



Old School Video Game Projects

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Video Games?

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Jumping in: Super Mario Bros (NES)

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video "Super Mario Bros. (NES): Level 1-1". The video player is centered and shows the title screen of the game. The title screen has a purple background with the text "MARIO 000000", "WORLD 1-1", "TIME", "1 PLAYER GAME", "2 PLAYER GAME", and "TOP- 000000". Below the video player, the video title "Super Mario Bros. (NES): Level 1-1" is displayed, along with the channel name "Nintendo News" and a subscriber count of 437. The video has 508,614 views and 66 comments. The video was uploaded on May 30, 2008. To the right of the video player, there is a list of suggested videos, including "Super Mario Bros. (NES): Level 1-2", "South Park: The Stick of Truth: It's Actually Coming Out, and It Looks Great", "Super Mario Bros. - 600 points, no deaths", "(Left 4 Dead) Super Mario Bros. (World 1-1) v0.2", "New Super Mario Bros. DS - All 19 Boss Fights (Tower & Castle Bosses) Ending &", "Super Mario Bros 3 NES Complete Game!!!", and "Bowser's Mushroom Factory".

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Video Games?

- Who plays video games?
- Why use video games in music education?



What is 8-bit?

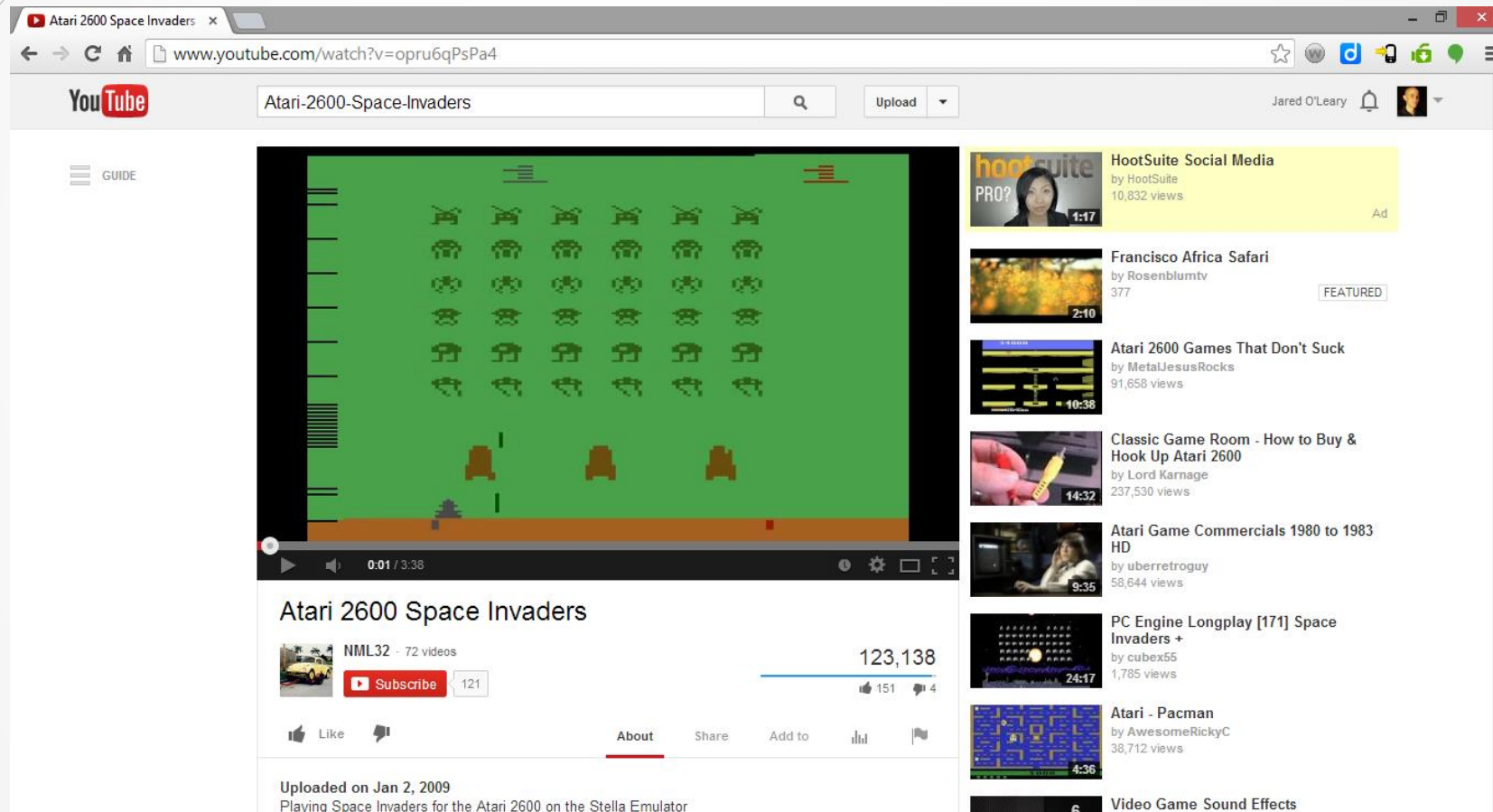
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An intro to 8-bit: Pong (Atari)

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The main video is titled "Arcade Gameplay - Original Pong - Atari - Boulot-Retro-Dodo.fr" and is 2:35 long. The video content shows a classic Pong game on a black background with a vertical dashed line in the center and two white vertical bars representing paddles. Below the video player, the channel name "Sébastien Cousin" is visible with 134 videos and 16,907 subscribers. The video was published on April 30, 2012, and the description reads: "Découvrez le jeu vidéo Pong sur borne d'arcade de la société Atari -". To the right of the video player, there is a list of recommended videos, including "GTA 5: How To Find The Sea Monster (aka Whale Skeleton)", "La revanche des geeks - Documentaire Arte", "Tomb Raider - La renaissance de Lara Croft - Reportage Geek", "Arcade Gameplay - Space Invaders (1978) - Boulot-Retro-Dodo.fr", "Arcade Gameplay - Pac-Man - Namco - Boulot-Retro-Dodo.fr", "My Top 10 Video Game Easter Eggs and Secrets of 2013", and "ATARI 2600 TOP 35 MEJORES JUEGOS".

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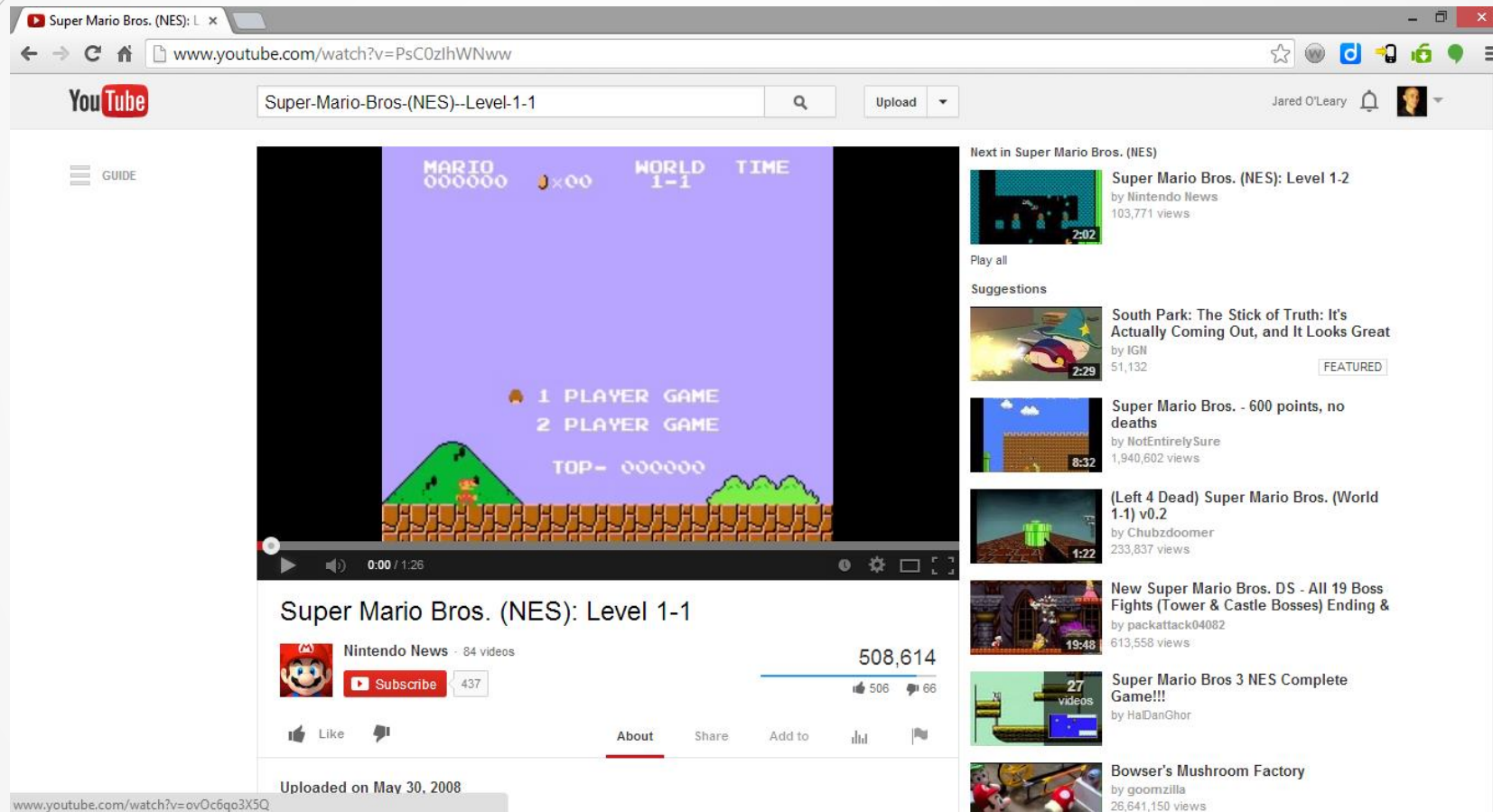
An intro to 8-bit: Space Invaders (Atari 2600)



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video 'Atari 2600 Space Invaders'. The video is currently at 0:01 / 3:38. The video content shows a classic Space Invaders game on a green background with a brown ground line. The player's name is NML32, with 72 videos and 123,138 views. The video was uploaded on Jan 2, 2009, and is playing on the Stella Emulator. The right sidebar features several recommended videos, including 'HootSuite Social Media', 'Francisco Africa Safari', 'Atari 2600 Games That Don't Suck', 'Classic Game Room - How to Buy & Hook Up Atari 2600', 'Atari Game Commercials 1980 to 1983 HD', 'PC Engine Longplay [171] Space Invaders +', 'Atari - Pacman', and 'Video Game Sound Effects'.

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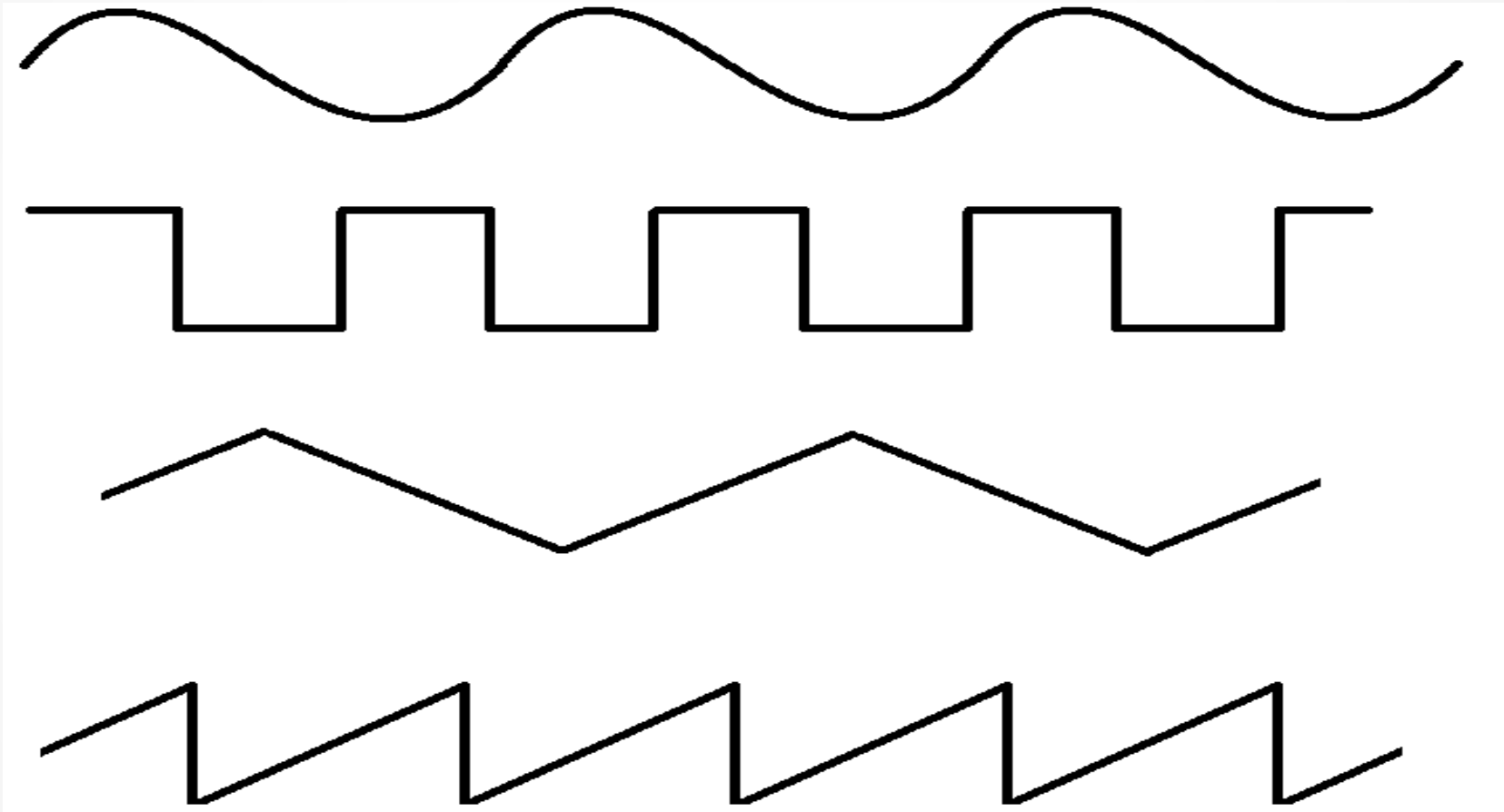
An intro to 8-bit: Super Mario Bros (NES)



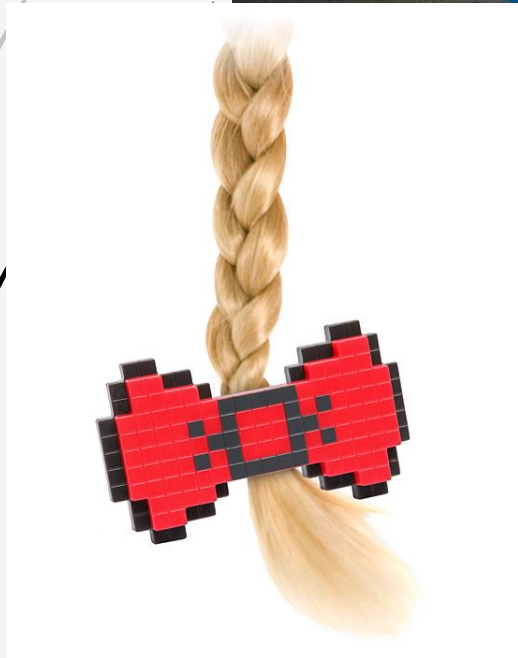
The screenshot shows a YouTube video player displaying the title screen of Super Mario Bros (NES) Level 1-1. The video player interface includes a search bar with the text "Super-Mario-Bros-(NES)--Level-1-1", a video player with a progress bar at 0:00 / 1:26, and a video description area. The video description includes the title "Super Mario Bros. (NES): Level 1-1", the channel name "Nintendo News" with 84 videos and 437 subscribers, and a view count of 508,614. The video was uploaded on May 30, 2008. To the right of the video player, there are several video suggestions, including "Super Mario Bros. (NES): Level 1-2" by Nintendo News (103,771 views), "South Park: The Stick of Truth: It's Actually Coming Out, and It Looks Great" by IGN (51,132 views), "Super Mario Bros. - 600 points, no deaths" by NotEntirelySure (1,940,602 views), "(Left 4 Dead) Super Mario Bros. (World 1-1) v0.2" by Chubzdoomer (233,837 views), "New Super Mario Bros. DS - All 19 Boss Fights (Tower & Castle Bosses) Ending &" by packattack04082 (613,558 views), "Super Mario Bros 3 NES Complete Game!!!" by HalDanGhor (27 videos), and "Bowser's Mushroom Factory" by goomzilla (26,641,150 views).

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Wave forms in 8-bit



Is 8-bit relevant?



<http://www.GeekFeed.info>



Let's play!



Let's create!



Let's share!



Let's talk!



What just happened?

- ▶ What aspects of music did we explore?
- ▶ How does the 8-bit aesthetic shape the musical decisions we explored?
- ▶ How could we interact with sound in video games?
- ▶ What unique musical experiences do video games provide?
- ▶ What aspects of music could we explore in projects relating to old school video games?



Why 8-bit and not any MIDI data?

- ▶ Technological constraints = project criteria
 - ▶ Memory = Limited number of measures
 - ▶ Evolving environments = Evolving music
 - ▶ Key/Mode = Key/Mode
 - ▶ Limited channels = Limited number of voices
 - ▶ Wave form limitations = Limited timbre options



Potential projects

What could a project look like?

Composing original works

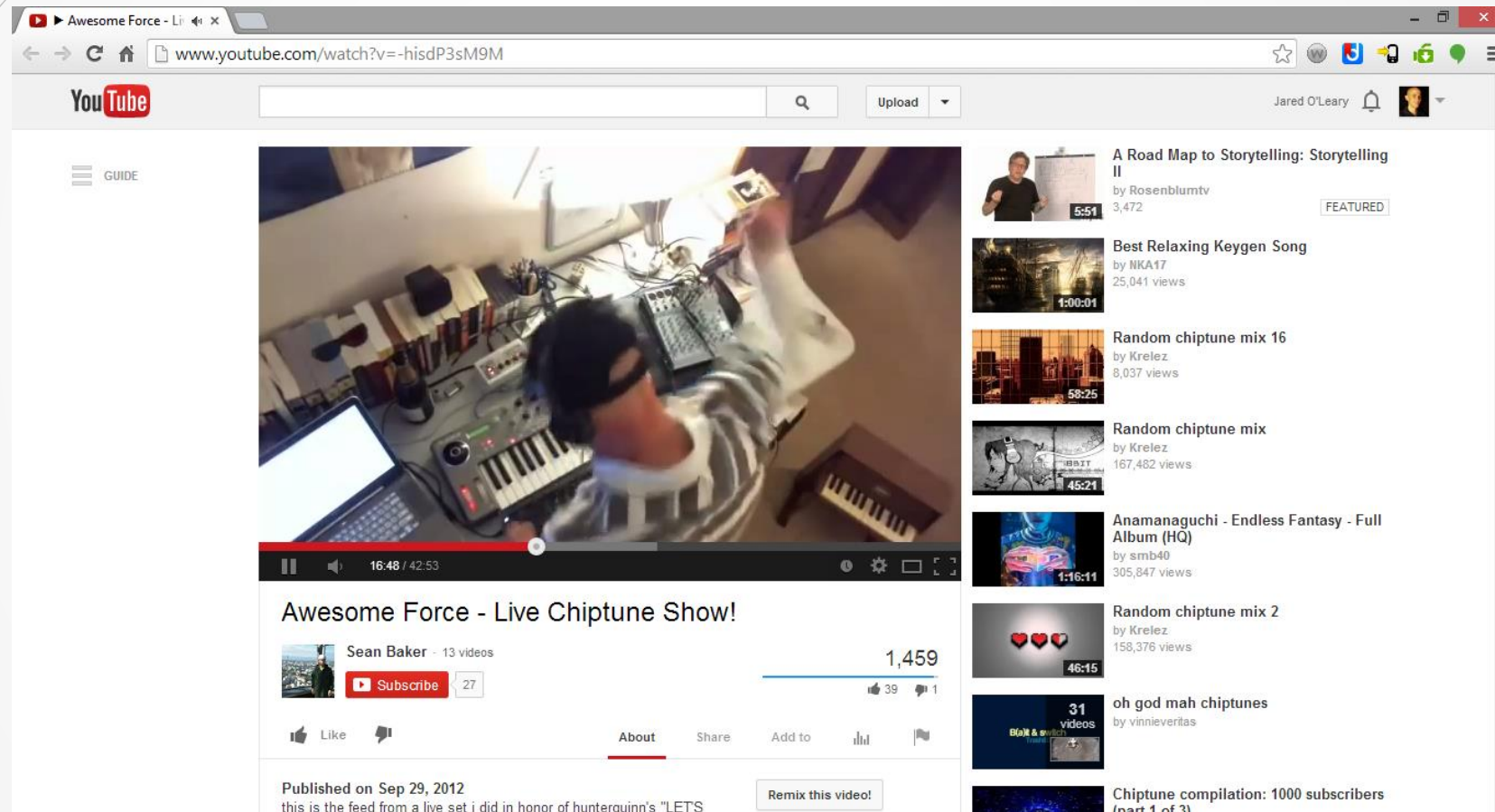
The screenshot shows a Twitter browser window with the URL <https://twitter.com/OCPDMusic/chiptune-vgm/members>. The page displays the 'Chiptune-VGM' list, a public list by Jared O'Leary with 81 members and 0 subscribers. The list members section includes:

- Game Music Online @V_G_M_O**: Game Music Online is the definitive journalistic resource for game music.
- ChiptuneFacts @ChiptuneFacts**: Providing the best in Chiptune Facts since [date redacted]!!
- Jonathan Clemens, Jr @AnalogStik**: Founder of the Analogstik Charity Organization. Avid video game lover. Freelance musician.
- Beep: Game Sound Doc @GameSoundDoc**: Launching a Kickstarter late summer for a documentary history of video game music. This is the account for the film & book, postings by Karen Collins.
- 8BitLA @8BitLA**: Sister group of 8bitSF, booking and promoting chiptune shows in Los Angeles and surrounding areas of Southern California.
- vg-piano @vg_piano**: Featuring VGM Covers and news!
- I/O Chip Music @IOChipmusic**: New York City's home for new and established chip musicians.
- Glentai @Glentai**: Chipmusician. Absurdity enthusiast. Founder of Clipstream. Loves incomplete sentences and.
- Pete Lepley @PhoneticHero**: Multifaceted video game/film composer, comic and cartoon lover, and beast master based out of KC. TUNES! - <http://phonetichero.bandcamp.com/>
- Knight of the Round @KOTRMetal**: We re-create Final Fantasy music and make it METAL.
- Chiptunes = WIN @ChiptunesWIN**: The SUPER ("DUPER" even) Official Twitter of Chiptunes = WIN. \n|v|/m/

The right sidebar shows 'Recently added members' including Game Music Online, ChiptuneFacts, Jonathan Clemens, Jr, and Beep: Game Sound Doc. The footer contains copyright information: © 2014 Twitter About Help Terms Privacy Cookies Ads info Brand Blog Status Apps Jobs Advertise Businesses Media Developers.

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Performing original works




The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video "Awesome Force - Live Chiptune Show!". The video is by Sean Baker, who has 13 videos and 27 subscribers. The video has 1,459 views, 39 likes, and 1 dislike. The video player shows a person performing at a desk with a keyboard and a laptop. The video is published on Sep 29, 2012, and is described as "this is the feed from a live set i did in honor of hunterquinn's 'LETS'". There is a "Remix this video!" button. To the right of the video player is a list of recommended videos, including "A Road Map to Storytelling: Storytelling II" by Rosenblumtv (3,472 views), "Best Relaxing Keygen Song" by NKA17 (25,041 views), "Random chiptune mix 16" by Krelez (8,037 views), "Random chiptune mix" by Krelez (167,482 views), "Anamanaguchi - Endless Fantasy - Full Album (HQ)" by smb40 (305,847 views), "Random chiptune mix 2" by Krelez (158,376 views), "oh god mah chiptunes" by vinnieveritas (31 videos), and "Chiptune compilation: 1000 subscribers (part 1 of 3)".

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Film scoring for 8-bit video games



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player with the following details:

- Video Title:** Tugboat - 8-bit Hip Hop Medley w/ Best of Nintendo NES Gameplay
- Channel:** oldmansnots - 24 videos
- Views:** 23,979
- Upload Date:** Oct 6, 2010
- Description:** This had to be Done. Tried my best to match each game with the

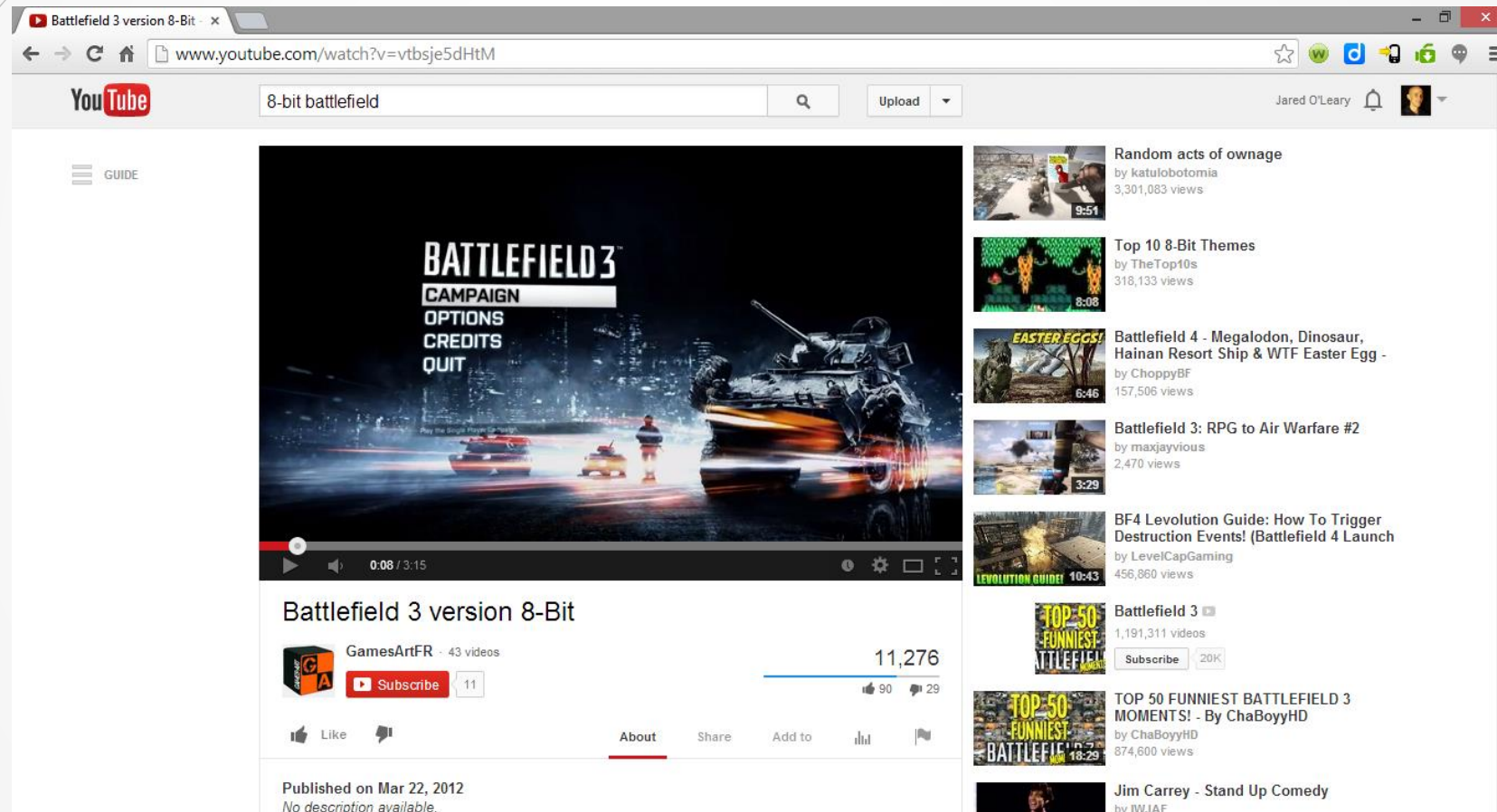
The video player shows a still image of a Nintendo NES console, a controller, and a red gun. The video progress is at 0:01 / 5:27.

Recommended videos on the right:

- 50 videos: YouTube Mix - Tugboat - 8-bit Hip Hop Medley w/ Best of Nintendo NES
- Super Metroid - Soundtrack (SPC) by Jiseng So, 207,219 views
- Random chiptune mix 14 by Krelez, 13,506 views
- NiN10Doh - ToThe64thPower by tomatoshadow, 1,569,896 views
- Two Best Sisters Play - PKMN Snap by 2Snacks, 411,859 views
- Early Nintendo NES system clone from the 1980's! Meet the MicroGenius by ASSEMBlergames.com, 135,824 views
- Tugboat - Man of the Year (Full Album) Chiptune by Zer0Funk, 200 views
- Ludacris - What's Your Fantasy ft. Shawwna

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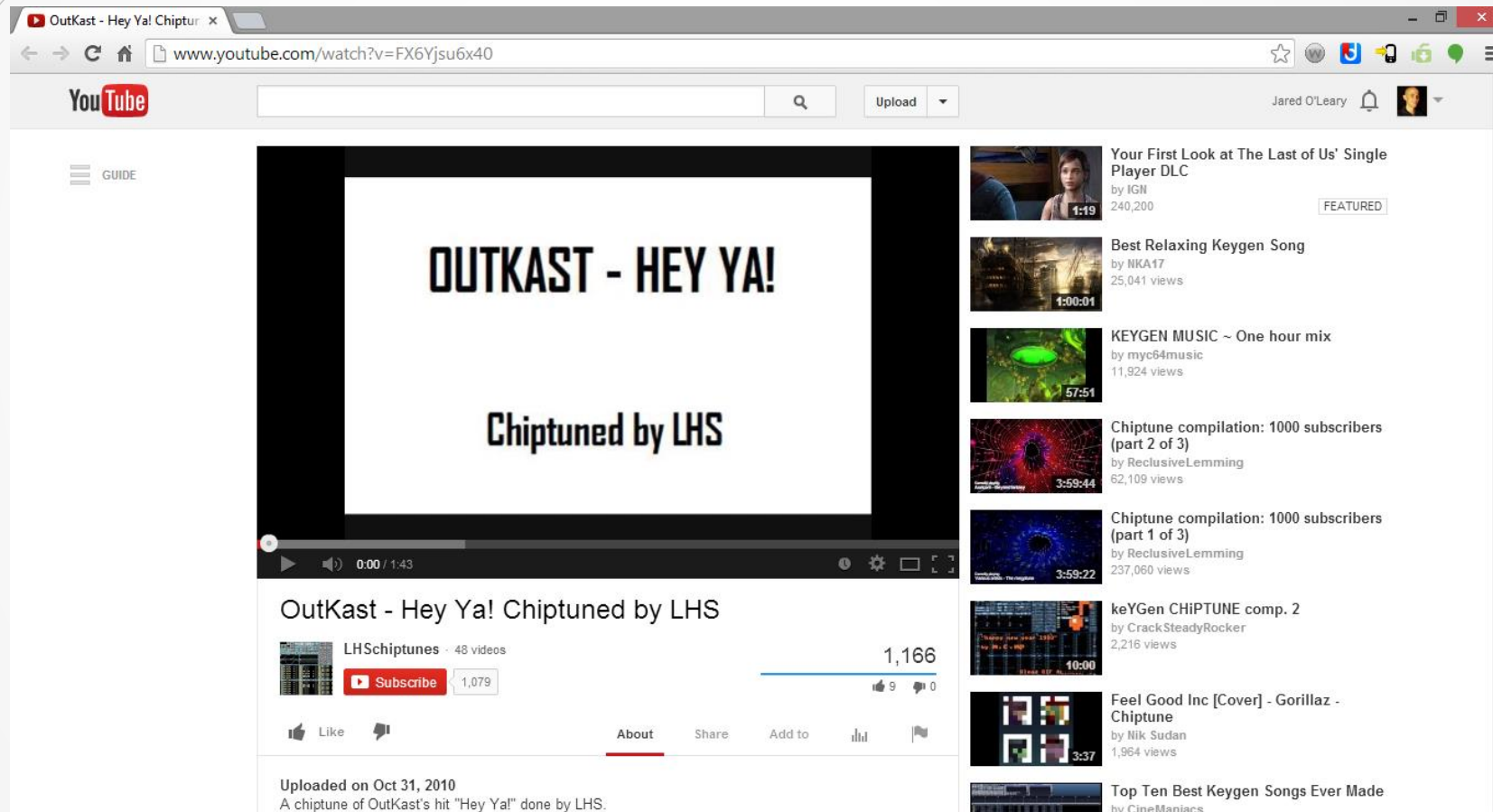
Film scoring for modern video games



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video "Battlefield 3 version 8-Bit" by GamesArtFR. The video is currently at 0:08 of a 3:15 duration. The video player shows a menu for Battlefield 3 with options: CAMPAIGN, OPTIONS, CREDITS, and QUIT. The video has 11,276 views and 11 subscribers. The video was published on Mar 22, 2012, and no description is available. To the right of the video player, there is a list of recommended videos:

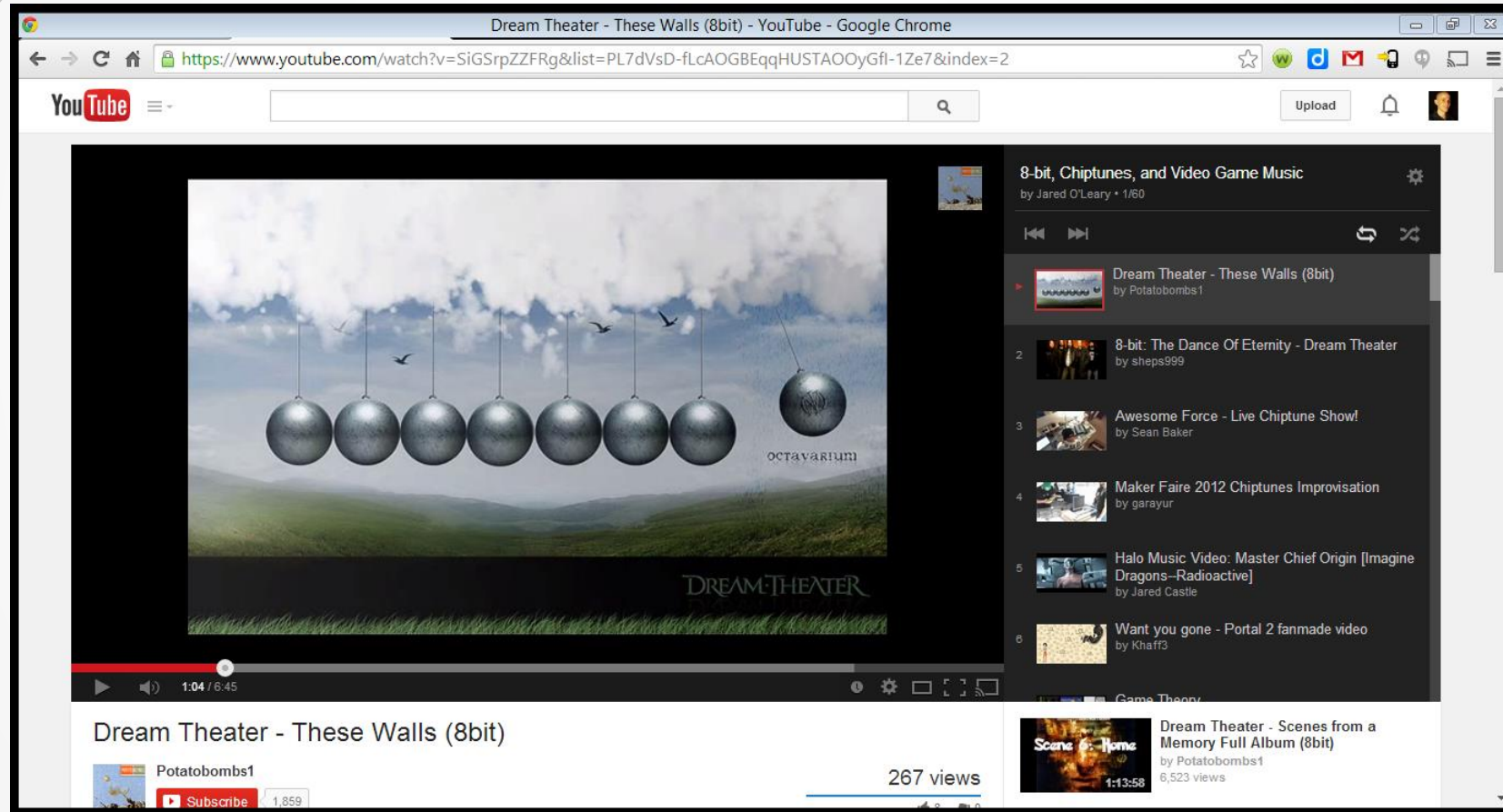
- Random acts of ownage by katulobotomia, 3,301,083 views, 9:51
- Top 10 8-Bit Themes by TheTop10s, 318,133 views, 8:08
- Battlefield 4 - Megalodon, Dinosaur, Hainan Resort Ship & WTF Easter Egg - by ChoppyBF, 157,506 views, 6:46
- Battlefield 3: RPG to Air Warfare #2 by maxjayvious, 2,470 views, 3:29
- BF4 Levolution Guide: How To Trigger Destruction Events! (Battlefield 4 Launch) by LevelCapGaming, 456,860 views, 10:43
- Battlefield 3 TOP 50 FUNNIEST MOMENTS! by ChaBoyyHD, 874,600 views, 18:29
- Jim Carrey - Stand Up Comedy by IWJAF

What could a project look like? 8-bit remixes/covers/arrangements

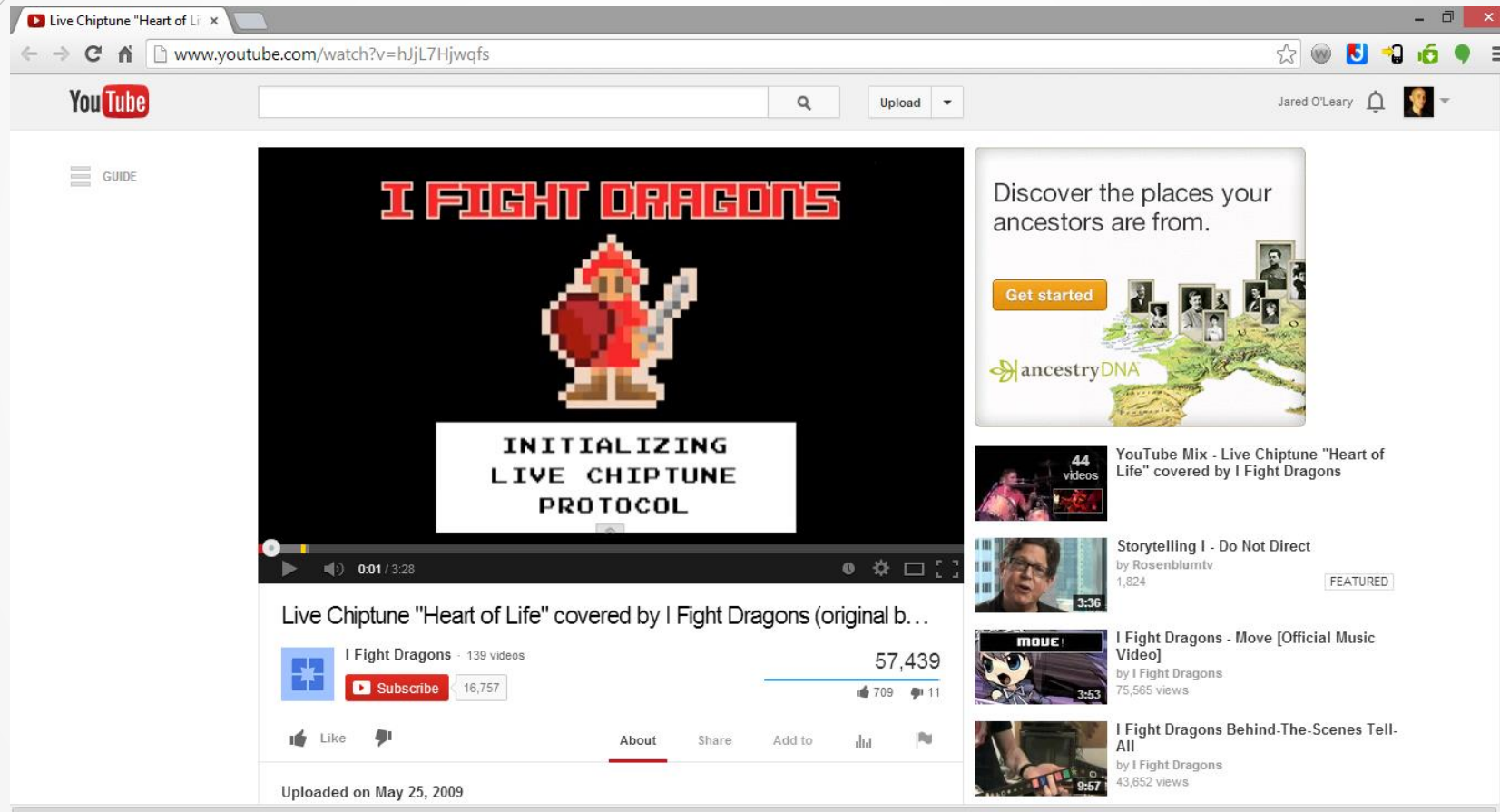


The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video "OutKast - Hey Ya! Chiptuned by LHS". The video player is currently at 0:00 / 1:43. The video title is "OutKast - Hey Ya! Chiptuned by LHS". The channel is "LHSchiptunes" with 48 videos and 1,079 subscribers. The video has 1,166 likes and 0 dislikes. The video description is "Uploaded on Oct 31, 2010. A chiptune of OutKast's hit 'Hey Ya!' done by LHS." The video player is surrounded by a YouTube interface, including a search bar, a navigation menu, and a list of recommended videos on the right side. The recommended videos include "Your First Look at The Last of Us' Single Player DLC" by IGN, "Best Relaxing Keygen Song" by NKA17, "KEYGEN MUSIC ~ One hour mix" by myc64music, "Chiptune compilation: 1000 subscribers (part 2 of 3)" by ReclusiveLemming, "Chiptune compilation: 1000 subscribers (part 1 of 3)" by ReclusiveLemming, "keYGen CHIPTUNE comp. 2" by CrackSteadyRocker, "Feel Good Inc [Cover] - Gorillaz - Chiptune" by Nik Sudan, and "Top Ten Best Keygen Songs Ever Made" by CineManiacs.

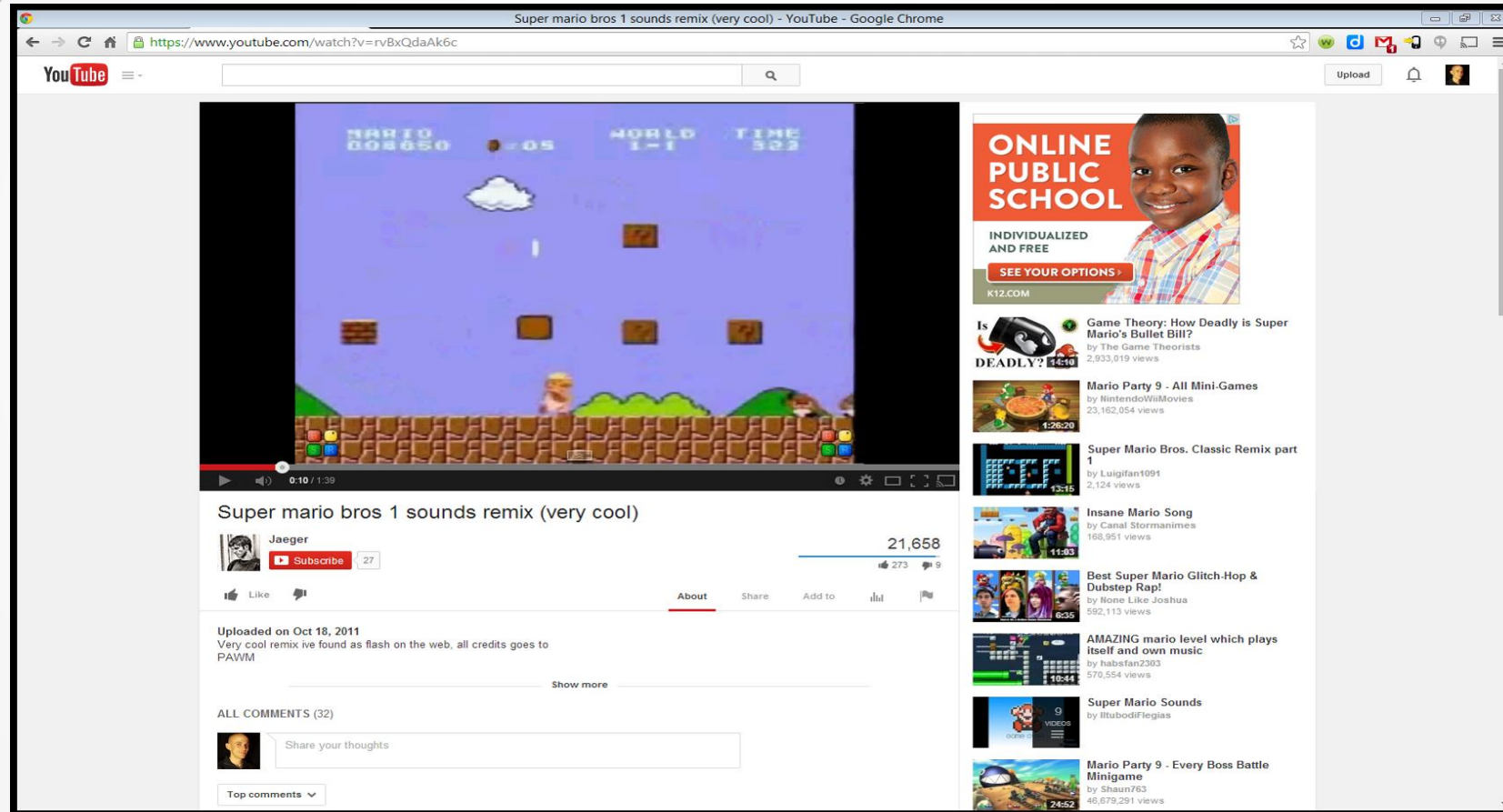
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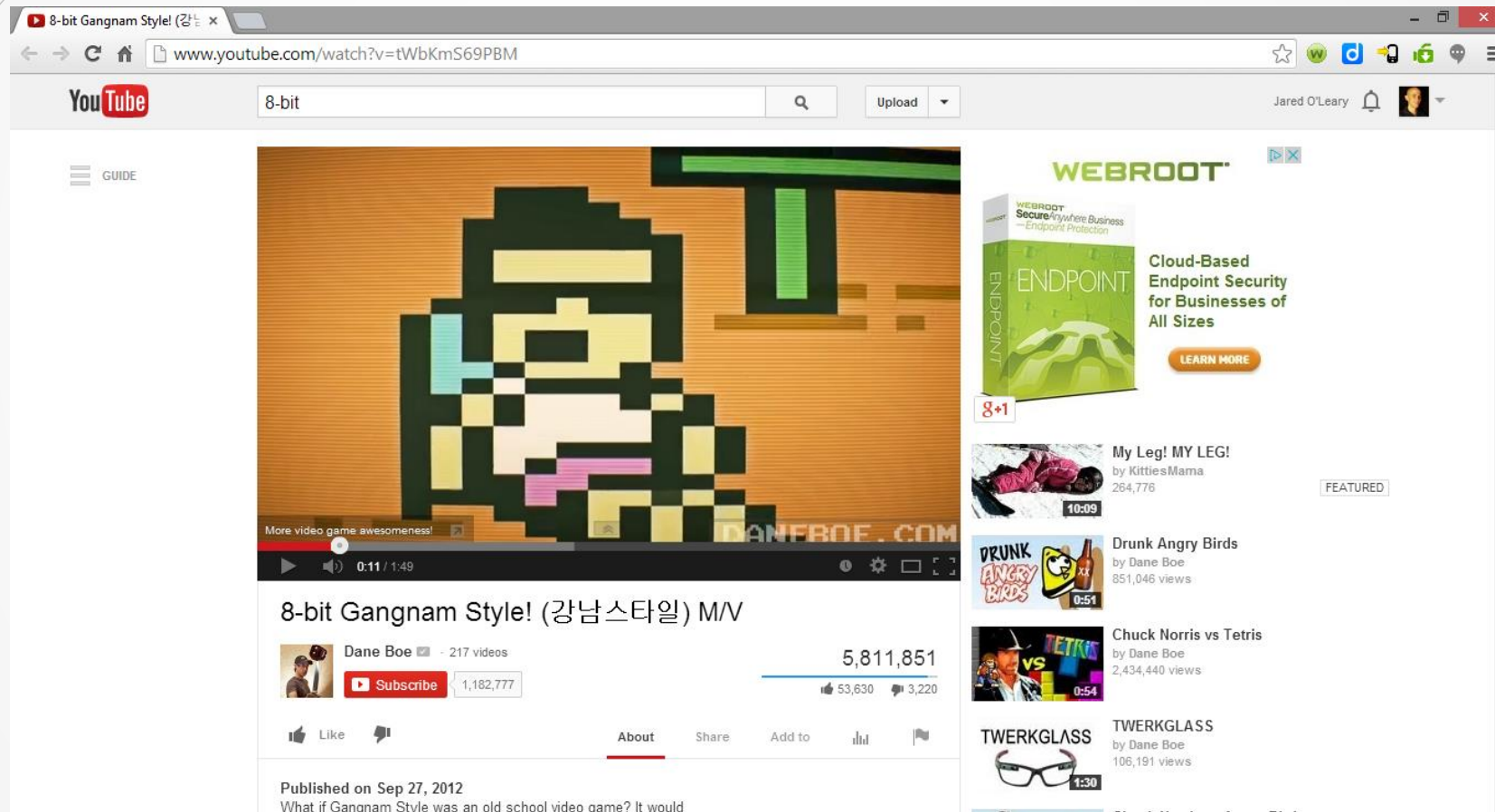


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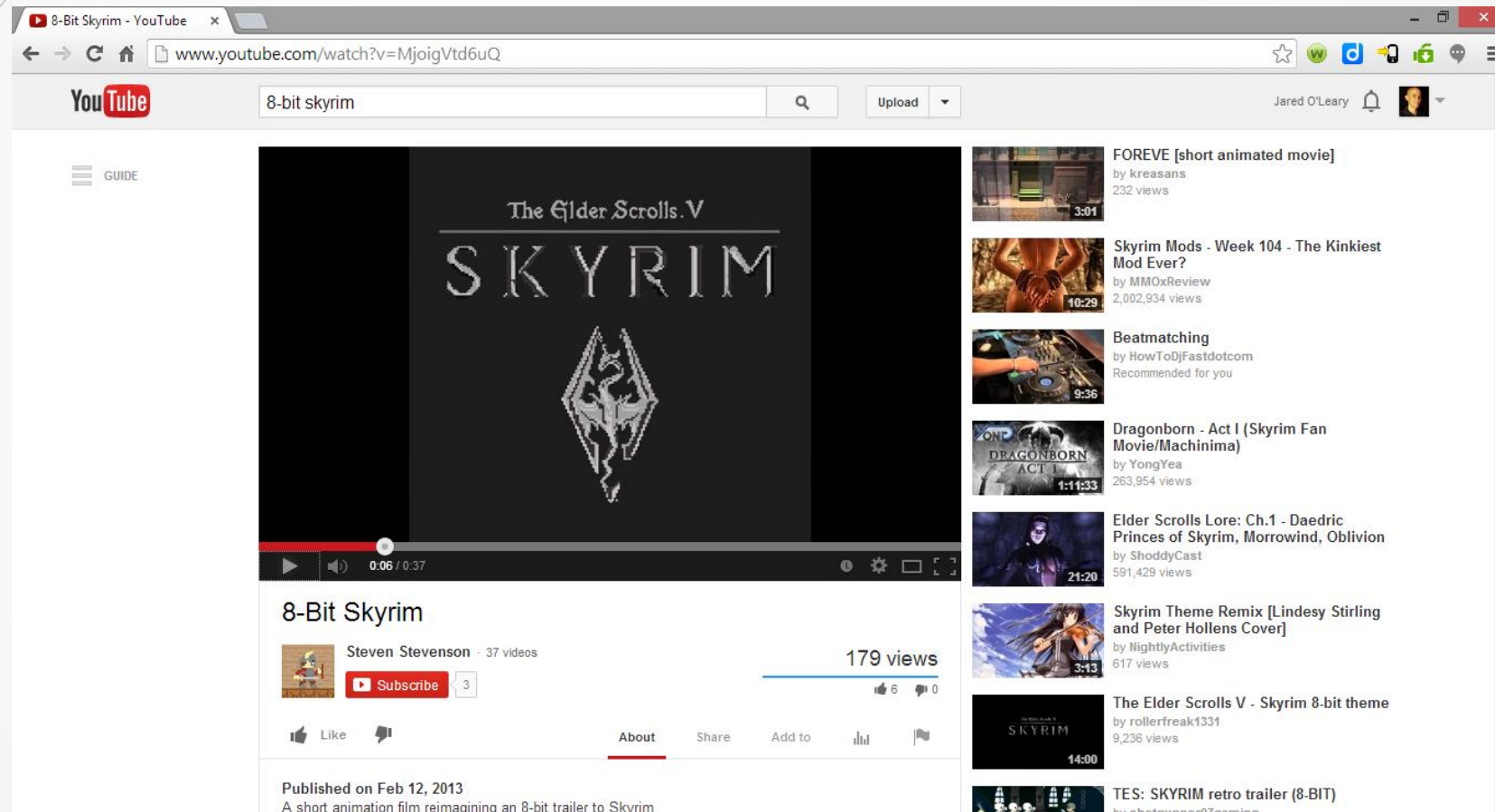
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Interdisciplinary projects



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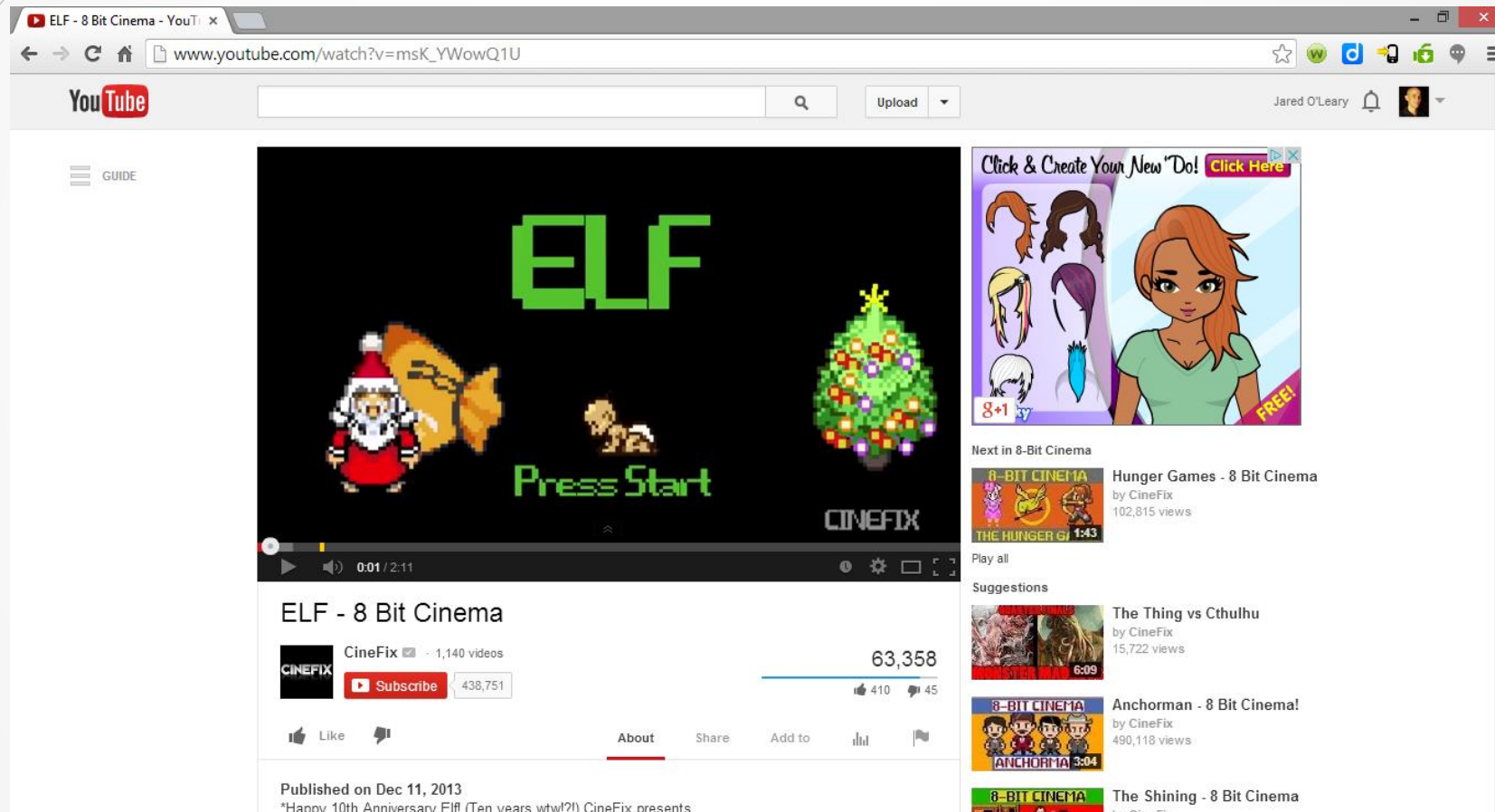


The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video "8-bit Skyrim" by Steven Stevenson. The video player is centered and shows a title card for "The Elder Scrolls V SKYRIM" with the Dragonborn logo. Below the video player, the video title "8-bit Skyrim" is displayed, along with the channel name "Steven Stevenson" and "37 videos". The video has "179 views" and a "Subscribe" button with "3" subscribers. The video description reads: "Published on Feb 12, 2013 A short animation film reimagining an 8-bit trailer to Skyrim". To the right of the video player, there is a list of recommended videos, including "FOREVE [short animated movie]", "Skyrim Mods - Week 104 - The Kinkiest Mod Ever?", "Beatmatching", "Dragonborn - Act I (Skyrim Fan Movie/Machinima)", "Elder Scrolls Lore: Ch.1 - Daedric Princes of Skyrim, Morrowind, Oblivion", "Skyrim Theme Remix [Lindsey Stirling and Peter Hollens Cover]", "The Elder Scrolls V - Skyrim 8-bit theme", and "TES: SKYRIM retro trailer (8-BIT)".

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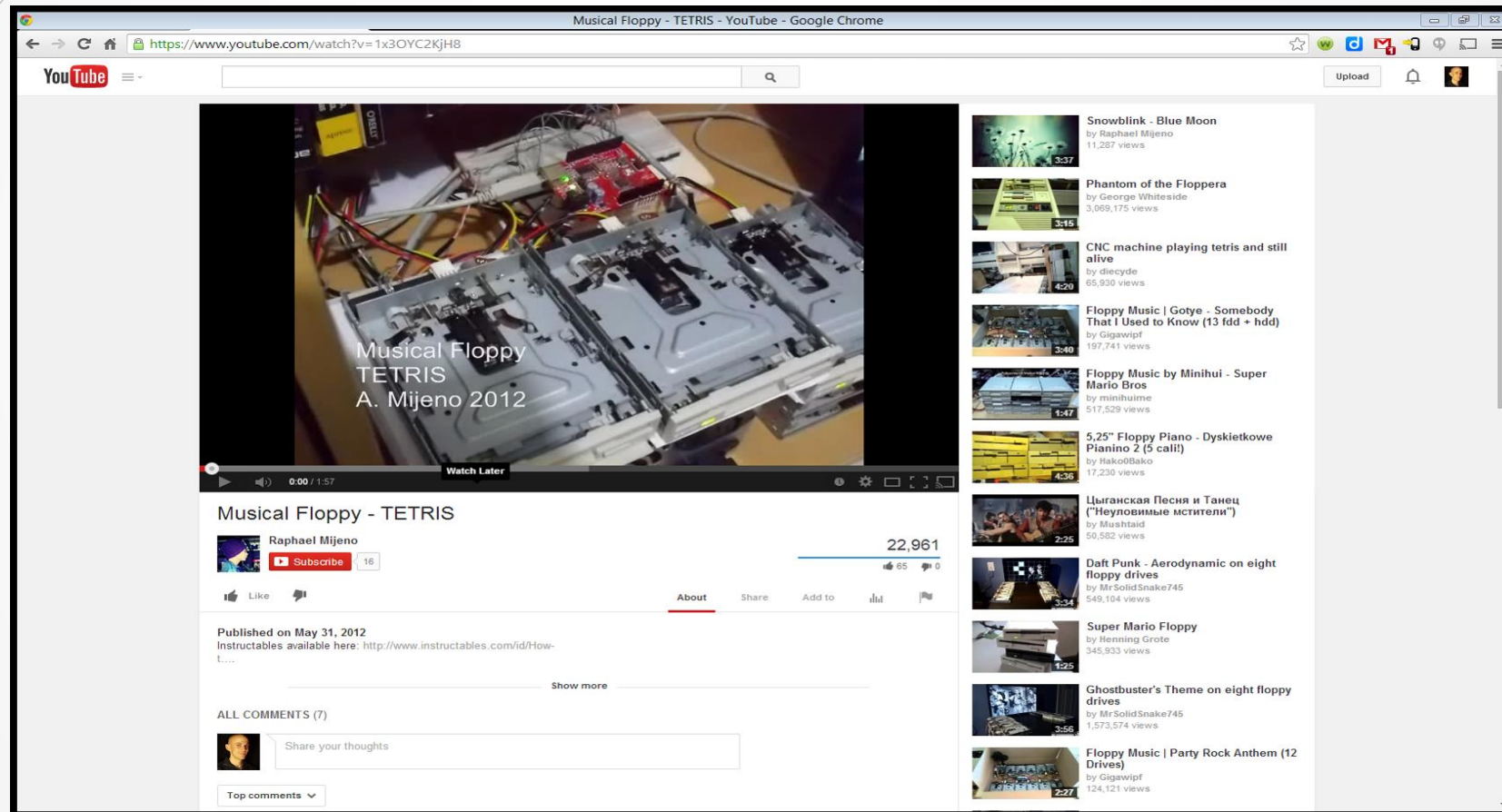
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The screenshot shows a YouTube video player for the video "ELF - 8 Bit Cinema" by CineFix. The video player is in the center, showing a pixelated title screen with the word "ELF" in green, a pixelated Santa Claus, a pixelated dog, and a pixelated Christmas tree. The video has 63,358 views and 410 likes. Below the video player, there is a section for "Next in 8-Bit Cinema" with three video thumbnails: "Hunger Games - 8 Bit Cinema", "The Thing vs Cthulhu", and "Anchorman - 8 Bit Cinema!". There is also a "Suggestions" section with two video thumbnails: "The Thing vs Cthulhu" and "Anchorman - 8 Bit Cinema!". The video was published on Dec 11, 2013, and is part of the "8-BIT CINEMA" series.

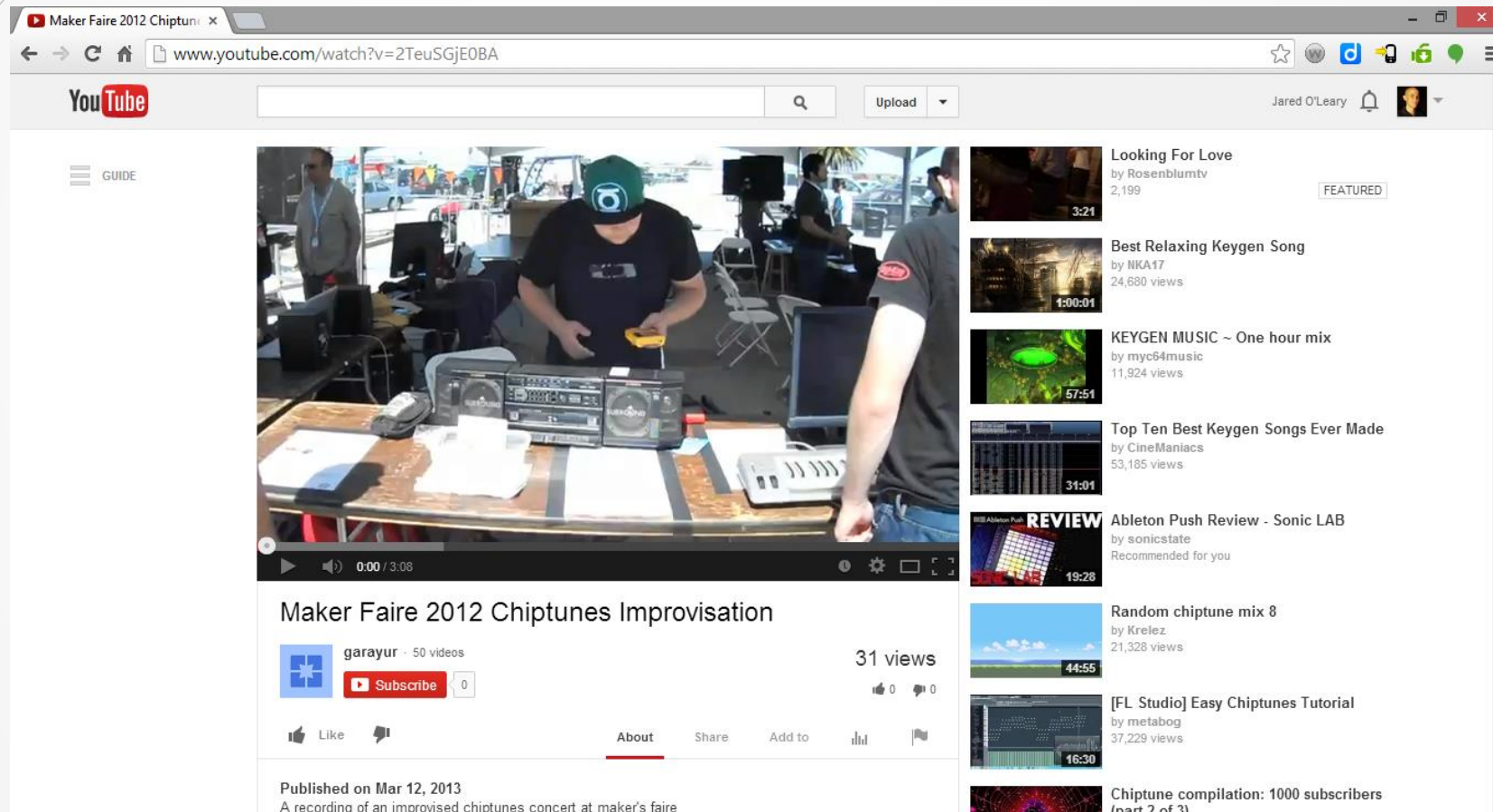
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Interdisciplinary STEM/STEAM projects



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The screenshot shows a YouTube video player with the following details:

- Video Title:** Maker Faire 2012 Chiptunes Improvisation
- Channel:** garayur · 50 videos
- Views:** 31 views
- Published:** Mar 12, 2013
- Description:** A recording of an improvised chiptunes concert at maker's faire

The video player shows a person wearing a green cap with a white eye-like logo, standing behind a table with electronic equipment. The video progress is at 0:00 / 3:08.

Recommended Videos:

- Looking For Love by Rosenblumtv (2,199 views, 3:24)
- Best Relaxing Keygen Song by NKA17 (24,680 views, 1:00:01)
- KEYGEN MUSIC ~ One hour mix by myc64music (11,924 views, 57:51)
- Top Ten Best Keygen Songs Ever Made by CineManiacs (53,185 views, 31:01)
- Ableton Push Review - Sonic LAB by sonicstate (19:28)
- Random chiptune mix 8 by Krelez (21,328 views, 44:55)
- [FL Studio] Easy Chiptunes Tutorial by metabog (37,229 views, 16:30)
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