

VIRTUOSA™ WRITES INTERNET'S FIRST PHOENIX STORY

The digital jukebox is back to life, stronger than ever!

Switzerland, December 2001. Award-winning Virtuosa™ all-in-one jukebox is back to life in an innovative, completely new version developed by FunVibes, making it the most visual, scalable and user-friendly music and movie jukebox available on the net.

First launched in 1997 by the company AudioSoft, Virtuosa™ was one of the very few pioneering jukeboxes in the early days of music on the Internet and it soon became very popular. More than 400,000 downloads and several OEM bundles had been generated until the year 2000 when the company changed its focus and, as a consequence, decided to terminate the software distribution.

But the team who first brought it to life could not stand letting it go like this. Giacomo Biondi Morra, former Vice President at AudioSoft, obtained the intellectual property and, together with the original developers headed by Eric Barthelemy, founded FunVibes, a team with the clear goal to bring Virtuosa™ back into a leading position in the music and movie software business.

Community is still alive

"We decided to call this version the Virtuosa™ Phoenix Edition as we are determined to make it stand up, shine and become the music lovers' best friend! The Virtuosa™ community is alive and believes that this still is one of the very best all-in-one jukeboxes out there", says Giacomo Biondi Morra, founder of FunVibes.

Thanks to many suggestions from customers, FunVibes™ was able to enhance the product with great new features. These make it even easier for music fans to play, rip, encode, convert, organize and burn CDs or to create, visualize and enjoy audio and video playlists that reflect their individual preferences.

As a customer puts it, "I've been using Virtuosa since it was first developed by your predecessors. However, I really love the changes your team did. It looks fantastic. The new options are wonderful and so easy to use. Best of all, it caters to every taste. Thank you so much for not giving up on this wonderful software. I really can't work on my PC without it. It has become a necessity!"

New Features

Virtuosa™ Phoenix Edition 4.00 has been completely redesigned and boosted with many exciting new features such as:

- The malleable **full screen interface** with **unique transparent windows**. Users enjoy spectacular visual effects while having a clear, convenient and fully customizable interface. Virtuosa™ is easy for beginners, while satisfying the expectations of the most advanced users.
- The **power-packed playlist editor** allows music fans to create playlists by genre, date, artist, most/least listened tracks, random, etc. Virtuosa™'s ability to handle **all standard audio and video formats** (mp3, wma, wmv, mp2, DivX, etc.) makes it seamless to enjoy all files.
- With its **music database especially designed for large collections**, Virtuosa™ supports everything from small to X-TRA large numbers of audio & video files (up to 10,000 audio and video files) with almost no speed loss! For large collections, Virtuosa™ beats all benchmarks.

Both a 30 day free trial version as well as the unlimited Virtuosa™ Gold version can be downloaded on www.virtuosa.com as well as on major downloading sites such as download.com and tu cows.com.

About FunVibes

FunVibes was created by Giacomo Biondi Morra in Switzerland in summer 2001 and is the software developer behind Virtuosa™. FunVibes is dedicated to reducing the distance between music and people and to deliver the highest added value to music lovers.

For more information, please see www.virtuosa.com or contact press@virtuosa.com