
p2p music lesson service starts

Berklee College of Music, the world's largest independent music college, has launched a groundbreaking program to offer free music lessons and is encouraging musicians to share and distribute them online through p2p file sharing apps.

Berklee Shares lessons are available free and are made up of mp3s, QuickTime movies and PDF files derived from curriculum developed at the college. The lessons are immediately available for free download.

"Berklee Shares was born out of Berklee College of Music's commitment to furthering music education through innovative means," says Dave Kusek, associate vp.

"Offering free education on the Internet and through file sharing networks underscores the college's core belief that these channels are an effective way to openly distribute meaningful educational content to a global audience. It also serves as a powerful promotional platform for artists to market, distribute and sell their music."

The Berklee Shares program launches with more than 80 music lessons spanning instrument performance, music production and technology, songwriting and arranging, music business and careers, music education and music improvisation. The number of lessons offered will expand over time.

Using licenses provided by Creative Commons, Berklee Shares content will be marked with technology that signals, in a human and machine understandable way, the freedoms that go with the content, it says in a statement.

"Berklee College of Music will prove to many the innovation and education that can be supported through a more balanced system of rights," said Lawrence Lessig, chairman of Creative Commons. "We're honored to help Berklee College of Music spread educational content broadly."

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