

SZSN Expansion To Increase Production By 60 Million KG

Shandong Zhouyuan Seed and Nursery Co., Ltd (SZSN)
\$0.28 UP 16.6%

SZSN's 45,000 square foot expansion and new advanced production line will increase annual production by 60 Million KG's of seed. This one is on the move again! Watch for news and get on SZSN first thing Monday!

I have no evidence that it results in a better station.

While this is good news for Rhapsody subscribers, there is a gray lining.

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The best way to do this is to enable "Automatic Updates" to Windows.

However, I was glad to lock in the lower rate.

A laptop connected to a wireless network is ideal.

Links are provided to a broad selection of best-of lists, more numerous and international in scope than what Metacritic provides.

Having done this, I then wondered, "How do the other online music services stack up in terms of selection and price, when it comes to carrying these thirty critically acclaimed albums?"

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Note: Yahoo has recently discontinued using the LAUNCH brand in favor of "Yahoo!"

Also notable is their Discovering Music archive, devoted to classical music appreciation.

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Yet, I want more control than I get with standard radio.

If you're a Macintosh user, you may skip to the next article.

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A Microsoft Excel spreadsheet containing more details can be found here.

Album and artist ratings can be put to good use. Although I agree with the song-centered approach to rating, I still think the album is an important unit of music.

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Also, the algorithm favors new releases over old ones, and gives them a bump in play frequency.

If I had to buy them, maybe I'd try one or two.

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Or music featuring brass instruments?

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Is little Suzie getting an iPod for Christmas?

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Thank you Plastic Boy!

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This combination has worked well for me.

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There are a number of possible solutions to this problem, ranging from the simple to the elaborate.

If you're an MSN Radio user, I would stick to using it from within the Windows Media Player.

The download store with the best selection, Apple's iTunes Music Store, carried roughly three-quarters of the albums; the other download stores, roughly half the albums.

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Collectively, these sites provide Rhapsody subscribers a much needed dose of community, one that will hopefully grow into something bigger.

I've tried other personalized radio stations, but none has captured my imagination in the way that LAUNCHcast has.

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Also, make sure that your Windows machine is getting the latest security updates from Microsoft.

You can set favorite stations and preferred media player formats.

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Do not expect audiophile quality sound.

org "a road map to digital music" Douglas FlorzakForeWordReviews PublicRadioFan.

Don't rush to become a "Ratings Master.

Many NPR Programs have their own archives Web page, which lets you browse through old programs.

In the process, I became a convert.

And if, as programmer in-chief of my station, I received more knobs to twiddle in the process, I would be happy.

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Of course there's always the risk that Yahoo will head in the opposite direction and dumb down the system in order to broaden its appeal.

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Even so, this site provides a valuable service.

It works like this: you rate music and LAUNCHcast responds by playing a combination of the music it knows you like and new music "recommended" based on your ratings.

Being able to listen to it anywhere in your home is, unfortunately, another.

In future articles I will highlight new and worthy archives.

Get Your Playlist On!

When it comes to buying entire albums, the online music services didn't outshine the CD store at Amazon.

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This means patronizing the download stores that support the chosen format.

The independent label downloading service, eMusic, did surprisingly well, offering a quarter of the albums on the list, even though no major label artists are included in its catalog.

I am currently running a trial version and am pleased to see more spyware being caught and disposed of.

One such organization is the radio station WFMU, a free-form radio station in the New York City area known for its independent music programming.

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So attempts at being overly clever and gaming the system are discouraged.

But that doesn't seem to be the case this time.

Should it be in heavy rotation, light rotation, or banned from the playlist outright?

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A search feature lets you search stations by name, location, format, and language.

Song ratings are the most precise way of letting your preferences be known.

These require that additional software be installed on your PC.

Recordings from notables Lead Belly, Woody Guthrie, and Pete Seeger are included.

The site was created by Kevin Kelly, a high school math and computer science teacher from Arlington, Massachusetts.

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" So, I went online and tallied the results for Rhapsody, Musicmatch, iTunes, Napster, eMusic, and Wal-Mart.

Shopping at the last minute?

When I tried to make the switch, I couldn't find the option using my Rhapsody player.

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The main reason, I think, is that I often don't want to think about what I'm going to play.

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If the song isn't rated, but the album it comes from is rated, then the album rating will apply to the song.

So read the fine print and use some caution before installing file-trading software, or for that matter any software that is offered for free.

Gift certificates can also be purchased online.

com or at the iTunes Music Store.

In the years that followed, LAUNCHcast went through its share of ups and downs, but at its core was this ability to program your own radio station.

LAUNCHcast, unfortunately, relies more heavily on an Internet Explorer based player, but do offer one alternative: playing LAUNCHcast using Yahoo's Messenger application.

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Of course, the CD store won't let you buy the music by the track, while the online music services do, making it much cheaper to buy the three songs you want rather than the entire album.

Each programme ends with an opportunity to listen with fresh ears to a masterpiece.

The latter method can be used to add lots of ratings quickly.

For a long time, I have wondered why Rhapsody hasn't provided a Web site to facilitate the sharing and archival of Rhapsody playlists.

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Interference is often a problem with these transmitters, and depends on your location and the other wireless gear in use nearby.

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In selection, Rhapsody had a slight edge over Musicmatch On-Demand and Napster, but I wouldn't use this to decide which service to use.

When the problem gets bad enough, your computer slows to a crawl and your music playback is affected.

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If you want to make the switch to quarterly billing, you may have to cancel your existing subscription and re-subscribe.

" The LAUNCHcast name has been retained for the time being.

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