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How to Download Music Online – The Right Way!

By Anna Rowe

More music fans than ever are looking to download music online.

However, many people become overwhelmed by their downloading choices – and are unsure which music solution will best fit their needs and desires. And here's a more serious concern...

When searching for free music to download, you can get confusing and conflicting information about the legalities involved. It's true. Many people have unanswered questions about p2p file sharing networks, and the risk of being targeted (and possibly sued) by the Recording Industry Association of America someday.

But even with the threat of RIAA lawsuit risks, more people than ever are using p2p programs than ever before. Why?

The answer for the continued popularity of p2p networks, despite the controversy surrounding file sharing, can be found in a revealing online music survey. The Pew Internet survey (conducted in October 2003) found that more than two-thirds of Internet users who download music online say that they do not care if it is copyrighted.

According to the survey, those looking to download music online cited many reasons for their ambivalence towards copyright issues, including:

- They feel that CD prices are too high.
- Too little profit goes to artists.
- It's a way to sample new music BEFORE buying the CD.
- The music may not be available offline, such as indie music.
- They feel they are entitled to "fair use" of the music they've purchased.

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Although these survey results are bad news for the RIAA, lawsuit risks remains very real if copy–righted music is downloaded or shared illegally online.

And even though it's true that the RIAA has lost court cases in the past against Morpheus and Grokster, this has only caused the recording industry to shift their tactics to targeting individual file sharers instead. Furthermore, it's no secret that the RIAA will continue their current campaign of suing those who are illegally sharing copy–righted material.

So how do you download music online – the right way? Here are some useful tips:

- 1) Do your research. Take the time to compare all of the online music download options available for you to choose from.
- 2) Get the facts. Learn about the critical differences between the legal music sites VS the file sharing networks.
- 3) Stay legal. You should NEVER reproduce, distribute or publicly share copyrighted material online.
- 4) Choose a legal site. In using a legal music service (such as Napster, iTunes, Musicmatch On Demand or eMusic) you'll get 100% legal, worry–free music downloads.

Also when researching any online music site, if you can't get your questions and concerns answered from the website itself, be sure to email them directly to try to get the answers you're looking for. If you fail to get a response, or feel the reply was inadequate, that is probably a sign that it's time to move on to another online music download site.

Article by Anna Rowe. Visit her popular

free music download

site that provides music site reviews,

mp3 download solutions and reveals critical

file sharing

facts.

How to Download Music From The Internet

By Gary Hendricks

Most of you have probably heard of the RIAA's quest to crush online music piracy. The illegal sharing of copyrighted songs via the MP3 format over the Internet costs the music industry billions of dollars.

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This is conventionally done using illegal file sharing programs like KaZaa and iMesh. This article explores the legal ways to download and enjoy music from the Internet.

Method 1: Check out Free Music Sites

There are many free music websites which provide free music downloads. These are not the websites of your music pirates – they are totally legal. Don't expect to find full albums to download, particularly if the song is from a famous artist (only music pirate websites allow full album downloads). You'll only find a few "teasers" intended to make you want to buy the artists' CD. Independent, less well-known artists are an exception – many of them will let you down their complete song catalog to promote themselves.

Here are a few of the free music websites which I recommend: AMPCAST.com Amazon.com Digital Music Downloads RollingStone.com ElectronicScene.com The Internet Underground Music Archive

Method 2: Buy Music Online

An increasingly popular way to find and download music online is to head for legal online music services. The most popular of these is the Apples iTune service. Currently it provides over 400,000 songs from all five major labels. Each song is available for a standard price of 99 cents each. Here are the best online music services I've come across: EMusic.com iTunes MusicMatch Downloads Napster 2.0 Rhapsody Weblisten.com

Conclusion

It is very tempting to use KaZaa and other file sharing programs to download music – but please don't. If you wrote a song and sold a CD, would you be happy to see millions of people distributing that song for free? No. You don't have to break the law to find and download free MP3 music. There are many websites out there offering free music – you just need to find them.

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