

THE WORLD BEATLES FORUM

ROM ME TO YOU

[We review released Beatles' and / or solo CD-ROMs.]
by Brad Howard



Beatlepedia 1999

Hawham Productions (U.S.A.)
The Beatles

Beatlepedia 1999 works with Windows 95 and 98, VGA monitor, 10MB hard-drive space, a VGA monitor, and a 4X or better CD-ROM drive.

Beatlepedia is a Beatles encyclopedia that offers several virtual selections for fans.

This multimedia tour allows viewers to watch rare video clips, documentaries, and movie trailers. However, I found these to be very small and are obviously not from original masters.

For the novice, there is a Beatles Collecting section (learn how to grade, store, buy, sell your collection). Some of the labels in the labels identification section were difficult to read. However, I was able to circumvent this problem by opening up the CD-ROM in Windows and viewing individual label files very clearly. Also, there is a feature on how to spot a counterfeit. The trivia game which claims 20 categories (I could only find 10) and over 200 questions is fun.

The library includes 24 Beatles Internet sites to visit and lists 31 Beatles dealers, conventions, and publications (the claim of "hundreds" in the Internet advertising appears to be over-hyped).

I was impressed with the guide to the records and memorabilia. Many colour photographs are included, many are not.

One very nice feature allows you to enter your own collection and retrieve it (it is saved on the hard-drive, not the CD-ROM).

I think that this CD-ROM is more for the newer collector or fan. Its format may be too basic for the sophisticated collector. However, it is an impressive first-effort.

Beatlepedia is \$25 U.S. and available from: HAWHAM Productions, 10286 Rebel Rd., Daphne, AL 36526, U.S.A.

Internet: <http://members.aol.com/hawham1/>

Beatlepedia 1999

The Ultimate Guide to Beatles music, memorabilia, and memories for Beatles fans, collectors and music lovers

The CD has enabled computer users to have access hundreds of megabytes of information very quickly and efficiently. For Beatles collectors, a quick-and-easy electronic reference guide is a necessity, especially if using the Internet as a source for your collectibles habit. *Beatlepedia* from Hawham Productions, is just one such reference CD.

Upon launch, the CD starts out with a digital movie introduction showing various stages of Beatlemania, leading up to the Beatles themselves from Magical Mystery Tour in their white tuxedos handing you off to start the database portion of the CD. The CD is organized into several main topics: Guide to Collecting; Ultimate Guide to Collecting; Collection Inventory; Trivia; and Library, each further divided into sections. Most of these topics use clickable buttons to the left of the screen and scrolling text boxes on the right side. The Guide to Collecting is a description of the types of items collectors will find in the Ultimate Guide. The Ultimate Guide is a fairly extensive listing of all U.S. and U.K. releases, with some German and Canadian releases listed. The Collection Inventory is a customizable database in which the user can input items from their collection, complete with purchase info and description specific to the user's own collection. A handy pop up selection from the CD's own database allows users to quickly add items from the Ultimate Guide and then add their own information.

After you've added your numerous sealed and mint items you can sit back and relax with a game of trivia. Early Beatles not your thing? Then you just jump down to post-'67 questions. You can even save your game if you need to quickly call a friend for advice!

There are also video and reference libraries with even more facts and information as well as a listing of Internet links which, with successive versions, will no doubt become even longer and longer.

While still being developed, the *Beatlepedia* is a great CD guide full of easy-to-find information for your collection.

Requirements: PC Pentium-based compatible with Windows 95/98, VGA monitor, 10Mb disk space, sound card, 4X CD-Rom drive. Optional: Internet access, printer. For more information, contact Hawham Productions, 10286 Rebel Rd., Daphne, AL 36526, e-mail: mcuhaj@aol.com.

BEATLEPEDIA!

A multimedia guide to the Beatles and Beatle collecting on CD-ROM for Windows 95 or 98 featuring:

- Price guide with thousands of entries and photos
- Trivia Games
- Rare newsreel, documentary, and movie trailers
- Access to the best internet sites (internet provider & browser required)
- Plus MORE!!!

Send check or money order for \$24.95 to
HAWHAM PRODUCTIONS, 10286 Rebel Rd, Daphne, AL 36526
Visit us on the web at hometown.aol.com/hawham1/