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PORTLAND, ORE. - Micropalooza, a celebration and showcase of chiptune music - original music composed using old-school video game hardware - debuted at **Ground Kontrol Classic Arcade** in Portland, OR in 2003. Chiptune artists from around the world have invaded the stage with their unique blend of 8-bit sound and contemporary composition, and this year, the focus is squarely on the Pacific Northwest's ever-growing chiptune scene for **Micropalooza 2010**, on Friday, September 24 at **Ground Kontrol Classic Arcade**.

Six artists - four from Portland and two from Washington - will be featured at Micropalooza 2010, blasting their pixelated pop and deconstructed dance music all night long. Returning favorites **Operation Mission** and **Plain Flavored** will be joined by first-time Micropalooza artists **Oven Rake**, **Seanbad**, **Mechlo** and **Ondoh**.

WHAT: Micropalooza 2010 featuring Operation Mission, Oven Rake, Seanbad, Mechlo, Plain Flavored, Ondoh.

WHEN: Friday, September 24 at 8pm.

WHERE: Ground Kontrol Classic Arcade, 511 NW Couch St., Portland, OR 97209.

COVER: \$5-8 sliding scale cover. 21+ only.

About the artists:

Operation Mission

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About 6 years ago, Ray Rude started to learn the program *Little Sound Dj* (LSDJ) for the Nintendo Game Boy. LSDJ is a musical sequencing program that uses hexadecimal values to create musical notes on the Nintendo Game Boy. Only in the last year has he finally started to fully understand its power!

Ray has played several chiptune shows under the name **Operation Mission**, mostly at Ground Kontrol, to appease his desire to make "nerd music". Between his old band (**Konami Defense System**) breaking up and his new band (**The Builders and the Butchers**) taking off he has needed a geeky outlet. As Ray puts it, "**Micropalooza** is rad for such things."

Operation Mission has yet to release an official album, instead releasing a few DIY cds that were sold at some shows and parties.

So after 6 years spent earning LSDJ, Ray decided to record something that had more going on than just Game Boy sounds. He has just finished recording what he considers to be **Operation Mission's**

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first actual album, titled **2010**. It incorporates some live drum sounds, flutes, synth, speech synthesizer, world sounds and lots of other textures to make it far more interesting than using only blips and bleeps.

Operation Mission's album **2010** will be available via Ray's online store soon, but fans can listen to it now at his Facebook page. He will also have art prints and copies of **2010** at, appropriately enough, **Micropalooza 2010!**

Oven Rake

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Just as confused as the others, **Oven Rake** was that kid you remember talking to once in high school. He was in a band, and your friend dragged you to their first show. You ran into him later when he ordered some black coffee at your work. He likes what you did with your hair. Don't feel embarrassed, no one in this small town has made it to the big time yet.

Seanbad

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<http://kotaku.com/5353208/live-from-pax-09-seanbad-and-his-magical-gameboy>

SeanBad is an 18 year old electronic music producer from Snoqualmie, Washington. He produces heavy dance tunes using original Game Boys. He has been producing for 2 years and has played all over the east side of Washington state, including Seattle. Recently, he performed in front of a packed audience at **Jamspac** during **Penny Arcade Expo Prime 2010!**

Mechlo

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Mechlo started impressionable enough for the main theme of **Mega Man 2** to be his first legitimately favorite song. Since then he's been using 8-bit technologies to explore sound design, textures, and rhythmic elements, along with "noisy crap to make dumb songs".

Plain Flavored

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Since 2008, **Plain Flavored** has been using two original Nintendo Game Boys alongside homebrew software to create music that is detailed, elegant, and entirely his own. With dense rhythm and soaring melody, he takes you from quiet reflection to explosions of breakneck, aggressive sound in an instant.

Ondoh

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Ondoh has been mixing conventional sound with circuit bent and other lo-fi instruments for over 10 years. He has toured with the electronic trio **Ken Rei** all over the mid-west and east coast. He also builds and modifies most of his own instruments. **Ondoh** in his own words is "like pixelated raindrops on a Sunday afternoon."

About Ground Kontrol Classic Arcade:

Ground Kontrol Classic Arcade is the premier arcade in the Northwest, featuring 26 of the most exciting pinball games and 80 classic video arcade games in a two-story game room along with beer & wine service nightly.

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