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## Webmaster spreads the word on Vt. music

Tuned in to the Vermont music scene and totally focused on getting the word out, Dave Donegan is an inspiration and a catalyst at Big Heavy World, a nonprofit Web site and recording label that promotes local musicians.

Donegan has managed the [vermontmusicshop.com](http://vermontmusicshop.com) portion of the Web site for more than five years, making independently released Vermont-made music available to patrons from around the world.

He processes and fills orders, updates the inventory with new music, contacts local musicians to see if they're interested in selling their music through Big Heavy World,

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maintains the Web site and uploads new graphics.

Donegan began working for the organization as a student intern from St. Michael's College. He updated the Vermont Music Guide Web pages of Big Heavy World with information gathered from Vermont musicians, Internet research and music reviews in local newspapers.

Now a mentor and trainer for student interns from local high schools and colleges, Donegan helps with their orient-

ation, and shows them how to work on the Web, scan CDs, upload material and communicate with local musicians.

"Dave embodies the concept of putting your heart into your work and his dedication is epic," said Executive Director Jim Lockridge.

"He has the firmest voice within the organization and brings an uncanny wisdom to his guidance as a board member. He is also an amazing person, generous and affable, and

a friend to everyone in Vermont's arts community."

Donegan received a degree in English Literature from St. Michael's College and is employed by Vermont Public Television as pledge coordinator for the on-air portion of fundraising.

He resides in Burlington and enjoys music and computers.

"We're an organization that is run by volunteers — everyone there is doing it because they love Vermont and Vermont music," Donegan said. "We feel that it is important to spread the word about something we really love."

By Beth Gillespie, United Way volunteer



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