Absolutely, Totally Royalty Free Music…Really!

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When accomplished correctly, the partnering of educational institutions and commercial entities can be a relationship that can be most advantageous to both. In late April and early May 2006, the University Copyright Center collaborated in a partnership with the online commercial music resource, Award Winning Music [AWM]. AWM is located in Medford, Oregon, and besides commercial music and sound effects, now offers online, royalty free music and sound effects for educational purposes. These educational purposes can include, but are not limited, to music used for PowerPoint presentations, distance education courses, creative projects, multimedia projects, electronic portfolios, and in support of any other curriculum-based instructional activities. All of the downloads are MP3 files.

AWM is a leader in providing commercial music that is heard in major motion pictures and television programming. Their clients include Warner Brothers, Universal Studies, Xerox and Intel. Through the generosity of its President, Shaun Harris, Award Winning Music is providing totally free music and sound effects for Ball State University and, it might be added, any other educational institutions who may be interested. And everyone should be interested!

Mr. Harris is the son of the famous American composer and pianist, Roy Harris [http://royharrisamericancomposer.com/] who retired from the UCLA music faculty in 1971. Mr. Harris is well-acquainted with the music industry and has worked with Grammy Winners and music luminaries such as Cher, Barry Manilow, Michael McDonald, Navaeh, Alison Krauss, Jay Leno, Vince Gill, Willie Nelson, Trisha Yearwood, Brian Wilson, Pat Benatar, Lou Rawls, Kevin Eubanks, Shaun Cassidy, and Tracy Bird.

As Ball State faculty or as a student, the royalty free music and sound effects can be accessed through the University Copyright Center. The quickest and easiest way to get complete access to AWM's free music and sound effects is to go directly to:

www.royaltyfreemusic.com

and about halfway down the right-hand column you will see the MUSIC PROMO LOGIN.

Simply type in the Username "ballstate" and the Password "allfree" with NO quotes and all lowercase and no spaces. The Login will take you to the royalty free music and sound effects page. Currently, there are 104 sound effects and several selections of music from these genres:

- **Music On Hold/Background Music**
- **Film/Video Production, Documentary, Film, Television, News and General Production**
- **Corporate Presentation**
- **Rock**
- **Meditation / Hypnosis**
- **Loops For PowerPoint, Flash, Web**
- **Classical, Symphonic, Orchestral**
- **Sports, Action, Corporate and Drama**
- **Children's Music**
- **Hip-Hop / Urban**
- **SFX Sound Effects**
- **Acoustic**
- **Piano Moods**
- **Electronica / Dance**
- **Specialty**
- **Jazz - Traditional & Contemporary**

For each selection, you will have these choices:

[Play Sample] **Download:** [Full Track]

Additionally, some selections may also include these two options:

[60 Second Segue] [30 Second Segue]

The music is excellent and well-recorded. Mr. Harris states that there will be future additions to both the music selections and possibly to the sound effects.

Take advantage of this free music partnership, download your free music and sound effects and enhance your creative endeavors!

For additional information about the use of royalty free music or intellectual property issues at Ball State University, please contact:

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And please visit the Copyright Office Homepage:
http://www.bsu.edu/library/collections/copyright/