the directory entry](#)⁵⁸ on MakeUseOf.

⁵⁷ <http://bit.ly/30jep1>

⁵⁸ <http://bit.ly/1aFise>

Track Band Performances Online

No audiophile is complete without an extensive history of live music. The next best thing to listening to high quality FLAC files neatly organized on your computer is seeing your favorite band(s) live in concert. Here are a few ways to track your favorite, newly discovered bands.

Bandsintown

The screenshot shows the Bandsintown website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Concert Cloud', and a location dropdown set to 'Leuven, Belgium'. Below this, the main content area is titled 'Muse ON TOUR'. On the left, there's a 'Tracking' section with a photo of the band Muse and links to their profile and tour dates. The central part of the page features a table of 'Upcoming Tour Dates' with columns for Date, Venue, Location, and Tickets. To the right, there's a 'Similar Shows' section listing Arctic Monkeys, Franz Ferdinand, and Placebo. At the bottom right, there's a 'Twitter Activity' section showing recent tweets about the band.

Date	Venue	Location	Tickets
Oct 24	Hovet	Stockholm, Sweden	Tix
Oct 25	Oslo Spektrum	Sankt Hanshaugen, Norway	Tix
Oct 26	Parken	Copenhagen, Denmark	Tix
Oct 28	Color Line Arena	Hamburg, Germany	Tix
Oct 29	O2 World	Berlin, Germany	Tix
Oct 31	Stade Couvert Regional	Lievin, France	Tix
Nov 01	Galaxie	Amneville, France	Tix
Nov 02	Sportpaleis	Antwerp, Belgium	Tix
Nov 04	Sheffield Arena	Sheffield, United Kingdom	Tix

[Bandsintown](http://bit.ly/yazz9)⁵⁹ is a simple and easy to use band/artist tracking web app that automatically checks past and future dates for virtually any band. Bandsintown can even search your entire Last.fm or Pandora profile for *all* bands you ever listened to and track each of them as well as notify you when a certain band is coming to your town, or any town near you.

The fun does not stop there though. Bandsintown searches over 60 different online ticket providers to find hundreds of thousands of exceptional deals scattered across the web so you don't end paying a ridiculous high price as is often the case for live concerts.

⁵⁹ <http://bit.ly/yazz9>

Oodle BandTracker

The screenshot shows the Oodle BandTracker interface for 'The Derek Trucks Band'. At the top, it says 'Get a free weekly email with new shows & updates for The Derek Trucks Band'. Below this are input fields for 'Location:' (containing '81435') and 'Email:' (containing 'willm@makeuseof.com'). A blue 'TRACK 'EM' button is positioned below the email field. A disclaimer states 'We'll never share your email or spam you, period.' Below a horizontal line, the section 'ALL LOCATIONS' is displayed. It contains a table with three rows of concert information, each with a 'Search for Tickets on Oodle' link.

Band	Location	Date & Time	Action
The Derek Trucks Band	Fletcher Hall at The Carolina Theatre, Durham, NC	Oct 30, Fri 5:00 pm	Search for Tickets on Oodle
The Derek Trucks Band	Palace Theatre Stamford, Stamford, CT	Oct 31, Sat 6:00 pm	Search for Tickets on Oodle
The Derek Trucks Band	Mulroy Civic Center Theatre, Syracuse, NY	Oct 31, Sat 9:00 pm	Search for Tickets on Oodle

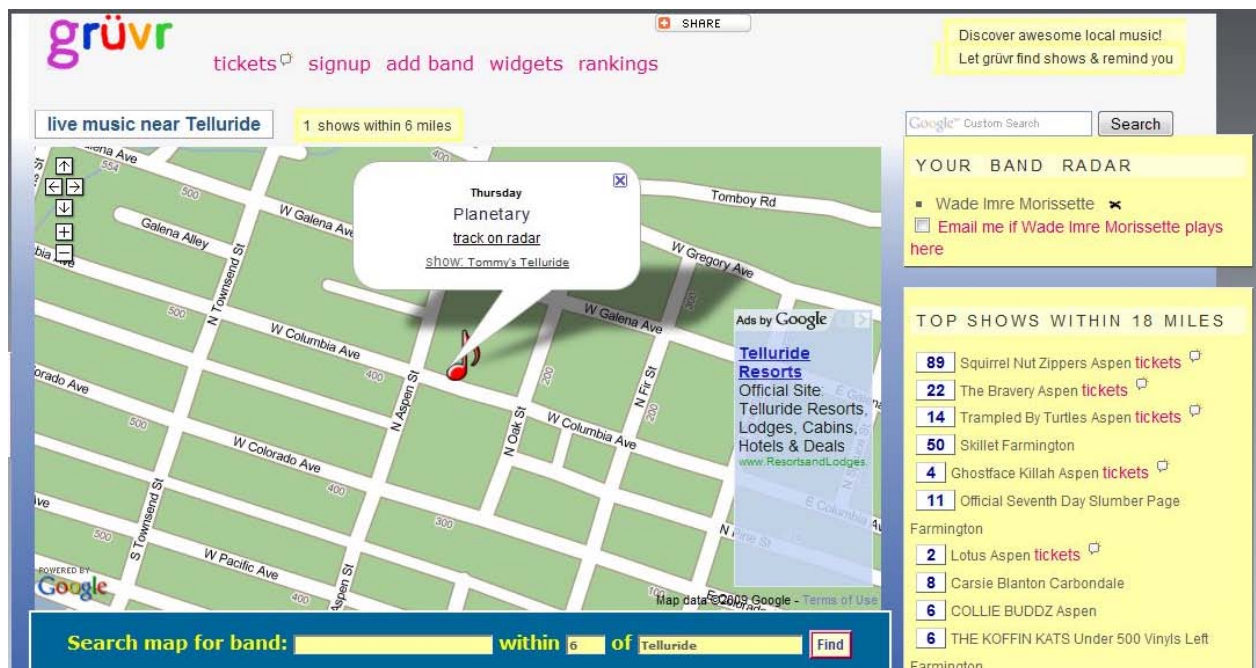
The popular online ticket vendor [Oodle](http://bit.ly/F6oC5)⁶⁰ also features an extremely helpful [BandTracking](http://bit.ly/2xdcUI)⁶¹ option that currently boasts a directory of over 753,430 bands at the time of writing all in one site.

Although the features are quite limited, Oodle BandTracker is still just as effective as any other similar app. Simply enter a band/artist name and up comes a list of upcoming concerts, locations, and the option to purchase tickets from Oodle (which often happens to be relatively cheap).

⁶⁰ <http://bit.ly/F6oC5>

⁶¹ <http://bit.ly/2xdcUI>

Gruvr



[Gruvr](#)⁶² is one of my favorite sites for tracking touring artists of all. Unlike many other similar sites, Gruvr maps all performances, festivals, public events, and bands coming within any number of miles of your city (which is automatically detected). Gruvr even creates a customized RSS feed for your city/area for easy access at any time.

Of course, Gruvr also boasts many of the more popular features as well, including emailing users about their favorite bands, ticket buying options, among others.

For extended reading, be sure to check out MakeUseOf.com - [3 Web Apps for Staying on Top of the Music Scene](#)⁶³, [3 Ways to Track Tour Dates of your Favorite Rock Bands](#)⁶⁴ and the [Songkick directory entry](#)⁶⁵.

⁶² <http://bit.ly/2TiFoB>

⁶³ <http://bit.ly/BeG8M>

⁶⁴ <http://bit.ly/Ug7e6>

⁶⁵ <http://bit.ly/43FqRW>



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