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* SID is popular!

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* Demos: pouet.net
* Scene Music: scenemusic.net
* C=64 Intros: intros.c64.org
* The scene: scene.org
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   1. Realtime gfx, zik, 3D & code
   2. Small, elegant & free
   3. Attempt new fx
   4. Intros related to pirating
   5. Platforms & categories
   6. Some are art, many are not.

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