

## **Independent by Independence Day**

While sitting behind his desk, George Page, a 34 year old chemical engineering scientist made the life changing decision to follow his dreams. At a time when those of us that have a job are considered lucky, George is ready to risk it all for a chance at happiness. The Chicago native has embarked on a two year journey to create GotADemo, a social network and resource for those pursuing careers within the music industry.

Despite his left brain career, George has always expressed himself through music. As a teen, he coined himself "MC PHD", created a demo and began shopping for a record deal. George has an impressive background in engineering, he even helped to test the Mars Pathfinder Spacecraft as an Engineering Intern for NASA in 1995. But as much as he loved engineering, he seemed to love music even more. Every three years or so he would get the itch and decide to try his hand at music again. He created demos and shopped them at ASCAP conventions and even met with a few small record labels; but he never got his big break.

Because of his own struggles in the music industry, George wanted to help others who had the same dreams of a career in music but did not have the money to create a demo to get them started. Thus, the idea behind GotADemo was born. George worked diligently after work for two years to make his dream a reality. He is dedicated to educating those who have the talent but are afraid of the costs associated with making a demo. By using the GotADemo studio, individuals can showcase their talent at a fraction of the usual cost. When asked how he motivated himself to follow through on his dreams when many people give up, he said "by reading how Facebook, MySpace, and YouTube used simple applications and tons of investor cash to grow into worldwide household names". This gives you an idea of how serious he is about this business and just how high his aspirations are.

Against all reason, George decided to take the leap. He stepped out on faith and took six weeks vacation from his cushy chemical engineering job from May 25 to July 4, 2009. He packed his bags and headed to Atlanta, GA, a growing entertainment hub. In the midst of the toughest economic times that his generation has ever seen, he took a huge gamble. If all goes well with the launch of GotADemo, George plans to return to work on July 6, 2009 with his resignation letter in hand and make his move to Atlanta official. Thus, for George Page, Independence Day has taken on a whole new meaning. So for all those who have dreamed of being a rock-star, take a chance, give GotADemo a try and support George's dream while pursuing your own.