The Proliferation of Generic Stock Music, Impersonal Chatbots and Social Isolation is Pushing Gamers to Seek

More Human Connections

With Their Favourite Games.

# After a Decade of Automated Audio,

## Original Game Audio

Reclaims It's Vital Role in the Immersive User Experience.



#### 1980's - 1990's

- Pioneering music composers work within the confines of 8-bit MIDI technology to create an entirely new genre of popular music.
- Star composers emerge including Nobuo Uematsu, Yoko Shimomura, George "Fatman" Sanger.

#### 2000's

- MP3 and other highly compressed audio formats enable games to play original music featuring virtual instruments and full orchestration.
- Film-style epic-orchestral styles dominate.
- Composer/Conductors become the new rock stars including Jeremy Soule, Tom Salta, Inon Zur.

#### 2010's

- Royalty-free music libraries proliferate.
   Stock music is the norm for non-AAA games.
   ShutterStock acquires Premium Beat,
   Getty Images acquires Pump Audio.
- Social media increases social isolation.
   Chatbots replace human interaction.
   Millennial loneliness is declared an epidemic.
- A women's empowerment wave ignites when a highly-qualified female presidential candidate loses a contentious election.

#### 2020's

- COVID-19 Social Distancing forces the pendulum to swing the other way as isolated gamers seek more human connections and authentic experiences.
- Original music composers return to games putting a human face to this integral part of the creative process.
- Men join women in their efforts to shatter the glass ceiling.

## Change Can Be Slow

Many companies, studios & games will fail to adapt to this new environment, instead pushing previously successful business models, including non-diverse teams and generic stock music.



However, stagnation will only polarize the next generation and catapult more progressive efforts forward.

## Original Music

Creativity

Female Figureheads

Diverse Teams

## The New Landscape

Female & male gamers who value fairness, equality, and balance will form fan-based allegiances with the creators behind their most enjoyable moments and celebrate the brands that promote their personal ideals.

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