



**MusicBrainz Partners with MusicIP to
Extend the Reach of Open Music Metadata**
Companies Team to Provide Open Source, Open Data Identification

Austin, TX ---March 14, 2006—MusicBrainz, a user-maintained music encyclopedia non-profit, and MusicIP, the first global music relationship engine, are proud to announce the launch of a partnership to share music identification and metadata.

Built on the belief that music metadata is public domain information, MusicIP's Music Digital Naming Service™ (MusicDNS) is a simple, dependable, inexpensive way to identify digital music tracks and provide basic metadata. Through this partnership, the MusicDNS database of more than 16 million identified and analyzed tracks will grow significantly in conjunction with additional metadata information provided by the ongoing efforts of the MusicBrainz community. In exchange, MusicIP is providing MusicDNS at no cost to MusicBrainz, and for other non-profit projects that are based on the same core beliefs.

"I am excited about MusicIP and MusicBrainz working together. This new partnership strengthens both of our offerings and extends the reach of the MusicBrainz project into the commercial world, while bringing MusicIP to the open source world," said Robert Kaye, founder and lead developer of MusicBrainz.

MusicBrainz is also supporting MusicIP's Open Fingerprint™ Architecture, which consistently and rigorously identifies the sounds in an audio file, regardless of variations in the digital-file details. The Open Fingerprint is designed to work successfully with all of the possible music in the world, and works seamlessly with MusicDNS to provide identification integrity.

"In addition to the sharing of music identification and metadata, MusicIP is proud to be donating 10% of revenue from the delivery of MusicBrainz data via MusicDNS back to the MetaBrainz Foundation to support their continued efforts." said Dr. Matthew Dunn, CEO of MusicIP. "Our partnership with MusicBrainz is our first step into the Open Source community, and we're proud to be taking this step with such a respected partner in the industry."

About MusicBrainz

MusicBrainz is a user-maintained community music encyclopedia with volunteers from all over the world contributing information about music. The MusicBrainz community focuses on concise and accurate metadata from all over the world and from all genres of music. MusicBrainz currently contains 4.5 million tracks by 370 thousand artists and has nearly 200 thousand registered users. MusicBrainz community also develops tagging tools that allow music lovers to clean up their personal music collections while helping build the encyclopedia. The MetaBrainz Foundation, a 501.(c).3 non-profit corporation located in San Luis Obispo, CA operates the MusicBrainz project. For more information about MusicBrainz, visit us at <http://musicbrainz.org> and for more information about the MetaBrainz Foundation, please visit <http://metabrainz.org> .



About MusicIP

Known as the Global Music Relationship Engine, MusicIP is the axis of the digital-music technology ecosystem with scalable services and products for every major industry niche. Founded in 2000, MusicIP provides revolutionary solutions that connect listeners, artists and enterprises. In addition to the low-cost Music Digital Name Service (MusicDNS) and patented Acoustic Discovery Framework, MusicIP's language-independent technologies include: the free MusicIP Mixer application for consumers to rediscover their own collections and discover new music; MusicIP's ListenerLink service which connects musicians directly to new fans worldwide; and a variety of services for music enterprises that connect, personalize and expose more music to more customers. For more information, visit www.musicip.com