

JBGMusic FAQs

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Update: Screen Caps are not updated, new features may have been added to JBGMusic

{slide=How do I configure JBGMusic Module}

The screenshot displays the Joomla! administrator interface for configuring the JBGMusic Christmas module. The page is titled "Module: [Edit]" and features a navigation menu with options like Site, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, Tools, and Help. The main content area is divided into three sections: Details, Menu Assignment, and Parameters.

Details:

- Module Type: mod_jbgmusic
- Title: JBGMusic Christmas
- Show Title: No Yes
- Enabled: No Yes
- Position: left
- Order: 0::JBGMusic Christmas
- Access Level: Public (Selected), Registered, Special
- ID: 77
- Description: Add Background Music/Sound to your Joomla content. Caution: large files will make your webpage load slower, so limit the size of your file. <p>if you like this extension, please consider making a donation at Jfriendly.net.</p>

Menu Assignment:

- Menus: All None Select Menu Item(s) from the List
- Menu Selection: mainmenu
 - Home
 - FAQ
 - Jfriendly
 - JBGMusic
 - JBehave
 - JSnowfall
 - Demo
 - JBehave Demo
 - JSnowfall Demo
 - Downloads
 - JBGMusic
 - JBehave
 - JSnowfall
 - Rosetta Disk Image

Parameters:

- Module Class Suffix: _none
- Audio Location: images/jbgaudio/christmas
- Audio File: Peanuts Christmas.mp3
- Treat as Playlist? No Yes
- Shuffle play? No Yes
- Loop Music No Yes
- Hide controls? No Yes
- Autostart audio? No Yes
- Autoresume audio? No Yes
- Unique Key:

It's actually straight forward to setup JBGMusic.

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Steps:

1. Create your location for your audio, (ie. I chose /images, as it is accessible to the media manager, but you can use another directory)

2. Upload your audio files with the media manager of Joomla or use your favorite FTP program such as Filezilla to upload it to the proper directory
 - Please check FAQ on types of audio to use.
 - Upload 2 copies/versions of your audio (.mp3, .ogg)

3. Set Show Title to no.

4. Set Enabled to yes

5. Set position to a desired position (make sure position is existing in your template)

6. Choose Menu assignment where the JBGMusic module would be activated

7. Point your Audio Location to the directory of your audio

8. Enter the titles of your audio files separated by commas (include the extensions)
 - Make sure you have 2 copies/versions of your audio (.mp3, .ogg)
 - only enter 1 filename, preferably the .mp3 file

9. Set Loop, Autostart, Show Controls, etc. as needed.

10. Save.

11. That's it!

{/slide}{slide=What if I want to add audio from different domains}

You may add all the audio files including the ones from different domains at the audio file section. (ie. audio1.mp3, audio2.mp3, <http://www.foo.com/audio3.mp3>, <http://www.foo2.com/audio4.mp3>). The files audio1.mp3 and audio2.mp3 will be treated as local files corresponding to the local Audio Location, while audio3.mp3 and audio4.mp3 are situated in different domains.

Note: Please do ask permission for any usage of audio from their respective owners.

{/slide}{slide=Where is the best module position to place JBGMusic}

There is no particular position requirement for JBGMusic, you may place it in any module position, the only requirement is that the module position should be active in your template.

{/slide}{slide=Can I have two copies of the JBGMusic module}

You can't install two copies of any extension in Joomla! But do not fret, Joomla has a method wherein you can have two instances of the same module. Just select the module and click the Copy button in your Module Manager then change the Title to your preferred title. You can do this with JBGMusic so you can have different playlist for different menu options.

{/slide}{slide=Is it possible for JBGMusic not restart when I go to another page}

Yes, with the latest version JBGMusic 1.5, your audio will be continued when you go to different pages of your site. There is a short lag when the new page loads but it should continue where it left off from the previous page.

{/slide}{slide=How do I change the look of the player?}

Unfortunately, for the legacy Flash player, it is non-customisable.

For the new HTML5 player, you can modify/customise the player via CSS. A CSS file is included within the module source.

{/slide}{slide=I hear a pause everytime I go to another page}

This is normal, as the module just simulates continuous audio by resuming from the last point of play. Joomla loads the whole page into the browser including the module. After loading the module picks up the last point and restarts the audio. The slight pause is the whole loading and restarting procedure.

{/slide}{slide=How big a file can I use as my audio file}

JBGMusic has no set limits for the audio file, but do take note that a larger file will make your webpage longer to load. This is also true for multiple file uploads. Take this into serious consideration if your target audience does not have a fast connection.

{/slide}{slide=How can I upload my audio files}

You may use the media manager built into Joomla if you are uploading small files, but a better option would be to use an FTP program.

{/slide}{slide=What type of audio files do you support}

Practically any audio files should work with JBGMusic, having said that JBGMusic have only used it with .mp3 files, tried it with .wav but it took longer to load. So feel free to experiment and give us feedback.

As of April 9, 2012, with the latest HTML5 player version, the player has been upgraded with HTML5 code using the latest Audio tag. Unfortunately, there is now a requirement to have 2 files of the same audio (*.ogg, *.mp3) for complete cross-browser compatibility. Why the need for the 2 formats, because some browsers (ie. Firefox) does not support *.mp3 files and some browsers do not recognize *.ogg (ie. Internet Explorer 9). So for maximum compatibility, we have both files installed. I believe you can use Audacity or VLC to convert your mp3 to Ogg Vorbis (*.ogg) files.

{/slide}{slide=Why do I need 2 copies/versions of my audio to use the module}

Because some browsers (ie. Firefox) does not support *.mp3 files and some browsers do not recognize *.ogg (ie. Internet Explorer 9). This is a current issue with the new audio tag of HTML5. So for maximum compatibility, we have both files installed. The module will be the one to determine the one to use. Just make sure the files are named the same way except for the extension. To avoid case-sensitivity issues, make sure the extensions are lower-case letters.

{/slide}{slide=How do you convert mp3 to ogg}

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There are a lot of ways to convert your audio from 1 format to another. The simplest I use is the versatile [VLC player](#) , it's fast, easy to use, and free to use.

Here is a [step-by-step conversion tutorial](#) using VLC.

{/slide}{slide=Why use HTML5 over Flash}

HTML5 is chosen because it is native to the browser and no plugins are necessary. Flash is also resource intensive, however, a fallback Flash player is used for older browsers. Here is an [article](#) that will explain it better.

{/slide}{slide=Will this work with my browser}

Update:9-30-2012

- Our normal test browsers are IE9, FF15, Chrome 22 on Win 7 32-bit/64-bit, Win XP 32-bit, Ubuntu 32-bit machines
- HTML5 implementation is slightly different for each browser and may affect the module.
- The new HTML5 player will normally work on FF and Chrome with very little hitches.
- The new HTML5 player will work on IE9, however, IE9 is very finicky and will sometimes fail.
- The new HTML 5 player will work on Opera and Safari (very little tests), however, it is very slow to load.
- Please check disclaimer.

Update:10-7-2011

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- Previous issues found in FF4 should now work with FF5 and newer.

Update:09-30-2011

- We have only tested JBGMusic Flash Player with Firefox 3.6, IE7, IE8, IE9 and somewhat Google Chrome. Both Firefox 3.6 and IE7 should not experience any kind of problems, Google Chrome did have problems displaying the controls, but played the audio. Just make sure that your browser has proper plugins to process your audio file (ie. quicktime).

We did not test with Opera, Safari, IE6 or IE5, but feel free to test it around and give us feedback.

Update: 06-11-2011

- Google Chrome should work fine now. Issues with Firefox 4 not resuming, this is due to the new way Firefox 4 handles cookies, all cookies (flash included) is cleared by FF4, the resume function heavily relies on flash cookies to remember it's previous position to resume audio play.

Disclaimer: We would like to point out that there are an infinite combinations of browsers, plugins, operating systems in the world and we will not guarantee that this will work all the time. Please use the module at your own risk.

{/slide}{slide=Will this work with my iPad and/or iPhone}

The old legacy Flash player will not work with the iPad or any other device that does not support Adobe Flash. The new HTML5 will work with devices that supports HTML5, particularly the 'Audio' tag and Javascript.

Will it work with the iPad and/or iPhone, I don't know, since I don't own any of those devices. Please send me feedback if it works or not so I can get confirmation.

{/slide}{slide=Autoplay does not work with my iPad and/or iPhone}

Unfortunately, Apple has decided to put a restriction for HTML5 Autoplay function for IOS Safari Devices including the iPhone and/or iPad. The module will still work but requires user interaction, meaning the user must click the play button. Here is the [link](#) from the Apple Developer site.

Quote from the Apple Developer site.

"In Safari on iOS (for all devices, including iPad), where the user may be on a cellular network and be charged per data unit, **preload** and **autoplay** are disabled. No data is loaded until the user initiates it. This means the JavaScript

play()

and

load()

methods are also inactive until the user initiates playback, unless the

play()

or

load()

method is triggered by user action. In other words, a user-initiated Play button works, but an

onLoad="play()"

event does not."

Note : This is also true for Android devices, not tested on Win8 Smartphone.

{/slide}{slide=I get errors when I validate in <http://validator.w3.org/>}

The current player that the module is using is an HTML5 compliant player. The W3C <http://validator.w3.org/> defaults to XHTML 1.0 specs which does not include the new HTML5 tags, thus the errors when you validate it with XHTML 1.0 specs. If you change the DOCTYPE to HTML5 (experimental), the module will validate. Please understand that the HTML5 is still constantly being developed and is not yet the standard, however, all modern browsers support most HTML5 specs to make it useable and functional even though, each browser implemented the spec slightly different from each other. In time, when the W3C puts the stamp on HTML5 and makes it the standard, we will see more HTML5 apps.

Normal web viewers would be less concerned about the validity and conformance of your site to W3C specs as they would the actual content of your site. If your viewers are using modern browser such as Chrome, FF 4++, and IE9++, then you won't see any problems once set up. For the older browser such as FF 3.6--, IE5, IE6, IE7, IE8, the module will fallback to the included Flash player, hopefully, they would have the Adobe Flash plugin.

{/slide}{slide=How do you center position the module}

You can use a custom module class suffix in your template.Example:

1. In JBGMusic Module Enter "_jbgmusic" in Module Class Suffix.
2. In your template add the following lines to center the module

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.module_jbgmusic{ text-align:center; }
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{/slide}{slide=Is your code safe, why is it obfuscated.}
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Our code is safe, no code was included to monitor or send back information about your site. We do not know or will know who are using our module unless you tell us when we handle support questions . Even then, we do not keep your sites as we have no use for the information. So why is it obfuscated? We have decided to obfuscate the code to prevent unauthorized removal of our backlink.

We hope for your understanding.

Update: Obfuscation has been removed in main php file.

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{/slide}{slide=What is the unique key for}
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The Unique Key field is provided, if you wish to disable the back link to our website. Additional keys will require a new contribution, so do not get the unique key for a development site, get it for your production site only.

. A contribution is necessary for us to send you a Unique Key for your install.

The Unique Key is tied to the domain site that you submitted. It will not work for any other domain/subdomain sites. For subdomains, a new key is needed, it will be treated as a new domain site.

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Currently, this is not automated, so after your contribution you must send us an email with your name/email (for confirmation) and your domain name (www.domain.com) and the module name where you will use the module and we will email you back the unique key. You may use the [Contact Us](#) form or email us direct at support@jfriendly.net.

You may use the Paypal link we have in our [Homepage](#) . Response time should be within 48 hours.

Additional keys will require a new contribution, so do not get the unique key for a development site, get it for your production site only.

{/slide}{slide=Can I use the Unique Key on my other domain sites}

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{/slide}{slide=Can I transfer the Unique Key to my other domain sites}

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{/slide}{slide=How do I remove the 'sound by JBGMusic' backlink}

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with the name/email used in the Paypal contribution (for confirmation) and your domain name (www.domain.com) and the module name where you will use the module and we will email you back the unique key. Each contribution is for a single domain siteonly.

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Please use the Paypal link we have in our [Home page](#) for the donation. Response time should be within 48 hours.

{/slide}{slide=What do i get with the unique key}

The Unique Key will remove the 'sound by JBGMusic' backlink from the module. Module functionality is not hampered in any way by the Unique Key.

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{/slide}{slide=When is the expiration date of the unique key}

The unique key does not have an expiration date. It is tied to the domain site, so as long as you use it for the same domain site, it will work.

{/slide}{slide=Will the unique key work if I upgrade Joomla to the latest version}

Yes, the unique key will work even if you upgrade Joomla as long as JBGMusic is supported in that Joomla version. It is tied to the domain site not the Joomla version, so as long as you use it for the same domain site name, it will work.

{/slide}{slide=I have switched my host provider, will the unique key work}

Yes, the unique key will work. The unique key is tied to the domain site name, as long as you use the same domain site name, it will work.

{/slide}{slide=When should I get a unique key}

Module functionality is not hampered in any way by the Unique Key. The Unique Key will remove the 'sound by JBGMusic' backlink from the module. Only get Unique Keys for your production sites.

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development site, get it for your production site only.

{/slide}{slide=How long should I wait to get my unique key}

Currently, unique key generation is not automated, so after your contribution you must send us an email with your name/email (for confirmation) and your domain name (www.domain.com) and the module name where you will use the module and will email you back the unique key. You may use the [Contact Us](#) form or email direct at support@jfriendly.net.

The unique key should be processed within 48 hours, am sorry for any inconvenience.

Please use the Paypal link we have in our Home page for the donation.

{/slide}{slide=How much do I contribute to remove the 'sound by JBGMusic' backlink}

We do not wish to dictate upon your generosity, your donation helps us maintain the site and continue the development. Please donate what you feel the project has helped you.

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Update: We recently had to place a minimum donation amount as we had donations being eaten up by Paypal charges. The current minimum amount is set at US\$10.00.

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{slide=How to configure/use JBGMusic Plugin}

To use JBGMusic plugin in your content, go to your Plugin Manager and look for Content - JBGMusic.

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Plugin Manager

Filter:

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plugin Name	Enabled	Order
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Authentication - Joomla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▼
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Authentication - LDAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Authentication - OpenID	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Authentication - GMail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - Highslide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▼
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - JBGMusic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - Page Navigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - Rating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - Email Cloaking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - Code Highlighter (GeSHi)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Content - Load Module	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲ ▼

Double click on the Content - JBGMusic plugin

Plugin: [Edit]

Save Apply Close Help

Details

Name: Content - JBGMusic

Enabled: No Yes

Type: content

Plugin File: JBGMusic.php

Access Level: Public

Order: 0 First

Description: Add Background Music/Sound to your Joomla content. Caution: large files will make your webpage load slower, so limit the size of your file. <p>To add audio just insert a {jbgmusic audiofile.mp3[noloop/loop][autostart/dontstart][showcontrol/hidecontrol]} to your content. For complete instructions, visit our site <http://www.jfriendly.net><p> <p>If you like this extension, please consider making a donation at Jfriendly.net.</p>

Parameters

▼ Plugin Parameters

Audio Location: images/jbgmusic

Loop Music: No Yes

Hide controls?: No Yes

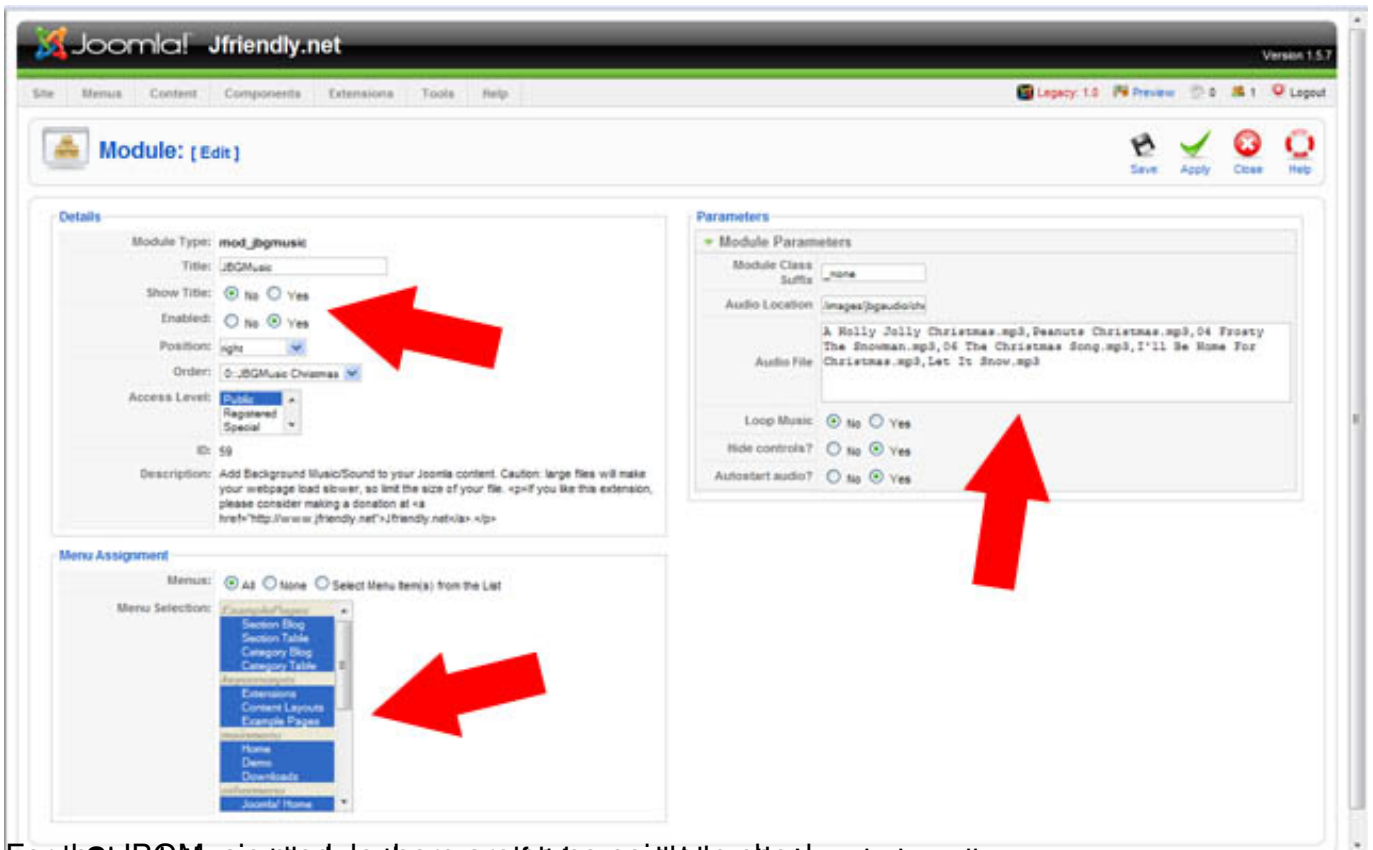
Autostart audio?: No Yes

1. Return audio location to the Music Software Controls file using the audio template (www.jfriendly.net)

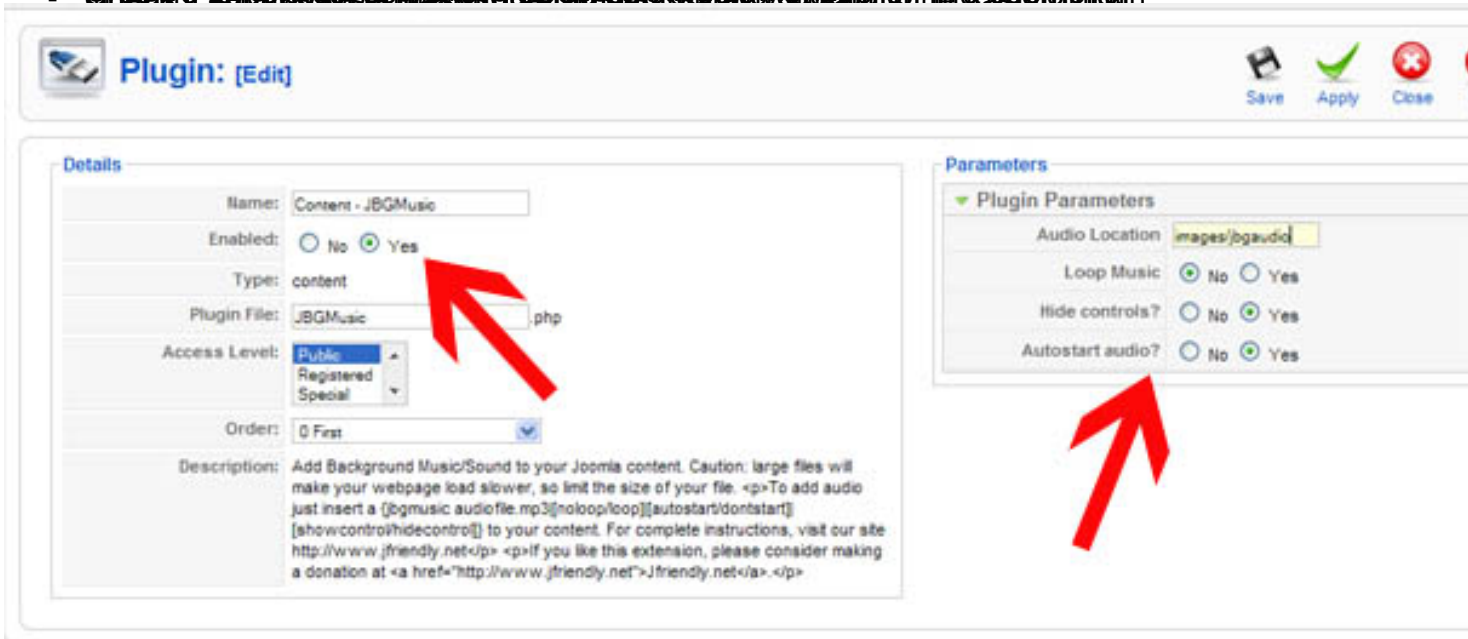
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If you are experiencing problems with files, please check permissions on your host, file corruption or if you are using a proxy, please try to [disable the proxy](#) by using the [proxy settings](#) page on the [JBGMusic website](#).