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Tuesday, 08 March 2016

Things Ctein-y

First, here's the ultimate authority on how to pronounce "Ctein":

MP3:

 This-is-ctein

Secondly, enough people have inquired about the Micro 4/3 "Moon and Bay Bridge" demo print that Ctein is going to make a few more. Without being set up for a large-volume sale, the least he can do it for this time is \$75. Add \$25 shipping and handling for a total of \$100—still nice and inexpensive. The prints will be just like they were in [the \\$19.95 print sale](#)— Premium Luster paper, unsigned, with a legend printed at the bottom, etc.—but this time they'll be shipped flat. And this time he can take international orders.

This isn't a formal and proper TOP sale (although he will be giving TOP 20% of the proceeds), so if you're interested simply e-mail Ctein (ctein@pobox.com) with a query.

Mike

[**UPDATE, Tuesday evening:** *A big THANKS! to everyone who sent me MP3's of the Ctein file. I hate it when I do that....when I posted that request I wasn't remembering that I had to be gone all afternoon taking the car in to be serviced, and wouldn't be around to post the MP3 and thus alert people that I'd already been provided with help. Sorry for causing duplication of effort! But thanks very much to everyone who helped, all the same. — Mike*]

*(To see all the comments, click on the "Comments" link below.)***Featured Comments** from:

Gordon Cahill: "Awesome. My copy of Ctein's print has skyrocketed in value. Better investment than the stock market. :-)"

Steven Ralser: "That print convinced me to go to Micro 4/3 and I haven't looked back. My back is thanking me."

Posted on Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 09:50 AM in [Ctein](#). [Print Offers](#) | [Permalink](#)

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Comments

Mike:

I'm on the iPad in a coffeehouse right now, or I'd do the conversion. Download the free Audacity program. That's what I use when I need to do this kind of audio work.

Steve

Posted by: Steve G | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 10:18 AM](#)

Ctein's print is a real eye-opener. Highly recommended

Posted by: David S | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 11:54 AM](#)

nice announcer voice. Star of the future TOP Podcast?

Posted by: [Michel](#) | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 12:28 PM](#)

a file that will last until the next time I clean out my dropbox folder:

 <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ep4mwstob3kla5c/this-is-ctein.mp3?dl=0>

its really easy in iTunes, if you know that step one is going into preferences and changing the cd import settings to mp3...

Posted by: Alex S | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 12:45 PM](#)

Now that you've dealt with the Ctein* pronouniation would you take us through "Johnston". We need to know whether you pronounce the "t" and how you deal with the missing terminal "e". * in my head I always pronounce Ctein with a silent "c" because that is how I pronounce all the other English words beginning with "ct".

Posted by: Richard Parkin | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 01:54 PM](#)

I have an mp3 file for you but I cant attach/insert it into this comments box. Do you have and email address?

Posted by: Tony | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 02:15 PM](#)

Man I was so close. I had always thought his name was pronounced (Ka-TEEN)

Posted by: Ben | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 04:00 PM](#)

It's a pity this comment font is not able to display IPA - it seems /k'taɪn/ (the strange char is a small uppercase I). I am not sure if there is a schwa between /k/ and /t/.

Reference:
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Phonetic_AlphabetPosted by: [Romano Giannetti](#) | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 04:28 PM](#)

Ah well. It show the IPA code correctly in the end. Nice!

Posted by: [Romano Giannetti](#) | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 04:31 PM](#)

just used an online converter - I sent you an email with the mp3

Posted by: Michael Cytrynowicz | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 04:36 PM](#)

I've converted This is Ctein to MP-3 and cut out that little pop at the end. If you go to dropbox.com, you can retrieve the file with this link:

 <https://www.dropbox.com/s/07in7y4v1kypas7/This%20is%20ctein.mp3?dl=0>

I'll leave it there for a day or two.

Posted by: Glenn Allenspach | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 04:43 PM](#)

OK, now that EVERYONE knows how Ctein's name is pronounced, can we get an article on *why* or *how* he chose that name? I'm assuming his mamma didn't name him that at birth...

If she did, then she must've been a very interesting woman indeed, so I'd like a story about her life instead.

Posted by: [Misereux](#) | [Tuesday, 08 March 2016 at 08:15 PM](#)

> how you deal with the missing terminal "e".

Huh!?!? What "e"?

Posted by: Dean Johnston | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 01:38 AM](#)

Ctein - more interesting, to me anyway, than how, is why?

Posted by: Leonard Salem | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 01:55 AM](#)

Awesome. My copy of Ctein's print has skyrocketed in value. Better investment than the stockmarket. :)

Gordon

Posted by: [Gordon Cahill](#) | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 02:58 AM](#)

I'm always curious about the *pre*-recording process. Did he magically capture it **before** he recorded it?

It's similar to *pre*-planning, not to mention (yes, I have actually heard this!) *pre*-poning a meeting.

I love it when I can poke fun mid-week. :)

Posted by: Earl Dunbar | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 06:55 AM](#)

As an original purchaser of the print, I couldn't believe it was taken with an Oly early m4/3. Till I read about Ctein's masking techniques and other goodies. Now owning an E-M1 with that GLORIOUS 45mm lens, (and the 12-40 f2.8 ain't no slouch either) I get results that are better in my aerial photography business than my Pentax 645 film camera with the GLORIOUS 80-160 zoom was. Yes, the 6 year ago time frame seems to be about right. I just don't need full frame, and I love the flexibility, size and performance of the m4/3 format. Must say, though, I'd be interested to try the Pentax K1 with my Sigma 14mm f2.8 in astrophotography with the really interesting "astro-shift" sensor in our clear Southern Hemisphere skies -- Is that what it's called? Reckon an Olympus firmware update could accommodate that good idea.

Posted by: [Bruce](#) | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 06:59 AM](#)

Ctein. Really? So what's on his birth certificate, selective service card, other legal stuff? But, I suppose if Banksy can do it, why not Ctein?

Posted by: Jake | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 10:49 AM](#)

Dear Jake,

I used to maintain two separate identities, which was a real hassle. I jettisoned one and stayed with Ctein, which is my sole, full and legal name. What other name I had is not anyone's concern.

All my legal papers say Ctein. That's what it says on my passport, drivers license, social Security card, mortgage, and tax forms.

I don't have a selective service card.

It is not, in fact, terribly difficult to legally change one's name, although it takes a bit of time, and a bit of money (and sending out a fair number of letters to things like credit card companies). It was certainly a lot less hassle than keeping two IDs on the books.

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Dear folks,

No, you won't get an article on how and/or why I have that name. Any such article might provide clues to finding out what my name was. I've got good reasons for not creating any possibility that the other name could get professionally linked to me. For example, I have known of two other photographers here in the Bay Area with that name. Weird but true. As a courtesy to them, I wish to avoid any possibility of confusion.

Consequently, I maintain a serious firewall around that information in any professional setting, which this is for me.

pax \ Ctein  
[ Please excuse any word-salad. MacSpeech in training! ]  
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-- Ctein's Online Gallery <http://ctein.com>

-- Digital Restorations <http://photo-repair.com>  
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Posted by: [ctein](#) | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 12:39 PM](#)

Dear Folks,

You may be amused to know that the name "Ctein" is NOT uniquely female. I know one other in Scandinavia (male) and one in Taiwan (female).

We are, of course, Facebook friends.

You are welcome to join our little club...

... so long as you are willing to change your name.

pax / whatshisface

Posted by: [ctein](#) | [Wednesday, 09 March 2016 at 03:24 PM](#)

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