

Alain B. Renaud

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="Go!"/> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|

- [Home](#)
 - [About Me](#)
 - [Photos](#)
 - [Publications](#)
 - [Links](#)
-

Mac Mini World

I finally bought an Intel mac. It is a mac mini core duo with a hefty 2gb of ram. This thing flies and it is so cute (not in geeky terms ... it is really cute). I had been suffering from the fan noise of my old PC for the last three years and now (after having probably lost the ability to detect some medium to high frequencies) I can finally hear the birds singing outside and I have a lot more room inside. This thing is really fast too, you just wonder how they have managed to pack so much technology in one such little box. I am dual booting Windows and OSX on it and it works perfectly. Talking about listening to stuff, I recommend that you try using the distributed soundscape project [Locus Sonus](#). You can essentially stream open sonic environment from pretty much everywhere in the world. I have set-up a listening point at SARC in Belfast... so please support us (it is free) and give it a go.

[Add comment](#) *September 6th, 2006*

Live from the Montreux Jazz Festival

I am now working in production at the Montreux Jazz Festival. This yearly music fest brings artists from all over the world. There are three main concert halls with various acts each evening. This year's programme includes performances from Sting, Chic, Deep Purple and other famous acts. One of the concert halls is dedicated to Jazz music where artists such as Diana Krall and John Scofield have concerts. You can check out some photo galleries of the festival [here](#) or stream some snippets of our productions [here](#). The site was developed by the very talented web designer Stéphane Rossetti.

[Add comment](#) *July 7th, 2006*

Frequencyliator.com is on!

After much deliberation, I have decided to launch a dedicated site for the [Frequencyliator](#). You can check it out at www.frequencyliator.com.

[Add comment](#) *June 15th, 2006*

Summer ... summer

I am back from the NIME 2006 conference at IRCAM in Paris where I had a fantastic time. I met and re-met many interesting people and had the opportunity to present the [Frequencyliator](#), a tool for networked laptop music improvisation. There was a lot of good stuff there including many impressive concerts. It was definitely worth the trip.

I am off to Switzerland in a few days to go work and consult at the Montreux Jazz Festival. This year is the festival's 40th anniversary. Amazing how long it has been going for.

[Add comment](#) *June 12th, 2006*

Eeaster eggs

This was my first Easter in Belfast. This has been (and still is) an interesting experience. The university closes its doors for ten working days and it is absolutely desert. For me this represents a great opportunity to catch up on things I haven't had time to do during rush periods.

[Add comment](#) *April 18th, 2006*

April is on the way

Today is a really rainy day in Belfast. I am about to leave the house to go to work at SARC and start working on a presentation due on Friday. I haven't posted anything on this site for a long time. This is partially because the beginning of the year has been

more than hectic. My research work is going really well as I had a few breakthroughs recently. I am also involved in several outside projects which are starting to take a good shape. One of them is the recent creation of [Go4Music](#), a web portal which will allow musicians to promote themselves over the Internet. More on this soon

[Add comment](#) *March 28th, 2006*

[Happy New Year](#)

This year has definitely been a year of changes for us. After spending a few wonderful years in London we have relocated to Belfast. Even though we do miss our former work, at ACCENT International and Rightscom respectively, life in Belfast has been fantastic. Alain is pursuing a PhD in Music Technology at the Sonic Arts Research Centre, or SARC, at Queen's University.

Vianna is keeping busy through counseling studies and volunteering with a local community relations organization focused on the reconciliation of young at-risk Catholics and Protestants. So far our experiences have been really interesting and we feel very fortunate to be here.

Relocation aside, the year still managed to be quite busy. Alain was involved in the production of the Montreux Jazz Festival for the sixth year and Vianna finished up her research and MA dissertation. With the graduation ceremony coming up in March, it is hard to believe that it is over.

Travelling this year has been one of the highlights. For Easter we returned to California to visit friends and family and also traveled around Northern California. In August and November Vianna was able to return to Chico to see her family and friends. In addition to reconnecting with some dear friends, she had the opportunity to spend a few days in her old high school as an 'observational intern'. The experience was enriching and rewarding and she is already looking forward to the next time. The year ended with a return to Switzerland to spend the holidays with Alain's family which included some time spent in La Baule, France where we visited Vianna's family.

We look forward to welcoming you to Belfast should you ever be in our neighborhood.

[Add comment](#) *January 13th, 2006*

[Welcome](#)

Welcome to AlainRenaud.net. I have been thinking about designing a personal homepage for a while and here it is.... My homepage is also a blog . If you want to bring a useful contribution to one of the subjects listed here, please feel free to [register](#) and start posting!

[Add comment](#) *December 4th, 2005*

Categories

- [News](#)
- [Presentation](#)

Links

- [Go4Music](#)
- [Sonic Arts Research Centre \(SARC\)](#)

Feeds

- [Entries \(RSS\)](#)
- [Comments \(RSS\)](#)

© 2006 **Alain B. Renaud**. Except where otherwise noted, this site is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution 2.5 License](#). [Blix Theme](#) by Sebastian Schmieg. Icons by [Kevin Potts](#) . Powered by [WordPress](#) .