



# Press Release

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## Big Beats: A new kind of keyboard playalong from the creator of *Microjazz*

### Stunning CD sounds

Learning the keyboard can be lonely. There are many playalong CDs for instrumentalists, but keyboard players rarely get the chance to join in. *Big Beats* solves the problem by providing easy solo keyboard pieces in pop styles with state-of-the-art CD accompaniments.

### Pop styles: techno, funk, R'n'B and country

What's more, the *Big Beats* CD accompaniments aren't just ordinary backings. You can play *Big Beat* pieces "straight", or add the backing tracks to enter a stunning new world of sound. "The effect is one of immersion in a sound world that is greater than the sum of its parts", says composer Chris Norton "it is no longer simply a solo pianist and backing, but a dramatic blend of the two. Alternatively, playing whilst listening to the backing through headphones really enhances the sense of being right in the middle of the performance"

### Fun and learning combined

And *Big Beats* pieces aren't just great fun, they help pianists learn too. Students will be practising keyboard technique – rhythm, co-ordination and listening, but they'll have so much fun, they won't know they're doing it!

### *Microjazz* for the next generation

This winning combination of classical technique and pop styles isn't new. Chris Norton is also the creator of *Microjazz*. Originally published over 20 years ago *Microjazz* has become one of the most popular educational series ever published. Generations of students have learnt keyboard through *Microjazz's* jazz, blues and rock pieces. *Big Beats* continues the *Microjazz* formula using sounds and styles of today such as techno, R 'n' B, funk and country.

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*Big Beats* pieces are available in three great-tasting flavours: *Techno Treat*,  
*Country Comfort* and *Smooth Groove*. Keyboard book & CD Price £7.99  
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