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Berklee College Of Music Launches "Berklee Shares" - A Ground-Breaking Music Education Project Free Under Creative Commons Licenses

Boston, Massachusetts USA - November 10, 2003 - Berklee College of Music, the world's largest independent music college and the premier institution for the study of contemporary music, announces the launch of Berklee Shares. The groundbreaking new program provides free music lessons under Creative Commons licenses and encourages musicians to share and distribute the lessons online. The Berklee Shares lessons consist of a growing catalog of MP3s, QuickTime movies, and PDF files derived from curriculum developed at the college by its world-renowned faculty. The lessons are available for download today at <http://www.berkleeshares.com/>, affiliate partner sites, and peer-to-peer networks, including Limewire.

"Berklee Shares was born out of Berklee College of Music's commitment to furthering music education through innovative means," said Dave Kusek, Associate Vice President. "Offering free education on the Internet and through file sharing networks underscores the college's core beliefs that these channels are an effective way to openly distribute meaningful educational content to a global audience, as well as serve as a powerful promotional platform for artists to market, distribute, and sell their music."

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

"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 and professor of law at Stanford University. "We are honored to help Berklee College spread educational content broadly."

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Singer/songwriter Fire-Dean is a natural born storyteller. His second album, "Custom Deluxe," testifies to that fact, with songs drawing on both his own life experiences and the stories he's gleaned from listening to