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Technology Breathes New Life Into Old Records

(NAPSA)—Music lovers are finding it's possible to give new life to old favorites.

That's because a new software—called a digital music management tool—makes it possible to play, organize, edit and restore music, while creating audio and data CDs on a Windows PC. The music captured with this device can also be downloaded to a portable player.

In practical terms, picture being able to resurrect your copy of some Muddy Waters vinyl classic, followed by a little Hank Williams, a Charlie Parker tune or two or some Stravinsky—all without any of the clicks and scratches that vintage records tend to acquire over the years.

Now picture being able to legally download a track by Radiohead or Coldplay or rare recordings of Sousa marches from a site such as MP3.com and mix it all together—complete with automatic fade-ins and fade-outs on each cut—and then store it on a CD or MP3 player.

The software—called Cakewalk Pyro 2003—makes it possible for even the technically challenged to:

- Burn professional-quality CDs of favorite songs,
- Quickly convert CDs into MP3s, WAV or WMA files,
- Back up valuable files to a data CD,
- Convert LPs and cassettes into CDs or digital files,
- Clean audio to remove clicks, crackles, pops, hiss, and hum from LPs, cassettes, and low quality MP3s,
- Copy individual songs or entire albums,
- Locate and organize the music files on your PC,



0New software that transforms old musical treasures into current pleasures makes an affordable gift for music lovers.

- Create mixes and smooth transitions by overlaying and cross-fading songs,
- Get superior sound quality with 64-bit EQ, and
- Instantly download song titles and artist information from Gracenote/CDDb for thousands of commercial CDs.

An added plus is that most of these functions can be executed using click-and-drag mouse moves.

Pyro 2003 is said to work with virtually all Windows-compatible CD-R and CD-RW Drives.

Founded in 1987 and based in Boston, Massachusetts, Cakewalk is an industry-leading provider of software for creating music and sound on the desktop.

Pyro 2003 has an estimated price of \$39.00. To learn more, visit the Web site at www.cakewalk.com.