



Nokia N95, Music Recommenders and Nseries updates

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Nokia has revealed a number of new products and services with the focus on music and multimedia. As well as updating the N91, N73 and N70, the Finnish company has also announced a new phone, the N95, that they dub a 'multimedia computer' and its plans to launch an innovative new music service, Music Recommenders.

The N95 'multimedia computer' has possibly the most ridiculous feature spec yet seen on a mobile phone and seems to justify being referred to as a computer rather than a phone. Honestly there's very little this thing *can't* do. To summarise: there's a large QVGA screen, stereo speakers, 3.5mm headphone jack (woo!), integrated GPS with maps for more than 100 countries built in, a 5MP camera with Carl Zeiss optics capable of superb stills and 'DVD quality video clips', HSDPA (High Speed Downlink Packet Access) meaning quick access to the internet, email, streaming video and downloading of music up to 10 times faster than over 3G.

To top off all this amazing sounding functionality there's also the eye-catching brushed aluminum design. The N95 really looks the part and features a unique dual slider which, on the one hand, reveals the keypad and, on the other, reveals quick access media controls.

As well as the all new N95, Nokia has also been showing of black editions of the N91 (upgraded from N71), N73 and N70. The N91 boasts an impressive 8GB hard drive (that's up to about 6000 songs), dedicated music keys and specialized headset with remote control and Windows Media Player synchronisation.

The N73 has integrated stereo speakers, up to 2Gb of memory (via memory card), a 3.2MP camera and support for MP3, AAC, AAC+, eAAC+ and WMA.

Lastly, the N70 Music edition is probably the entry level model featuring dedicated media keys, the upgraded headset and memory of up to 1 hypermegagigaflop (GB).

To accompany the new phones Nokia also outlined plans for a music service designed to open user's eyes to new music. Independent record stores from around the globe, for example Fat Beats (New York), Reckless (Chicago), Pure Groove (London), Hard Wax (Berlin) and Mona Records (Tokyo), will offer up a wide selection of music covering 12 genres.

The service, named Music Recommender, has renowned new music enthusiast (and seminal musician) David Bowie at the helm. Each month he, along with representatives from the record stores, will be contributing through podcasts and sharing new music they've been listening to. You'll be able to browse the music by genre, recommender or style and once a member you'll be able to have sample playlists sent to you based on your preferences.