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Nokia announces 5800 XpressMusic is shipping

As the UK waits 'til 2009

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Nokia has announced that the 5800 XpressMusic is now, or soon will be, available in select markets around the world, including Russia, Spain, India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Finland, among others - but not the UK, which won't see the device's launch until next year.

Nokia says the Nokia 5800 XpressMusic, "delivers an affordable music device with a touchscreen interface to the mass market".

"When it comes to music phones, people all over the world want a device that is a great music experience and still works really well as a mobile phone, without sacrificing features", said Jo Harlow, vice president, Nokia.

"The Nokia 5800 XpressMusic delivers on this and allows consumers to quickly and easily access and share the content that is most important to them with the people that are most important to them".

A Nokia spokesperson has previously confirmed to Pocket-lint that surprisingly, the 3.2-inch touchscreen phone will miss the Christmas sales period in Britain:

"The 5800 XpressMusic will be available in Q4 in some markets including Russia, Spain, India as well as parts of Asia Pacific and the Middle East. In other key markets, like the UK, which require greater operator variation, the Nokia 5800 XpressMusic will be available in Q1 2009".

