# MIREX Music Information Retrieval Evaluation eXchange An Overview



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#### **MIREX**

#### Music Information Retrieval Evaluation eXchange

- \* Began in 2005 by Stephen Downie (UIUC)
- \* Tasks defined by community debate
- Data sets collected and/or donated
- \* Participants submit code to IMIRSEL (International Music Information Retrieval Systems Evaluation Laboratory, UIUC)
- Code rarely works first try!
- \* Huge labour consumption getting programmes to work
- Meet at ISMIR to discuss results





### MIREX Model

- Based upon the TREC (Text REtrieval Conference) approach:
  - Standardized queries/tasks
  - Standardized collections
  - Standardized evaluations of results
- Not like TREC with regard to distributing data collections to participants:
  - Music copyright issues
  - ground-truth issues
  - overfitting issues





# MIREX Participation

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Tasks	10	13	12	18	26
Individuals	82	50	73	84	138
Runs	86	92	122	169	289

Total: 758





#### MIREX TASKS

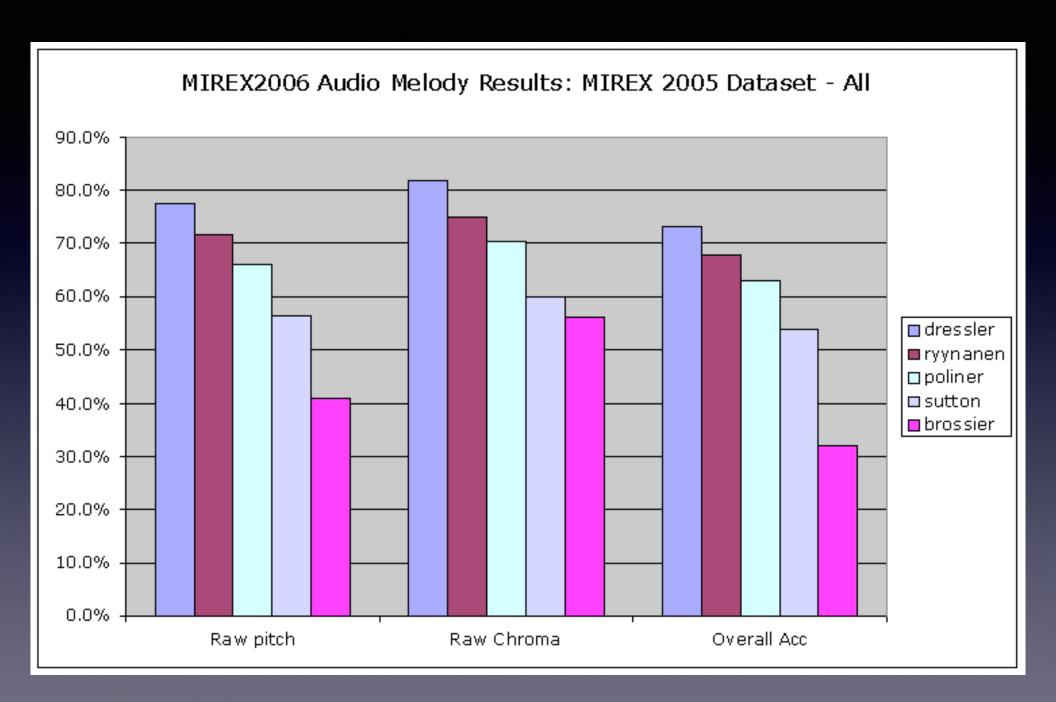
Audio Artist Identification	Audio Onset Detection
Audio Beat Tracking	Audio Tag Classification
Audio Chord Detection	Audio Tempo Extraction
Audio Classical Composer ID	Multiple F0 Estimation
Audio Cover Song Identification	Multiple F0 Note Detection
Audio Drum Detection	Query-by-Singing/Humming
Audio Genre Classification	Query-by-Tapping
Audio Key Finding	Score Following
Audio Melody Extraction	Symbolic Genre Classification
Audio Mood Classification	Symbolic Key Finding
Audio Music Similarity	Symbolic Melodic Similarity



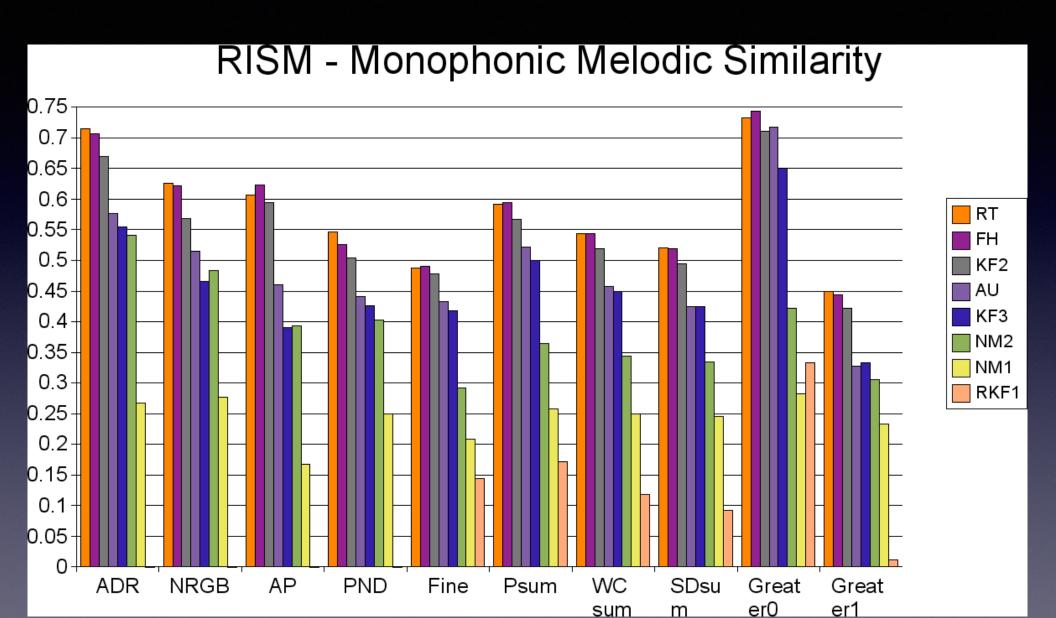
### Number of participants per track

TASK	05	06	07	08
Audio Artist Identification	7		7	11
Audio Beat Tracking		5		
Audio Chord Detection				15*
Audio Classical Composer ID			7	11
Audio Cover Song Identification		8	8	8
Audio Drum Detection	8			
Audio Genre Classification	15		7	26*
Audio Key Finding	7			
Audio Melody Extraction	10	10 *		21*
Audio Mood Classification			9	13
Audio Music Similarity		6	12	
Audio Onset Detection	9	13	17	
Audio Tag Classification				11
Audio Tempo Extraction	13	7		
Multiple F0 Estimation			16	15
Multiple F0 Note Detection			11	13
Query-by-Singing/Humming		23 *	20 *	16*
Query-by-Tapping				5
Score Following		2		3
Symbolic Genre Classification	5			
Symbolic Key Finding	5			
Symbolic Melodic Similarity	7	18 **	8	





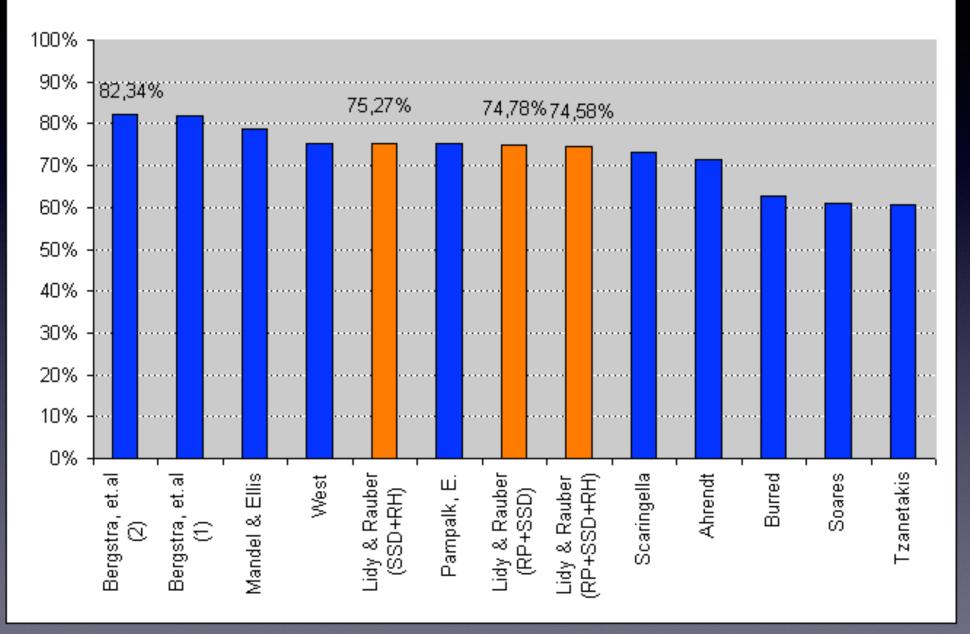








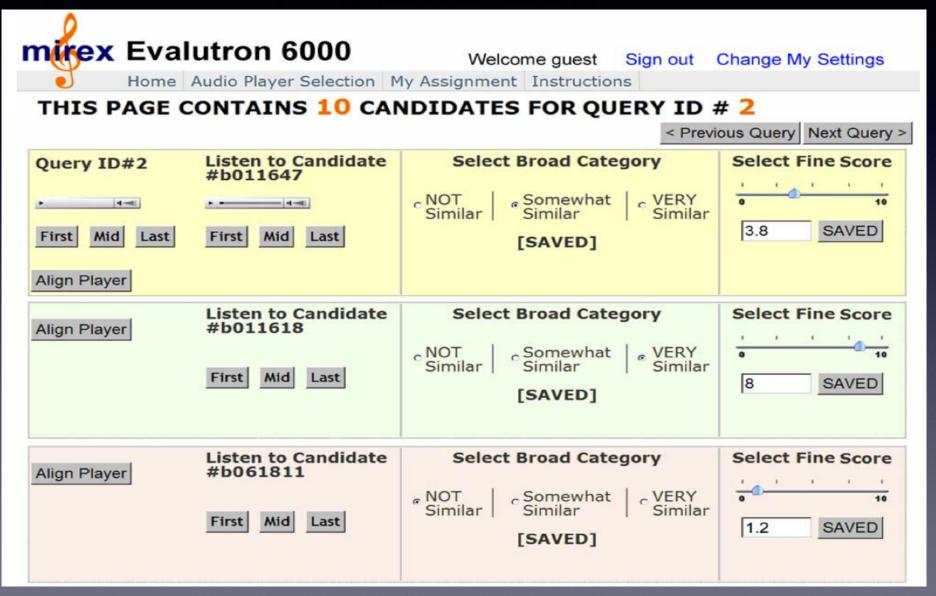
#### MIREX 2005 Audio Genre Classification





### Evalutron 6000

(MIREX: 2006)



## Ongoing Issues

- Non-statically linked libraries
- Input/Output variances from defined formats
- Buggy code: Lack of error logging!
- \* Really need runtime feedback to check progress
- \* Leaving task definitions to last minute
- \* Result metrics and data explosion
- \* Need stronger community leadership in tasks



