BARE KNUCKLE DEVELOPMENT CREATES FEATURE PACKED SHMUP 'SUPER MEGA SPACE BLASTER SPECIAL' IN ONLY 4 WEEKS

The retro inspired frantic space shooter aims to bring true value for money to the Steam store on 18th June 2019.

Manchester, United Kingdom – 5th June 2019: UK developer Bare Knuckle Development (BKD) today announced that their feature packed retro inspired space shooter, Super Mega Space Blaster Special, will launch on Steam (Win/Lin/Mac) on 18th June 2019. The game draws on mechanics from retro shooters like Asteroids and Super Fantasy Zone as well as modern shoot 'em ups like Super Stardust HD and Bit Blaster XL to deliver fun fast-paced gameplay that makes you want "just one more try". The game aims to raise the bar for low priced Steam games offering a lot of content for less than a dollar (\$0.99, £0.79, €0.79).

Watch the gameplay trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDxYqnarEYI

Super Mega Space Blaster Special was created on a low budget in a very short 4-week time period. "I was sick of playing poor low cost Steam games and reading articles about how the Steam Store has been flooded with vapourware," said Ste Wilson of BKD. "I decided to challenge myself and see if I could create a simple, fun, feature rich game in a month and Super Mega Space Blaster Special was born."

Super Mega Space Blaster Special offers much more than just fun gameplay for the low price point. The game's features include 10 unique space blasters (ships) to unlock, 3 original game modes, local coop and competitive play, 20+ challenges, achievements, leaderboards, cross-platform cloud save, controller support, and support for multiple languages. The game also features an 80's inspired synth-pop original soundtrack by Electric Fan Death which enhances the nostalgic retro feel of the game when playing. Whether sitting back chasing high scores and unlocking space blasters with a friend in couch-coop, or trying to survive the boss's numerous lasers in single player survival mode the game offers rich retro inspired gameplay.

Super Mega Space Blaster Special has three original game modes: Protect Mother (1P or 2P coop):

In protect mother a huge mothership hangs at the bottom of the screen. Players must protect the mothership for as long as possible. Players are rewarded for combos with power-ups. They are punished for allowing enemies to escape off screen by missiles and bombs being launched at the mothership.

Survival (1P or 2P coop):

In survival mode the player's space blaster's cannons are on the fritz and won't stop shooting. Players must manage their ammo and fuel in order to survive for as long as possible. Ammo and fuel can be collected from destroyed enemies. Players who survive long enough will reach a boss after which the gameplay continues for endless score chasing fun.

To-The-Death (2P competitive):

In to-the-death mode players compete against each other trying to survive the longest. The screen is split down the middle and each player has a mothership to protect. If players destroy enough enemies, they can release punishments such as 'missile rain' and 'total darkness' on their rival. After a pre-decided time-limit is up the middle barrier is removed and players must chase and shoot each other to the death.

It's time to jump into that retro space blaster. Grab your copy of Super Mega Space Blaster Special on Steam at https://store.steampowered.com/app/1080330/Super Mega Space Blaster Special/ on 18th June 2019 or add it to your Steam wishlist before.

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About Bare Knuckle Development:

Bare Knuckle Development is a small indie (two person) game studio from Manchester in the United Kingdom. They are in the process of releasing their first solo game on Steam called Super Mega Space Blaster Special. They will then return to developing The Flawless: Art's Tale, a metroidvania hack 'n' shoot action-RPG for PS4, Switch, and Steam.