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MusiConnect 1.5

Getting Started

Shows you how to buy, download and process PianoDisc music from your desktop or laptop, and more.

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About MusiConnect v1.5

MusiConnect® is a new PianoDisc service that makes it easy for you to purchase, download and burn PianoDisc music to CD — giving you on-demand access to your favorite piano music. With MusiConnect, our customers listen to what they want — when they want, and our PianoDisc dealers always have our entire music library in-stock and ready for purchase.

Requirements

NOTE: Opus7 owners already have on-demand access to the PianoDisc music library. MusiConnect is not required.

- Computer with 1 GHz processor or faster
- Microsoft Windows XP
- CD-R Drive (CD Burner)
- PianoDisc reproducing piano system with CD playback
- High-Speed Internet connection
- iTunes (optional)
- Printer (optional)

SECTION 1: Install MusiConnect

1. Go to www.pianodisc.com. Download and run the MusiConnect® software.
    - The *MusiConnect Setup* dialog box is displayed.
2. Click **Begin Installation**.
    - The *MusiConnect Choose Program Group* dialog box is displayed.
3. Click **Continue** to accept the default group name.
    - You can select another group name or enter a customized group name. Then click **Continue** to move to the next installation step.
    - A warning that newer install files already exist on your system may display. If so, select **Yes** to keep older files from replacing them.
4. After the successful completion of the installation, click **OK**.
5. MusiConnect is installed on your system in the PianoDisc folder.
6. Start the application to get your *serial number* and personal *music store web address*.

SECTION 2: Using MusiConnect

To use MusiConnect start the application and follow the steps below:

Step 1: Register your serial number.

Step 2: Buy PianoDisc music.

Step 3: Download the music to your computer.

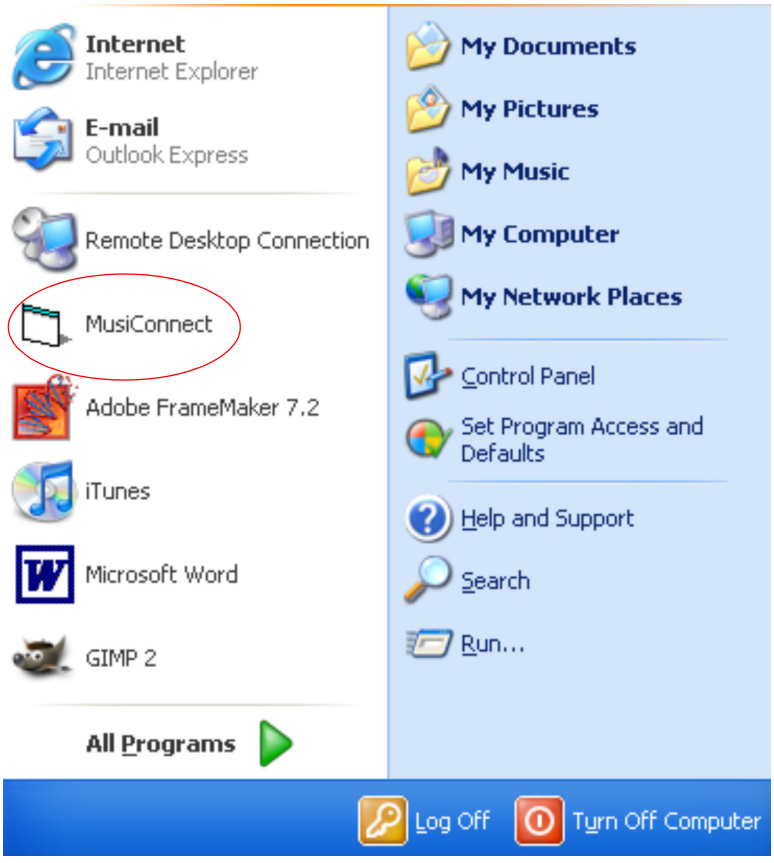
Step 4: Select and process the music for PianoCD creation.

Step 5: Burn the PianoCD music to CD or create a playlist in iTunes.

Starting MusiConnect

1. From your computer's desktop, click **Start > MusiConnect**.

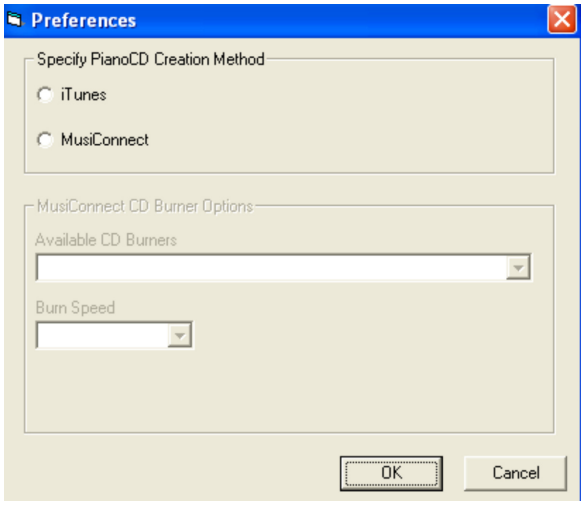
    - If the MusiConnect application is not listed in your Start-Up menu, click **Start > All Programs > PianoDisc > MusiConnect**.



2. Select one of the following PianoCD creation methods:

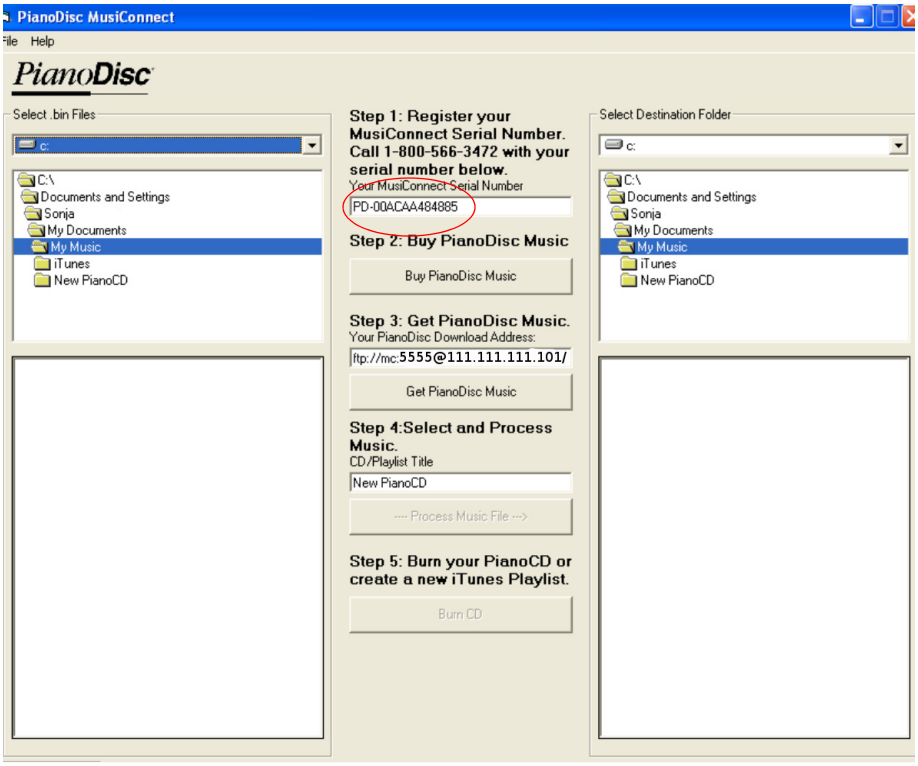
    - Select **iTunes** to create a playlist of your PianoDisc music to burn to CD.

    - Select **MusiConnect** to burn your PianoDisc music directly to CD.



3. MusiConnect is now fully launched. Note the **serial number**.

    - You'll need it to purchase PianoDisc music.

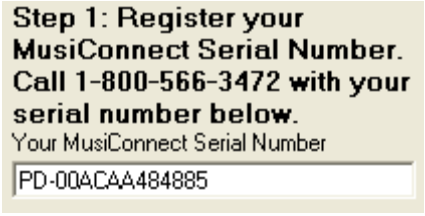


Step 1: Register your MusiConnect Serial Number

Register your MusiConnect Serial Number to ensure the security of your purchase and PianoDisc account.

To register:

1. At the top of the screen in Step 1, locate your **MusiConnect Serial Number**.



2. Call **1.800.566.3472** to register your serial number with PianoDisc.
    - Your serial number only requires one-time registration. After registration, use it for all your PianoDisc music purchases.
    - At the phone prompt, select **Sales Support**.
3. After registration is complete, buy PianoDisc music.

NOTE: Because all PianoDisc music is subject to copyright laws, each copy is encoded with a unique watermark that associates a disc with your PianoDisc account.

Step 2: Buy PianoDisc Music

1. Click **Buy PianoDisc Music**.

- Your default browser is launched and the PianoDisc Music store is displayed.

2. Select an **album** in the Opus7 format.

3. Enter your **serial number** and purchase the album.

4. Return to **MusiConnect** to download your music.

    - It may take up to nine minutes to process your purchase transaction and make your music available for download. If your music is not available within that time, your credit card transaction has taken longer to complete than expected.

    - When the transaction is complete, your current and past music purchases are displayed.

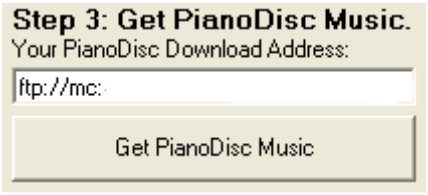
Helpful Tip — Music with symphony accompaniment cannot be processed via MusiConnect at this time.

When browsing on the PianoDisc Music Store, **Click Please Read Before Making This Selection** to determine whether or not you are selecting music with symphony accompaniment. If so, find and select another album that has digital accompaniment or piano only music instead.

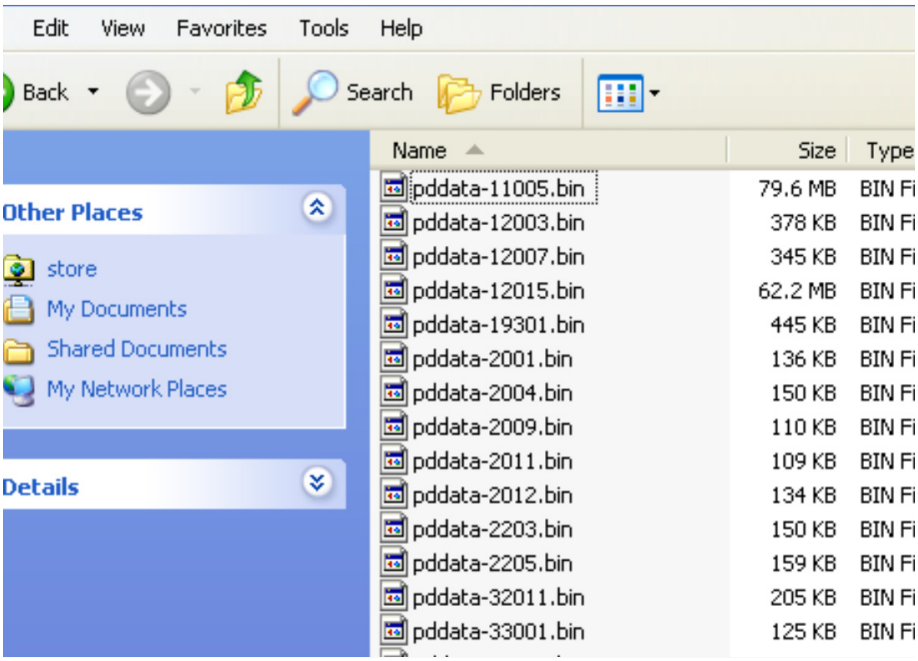
Remember the catalog number of the music you purchased. In the music download screen, the catalog number, not album name/title, is displayed.

Step 3: Get PianoDisc Music

1. Click **Get PianoDisc Music**.



   - An FTP file directory is displayed. It lists the past and current albums you purchased.



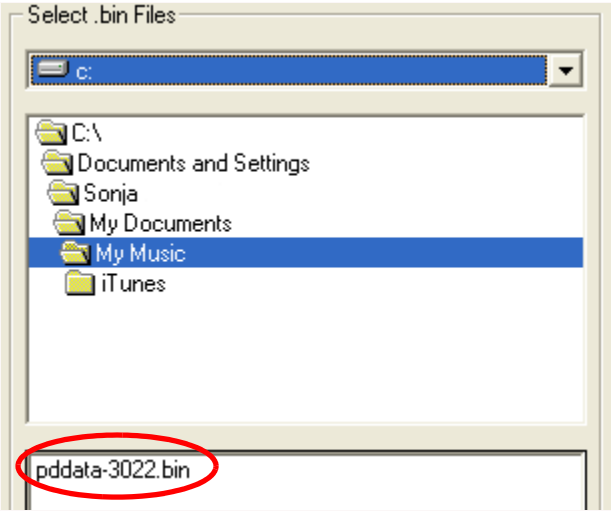
2. Select an **album**.

3. Copy the album into your computer's **My Music** sub-folder.

   - **Note**: On most Windows operating systems, the **My Music** sub-folder is usually located within the **My Documents** folder.)

4. Return to **MusiConnect**.

    - The album (*.bin* file) is listed in you're **My Music** folder.



5. Process the album (*.bin*) for PianoCD format conversion.

IMPORTANT: If your album is PianoSync Creator music, see **Section 3: Downloading PianoSync Music** for instructions.

Helpful Tip — Albums are listed as (*catalog number*).bin files in the FTP file directory.

Each album is downloaded in the *(catalog number).bin* file format. A .bin file contains all the songs on an album.

After copying an album (.bin file) to your computer, MusiConnect opens the file and converts each song into individual .wav files so you can burn the music to CD or create a playlist in iTunes.

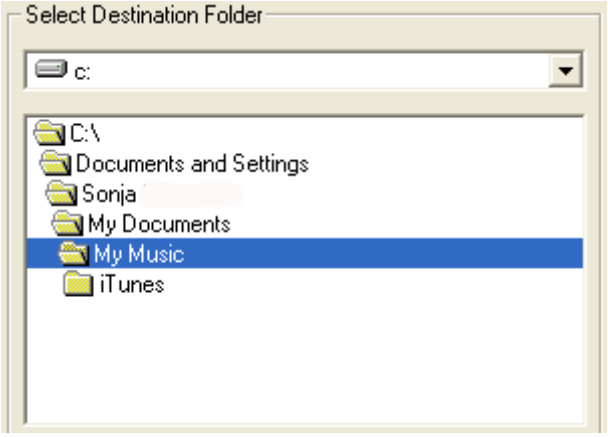
Step 4: Process Music Files

After the album (.bin file) is downloaded, you must convert all the songs on the album into PianoCD format. Once the songs are converted, you can burn them to CD or create a playlist in iTunes.

To process music for PianoCD format conversion:

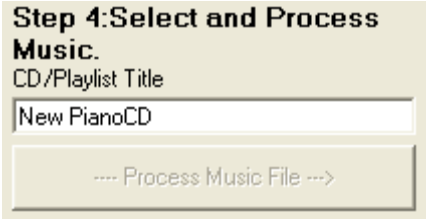
1. Under **Select Destination Folder** (right pane), select **My Music** folder as the folder that houses your music after it is converted to PianoCD format.

    - MusiConnect allows you to select any folder on your system as a destination for music converted to PianoCD format. PianoDisc only suggests the **My Music** folder for ease of use.



2. Under **Select .bin Files** (left pane), navigate to your **My Music** folder and select the album (*.bin* file) you purchased.

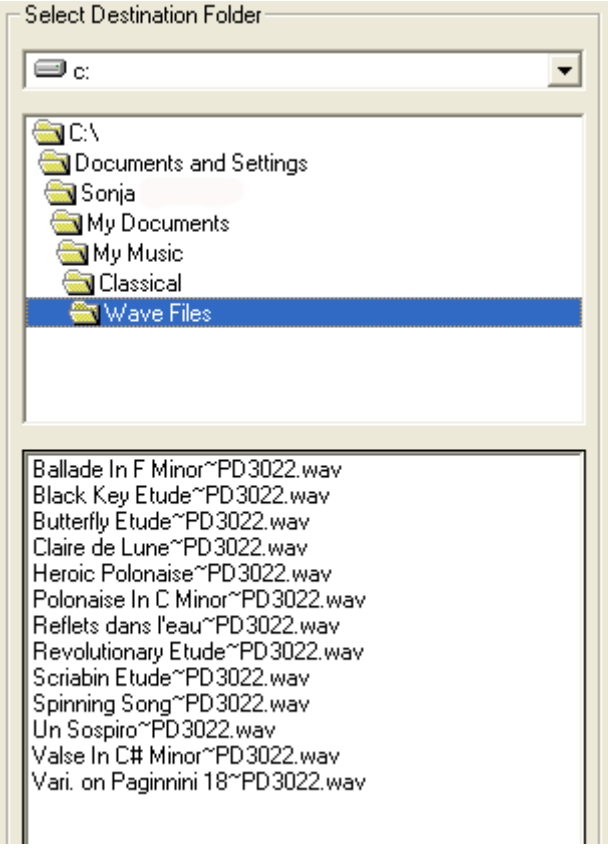
3. Click **Process Music Files**. *(The button remains disabled until you select a valid album.)*



    - The default name **New PianoCD** is displayed in the text field before processing. After the file is processed, the default name is replaced with the album title.

- Wait for the conversion process to complete. After the songs are converted to PianoCD format (.wav), a sub-folder is created and stored within the destination folder you selected.

  The title of the sub-folder is the same as the title of the album — e.g. if you bought the **Classical** album, the name of the sub-folder is **Classical**.



4. After the conversion is complete, burn your music to CD or create a playlist in iTunes

Step 5: Burn a PianoCD or create a playlist in iTunes.

After the music is processed and converted to PianoCD format, you are ready to burn the music to CD and/or create a playlist.

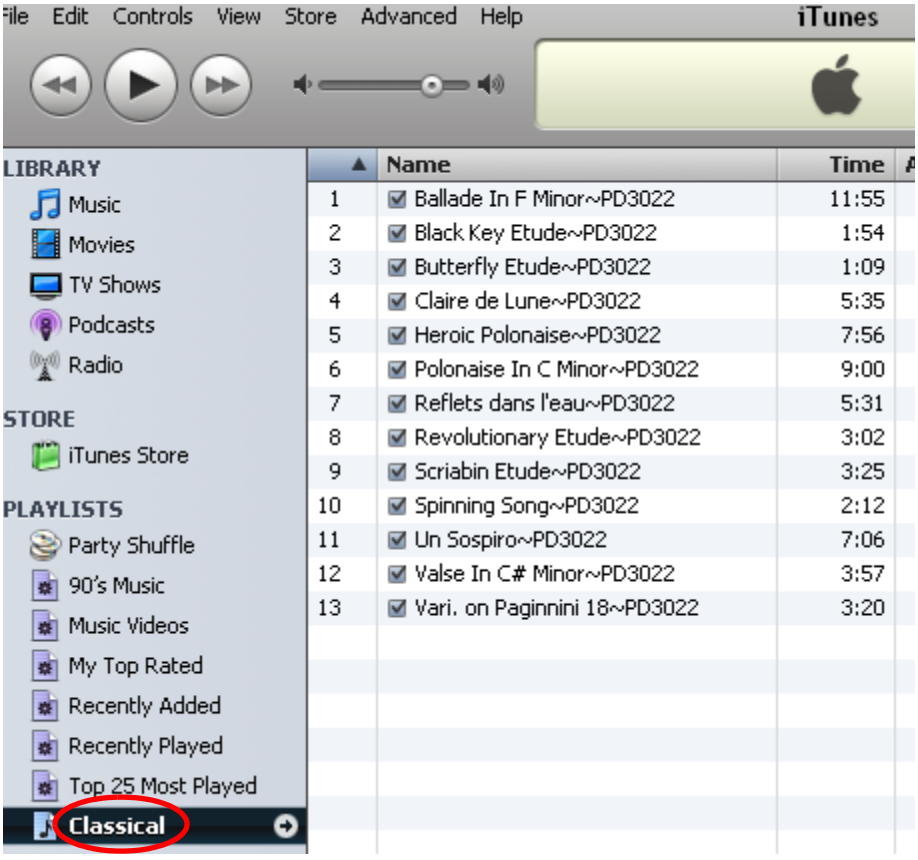
Depending on which CD creation method you selected during startup, the Step 5 button will either read **Create iTunes Playlist** or **Burn CD**.

To create a playlist using iTunes

1. Click **Create iTunes Playlist**.

   - iTunes automatically launches, imports the songs and creates a playlist.
   - The album name is listed in the left pane under **PLAYLISTS**.

2. Now you are ready to play your music.



Helpful Tip — Playback your music in ways that suit you and your PianoDisc system.

For music playback you can:

- Burn PianoCD music directly to CD using MusiConnect, then play the burned CD.
- Burn PianoCD music directly to CD using iTunes, then play the burned CD.
- Export music to your iPod, then connect it to your PianoDisc system for music playback.
- Connect your computer to your PianoDisc system, then use iTunes for music playback.

(See iTunes Help for instructions on burning a CD using iTunes. For help connecting an iPod or laptop to your PianoDisc system, see the User's Guide packaged with your system.)

To burn a CD using MusiConnect:

Burn a CD to play music on any PianoDisc system equipped with a CD or CD/DVD player. (*See your PianoDisc reproducing piano system's User's Guide for detailed playback and music player connection instructions.)*

1. Click **Burn CD**. Follow the on-screen instructions to burn your music directly to CD.

2. After the burn is complete, play the CD on your PianoDisc system.

SECTION 3: PianoSync Creator Music

PianoSync Creator music enables you to synchronize commercial audio CDs with a matching piano performance from PianoDisc. After creating PianoSync music you can burn the tracks to CD for playback on your PianoDisc system.

(WARNING: Due to copyright laws, PianoDisc Dealers may not create PianoSync Creator music CDs for wholesale or retail sales.)

What Do I Need?

- Commercial audio CD
- Matching PianoSync Creator music files *(electronic download or on CD)*
- MusiConnect software
- PC equipped with CD/DVD burner and Windows XP
- PianoDisc system with stereo speakers

To synchronize music and create a PianoSync disc or playlist:

Step 1: Install and/or setup iTunes

Step 2: Import your audio CD into iTunes

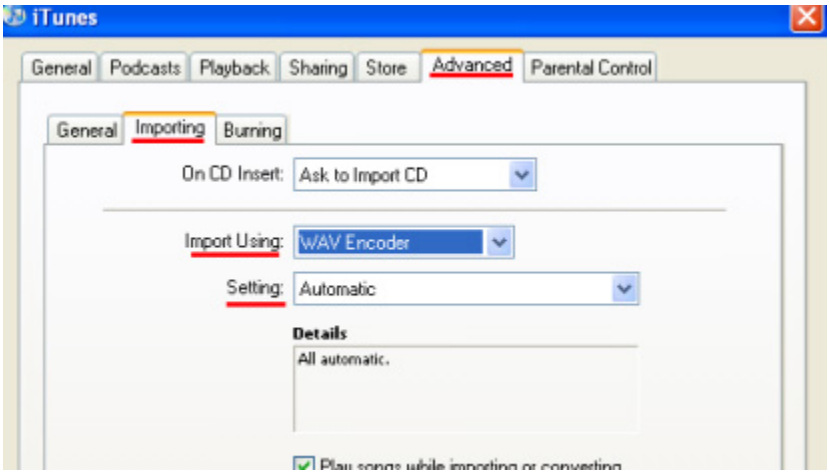
Step 3: Buy, download and synchronize PianoSync music using MusiConnect.

Step 4: Play PianoSync music on your PianoDisc system

Step 1: Install and/or setup iTunes:

1. Go to www.apple.com/tunes/download.
    - Select **Windows XP**.
    - Click **Download iTunes — Free**.
    - Follow the instructions on the screen.
    - After the download and installation is complete, launch iTunes.

2. Open **iTunes** and select the **Edit** drop down menu.
    - Select **Preferences > Advanced > Importing**.
    - Select **WAV Encoder** from the *Import Using* drop down field.
    - Select **Automatic** from the **Settings** drop down field.
    - Click **OK**.
3. Import your audio CD into iTunes.



Step 2: Import your audio CD into iTunes:

1. Insert the audio CD into your computer.
    - After a moment, the song list is displayed in the iTunes window.
2. Click **Import CD** (lower-right corner of the iTunes window.)
    - iTunes may prompt you to import the CD into the **iTunes** folder. If so, click **Yes**.
    - If the songs appear out of order, click the **Name** column to sort them correctly.
3. Eject the audio CD after the import is complete.

NOTE: iTunes searches for information about the CD (name, artist, song titles, and so on) on the Internet (from a database called Gracenote CDDB). If you are connected to the Internet and the information is available, iTunes retrieves the information.

If you don't have a continuous Internet connection, after importing your CD, the song titles may display out of order.
If you connect to the Internet in the future, iTunes can retrieve the information for all your CDs at once.

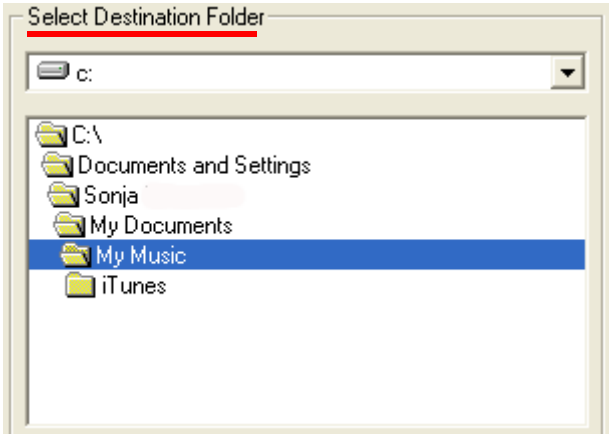
Step 3: Purchase and download PianoSync Creator music:

1. Launch **MusiConnect** and select **iTunes** as your CD creation method.

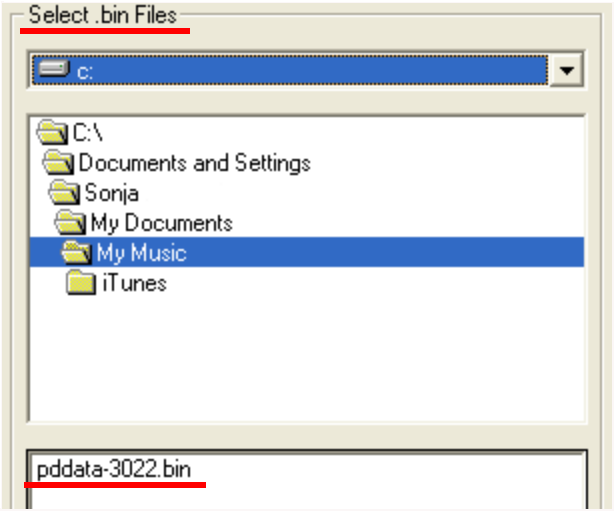
2. Register your serial number, buy an album and download it to your computer.

    - See **Chapter 2: Using MusiConnect** for detailed instructions on how to register your serial number, buy and download music.

3. Under **Select Destination Folder** (*right pane*), select a folder to house your music after it is synchronized.



4. Under **Select .bin files** (*left pane*), navigate to your **My Music** folder and select the PianoSync music file (*.bin* file) you want to synchronize with a matching audio CD.



5. Process the album (*.bin*) for PianoCD format conversion.

Helpful Tip — Use your PianoSync Creator disc with MusiConnect

There are two ways to receive PianoSync Creator music from the PianoDisc Music Store: purchase and download an electronic *.bin* file directly to your computer **OR** purchase a PianoSync Creator disc that is mailed to you.

To use your PianoSync Creator disc with MusiConnect:

- Insert the PianoSync Creator disc into your CD/DVD drive.
- Launch MusiConnect.
- Under **Select .bin file** (left pane), change the drive location to your CD/DVD drive.
- You will see a directory listing all the files stored on the PianoSync Creator disc.
- Scroll through the files to locate and select the **.bin file**.
- Select a destination folder and process the music.
- After processing is complete, burn the music to CD or export a playlist of the music to iTunes.

Step 4: Process PianoSync Music files

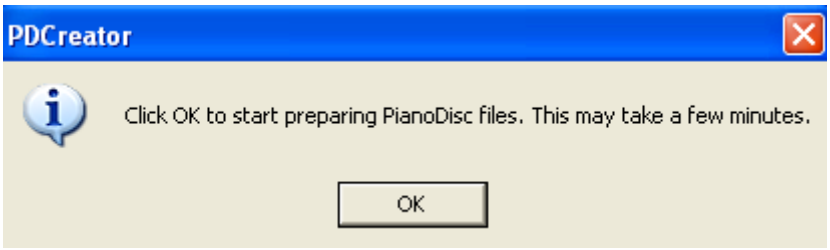
1. After you select the PianoSync files and destination folder, click **Process Music File**.

    - The PianoSync Creator catalog number is displayed in the text field. After the file is processed, the catalog number is replaced with the album title.

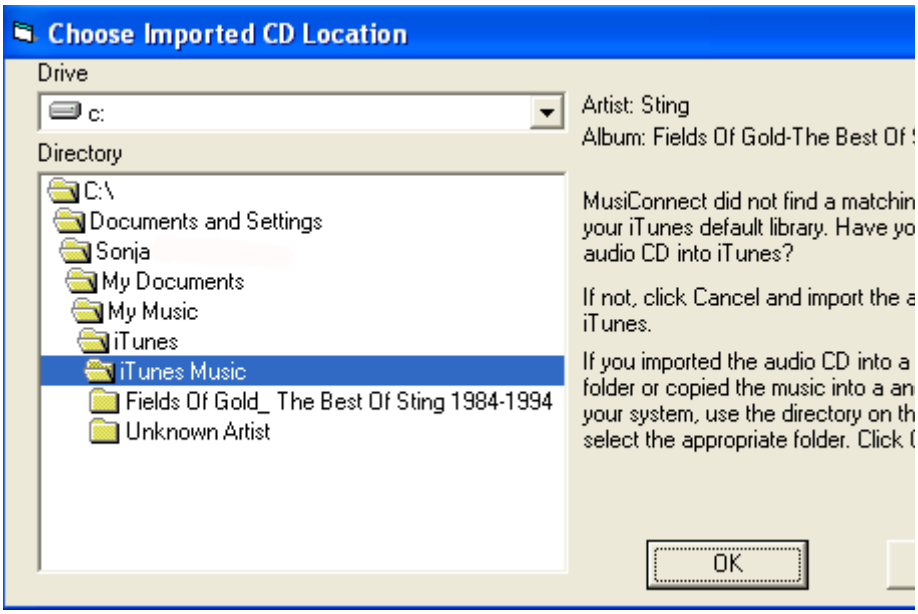
    - Wait for the conversion process to complete. After the songs are converted to PianoCD format (.wav), a sub-folder is created and stored within the destination folder you selected.

      The title of the sub-folder is the same as the title of the album — e.g. if you bought the **Fields of Gold-The Best of Sting 1984-1994** album, the name of the sub-folder is **Fields of Gold-The Best of Sting 1984-1994**.

2. Click **OK**.



- MusiConnect searches the default iTunes music folder for a matching commercial audio CD. If audio files are found, the system immediately synchronizes your music.
- If an audio CD is not found, MusiConnect prompts you to either import the audio CD into iTunes or locate and select the audio CD from the folder you imported the music into.

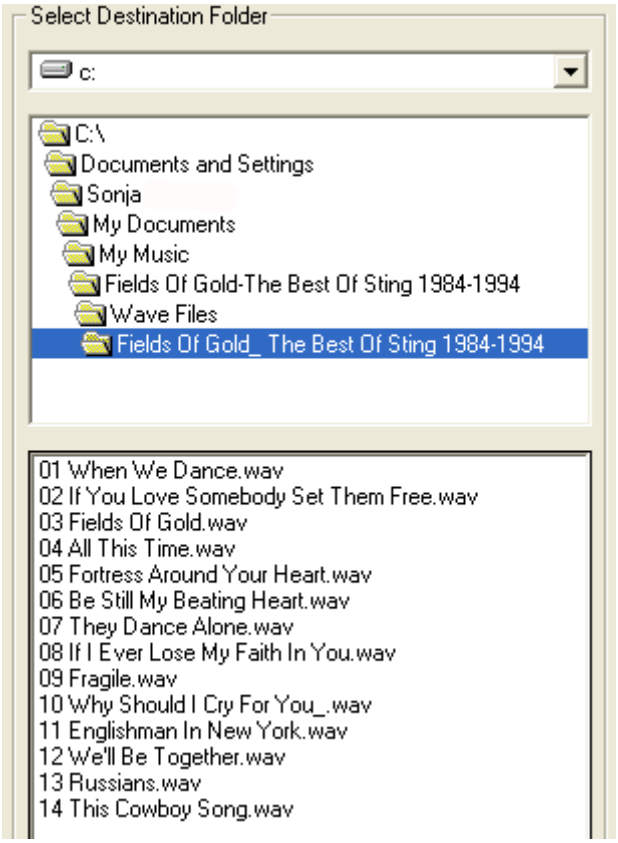


- After locating and selecting the audio CD, click **OK**.
- MusiConnect synchronizes the songs on the audio CD with matching PianoSync Creator music files. This may take a few minutes.

NOTE: During the synchronization process, your system may have trouble refreshing the screen and displaying MusiConnect correctly. The screen will properly display after the process is complete.

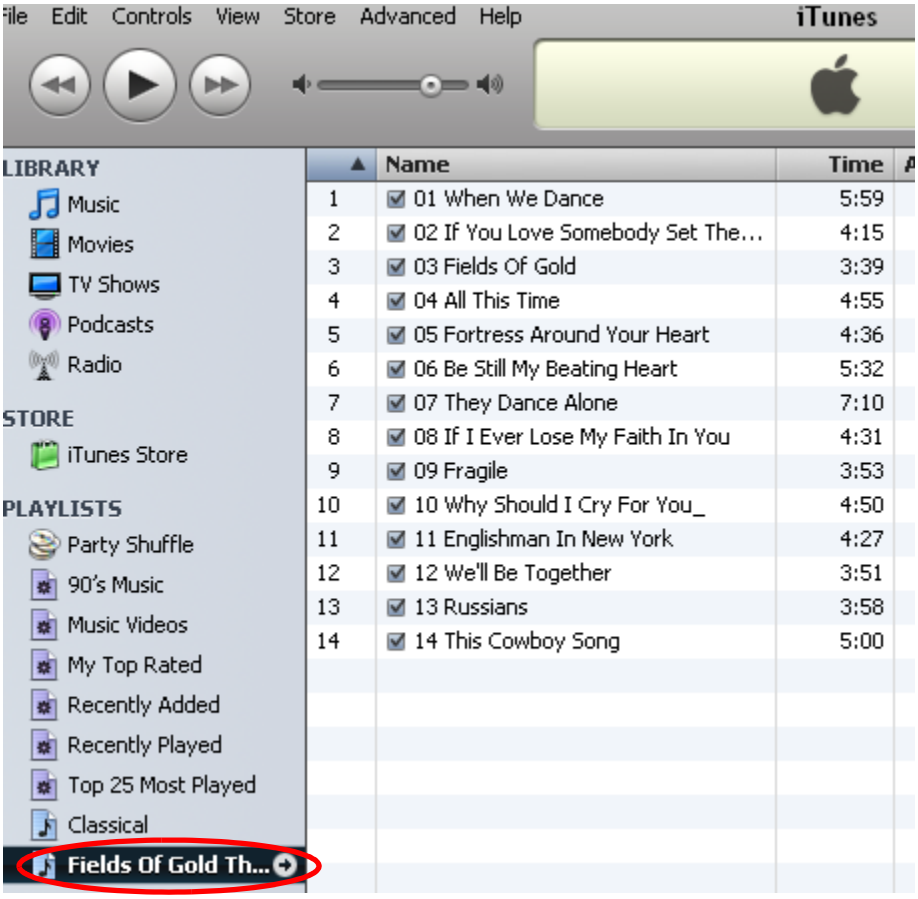
3. When the synchronization is complete, click **OK**.

    - Synchronized files appear in the **Destination folder** *(right navigation pane)*.



4. After the music is synchronized, make sure the **Destination folder** is highlighted and click **Create iTunes Playlist**.

5. iTunes automatically launches, and a playlist is generated.



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SECTION 4: Frequently Asked Questions

How many copies can I burn?

- You are legally entitled to burn a single copy. Each copy is encoded with a unique watermark that associates a disc with your PianoDisc account.

Can I play these CDs on Opus7?

- Yes. However, Opus7 owners already have on-demand access to the PianoDisc music library. After purchasing an album from the PianoDisc Music store, Opus7 owners can download it directly to their system. MusiConnect is not required.

Can I use MusiConnect on an Apple computer?

- MusiConnect v1.5 isn't compatible with a Mac OS at this time.

Can I create PianoSync Creator music without MusiConnect?

- Yes. After purchasing a PianoSync Creator CD from the PianoDisc Music Store and a matching commercial audio CD from a retail store, you can use iTunes running on either a Mac or Windows OS to create PianoSync music.

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