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Dream comes true for game developer

SHOREWOOD, Dec. 2 – How many times have you played “Name That Tune” with your radio while driving down the road? A Shorewood man has turned that game into a board game you can play at home.

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—ANNIE MELCHIOR
Player

THE BOARD GAME is called “Music Mayhem.”

The first thing you do is pick a DJ. Then spin the wheel on the board game to see which player guesses first. They have to get both the title and the artist.

If the first player doesn’t get the correct answers in 15 seconds, the DJ shouts “mayhem” and everybody gets to guess.

You use your own music on CDs, cassettes or vinyl. Soundtracks and “best of’s” work best.

You get one point for the song, one for the artist.

You can “mute” someone who’s ahead, so they can’t answer.

Players keep track of their points on a section the board.

According to game player Annie Melchior, “It’s really fun, great with people of all ages, adults and kids, my 10-year-old daughter had it for her birthday party. It was really fun.”

“I came over not expecting to be able to contribute at all,” player Kris Ihle-Helledy said. “It was really fun and really exciting. But I’m disappointed I didn’t win.”

Those are words of assurance for developer Bill Solboe. The game has been his dream for the last 15-years. He took out a second mortgage to finance the

production of the first 3,000 games.

“It’s very satisfying,” Solboe said. “This is what I was working so hard for. It’s just kind of the pay off.”

With the game now in selected stores, like Napoleon’s Games, Solboe hopes for a bigger pay off when he takes it to New York’s toy show in February.

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