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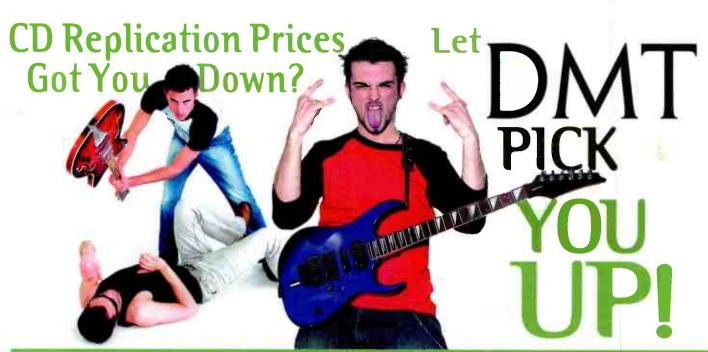
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By Gary Graff



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Current

An M. Gray Music Academy open house and free music recital will take place on June 11th. This nonprofit School, founded by Macy Gray, offers a wide range of music education instruction for students 5-18 (www.MGrayMusicAcademy .com). Hosted by TV/radio personality Ananda Lewis, the open house begins at 2 p.m. with the recital at 3 p.m. The location is 4716 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood. For additional information, call 818-508-8733.

The third annual Bodog.com Marketing Conference will take place July 23-25 at the Wynn Las Vegas Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip. This conference will focus on providing all attendees with the tools necessary to "Ignite Your Online Gaming Business." For more information, visit www.bodogconference.com.

Mark Schulman, world class drummer, producer, engineer and teacher who has worked with a host of "A List" artists is offering a full-day intensive recording seminar for drummers of all ages and levels. There will be two separate events. One on June 10, featuring guest drummer Russ Miller; and the other on June 24, featuring guest drummer Zoro. For more information, call 310-490-2669 or visit www .drummersrecording.com.

Recaps

Following the success of its inaugural 2005 Grammy Camp SM, the Grammy Foundation announced that the summer 2006 session will be held from July 15 - 31st. This year's sessions will be broadened to reach 120 students ages 15 -

19. This 17-day interactive experience will be hosted at the Citrus College Entertainment Technology Complex in Glendora, CA, and other venues throughout Los Angeles. All courses of study will be integrated to culminate in CD recordings and showcase performances. Fully immersive instruction, grounded in both academic and practical applications, will be provided to students by the Citrus College faculty, Grammy Awardwinning and -nominated professionals, and Recording Academy affiliated industry specialists. The curriculum will explore the creative process and engage students in the technical aspects of performing, recording and distribution while emphasizing new and emerging technologies impacting the music industry. Applications are currently available online at www.grammyin theschools.com.

The Recording Workshop is currently offering all kinds of educational opportunities for people interested in learning the craft of audio recording engineering. The educational facility was founded for just this reason and continues to recreate new methods of training in an ongoing quest for excellence. The school's primary educational goal is to teach the creative operation of professional audio recording equipment. The training programs offer expert lectures and progressive daily studio activities with the main focus on the studio experience. For additional information, visit www.recw.com.

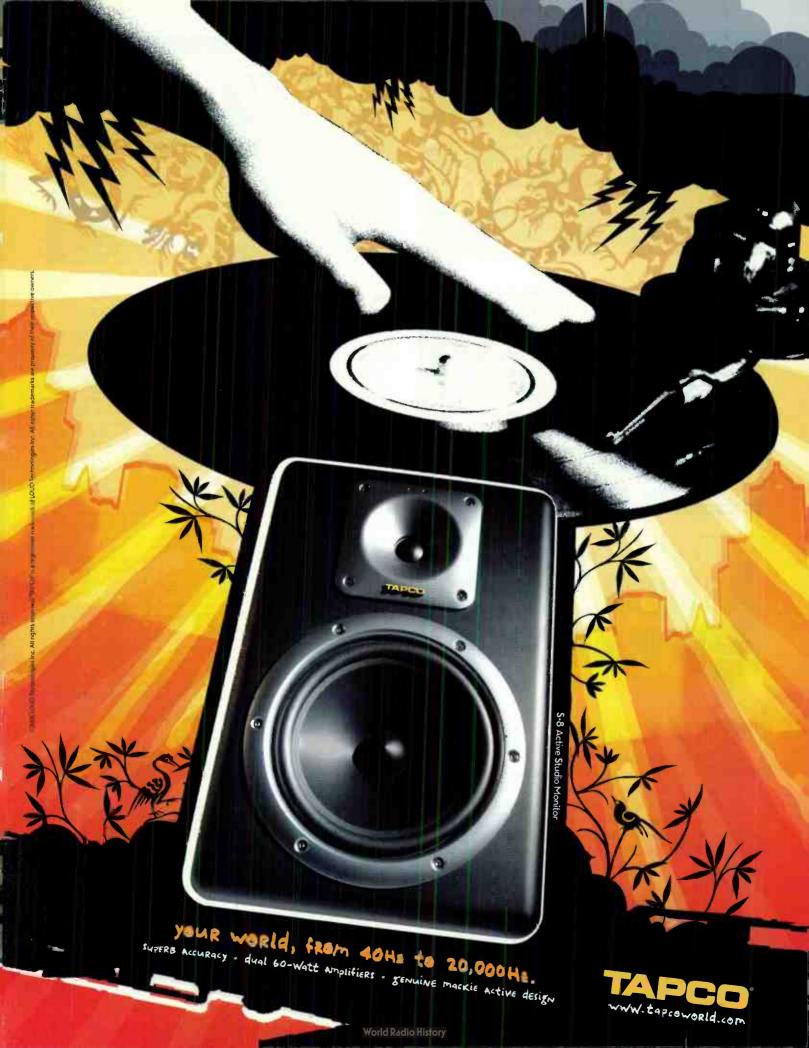
UCLA Extension is now offering a variety of music industry courses for the summer quarter. For a full listing of all of UCLA Extentions courses, visit www.uclaextension .edu/entertainment.



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Based on his family's diversified 100-year entrepreneurial history that has come to symbolize the essence of the American Dream, it's hardly surprising that Maloof is responsible for making Las Vegas a hot new place to record As President of the Palms Casino, Maloof has overseen the operations of hotels throughout the Southwest and California, including Vegas' old Fiesta Casino Hotel. The Palms is a \$285 million hotel and casino that opened in 2001.

The Palms Hotel's current \$300 million expansion includes a fantasy tower Maloof describes as "probably the most incredible hotel tower ever in Vegas," as well as a 2,500 seat concert venue which opens next January.

The expansion also includes an incredible 8,000 square foot recording studio, Studio At The Palms (www.studioatthepalms.com), which has been booked nonstop since its grand opening in December. The warmly ambient, softly lit full-service facility — run by a staff of nine, including Studio Director Zoe Thrall, technicians and assistant engineers — is open 24 hours a day for the client's convenience.

The Killers recently blocked out three months to record their new album, and just as Maloof envisioned it, it has become extremely popular with a wide variety of wellknown local artists.

"It just didn't make sense to us that we were hosting high-caliber performers like Kid Rock, Snoop Dogg and Staind at our many musical venues, but that there wasn't a facility in town that could offer them a high-level recording experience," says Maloof. "We were able to use our family connections to top industry people like Jimmy lovine at Interscope to create what can only be described as an amazing studic.

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"There's so much interest in Vegas right now, so much traffic by local and national acts who need a place here to do their thing," he adds. "Our intent is not to compete with the busy L.A. studio scene but to create a top flight service that meets and exceeds the demand that already exists here."

Studio At The Palms has many impressive features that include two state of-the-art full analog and digital recording and mixing studios (Studio X, which is large enough for a full band, is the recording/mixing room, while Studio Y is designed for single instrument overdubs); well-equipped at spacious control rooms; in-wall 5.1 Surround monitoring on Griffin studio monitors; extensive ProTools HD systems with a multitude of plug-ins; Studer A827 Gold 2-inch Recorders and ATR 102 1-inch Recorder; comfortable private lounges; and direct access to the VIP lounge and cinema.

For artists staying at The Palms, the studio is also happy to set up a remote recording system in any room for overdubbing vocals, keyboard parts or writing. It's the ultimate in musical room service, with clients choosing from a wide complement of instruments, mics and keyboards.

"What we've done at The Palms is created a great space for artists and musicians to go and feel comfortable doing what they were born to do," says Maloof. "They can let their creativity take over without worrying about the many things they shouldn't be worrying about. That's our job, and we're proud of it"

The Palms is simply one of the many holdings owned by the six Maloof siblings, who operate a diversified group of business ventures including hotels, casinos, banking, food and beverage and transportation throughout the Western U.S. Most famously, the family also owns and operates the Sacramento Kings of the NBA.

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usic Connection's A&R Report delivers up-to-date information about the signings of new artists, significant developments at major and indie labels, as well as news of managers and attorneys who are active in the A&R aspect of the music business. So that MC can provide the most current information possible, please send any industry news, A&R buzz or rumors that need to be verified to BBatMC@aol.com.

OPPS

 CD Baby just locked a new distribution deal that lets any artist sell their CD in over 2,400 traditional retail music stores across America.

The deal is a partnership with Super D to supply chains like Tower, Borders, Best Buy, Hot Topic, and Transworld, as well as independent tastemaker stores from the Coalition for Independent Music Stores and Alliance of Independent Media stores. The

deal is a much-needed boost for neighborhood CD stores, making it easier for them to order independent titles, which in turn makes it easier for independent artists to tell their fans to visit their local record store to buy their CD. For more information, call 503-255-2569, or visit cdbaby.com.

• Submissions are being accepted until June 15 from bands that have at least one female member for a unique battle of the bands event. On July 22, GoGirls Music will present the hot-test female bands in the country as they battle it out for cash and prizes before a panel of judges and an audience. The showdown will take place at Trophy's Bar, an Austin, TX, landmark.

Since 1996, GoGirlsMusic.com has been promoting independent women in music online and at their high-profile live events around the country. For more information, visit www.GoGirlsMusic.com or contact Madalyn Sklar at madalyn@go girlsmusic.com, or call 281-541-0981.

- The Temecula Valley International Film and Music Festival (TVIFF) is accepting entries for the 2006 Festival, slated for September 13-17th. Emerging, unsigned performing artists and bands in the genres of rock, jazz, pop, hip-hop, R&B, Latin, country, folk, and world music will have a stage to showcase their musical vision and artistic wizardry as part of the music festival. Artists must submit their entries by July 15 via www.sonicbids.com.
- MC's A&R Report was contacted by a West Coast scout who started a blog that promises to

MARTINA MCBRIDE IS TIMELESS



Martina McBride welcomed guests before her sold-out two-night engagement at the historic Ryman Auditorium. The Timeless Tour has played to sold-out crowds across the country where McBride performs hits from her platinum selling *Timeless* album, as well as songs from her own repertoire of hits. Pictured (L-R): Tony Conway, president, Buddy Lee Attractions, Inc.; McBride; Tammy Genovese, COO, Country Music Association; Joe Galante, Chairman, SonyBMG Nashville; and CMT's Brian Philips, Executive VP/GM. For additional information, visit www.martina-mcbride.com.

let you know: "The shows I'm hitting, talking shit about, new bands I like, and how West Coast scouts are ruling the planet." In keeping with the blog's intent, the A&R rep prefers to remain anonymous. But, you can check out the latest dish by iogging on to www.westcoastscout.blogspot.com.

- The Dewey Beach Music Conference is accepting submissions from artists and bands for its Music Fest held September 28 October 1st. There will be 175 acts on 17 stages within a five-block radius, and, there is no cover at any venue. You can go to www.myspace.com/deweybeachmusic conference to find out more. To register for consideration, you can either go through sonicbids.com or visit www.deweybeachfest.com/showcase.shtml for instructions. The deadline is June 30th.
- BreakThru Radio (BTR) is launching an internet contest celebrating the spirit of independent music. With BTR's launch last summer, the goal was to play the best music by unsigned and independent artists. The belief among the DJs at the station was that some of the best artists in the world were going unheard due to walls put up by labels and traditional radio. That belief was proven correct by a listening audience that has grown to more than two million a week.

Now, BTR is revamping its site to include video capability and are searching for the most creative opening that captures the spirit of independent music and the music lovers who are its audience. To get prominent placement on BTR's website, create an original 30-sec-

ond film, poster, music video, etc., and include the BTR logo. Simply log on to www.breakthruradio.com to submit your creation and select the "Contact Us" page. For more information about Break Thru Radio, call 917-609-4844.

 NewBandTV have launched its internet music network, New BandTV.com. This site is a revolutionary kind of music channel designed to feed the hunger of music fans 24 hours a day with high-resolution video and talented independent artists. And, best if all, they will allow any band in the world to upload their own video and create a full profile for promotional purposes. You can even sell your MP3s and videos from the site. For additional information, visit New BandTV's website, or contact Gary Christmas at 714-966-9760.

LABELS ~ RELEASES ~ SIGNINGS

· The Miles Davis Quintet: The Legendary Prestige Quintet Sessions celebrates the 80th anniversary of the artist's birth and the 50th anniversary of the recording sessions. On May 23, bebop, hardbop, and balladic recordings, largely from five albums (The New Miles Davis Quintet, Cookin', Workin', Relaxin', and Steamin') will be released together as the Prestige boxed set by Concord. The set is packaged in an attractive box that features cover art by Davis (the painting "New York by Night") and includes five complete musical transcriptions of Davis' solos and a 40-page booklet with annotations. For additional information about

AMERICAN IDOL FINALIST GETS READY



American Idol's season four finalist Amanda Avila has been working on her debut CD. Since the show aired, Avila has been a regular correspondant on Fox's Reality Remix show. The talented young graduate from Los Angeles High School has her first single, "Free Yourself," ready for distribution. For additional information on this rising new artist, visit www.amandaavilamusic.com.

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this collection, contact Lori Lousararian at Rogers & Cowen, 310-854-8104 or Terri Hinte at Concord 510-486-2159.

- The Lemonheads have re-united and signed a new record deal with Vagrant Records. The re-cently re-formed band are currently in the studio putting the finishing touches on what will be their eighth studio album in a career that spans over two decades. For additional information about this project, please contact Amy Welch, Charm School PR, amy@charmschool pr.com, or visit www.thelemon heads.com.
- Pop diva Christina Aguilera will release her third studio album, Back To Basics, August 15 on RCA Records. A modern take on vintage jazz, soul and blues from the 20's, 30's and 40's, the album is wildly inventive with a throwback style creating a sound that's gritty and raw. For additional details, contact Myleik Teele, B/W/R PR at 310-248-6120.
- Music attorney Ben McLane reports two signings to Victory Records. NYC rock band Endwell and Atlanta-based experimental alt-rock band In Vitro have both signed deals negotiated by McLane. For more details, go to My Space.com/endwell, MySpace.com/invitro or bcmclane@aol.com.

- Roadrunner Records has been on a signing spree. In a very short period of time the label signed Megadeth, Black Label Society, Hatebreed, Dragonforce, Daath, and Sanctity. For more information, visit www.roadrunner records.com.
- Wind-up Entertainment has announced a multi-level agreement with the Canadian rock band Pilate. The arrangement encompasses recording, publishing, merchandising and touring on a worldwide basis. For more information, you can visit www.pilate.com or www.winduprecords.com.

PROPS

- mtvU, MTV's 24-hour college network, and Drive-Thru Records have announced that the band Say No More, of California State University, Northridge have won the third annual mtvU "Best Music on Campus" (BMOC) competition. The band will now head into the studio to record an EP for Drive-Thru and produce a music video that will debut on mtvU and mtvU Über at mtvU.com in the fall. For additional information, contact david.french@mtvstaff.com, or send an e-mail to ana@drivethru records.com.
- Fox Sports Network will be featuring the Judge Jackson song

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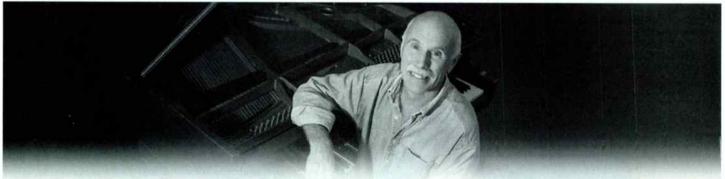


L.A.'s metal monster act D'Amato rocked the body-art faithful at the 15th Annual Inkslingers Ball held at Angels Stadium in Anaheim. The onstage onslaught was the first show for lead singer Anthony D'Amato since his high-speed motorcycle accident that had fans wondering if he would make the stage at the West Coast's largest tattoo event. D'Amato used a cane to enter and collapsed after the blistering finale of "Killer In Me" off the *Synesthesia* EP. For the latest on his recovery, visit My Space.com/damato. Pictured (L-R): Glen Sobel, Anthony D'Amato, Dave Filice and Jason Gile.

"King" on a spot to promote the 2006 NHL playoffs. The 90-second promo will be aired on FSN as well as affiliates across the country. The video will be posted on the L.A. act's website www.judge jacksonband.net.

INSIDE THE BIZ

• XM Satellite Radio and Knitting Factory Entertainment have announced a new partnership to create a regular concert series for broadcast. The "Live from the Knitting Factory" series will feature performances from influential and emerging independent artists from a variety of genres recorded live at the Knitting Factory venues in New York and Los Angeles. The concert series is scheduled to debut this fall on XM's premiere channel for independent/college music, XMU (XM 43), one of seven channels dedicated to independent and alternative music.



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ong before he was crowned the USA Network's "Nashville Star: Season 4" on May 2, Chris Young's star was already on the rise thanks to two independently produced albums and a heap of self-booked shows where he opened up for the likes of country music heavyweights Ronnie Milsap, Tracy Lawrence and Lonestar, to name a few.

"[Nashville Star] wasn't my first try at music," Young points out. "I have two independent albums and a Christmas album out. It's all stuff that I financed. It was hard work getting the money together. I just saved my money from the construction work I did, I hired the players and everything ended up working out."

Young almost didn't win the recording contract with RCA that was awarded to him for winning the competition, because he nearly missed try-

ing out for the show.
"I almost didn't audition this year," says Young with a sigh of relief. "A friend of mine set me up with the audition in Houston and was like, 'Look I already set you up with the audition, so you might as well go.' I really didn't expect anything from it and then I made it to the regionals and then I made it on the show."

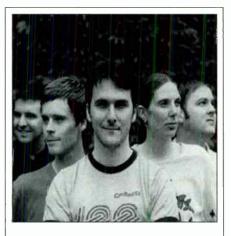
Even up until his name was announced as the winner, Young was convinced he wasn't going to win. He even bet contestant Matt Mason (voted off week 7) backstage that runner-up Casey Rivers was going to win.

As it turned out, Young did win and he acknowledges the fans for making the victory possible. "My fans supported me from day one. So it's all because of them and I'm just glad that everyone got out there and voted."

Ironically, as a kid, Young always dreamt of recording music for RCA, which is now Sony BMG Nashville. "RCA's where I've always wanted to be at," says Young. "Several of my musical heroes were there; people that I grew up listening to."

Next up for Young will be the summer release of his first single, followed by a "Nashville Star" tour, with the top four contestants hitting the road for a series of dates. Chris Young's fulllength album will be released in the fall.

-Richard Frias



The Heavy Blinkers

Date Signed: March 2006 Label: Čooking Vinyl Type Of Music: Rock/Pop

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Management: Jason MacIsaac Booking: Jason MacIsaac Legal: Štacy Mitsopulos / Sanderson

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or artists operating outside the U.S., breaking into the States proves a difficult code to crack. Despite rave reviews and a considerable fanbase worldwide, acts still need a bit of luck and sacrifice to get them over the hump.

For Nova Scotia's Heavy Blinkers, eight years of releasing albums to overseas acclaim didn't land them a U.S. deal. "We got some really good press in a bunch of British glossies with five-star reviews," says songwriter Jason MacIsaac, "And I guess we just stupidly thought that those would land us a record deal in the States. We would send discs to labels, make cold calls and even had our publicity tracking our album, but we never resonated with the U.S."

It wasn't until one of Cooking Vinyl's heads, Jeremy Morrison, caught the Blinkers' video for a song off The Night And I Are Still Young on Canada's Much Music that the door opened. "We got together with a Montreal-based video company called Fluorescent Hill who made an astonishingly good animated video for the song, says MacIsaac. "Jeremy immediately went to his laptop after having watched it and looked us up. One week later, we were in negotiations. It's funny, you do your homework and think you know everything you have to do to get signed, and all it takes is a cartoon video."

Having released The Night And I... in 2004, however, the Blinkers were already six months into recording a new album with different instrumentation. "When Jeremy approached us, we had become more of an orchestral outfit," says MacIsaac. "So now we have to get back to the guitar, bass and drums set-up to promote our U.S. debut. The transition's been a bit difficult and strange. I never thought when we finished the album we'd be talking about it in 2006, but I understand it's never really hit the States before so we're totally behind the move. I never thought it received its just due. So we're super pumped about the opportunity."

The Heavy Blinkers' American debut, The Night And I Are Still Young, hit shelves in May.

Albert Vega



Mercy Fall

Date Signed: August 30, 2004 Label: Atlantic Records Type of Music: Melodic Hard Rock

-CONTACTS-

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Legal: Pam Klein

Publicity: Gihan Salem / Atlantic Records Web: www.myspace.com/mercyfall A&R: Leigh Lust / Atlantic Records

n 2002, Mercy Fall completed a locally produced demo that eventually landed in the hands of New York-based attorney Pam Klein. who agreed to take the band on as clients. Mercy Fall soon found themselves splitting time between Rhode Island and New York City, where they spent nine months recording nine tracks on spec with engineer/producer Michael Tudor. Klein sent a copy of the new recordings to Elektra A&R man Leigh Lust, who was attracted to the band's strong songwriting and "spiritual" qualities. Lust successfully convinced Elektra to sign Mercy Fall, and the rest should have been history. But Elektra was almost immediately merged with Atlantic Records, and in the general upheaval that followed, the band was left without a label.

Mercy Fall was on the road in Minnesota when manager Ric Aliberte called and told the band to head to New York City, where Aliberte had set up a showcase for them with Warner Bros., Lava Records, and Atlantic. The band's old friend Leigh Lust was in attendance, having successfully survived the transition from Elektra to Atlantic, and he was excited at the prospect of once again working with Mercy Fall, a sentiment shared by the band.

"We always wanted to sign with Atlantic," Nate Stone explains. "It just had a history for us that felt right. We weren't trying to figure out who was going to give us the most money wanted a situation where we would be able to

Lust and his colleagues evidently felt that Mercy Fall was a band worth sticking with, and soon signed them to a six-record deal. The contract included a budget in excess of \$100K to record their first record with producer Howard Benson. The terms of the deal include the label owning the master recordings, the band holding onto its publishing rights, and the label taking a share of tour merchandise, which both label and band feel is a mutually beneficial arrangement that encourages the label to put the band on the road and provide them with strong tour support.

Atlantic Records released For the Taken, Mercy Fall's debut, in May.

-Ben Nachman

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WHO'S CHECKING INTO AVATAR: NYC-based independent rock band the Cringe recently recorded at New York's Avatar facility with producer John Cusimano, engineer Steve Hardy, and assistant Chad Lupo. The group recorded to 48-track analog using Quantegy GP9 two-inch tape.

Avatar also hosted production sessions for the *Pajama Game* cast album. The tracks were produced by *Harry Connick*, *Jr.* and *Tracey Freeman*, engineered by Vince Caro and assisted by Peter Doris, and Jim Keller.

In Avatar's Studio B, female singer/songwriter icon Roberta Flack recorded new material with producer Jerry Barnes. The sessions were engineered by Roy Hendrickson and assisted by Brian Montgomery.

NRG GETS SLAYED!



The reunited heavy metal act Slayer has been camped out at NRG studios in North Hollywood. The group has been recording in NRG'S Studio B. This will be the first album recorded by the original Slayer lineup since their 1990 release *Seasons in the Abyss*. Pictured (L-R, Standing): Jeff Hanneman; Dave Lombardo; Norm Costa, drum tech; Dave Colvin, assistant engineer; Armand Crump, guitar tech; and Kerry King. Seated: Tom Araya and engineer John Ewing.

NOHO GETS THE GO!



NoHo Music Studios recently opened its doors in the NoHo arts district. Lessons on various instruments (including voice) are available along with an on-site vocal demo studio. Pictured (L-R): Joanne Paratore and Kimbra Westervelt. For more information, call 818-761-3200.

LOURDS RECORDS WITH STASIUM



Ed Stasium. the Grammy Award-winning producer of the Ramones, Living Color, the Smithereens, and Biohazard, just finished a fulllength record with NYCbased band, Lourds. The act recorded in Stasium's home studio in Colorado. Pictured is Ed Stasium with Lourds frontperson and electric violinist Lourds Lane

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PRODUCER CROSSTALK



Roy "Royalty" Hamilton

Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, 'N Sync By Rob Putnam

wenty-six-year-old Roy "Royalty" Hamilton comes from a line of musicians. One might say that music is in his blood. His grandfather was R&B recording artist Roy Hamilton, Sr. and his father was a musician and a producer. From an early age, Hamilton ("Royalty," as he's now known) was nurtured on the nuances of music recording and production. By the time he was a high school freshman in Atlantic City, Hamilton was known in his 'hood as the go-to guy when aspiring artists needed to get some tracks down.

Talent and persistence met with luck when, in 1996, the young producer won a free-throw contest at an Atlantic City semi-pro basketball game at which R. Kelly was in attendance. When getting the ball signed by the players, the 16-year-old Hamilton approached Kelly and told him that he, too. was a producer. Kelly directed him to his A&R rep who was in the stands. A demo tape was dropped off at Kelly's hotel that night and, in 1997, Kelly signed Hamilton to his label, Rockland.

Hamilton was producing for Capitol Records when he caught the eye of label president Andy Slater and was appointed Director of A&R when he was 24. "That was when I decided I was going to spend my life working in music," he recalls. "Opportunities kept popping up and I realized that was what I was supposed to do."

Hamilton found that a solid production background came in handy when working with artists. "I felt that I had an advantage in A&R, because when somebody wasn't understanding what I wanted to fix on a track, I was able

to go in and tune it up myself."

Many young hopefuls often wonder what it takes to make a start as a fledgling producer. To them, Hamilton says, "Work hard. There were times when I'd stay up for two or three nights straight just to get a recording down perfectly. Sometimes people won't see your vision. Up-and-coming producers shouldn't let themselves be discouraged by what other people say, because they're not always right."

When a producer begins to make a name for him/herself, they can become more selective about the artists with which they choose to work. There are certain key criteria that Hamilton takes into consideration. Surprisingly, talent comes in at the bottom of his list. "I look to see how hungry an artist is and how badly they want success," he says. "Then I look for individuality and then talent. Sometimes you'll find an artist that is very talented, but they're not especially individual or they're kind of passive."

Explicitly stated or not, many artists adhere to a philosophy about their work. Having spent the entirely of his adult career in production, Hamilton has his as well. "I like to give the music I produce as much ear candy as possible while at the same time keeping it melodic," he says. "I go into every project with those things at the front of my mind. When it comes to technology, I incorporate it as need be. But there's no way that someone's going to make the piano any better than it is. New sounds come along all the time and they're just a trend. It's good to keep up with those to a certain degree, but you don't want to be distracted by them because production is still all about timeless music."

Hamilton founded his Chicago-based label Firm Grip when he started producing with Capitol, because he needed a company under which to produce material. The first Firm Grip release will be a Royalty "mix tape" entitled The Royal Flush with an expected release sometime in early 2007.

Firm Grip accepts demos. Contact Stephanie Solomon at 818-451-8674 for submission details. Hamilton has worked with artists including Michael Jackson, Britney Spears and 'N Sync.

Contact Evette Fergerson, The Courtney Barnes Group, 323-466-9300, evette@cbgpr.com





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Shure KSM9 Handheld Wireless Mic

Purpose-built for vocals, the new KSM9/BK is a live microphone with recording studio quality sound. The KSM9 is a dual-diaphragm condenser mic with switchable cardioid/supercardioid polar patterns. But forget about the usual fragilities of studio condensers since this mic is built to take the rigors of stage yet deliver crystal clear vocals.

Some notable features include: excellent gain-before-feedback performance; a two-stage shock mount system that takes care of both vertical and horizontal jolts; and minimal proximity effect (where the closer you sing to a cardioid mic, the more bass buildup you achieve) for a more accurate low frequency response.

Sold as part of Shure's UHF-R wireless system, KSM9 transmitters are available in black (UR2/KSM9/BK) and champagne (UR2/KSM9/SL) finishes (pictured). Replacement cartridges are available in the same respective colors (RPW180 and RPW184).

The UHF-R system takes the hard work out of managing wireless networks with time-saving setup features including automatic frequency selection and automatic transmitter sync. UHF-R enables up to 108 compatible systems to be used simultaneously

across multiple bands. There is a sizable 60 MHz useable bandwidth available with no increase of interference made possible by Shure's proprietary Advanced Track Tuning filtering technology. The KSM9/BK wireless mic sells for \$1,968 MSRP. For more about this mic and the whole UHF-R wireless line, visit www.shure.com/wireless/uhfr/ur2.asp.



Martin JC-16RE Aura Acoustic

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the ME, is solid Sitka spruce.
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made from striped ebony.

The Fishman Prefix Aura electronic pre-amp includes a programmable EQ, feedback control, and a digital chromatic tuner. These are the first J-sized Auras to be available. Until now they've only been used in D and OM sizes. The technology for creating each Aura is specific to each body shape, so they can't be interchanged like typical add-on electronic packages.

There are six acoustic tones possible using the Martin Gold Plus under-the-saddle transducer. The Gold Plus system is ideal for small bodied or nylon guitars and sought out among finger stylists and soloists.

Other features are: mortise and tenon neck joint; a single ring pearl inlay rosette; modified low oval neck shape; 25.4inch scale length; 1 3/4-inch

inch scale length; 1 3/4-inch width at the nut; Abalone dot inlay; chrome tuners; 380 hardshell case and limited lifetime warranty.

For more about this guitar, check www.martinguitar.com.

Korg Radias Synth



The Korg Radias comes in two models: a 49-keyboard with sound module attached and the Radias•R, the sound module on its own. Either way you'll have a 24-voice synth whose MMT sound engine shares oscillator technology with Korg's top-of-the-line Oasys. There are 256 programs onboard, each made up of four timbres. Each timbre has two oscillators that will deliver modeled analog, VPM, PCM, formant waves, and more. For modifying the waves the Radias has: dual multimode filters; three envelope generators; two LFOs; three modulation sequencers, six virtual patch cords for connecting everything; two insert effects; two-band EQ; Drive; eleven types of Wave Shaping; and a Punch control for amplifying the attack portion of the sound.

Each Program has its own Master effect, an arpeggiator and two-step sequencers that allow up to 32 steps and eight-note polyphony. There are also 128 synth templates (starting patches), 128 insert effects, and 128 master effects available.

One of the coolest sounding features is the 16-band Vocoder section. A unique feature is the ability to record up to 7.5 seconds of formant information — spoken-word or adlibs from you singer or anybody else. These prerecorded speech formants let you recreate vocoding effects without a microphone (a headset mic is included). Set and tweak the vocoding ahead of performance time and know it's all going to work and sound perfect

The live front-panel features 63 illuminated switches, 39 illuminated knobs and a backlit LCD to keep things under control. An impressive looking synth, the Radias sells for \$1,999, while the Radias•R module costs \$100 less. There is more information at www.korg.com or you can call 631-390-6500.

Digidesign/Massenburg DesignWorks EQ ver. 2.0



The MDW Hi-Resolution Parametric EQ plug-in for Digidesign® Pro ToolsIHD systems delivers the same sound as the original, but now includes both a five and three-band version with improved DSP efficiency. The three-band version uses less DSP, so more copies of the plug-in can be instantiated during a session.

Version 2.0 has a function called IsoPeak; by way of a single mouse

version 2.0 has a function called isoPeak; by way of a single mouse click, you can isolate and sweep through a frequency band to find a problem area for boosting or cutting. Other additions include a Phase Invert function, plus A/B snapshots for toggling between two separate EQ settings and copying one snapshot setting to the other.

Version 2.0 still uses double-precision 48-bit processing and high-resolution 96 kHz sample-rate processing — even when working in sessions at 44.1 or 48 kHz rates. MDW Hi-Res Parametric EQ supports 192kHz sessions and emulates the constant-shape reciprocal filter curves found in the hardware GML 8200 parametric equalizer. The plug-in features a wide frequency selection (from 10 Hz to 41 kHz), and variable Q (the width of the band of frequencies affected) from 25.6 to 0.1 — i.e., 1/18th of an octave wide to 6 2/3rd octaves wide.

With the new three-band version, I found I could use it everywhere and get great 48-bit precision and superb sound on many more tracking instruments. Be able to instantly switch over to five-bands for even more control while retaining my three-band settings is very handy. Suffice it to say if you had (or could afford) only one equalizer plug-in, this should be the one

Purchase MDW Hi-Res Parametric EQ 2.0 at store.digidesign.com or a local Digidesign Authorized Reseller. Owners of MDW Hi-Res Parametric EQ version 1.x can upgrade for \$125 through the online DigiStore.

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DAYGLOW SHINES FOR IMAGINARY FRIENDS



Dayglow, a quartet composed of two siblings and two childhood friends from Bayside, Queens, are making waves in NYC clubland. The band has recently inked with Imaginary Friends Music Partners, the innovative L.A.-based firm that places songs in film and television projects. Check out news at www.imaginaryfriends.com.

DMI Dials in with Harry Fox

The Harry Fox Agency, Inc. (HFA), the premier U.S. mechanical licensing organization, has entered into a licensing arrangement with DMI's digital background music service Private Label Radio (PLR). HFA's over 28,000 music publishers have the option of participating in this arrangement. While specific deal terms were not released, this is an innovative licensing arrangement with a royalty structure based on a revenue share basis, rather than a fixed rate.

PLR is a premier provider of brand-specific, customized audio content for in-store use with current customers in retail environments, restaurants, financial institutions, and the hospitality industry. PLR delivers recorded music over the

internet to be played on the audio and phone systems of its commercial clients. Subscribers are able to choose among pre-established playlists of songs and download the selected playlists to the secure local storage units for playback in their establishments.

"The faster and easier it is for us to clear rights, the more music we can offer to our Private Label Radio clients," said Tena Clark, Founder and CEO/Chief Creative Officer of DMI. "HFA's electronic licensing program will allow us to manage our licensing needs efficiently." Check out dmiworldwide.com.

Zomba Names Visvardis

David Mantel (President, Zomba Music Publishing) has announced the appointment of

BMI SPINS THE JUKEBOX



BMI was on hand at a recent reception hosted and sponsored by Boosey & Hawkes and Hendon Music, in honor of composer John Adams. The event commemorated the BMI composer's recent role as Festival Director of "Minimalist Jukebox," a celebration of film, music and the minimalist movement held at various halls around Los Angeles. Pictured (L-R): Marc Ostrow, VP Business Affairs, Boosey & Hawkes and Hendon Music; Jenny Bilfield, President, Boosey & Hawkes and Hendon music; John Adams; BMi's Doreen Ringer Ross: Danielle Bond, Label Liaison/Creative TV, Warner Music Group; and Peter Golub, Sundance Institute.

Peter Visvardis to Director, Creative (Pop/Rock). He will be based in the company's New York office and report directly to Mantel.

In his new role, Visvardis will be responsible for signing new pop/ rock songwriters and artists to Zomba Music Publishing. He will also handle catalog exploitation and work with the company's hit roster of pop/rock acts.

Visvardis joins Zomba from Columbia Records where he was Director, A&R Research since 2002 and played a key role in the signings of John Legend and Coheed & Cambria. Prior to Columbia, Visvardis spent three years at Universal Records in the A&R Market Research and Mar-keting/Promotion departments. He has also held Sales and Product Marketing positions with Rampage Music and RED Distribution.

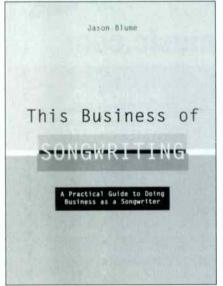
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Chip Taylor: Return of the Wild Thing

The double-CD Unglorious Hallelujah and Red Red Rose

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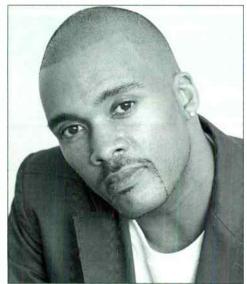
On May 30, Billboard Books will release Jason Blume's This Business of Songwriting, an exhaustive guide to navigating the murky waters of copyright law, publishing contracts and other realities of the business world that don't always come naturally to creative minds. With songs on albums that have sold more than 50 million copies, Blume is well known among new and established songwriter circles alike. Now his soughtafter expertise has been funneled into a vital, candid new book. Check it out wherever music biz books are sold.

SLOMO EROTIC: RAINBOW RIDERS



Vocalist/pianist Kevin Hardy and drummer Matthew Hermstad are a duo whose engaging, tuneful and theatrical songcraft will be finding a wider audience this summer thanks to a full slate of Gay Pride Festivals nationwide. The pair, also a couple offstage, are based in Glendale, CA, and first met at Musicians Institute. Check their music out at www.slow moerotic.com.

BMG PROMOTES DERRICK THOMPSON



Derrick Thompson has been promoted to the position of Senior VP. Urban Music, at BMG Songs effective immediately. In his new position, Thompson will be based in the company's New York City office and reports directly to the company's president, Scott Francis, who is based in BMG's Beverly Hills office. Thompson will continue to oversee all urban creative activities for BMG Songs including signing and developing writer/producers and artists. Contact Jennifer L. Press. 212-930-4411

and Other Songs of Love, Pain Destruction, due out July 18 on Back Porch/EMI, is Chip Taylor's first solo album in six years. It combines two distinct albums representing different sides of Taylor and his songwriting. Although the subjects are often serious, both confirm his knack for melodies and hooks.

Taylor is the legendary singer/ songwriter and composer of "Wild Thing" and "Angel of the Morning" among others, and is a prolific recording artist on his own. On the first disc, Unglorious Hallelujah, Taylor considers the world and his place in it. The songs are at once clear-eyed and emotional takes on big events and the small, critical moments of life. Taylor addresses the history of violence in "I Don't Believe in That," the lead track on the album. Later he tells the difficult story of his own drunk driving crash and arrest. Red Red Rose presents

the other side of his personality, the writer of "Wild Thing" who delivers songs straight from the heart and gut. From the straightahead love song "If I Stop Loving You" to the pure pleasure of 50's-style "Bippity Boo," this disc is full of fun songs that were written quickly.

For additional information on Chip Taylor, please contact cary@conqueroo.com.

Billboard Charts Publishers

Harry Fox Agency, Inc. and Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems (Nielsen BDS) have teamed up to create the new "Top 10 Publishers" chart ranking the top music publishers in the U.S., as determined by radio airplay. This new chart debuts in *Billboard* magazine and will appear quarterly.

SESAC ANNUAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED



R&B songwriter Bryan-Michael Cox was named Songwriter of the Year at SESAC's tenth annual New York Music Awards held May 2 at Manhattan's Nikki Beach Midtown. Song of the Year honors went to "Shake It Off." the huge, multi-format hit single from Mariah Carey. Pictured (L-R): SESAC's Trevor Gafe and Pat Collins; Bryan-Michael Cox; and SESAC's Linda Lorence Critelli.

Says Gary Churgin, President and CEO of HFA, "This new Top 10 Publishers chart will provide the industry with insight into the top companies by radio market share."

Says Rob Sisco, President Nielsen Music, COO Nielsen Entertainment East Coast operations. "We believe that understanding publisher market share based upon monitored radio airplay is a very important metric for the recorded music industry. HFA is the perfect partner given their unique ability to provide granular information on publisher rights percentages." Check the chart out in Billboard magazine.

Tax Breaks for Songwriters

Congress gave final approval to a \$70 billion tax cut package that

allows a tax break for songwriters when they sell their catalogs. Included in the bill is a provision that allows songwriters to claim the reduced 15 percent tax rate for capital gains when they sell their song catalog, rather than the 40 percent hit they feel now. The provision will apply only when a songwriter sells the royalty stream on a group of songs and will not apply to ordinary royalty income.

"We've lost more than half of America's songwriters over the past decade due to internet piracy, mergers and radio de-regulation," NSAI executive director Bart Herbison says. "The average songwriter's annual income is \$4,700. Since songwriter royalty income is subject to such unique rules, we have to make members of Congress understand our unique situation"

For additional details, check out www.nashvillesongwriters.com.

STEPHEN RHODES UPPED AT HARRY FOX



Stephen Rhodes has been promoted to VP. Distribution, Reporting and Licensing Technology. Rhodes joined HFA in 2002, and in the past four years, has led such key initiatives as the reengineering of HFA's financial systems, the conversion of over \$45 million in royalty payments on paper to electronic reporting, and the development and implementation of **HFA's proprietary** search technology, Matchmaker. Rhodes has also represented HFA in industry standards groups such as Mi3P. Call Rhodes at 212-834-0133.

EARL ROSE GLEAMS ON STARDUST SOUNDTRACK



Emmy-winning composer Earl Rose has written and performed the sound-track for the much buzzed about Stardust: The Bette Davis Story, which debuts on TCM. The documentary, a startling new portrait of one of Hollywood's iconic stars, will be distributed worldwide. It was directed, written and produced by Emmy-winning filmmaker Peter Jones, narrated by Susan Sarandon and features appearances by Jane Fonda, James Woods, Gena Rowlands and Ellen Burstyn. Pictured (L-R): Earl Rose and Madeleine Peyroux in the studio when they recorded her exclusive track of "Stardust" for the film's DVD.

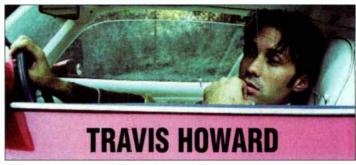


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SONGWRITER PROFILE



Ballads of the Blacktop

by Dan Kimpel

s a hit country songwriter in Los Angeles, Travis Howard is a rarity. With Miranda Lambert's album, *Kerosene*, he is now a gold tunesmith with two co-writes, "Bring Me Down" and "Momma I'm Alright," plus solo credit for "I Can't Be Bothered" on the artist's newly certified blockbuster.

Howard claims to write his best songs piloting a Pontiac Firebird across the desert; a far different topography than the verdant Georgia he once called home. "We're born underneath this canopy of foliage and there's a safety in the holler — it's analogous with God, your family and the security of being there," he observes. "So you write about that. But coming out here, it's just flat, fucking wasteland. I remember feeling like everyone was looking at me — it wasn't easy to perform, it wasn't easy to do anything. But slowly I started to welcome that loneliness. I began to like driving through the desert and not seeing a soul, a tree or anything in my way. I said, 'Okay, maybe I can do anything I want."

As a teen, Howard played gospel music. After high school, he spent four years touring. "We were one of those bands that suckers kids into coming back on Friday and they don't know we're going to spring Jesus on 'em," he laughs. And although he no longer sings in exclusive service to the Savior, he notes, "Me and Jesus, we have a better understanding of each other than we used to." Howard relocated to Nashville, married a local model/singer and aspiring actress, and the pair moved to Hollywood. "Within six months she'd met Mel Gibson's stunt double, and decided she'd had enough of our five-year marriage. She took off and I started writing," he savs.

At a coffeehouse gig, Howard met hit arranger/producer (now film composer) Aaron Zigman. "Aaron came driving up in his Jag — he's got a suit on and he's, like, 'Dude, I've got to go to London tomorrow, but when I come back I'd like for you to come over to my studio and lay down some tracks.' At the time he'd just finished working with Christina Aguilera." One of the songs tracked for Howard's self-titled release is slated for inclusion in the forthcoming film Alpha Dog, scored by Zigman and directed by Nick Cassavetes, with Justin Timberlake in the cast

The photogenic Howard has taken his own turns in front of the camera, appearing in Cameron Crowe's *Elizabethtown* and the indie film *The Garage*. But as a contestant on the premiere season of *Nashville Star*, the small screen transported him into living rooms across the country. "I didn't apply or audition. I was doing one of my regular things and my partner said a crew could come in and film. I got a call the next day; did I want to be on *Nashville Star*? No. I didn't. Then (A&R exec and judge) Tracy Gershon called and said, 'We're going to pay you, just do the show. Stop being an asshole.' It was fun. I was the outsider. I knew I wasn't going to win." But he forged a valuable bond with fellow contestant Miranda Lambert. "We shared this healthy sense of standing back from it all. As it was, she was just prettier and had better skin."

In Los Angeles, at the center of the new country scene, Howard has often joined fellow songsmiths Mike Stinson, Keith Gattis, Austin Hanks, Wyatt Earp, Waylon Payne and Bryson Jones in communal shows to which Lucinda Williams and Dwight Yoakam have paid respective visits. "Dwight said, 'These guys remind me of what it was like in the 70's." Things go in cycles."

With the Lambert credits, Howard attests that publishers "Came out of the woodwork. They said, 'You need a publishing deal.' I said, 'Hell, I needed a publishing deal *last* year.' Instead of inking with a huge conglomerate, Howard signed with a company formed by his frequent co-writer, Dennis Matkosky, and veteran publishing A&R exec Jonathan Watkins.

The charismatic Howard describes himself as "a neurotic co-writer" and thinks that he "sings like a possum." But with a string of projects on the front burner as an artist, songwriter and actor, those drives in the desert are clearly paying off with tuneful dividends.

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66 WCW, wor is can not even begin to express how I'm feeling right now after attending the three-day ASCAP EXPO. Empowered, enlightened, uplifted, reassured, informed, inspired...THANK YOU ASCAP for organizing such an amazing event Denise Vasquez, from start to finish!!! Son wr ter, Studio City, CA

The ASCAP EXPO was a unique opportunity for writers and creators from all genres to mix and mingle It's not everyday you see a rapper, a rocker and a cowboy having intense conversations about how they can work together to make music better.

John Rich of Big & Rich, Panelist

The entire EXI-O was an extracedinary experience! We saw my favorite group Heart, with Don Was, I attended unbelievably informative and intelligent panels, was in awe of Ton Petty's sincerity, and met others who share the same passion as 1 lalso made numerous industry contacts. I know the 'EXPO E perience'

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The ASCAP EXPO 'take-aways?' For attendees: A feeling, perhaps for the first time, of being part of a community of creators ... a glimpse into the joys, frustrations and realities they will face as their careers develop ...ard, an experience they will never forget. For me: The memory of the best conference - of any kind - I have ever attended.

Dean Kay, ongwiler, Putilish , Panelist

Holy cow What a day. This conference has, hands down, been the best I've ever been to. The quality of the panels was astounding! Lydia Hutchinson,

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See You Next Year.



The Hollywood Bowl has announced their summer and fall schedule and it is nothing less than stunning. The season opens with a June 23 celebration featuring Carlos Santana, Andre Watts and The Blue Man Group and continues with performances from Sergio Mendes (June 25), Belle & Sebastian and the Shins (July 6), Tom Jones (July 21, 22), the Flaming Lips and Thievery Corporation (July 23), Crosby Stills Nash and Young (July 31), Al Green (August 2), Herbie Hancock & Joshua Redman (August 9) Ziggy Marley (August 13), Dave Matthews Band (August 28), James Brown (September 6), Willie Nelson (September 8,9.10), Massive Attack (September 24), and Roger Waters performing Dark Side of the Moon in its entirety (October 5). The L.A. Philharmonic orchestra will accompany many of these performers and tickets are bound to sell fast. You can find a complete calendar of events at www.hollywoodbowl.com.

GIG IN NORTHRIDGE

Deep in Northridge, close to the CSUN campus, Harper's Bar & Grill (19333 Business Center Dr.; 818-349-3474) is known to serve up live music three times a week. Monday and Tuesday nights feature the Red Muffs, a party loving cover band that play four decades worth of hits, while Saturday nights are reserved for local musicians looking to lay down their original tunes. The venue benefits greatly from CSUN student traffic and the lack of any other venues in the immediate vicinity. Bands interested in performing at Harpers can connect with Rob or Ricky, Monday thru Friday, at 818-349-3474. You can find then venue online at www.mvspace.com/harperbar. while their newly launched blog can be seen at www.harpersbar.com.

MAN MAN IN L.A

When Philadelphia-based experimental rockers Man Man released their 2004 debut, the sloppy, yet melodic madness bore resemblance to something Frank Zappa or Captain Beefheart might have ing foot tapping waltzes, singenced arrangements.

The band is supporting Six

produced 35 years ago. Their followup effort, the full-length Six Demon Bag (Ace Fu Records), is equally sloppy and melodic, featuralong-junk and singer Honus Honus' signature growl above a new set of Zappa/Beefheart influDemon Bag with a performance at the Henry Fonda Music Box Theatre (6126 Hollywood Blvd.; 323-464-0808) on June 16, opening for Fiery Furnaces who themselves are supporting an excellent new disc, Bitter Tea (Fat Possum). You can preview tracks from Man Man's new record at www.myspace .com/wearemanman.

HOOTENANNY!

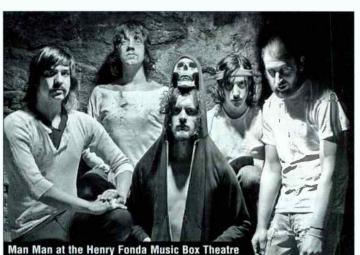
This July 1 the Oak Canyon Ranch (5305 Santiago Canyon Rd.; 714-740-2000) in Irvine will play host to hot cars, rockabilly jams, and a blast of punk at the Goldenvoice-produced Hootenanny. The festival's 11th annual event features a handful of Hootenanny regulars including Reverend Horton Heat (making his seventh festival appearance); the Supersuckers; local country-western troubadour James Intveld; 50's rockabilly icon Wanda Jackson, Tiger Army, Flogging Molly, Stray Cat Lee Rocker, Big Sandy, and the Living End. If the music doesn't tickle your fancy, perhaps the car display, featuring dozens of pre-1965 hot rods and custom cars (no stock models allowed), will float your boat. A complete festival lineup is available at www.hootenanny.com.

FREAK SHOW

On June 6, Kitastrophe, a band that pays tribute to the famous cult movie This is Spinal Tap, will play at The Pit (1640 Western Ave.; 909-887-3810) in San Bernardino. Joining them will be acid-freak out jam band Fractal Reality, and an all-girl electronic noise outfit called We Scratch.

The Pit puts on some pretty unique shows, although they only book musical acts on Friday and Saturday nights. During the rest of the week, the club is a dive bar with cheap well drinks and a jukebox that hasn't been updated since about 1983.

Club owner Peter Daniel does all the booking, and he prefers to be contacted via e-mail with a My-





Space link; query Booking@atthe pit.com. Check out the club at www .atthepit.com.

MERCY SHOWCASE

Mercy Records, a new label started by Trae Carlson and music industry veteran Adam Harrison, is celebrating its launch with a showcase July 11 at the Key Club (9039 Sunset Blvd.; 310-274-5800). All of the label's first signings are expected to perform, including local three-piece rockers Million/Billion (www.myspace. com/millionbillion), former Warner Bros. artist Holly Palmer (www .myspace.com/hollypalmer), who is currently touring the world as a back-up singer for Gnarls Barkley, and Canon (www.myspace.com/ canon), a teenage prog-rock outfit hailing from the San Fernando Valley. Check out the music in advance and connect with the label www.myspace.com/mercyre cords.

LIVE AT THE LOUNGE

While the Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach is best known for hosting world class comedians like Ray Romano, Jay Leno, and George Carlin, the venue also operates an adjacent 100-seat showroom, Live at the Lounge (1014 Hermosa Ave.; 310-372-1193), designed to showcase unplugged musicians and alternative comedy acts. The club is currently booked Friday and Saturday nights by Molly Malone's/Genghis Cohen promoter Jay Tinsky. The club — which owner Mike Lacey fancies as a true listening room has thus far featured an excellent assortment of local talent including guitar maestro Geoff Pearlman, AM, honkytonker Heather Waters, and Beth Thornley. Bands can connect with Tinsky at 310-578-5591 for booking information. Schedules can be found at www .liveathelounge.com.

ROCK(S)-IT

The Rock-It Café (14329 Hawthorne Blvd.; 310-676-1867) in Hawthorne lives and dies by its name. Accordingly, the divey bar hosts "Club Burn," a down and dirty rock & roll evening every first



and third Saturday of the month. In addition to featuring two local rock bands, the bi-weekly event also hosts Sugarlight Girls, a not DJ collective spinning indie, electro, brit pop, punk, ska, and soul all night long. The venue holds about 170 people and accepts unsolicited band submissions. Interested rock & rollers can connect with Jen at the club's main number or through her MySpace page, www.myspace .com/caterpillargrrl. More information about Rock-It can be found at www.myspace.com/rockitcafe.

ONE MAN JAM

One man iam band Keller Williams is promoting the release of his new record Grass with a performance on Bela Fleck's Acoustic Planet Tour at The Wiltern (3790 Wilshire Blvd.; 213-388-1400) on June 24th. Williams' latest effort is an off-kilter collection of anything but traditional bluegrass songs recorded with award winning flat picker Larry Keel on guitar, and his wife, Jenny Keel, on acoustic bass. While his records (Grass included) are often a bit too experimental for mainstream bluegrass fans, his live performances are nothing less than remarkable, showcasing a performer who has truly developed his own acoustic guitar style through the use of electronic loops. You can learn more about Williams and his unique styling at www.kellerwilliams.net.

GET KONNECTED

KONNECTED INC. is a production company that specializes in nightly entertainment, focusing mainly on dance/night clubs in Orange County and surrounding areas. They are looking for motivated individuals to join the KON-NECTED iNC. family. If you're a club happy, hip-hop DJ, and you're looking for some steady gigs, then this company wants you as part of the team. They're also looking for promoters, dancers, emcees, and "KONNECTED INC. girls." company hosts events in collaboration with all kinds of product sponsors, as well as fraternities, sororities and beverage companies. Anyone who wants more information is invited to contact Shorty, who is the moderator for this My-Space group. You can reach him at this URL, http://groups.myspace .com/socalevents

THE ALLEY

The Alley (139 W. Amerige Ave.; 714-738-6934) is an all-ages venue in Fullerton that is constantly on the lookout for new talent. They book a lot of pop and rock, but are open to submissions from acts of all genres. You can contact them by e-mailing the bookers directly through the website; that address is booking@TheAlleyClub.com.

The club has been venturing into the national realm; one bit of news is that they've recently partnered with NewBandTV.com, who will be filming certain shows, and then broadcasting them on a new show called "NewBandTV Presents Live at The Alley." They've also just renovated, and re-done their sound and lighting systems. The website is frequently updated, check it out at www.thealleyclub

CAFÉ CULTURAL

Tia Chucha's Café Cultural (12737 Glen Oaks Blvd.; 818-362-7060) is a cultural space with books, workshops, art exhibits, presentations, readings, family events, performances and full coffee bar. According to its website, the venue draws on the creative spirit inherent in each person, family and community and seeks to provide a space where the individuals can open dialogue, share ideas, organize and get skillful in the various communicative and visual arts. The venue hosts live music of most genres, from acoustic singer/songwriters to rock en Espanol to open mic and spoken word artists. If you are interested in performing at Tia Chucha's. simply check out their website at www.tiachucha.com and send an e-mail to info@tiachucha.com. MC

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rior to becoming CEO of Knitting Factory Entertainment in 2002, Jared Hoffman was a successful music industry entrepreneur, founding Shadow Records, Evolver Entertainment and Instinct Records, which launched the Moby's career and earned Hoffman a reputation for developing and launching new talent. Since taking over as Knitting Factory's number one man, Hoffman has expanded the brand through the acquisition of regional promoter Bravo Entertainment, who will build Knitting Factory venues in smaller markets that have never been able to host most national tours. and partnerships with Billboard, XM Radio and new technology companies. And while Knittina Factory is actively expanding its brand, Hoffman has not lost sight of what drives the company emerging talent.

Music Connection: What is your vision for Knitting Factory and how has it evolved since the company's inception? Jared Hoffman: We've focused

on making sure our venues are world class, if not always in their physical dimensions, than in how we treat both our patrons and our artists. Our goal is to ensure that the Knitting Factory name re-mains synonymous with the best in new and emerging talent, and establishing, at a national level, our role as an arbiter and filter for what's next.

MC: Tell us a little about Knitting Factory's unique mar-

keting strategies?

Hoffman: Our goal is to provide the highest level of service to our audiences and our bands. We'll pursue any technology that makes it easier to connect the two. We hope to be able to provide a direct platform for our artists to engage in direct commerce and communication with our audiences in the near future and are busy pursuing enabling partnerships, including the announced agreement with wireless search provider, 4INFO (www .4info.net) to promote our events on mobile phones.

MC: Tell us about Knitting Factory's new XM station? Hoffman: The Knitting Factory will become the on-the-ground, real-world footprint for XMU Channel 43. XM Radio's premier alternative music station. We'll be broadcasting a weekly Friday night show, bringing the national XM audience the best new indie music captured live in concert on the Knitting Factory stages. Recording will occur at both the N.Y. and Hollywood venues. We expect on air broadcast to begin in September.

MC: What is Knitting Factory's philosophy about working and booking unsigned talent?

Hoffman: Our clubs were built as multi-room performance spaces to ensure that we would always have the time and space to work with and nurture unsigned talent. It is at the core of who we are.

MC: If an L.A. artist wanted to play the New York club, who should they contact?

Hoffman: Those artists should email an EPK or a link to a website with their music. Artists can send their message to submissions@ knittingfactory.com. Do not e-mail mp3s. Artists can also send a press kit to: Knitting Factory, Attention: Bookers, 74 Leonard Street, New York, NY 10013.



os Angeles-based singer/
songwriter Beth Thornley has
had tracks featured in TV and
film projects including Scrubs,
Dawson's Creek, Roswell and
most recently ABC Family's Beautiful People and Opus Films' picture Between. Her second CD, My
Glass Eye, promises even more
placements with echoes of Beth
Orton, Matthew Sweet, and
Aimee Mann.

"My goal is simple," says Thornley. "I'd like my work to give someone the feeling that they've found something that speaks to them and that they've been understood."

This artist's debut, a self-titled indie effort from 2003, earned lots of attention including having her song "I Will Lie" named as a rock category finalist in the 2003 USA Songwriting Competition. "Done" from My Glass Eye placed in the top 10 of the rock category for the USA Songwriting Competition 2005. For full information, contact Wendy Weisberg, 818-762-7063 or visit www.beththornley.com.

➤ Red Ink/Columbia Records artist Brandi Carlile will make her national late night television debut on June 9, performing on Late Night with Conan O'Brien. The artist has also placed an unprecedented third song showcased on

Grey's Anatomy, and premieres new tracks on a deluxe expanded edition of her self-titled debut album, slated for release June 13th. For more information, contact Tom Muzquiz at Columbia Records, 310-449-2503.

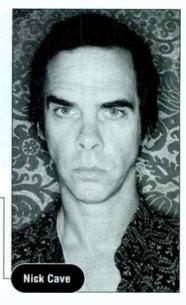
Breathe Productions is presenting the Los Angeles premiere of **Wedding Singer Blues**, written

and performed by Carla Zilbersmith, at the Coronet Theatre in West Hollywood beginning June 9th. The musical chronicles the singer's odyssey down the show business boulevard of broken dreams, meeting such characters as Joe the Vietnam Vet Driving Instructor, Sappho the performance artist, a born-again psycho Amway salesman, and many others. The production is filled with musical numbers, both new and old. For tickets, call 310-657-7377 or visit www.weddingsingerblues com

The Proposition, a new film written by music icon Nick Cave (with a score by Cave and longtime collaborator/Dirty Three frontman Warren Ellis available on Mute Records) has just opened across the country. Directed by John Hilcoat, the film is a tale of loyalty, betrayal, and retribution set in Australia's Outback frontier in the 1880's. The soundtrack for the film, out now on Mute Records, incorporates soft chamber pieces, ghostly moodscapes and whispered laments.

"I always heard it musically, and I guess it's written rhythmically as well," Cave explains, "There are moments of intense violence and there are also moments of long, lyrical, quiet sadness." The Proposition features actors Guy Pearce (Memento), Ray Winstone (Sexy Beast) and John Hurt (Elephant Man). For more information, contact Leslie Hermelin at Mute Records, 212-255-7670 ext. 241.

Los Angeles' own Sheena Metal (www.sheena-metal.com) joined the celebrity cast of *The Vagina Monologues* in a New York-based cast that included Ally Sheedy (*Breakfast Club/High Art*), Kathryn Erbe (*Law & Order: Criminal Intent*), Leslie Ayvazian (*Law & Order*), Valerie Smaldone (Lite FM 106.7), Danielle Egnew, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney and Senator Liz Krueger. The



charity shows benefited V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and The Lotus Project, designed to help women in prison. For further info, visit www.vdaynyc.org.

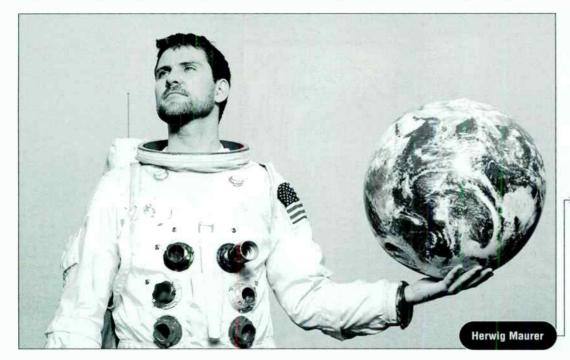
Image Entertainment has announced a June 20 release date for Austin City Limits Music Festival 2005 on DVD and CD. Both disc formats will be released as special edition two-disc sets featuring highlights from the 2005 Austin City Limits Music Festival, with DVD Disc 1's performances mixed in Dolby(R) Digital 5.1 Surround Sound. DVD Disc 1 features 111 minutes of live performances from the festival's diverse roster including Ambulance LTD, Jason Mraz, John Prine and the John Butler Trio.

Disc 2 is devoted entirely to special features, including candid interviews with 14 of the featured artists including four mini-documentaries: Bradley Beesley's Ambulance LTD ACLMF 2005; Voices from Within (featuring Blues Traveler); 214 Circle Drive (featuring Ruthle Foster), and Roky Erickson, Kyle Ellison's portrait of Austin's own father of psychedelia.

Tickets for the 2006 festival go on sale April 13 and are available at www.austincitylimits.com. For further information, contact Spencer Savage at Image Entertainment, 818-534-9308.

The Temecula Valley International Film and Music Festival is now accepting entries for the 2006 festival, slated for September 13-17 at The Movie Experience 10 at Tower Plaza in downtown Temecula. The film competition and emerging, up-and-coming unsigned performing artists and bands in the genres of rock, jazz, pop, hip-hop, R&B, Latin, country, folk, and world music. Filmmakers and musicians must submit their entries by July 15 for consideration. Film submissions should be made at www.without abox.com. Music submissions





should be made at www.sonicbids .com. Applications can be downloaded at www.tviff.com.

➤ MTV has just hosted the premiere of *Cheyenne*. In this latest reality series, MTV cameras will capture the daily routine of one girl, *Cheyenne Kimball*, as she tries to make it in the music industry at the age of 15 years old. Cheyenne will chronicle the daily drama that unfolds as Cheyenne makes the transition from small-town girl to bigtime rock-star.

When Kimball was eight, she started booking herself at local Little Elm, TX, nightclubs. When she was 12 she won America's Most Talented Kid, and now at 15, Kimball's debut album will be released on July 11th. Cheyenne

fans can log onto *MTV's Overdrive* at overdrive.mtv.com to listen to her first single "Hanging On." For further information, contact Lindsey Schiff-Abrams at MTV, 310-752-8082.

A new reality show is looking for freeloading friends or relatives. If your musician boyfriend is at home all day long, eating, sleeping and not contributing to the household, making excuses for not working or going to school and has been couch-camping for way too long, CBS's Moochers wants to help. The show will assist family and friends to get rid of career leaches. Submit your moocher story, photo and include ages of the moocher and moochee. Include contact info with city, state and

especially your phone number. No drugs or incarceration stories. To submit or for more information, email sarahm@stage29productions com.

Local fave **Debra Davis**, the queen of song placement in the hit series **Dawson's Creek**, has had four song placements on **ABC Family's Beautiful People** in the last couple months, and one last fall. Also, the title track to her latest CD, **Complete**, is on the newly released **Dawson's Creek Season 6** DVD. For a complete listing of upcoming placements and show dates, or to purchase her CDs, visit www.debradavis.com.

A production company is looking for talent of all kinds [singers, dancers, comedians, puppets, musicians, rappers] to debut as the hottest variety acts in America. Ages from 12 to 35 years old. The show will tape in August. To book an audition, please contact dreambreak@gmail.com.

Producers of the indie feature *The Bliss*, about a girl who becomes a rock star, are looking for indie label music of all kinds. To submit, send a CD via regular mail to: Camille Solari, C/O The Bliss, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., #495, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Though the company will not accept e-mail submissions, you can drop a line to solarigirl@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Directions is an innovative anthology from Death Cab for Cutie made up of 13 short films, one for each of the band's 11 songs from its new Plans album and two bonus films. Each film was created by different directors and artists selected by the band and its label, Atlantic Records. All of the directors.

tors and artists enlisted to work on the collection were given free reign to explore their imaginations.

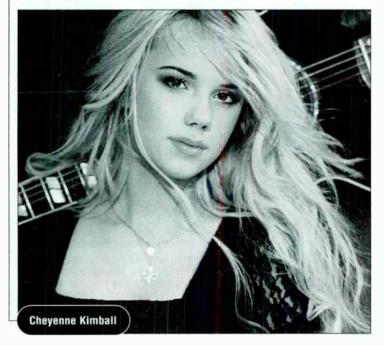
Death Cab for Cutie itself did not appear in the films, but the ultimate goal was to create a series of shorts that worked together as both individual pieces of art and as a unified whole. The videos were unveiled one by one on the band's website, www.deathcabforcutie.com, starting in January and released on DVD on April 11th. For more information, contact Michelle Lu at Hype, 323-938-8363 ext. 103.

Underground multimedia artist and Austrian native Herwig Maurer just held two concerts - in Munich and Los Angeles - where he performed the score to the new film Zen & Zero as a live performance in sync with the film. For both of these special screenings all sound effects, dialog and live music were performed by the composer himself and his L.A.-based group New World Revolution (www.my space.com/nwr). Maurer originally visited the Zen & Zero film crew in Costa Rica to soak up the energy and vibe of the production and road trip. Back in Los Angeles his experience on the set shaped and dictated the musical score, a blend of moody desert rock and psychedelic vibes. The soundtrack won a nomination for Best Original Score at the X-Dance Festival in Park City this year. Catch up with the film and all the latest news at: www.sur fextravaganza.at.

Country singer Charlie Daniels visited Charlotte, NC, home to Bojangles Restaurants, to film a new series TV commercials for the chain. The 30-second commercial now airing features Daniels as well as football star Jake Delhomme. The setting for the commercial is the opening of a special country music concert, filmed at the Central Piedmont Community College Theatre. For more information, contact Kirt Webster or Ebie McFarland at Webster & Associates, 615-777-6995.

Marta Domingo's new production of La Traviata debuts at LA Opera, June 7-24, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Soprano Elizabeth Futral stars in the demanding role of the beautiful, doomed Violetta. Tenor Joseph Calleja debuts as Alfredo, the young lover wno takes Violetta away into a dream of happiness that cannot last. Baritone Dwayne Croft returns as Giorgio Germont, the father whose devotion leads to a heartbreaking sacrifice. John Fiore conducts this visually stunning production. La Traviata runs in repertory with LA Opera's world premiere production of Elliot Goldenthal's Grendel, directed by Julie Taymor.

Purchase tickets at the Dorothy Chandler Pavillion box office, by phone at 213-972-8001, or at www losangelesopera.com.



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EMINEM TAKES A RIOE IN THE JOHN LENNON EOUCATIONAL TOUR BUS: Eminem recently visited the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus to give props to will.i.am after a Black Eyed Peas show in Oetroit. Will is working on the Peas' next record and Fergie's debut CO on the Lennon Bus while on tour. The Bus is a state-of-the-art recording studio that travels cross-country providing free workshops to students using Apple audio and video solutions, Roland gear, the iGuitar, and much more.



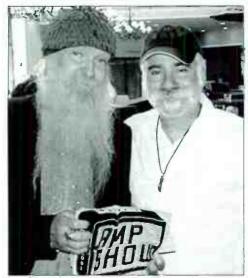
SAE INSTITUTE OPENS IN HOLLYWOOO!: SAE Institute recently opened its Sunset Boulevard campus in the heart of Hollywood. The new facility offers instruction in audio, post-production and multimedia/film markets. Headquartered in Australia, this is SAE's fourth U.S. campus, with additional locations planned in the future. The Institute operates 40 campuses in more than 20 countries, offering diploma and full degree programs. Pictured at the grand opening party are (L-R): John Hart, President of NEVE; Candace Stewart, Firehouse Studio Manager; Gary Ladinsky, owner of Design FX; and Tom Misner, owner and founder of the SAE Institute.



NEWPORT BECOMES A HOT TAMALE!: New independent film Hot Tamale brought music and industry people to the Newport Film Festival. The music-driven film directed by Michael Damian features the debut single "Au Natural" from Generous Juice. Pictured (L-R): National Record Promotion VP Larry Weir, actress Diora Baird, Punkin Pie, Peggy Sue Honeyman/Scott, and actor Randy Spelling. Visit www.hottamalethemovie.com for more information.



GOLDFRAPP'S SUPERNATURAL ENERGY SE-OUCES L.A.: Electronic alternative cult group Goldfrapp took their unique blend of art-house tunes to The Wiltern recently. The group performed songs from their latest release, Supernatural. Pictured is lead singer Alison Goldfrapp.





AMP SHOW BLOWS OUT THE TUBES: Nearly 700 guitar and bass players decended on the one-day consumer music expo to plug in and compare the best products of the amplifier world. The most notable event of the expo was the "Tone Wizzards II" seminar, an open forum on all things amplified. Live music was performed all day with sets by Pat Kelly & Dan Sawyer, Mike Guererro, Ronny North, Rick Brannon and an open jam to close the day. Pictured (L-R): Billy Gibbons with show promoter Loni Specter, and 15-year-old Dash LeFrancis who stole the show at the jam.



TOTO GETS INTO THE SOUL OF REGIS & KELLY: Host Kelly Ripa (Center) and guest co-host Craig Ferguson recently welcomed Grammy-winning rock band Toto to the set of *Live with Regis and Kelly*. The group wowed the live audience with "Bottom of Your Soul" from their new album *Falling In Between*.



TALKING MUSIC: The May 2006 Tribeca Film Festival in NYC was the site for a VIP music dinner co-hosted by ASCAP, programmers of the Tribeca/ASCAP Music Lounge, the Film Musicians Secondary Markets Fund, the New York State Governor's Office for Motion Picture & TV Development and AFM Local 802. Pictured (L-R): Annie Leahy; Tribeca Film Fest, Dennis Dreith; Film Musicians Fund, Pat Sweeney Kaufman and Jerry Stoeffhaas; Governor's Film Office. Scott W. McKinlay; Film Musicians Fund and Sue Devine, ASCAP.





1982-DEMENTED-(Issue #17): Los Angeles music in the early 80's is perfectly captured in this vintage issue of Music Connection. There are Club Reviews of Catholic Girls at Club Lingerie, the Stingers at Hop Singh's, and Gang Band at the Troubadour Our Concert Reviews section spotlighted Richard Hell at The Whisky, Kid Creole & the Coconuts at The Roxy, Marshall Crenshaw at Perkins' Palace, and Journey at the Rose Bowl. Novelty music deejay Dr. Demento, our cover subject, explained his name: "The first time I was on the air we played 'Transfusion,' and one of the secretaries at the station said, 'You gotta be demented to play that shit!"



1992-DEF JOE ELLIOT-(Issue #9): The Def Leppard frontman posed for this cover of MC, and in the corresponding interview he weighed in about the recent death by drugs and alcohol of band mate Steve Clark. "I'm not going to dress this subject up. I've explained his death as it happened. It was ugly. Hopefully somebody else won't die because of what happened to Steve. Maybe someone will read this article and walk away from this destructive lifestyle." Also in this issue of MC is "Musician Parents," an article spotlighting local players and their toddler offspring

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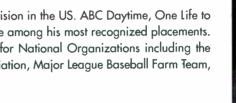
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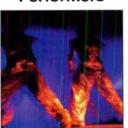
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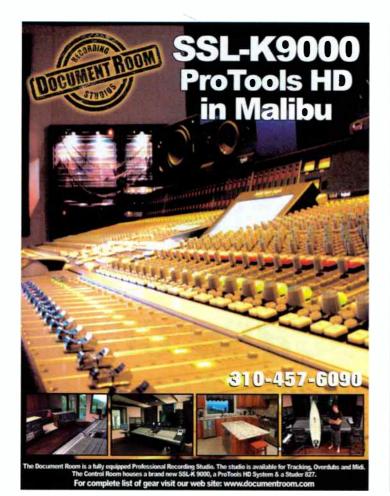
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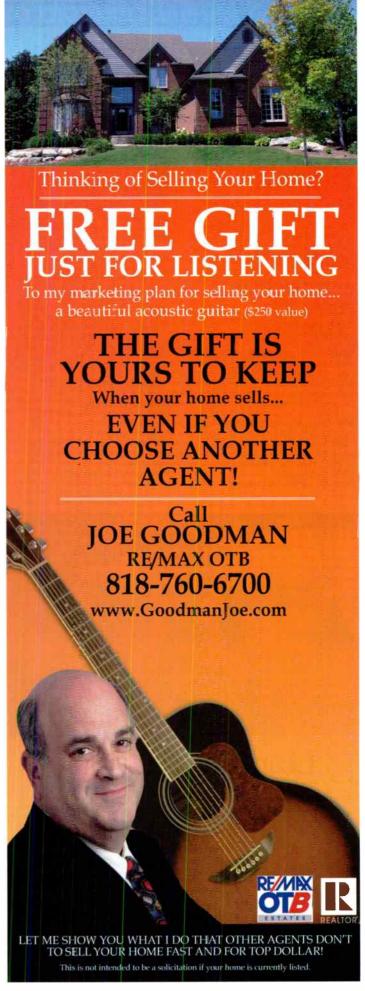
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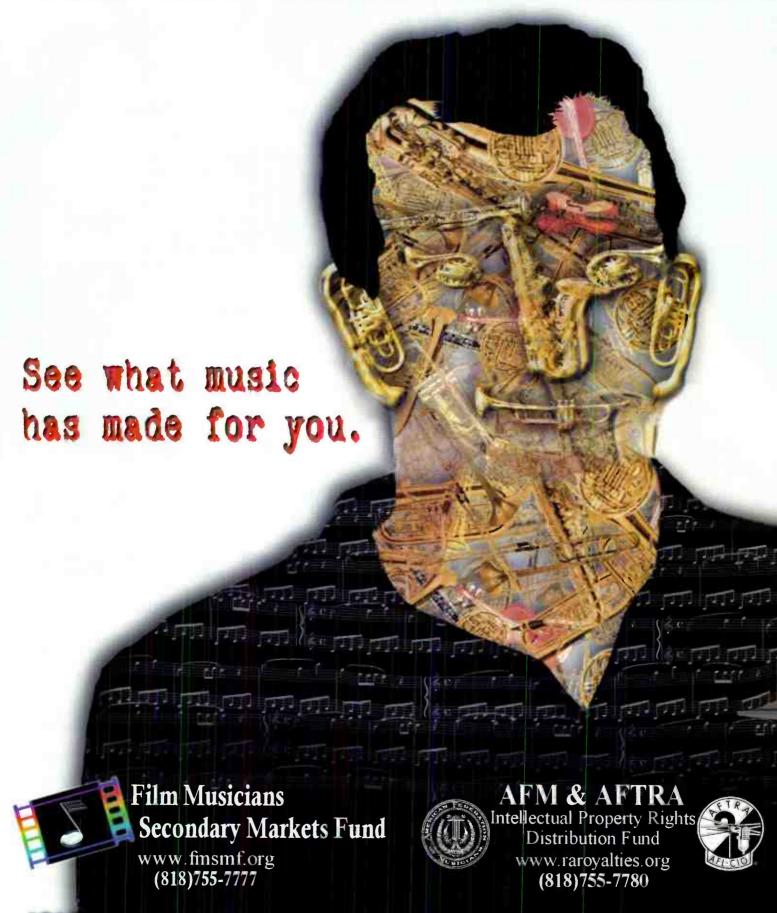
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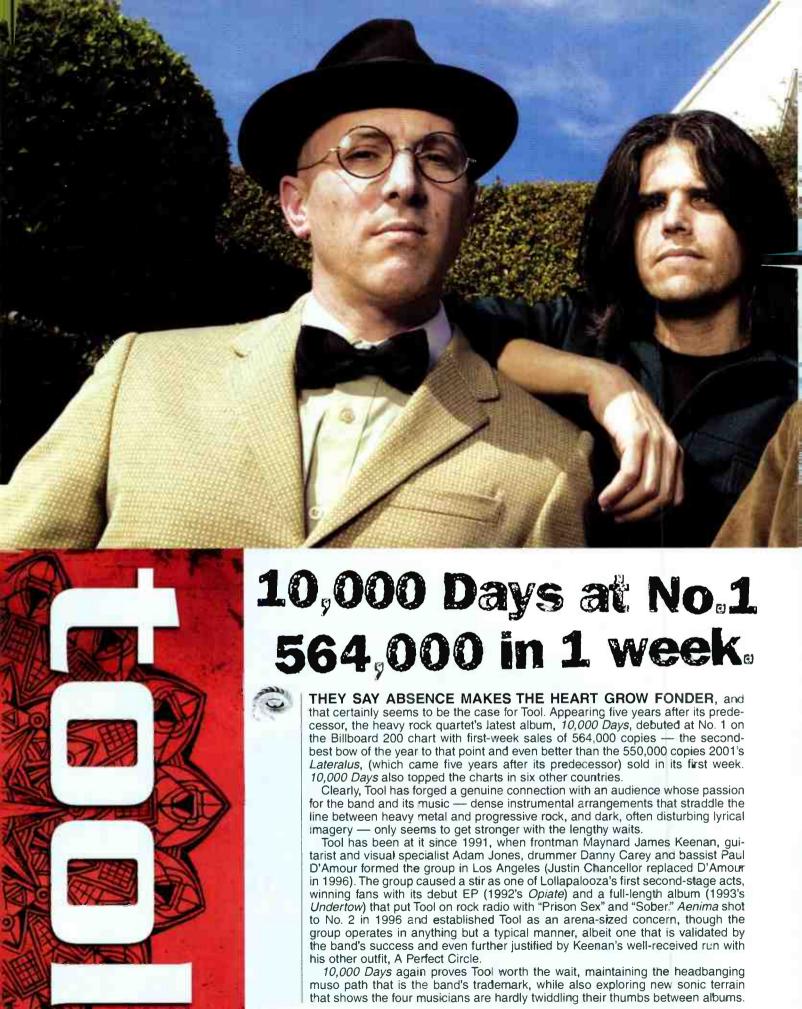


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Music Connection: Was the No. 1 debut for 10,000 Days exciting or gratifying?

Adam Jones: Yeah, yeah, absolutely. I'm ecstatic. I'm the luckiest guy in the world.

Maynard James Keenan: I don't know — it sold a bunch of copies, and then it ended up No. 1 on some chart. It's surprising, I guess; nowadays with downloading and everything, I didn't think it would do that.

MC: Five years after your last album, were you worried about whether people would be waiting for a new Tool album or were you confident they'd be there?

Keenan: You can't ever expect that. You have to do just what feels right to you and take the time you need and follow your heart. If people ended up coming around for it, that's great. If they didn't, that's fine, too. You can't base your life around whether people are going to show up or not. Jones: I'm very hopeful that what we do is successful, but I'm not going to worry when the next record comes out that people appreciate it as much as I do. If I'm into it, there's going to be people into it, I think. And if we don't sell half a million albums the first day, it's okay. The point is you have to do what makes you happy, and success comes second.

MC: Do you feel the long break between albums? Does it seem like a long time to you? Jones: Yeah, I guess, but it feels right. I've seen a lot of bands desperately try to put out a record 'cause they're afraid to lose their fan base, or they want to keep the big single rolling. So they'll put out an album every year, and I think you really lose sight of yourself. If you're thinking that way, you're just going to sound like a bad cover band of yourself.

MC: Do the gaps between albums — the fact that the band members separate for long periods — give Tool more opportunity to grow and make better music when you do get back together?

Keenan: Yes, I would imagine. You notice most bands, after they've come out with an album that does well, has a fresh sound, their second album tends to be similar or more of the same, an extension of the same. But then their third album tends to be the road album or the lawyer album where they're bitching about the industry or talking about being on the road. 'cause what the fuck else have they done in the last three or four years? They have no life experience except in a bus or inside a lawyer's office or a record company. But if you take more time, you have more chance to go out and actually have experiences out of the bus.

MC: Do you guys stay in touch during the off-time?

Keenan: Yeah, we keep in touch as much as we can. It's difficult to keep in touch with everyone and all your friends while you're traveling. Distance, in general, makes it difficult, so do changing time zones and being in different countries and area codes. But you do your best.

MC: How do you go about getting Tool activated again?

Keenan: I walk off a tour bus from A Perfect Circle, I set my bags down and go, "Okay, are we writing now?" and get back to the rehearsal space.

Jones: The last record came out in 2001 and we toured for about two and a half years and then we took a year off, which was really nice. Then Justin and I started getting together. Danny and I started jamming. About halfway through that process Maynard came in. We approached each song individually, and when we were done with it we moved to the next song. We wrote as many songs as are on the record, and when the time was right we planned on recording. It's nice; there's not a lot of pressure. We just roll with the ideas.

MC: Did you approach 10,000 Days with any specific musical goals or a sense of creative mission?

Keenan: No. We have to just explore it like it's a brand new space and the lights are off and we just have to find the switches. It's a process of listening; someone might have heard something one of the other guys did and expand on it. It's almost like a jam session, or jazz fusion. It starts to come together more like a classical piece by the time it's done.

MC: That's an interesting point, because many of these songs do sound more like compositions rather than standard pop or rock songs.

Jones: Definitely. It's almost like a film soundtrack. It's more emotional. We don't think versechorus verse-chorus verse-chorus. We just think, "What does the song need?" The way that I can describe it as quickly as possible is it's completely experimental. We get in there and try stuff and have fun with it and go down different paths that we normally haven't gone down before and just explore what happens when the four of us meet in the cen-

Keenan: As you grow as a musician, I would think you would continue learning and including things in your repertoire and arsenal. And then it's time to use it, you pull out what seems appropriate for certain things you're hearing.

MC: Are you often surprised, at the end of the process, by what you come up with?

Jones: I don't know about surprised, 'cause, like I said, it's always about what we think the song needs.

Keenan: It's all just part of the process. Things come out when they're appropriate. The process is so in-depth and we take so long to do it, and we're in the middle of it, still. It's such a fresh album. I suppose two albums from now I'll have a better idea. We're just not playing it safe, though. It's rock & roll the way it's supposed to be. It's supposed to be a little dangerous and on the edge.

MC: You produced 10,000 Days yourselves. What was that experience like?

Jones: I gotta back you up on that one. Every record we've done, the songs you've heard on the album are how they sounded when we were in our studio. Every time we worked with someone they were, like, "I want a producing credit." And we were thinking, "Uh, Okay..." It helps those people get other jobs and it makes it look like they were the ones that were responsible for everything. But after a while, we thought, "This is kind of stupid." If we were one of those bands where we said, "Look, we want Rick Rubin to come in here and rework all our songs so we're a Top 40 band" --- which would be a complete nightmare, but that, to me, is producing. But when you basically have your songs together and you bring in an engineer and a mixer and you're making all the executive decisions, then, to me, it's self-produced. So this time we were decided, "Let's keep the producing credit ourselves, 'cause that's what we do as a band."

MC: Tool has always come up with such striking sounds, for the individual instruments and collectively. Is that a trial-and-error process?

Jones: We usually take the aspect that what you hear us play through our gear is what you're gonna hear on the record. But then there's elements of story telling where you can use a certain kind of guitar to get an even cleaner sound or you can put an effect on the vocal to get some kind of emotion happening. We've always understood that hard work is really good, but how hard do you take something? Do you keep working it, or is it good right now and everyone's happy? You just kind of go with your gut or your heart, not your head.

MC: Would you agree that you do more of what would be considered traditional soloing on 10,000 Days.

Jones: Yeah, I've opened up a bit. Being a little kid in the 70's, I got tired of guitar solos very quickly. I was always kind of against it, but I've played little solos here and there on our other records. But I don't have to be one of those guys that says, "Okay, I have to have a guitar solo on every songs." It's just kind of like, "What's going on here? What are we exploring? Okay, here's a little jam, so let's jam; what are we going to do?" And Justin is playing a lot of solos on this record, too.

MC: You managed to work a talk box into this album. Been listening to "Rocky Mountain Way" a lot?

Jones: I've been a big fan of Joe Walsh forever, and I tried a talk box before Tool and thought it was a cool thing. I always wanted to play it in our music somewhere, but, again, it has to be the right kind of texture for the song. So we did that song ("Jambi")



"People are just afraid to take risks, which I think is kind of silly. That's the only way you get anywhere." - Maynard James Keenan

and I thought, "Okay, this is it. This is where I want to use the talk box. It's gonna build up, and when the talk box comes in it's going to be completely slaying and emotional." We called Bob Heil, the inventor of the talk box, who is great; he's invented the most amazing mics that I use, and we got consulting from him. And my friend knew Joe Walsh, so I got a call from Joe Walsh, which was great; he called me and went, "Adam Jones, this is Walsh, the talk box fairy." He told me all these techniques to try, and it really helped.

MC: Was there any particular lyrical theme that developed while writing the songs for 10,000 Days?

Keenan: I don't really go into explaining the songs. I let people experience it for themselves. If I explain it, then I rob them of that experience, and it might not mean the same to them as it does to me. So I don't want to take that away from anybody. I'll let you discover it.

MC: 10,000 Days is another visually striking album package from Tool, with the stereo-

scopic glasses and everything. How did that come about?

Jones: We always try to think of something that's never been done before, at least as far as album packaging. I've been a fan of stereoscopic photography my whole life; I belong to the Southern California Stereoscopic Club and have a lot of equipment and things. We thought if we could get this to work within our budget and put this out, it would be really unique reflecting a lot of the artwork I appreciate from the 70's, from vinyl. So we banged heads with the record company and management and all kinds of people, but prevailed and got it done, on budget. Everyone thinks, "Oh, this is a limited edition package," but it's not. It's thee album package.

MC: It's hard to believe anyone would want to interfere with a cool idea like this.

Keenan: Every time you try to do something a little different, there's resistance, 'cause people are just afraid to take risks, which I think is kind of silly. That's the only way you get anywhere. Everybody's so conservative and so safe, and it's reflected when you hear some of the stuff on the radio nowadays. It's very safe.

MC: You talk about banging heads. What kind of relationship does Tool maintain with management?

Jones: It's a very delicate one, 'cause...Let's just say they were in hot water with us a couple of times. We have our old soundman, Pete Reidling, who's very business savvy. We have a contract in which the scales are tipped heavily in our favor with him. At our level you need someone that's going to go talk to the record company on your behalf, go talk to the merchandiser on your behalf, set up a tour on your behalf, someone who is thinking on your side of the fence and not on his own side of the fence or someone else's side of the fence. You just need someone you can trust, and you have to have a good contract to make sure that trust is documented. (laughs)

MC: You probably know a lot more about the music biz than you ever expected to when you started playing in bands.

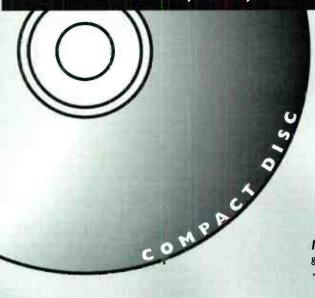
Jones: For sure, but I could talk about the music business for fucking hours, man, and try to educate bands to not get ripped off and what to look out for and to know power of attorney and to know in-perpetuity contracts and all that stuff. That's how you survive.

MC: In regards to Tool's survival, can we expect the next album to come along faster or should we just accept that we'll have to wait awhile again?

Keenan: I'm not going to direct that. I haven't even stepped into that space yet. We'll just let that happen naturally. I'm looking down the road with [10,000 Days], 'cause this is where I am. It's a long process. There's a lot that goes into it, so I have to focus on this. This is a long-term thing, and when we get closer to what we think is going to be wrapping it up, then I'll look towards other steps. But when you're in this, you have to give it all your energy.

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The Alarm

80's Act Returns with a New Attack



By Scott Perham

ore than 25 years after the Alarm first stormed onto the scene in the 80's, it has returned to the fold of modern music with a new hit single and an album of new Alarm songs. But the band's reintroduction to the mainstream is no surprise for frontman Mike Peters. According to him, the Alarm has been calling its own shots since day one. "We rewrote the rulebook on how to be in a band and survive the years," Peters says. "In the beginning, we didn't really know the rules of the music industry so we just started a record label, pressed up our own sleeves, packed them

up and sold them at gigs. It wasn't until we built up such a big following from putting our own singles out that we ended up signing with IRS in the U.K."

With the help of a leading label behind them, Mike Peters and his mates went on to release a string of smash singles during the 80's including the hits "68 Guns" and "Strength." But nothing truly great can last forever, and as the decade drew to a close so did the magic that was the original Alarm. "In hindsight we could all see the pressures that led to us breaking up," Peters recalls of the turbulent time. "My sister had a brain hemorrhage. Then my father died of a broken heart just after that. Then my drummer's father committed suicide. Then the 90's came along and Nirvana blew every band from the 80's out of the water. So I decided to just call it a day and let the Alarm slip into the underground for the 90's."

During this downtime Mike Peters continued to tour solo to keep the spirit of the Alarm alive; that is until an unexpected illness threatened his future touring plans. "I was just about to go on an American tour when I was diagnosed with Lymphoma," he recalls. "But I did the tour anyway. I also went to see a faith healer and she told me that green was a powerful color in my life. So I covered myself in Army fatigues and I wore them every night of the tour onstage. Then when I got off the tour I went for some blood tests

and I found out that I was in a spontaneous remission."

After conquering his cancer, the rejuvenated Peters continued to perform with various versions of the Alarm at scattered shows, as well as at an annual concert dubbed "The Gathering" in his native Wales. The band also began writing new Alarm songs, and when it came time to release a single Peters pulled an unprecedented move to get his music heard. "We had a single called '45rpm," he recalls. "And we thought if we put it out as the Alarm, people would think, 'Oh, they're from the 80's and it's not the original lineup anymore, what's the point of listening to this?' So we figured, let's create a false band (called the Poppy Fields) and front it with 18-yearold kids. So we did that and the radio started playing it and people were raving that it was the best thing to come out of Britain for years. We waited until the record charted then we let everyone know that it was the Alarm in disguise and it became a massive story.

The success of the new single also led to the release of the band's latest album, entitled Under Attack, under the updated moniker, the Alarm MMVI. Though the album showcases the rekindled energy of the band, it also reflects Peters' subconscious fight with yet another serious illness. "We mastered the album in December 2005 and a week later I was diagnosed with Leukemia," he states. "And that made me realize that when I was writing it I was literally under attack as a human being. But this album also has freshness about it that I haven't had in my music in a long time."

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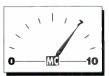




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ondon's new CD is a self-produced effort whose songs are not as well-put-together as the album's artful sleeve design and packaging. "All You Need" is indicative of the CD's overall problem — its lack of production skill handicaps London's sturdy voice, which needs a dousing of reverb. Her guitar tone is wafer-thin when it should be warm and rich. London, who has previously had TV placements, should engage an experienced engineer for her next project.

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Stereo Suite takes us through the gears of

three-chord guitar-driven rock. Wallace's lead vocals and the band's backup salvos

are all tight. The production, on every level,

is expert and shows an understanding of what makes this kind of music tick.

Nashville artist Anderson has a pleasing, assured vocal presence that, in the tune

"On My Knees," recalls classic Top 40 troubadour Jim Croce. Anderson is aiming for a

mainstream Nashville vibe, however, and,

supported by pro players, savvy production and deft arrangements, he achieves it, especially on "Matter of the Heart" and the wistful "Rain in Denver." It's all extremely

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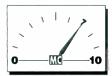
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crush. There's something disarmingly simple, yet fun, about the song. Unfortunately, the performances are noticably tentative and the almost total absence of guitars is puzzling. Dan Prokop's lead vocals ("She Can't Sleep" echoes Death Cab) are the band's strong suit. Sounds to us like Springhill has yet to actually explore its gear and forge a signature sound.

'his four-piece keeps it light on "Cherry Red," a song about a teenage love





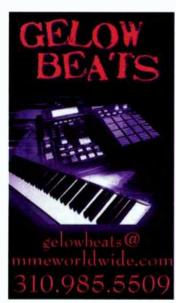
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unnecessarily or gratuitously negative.

- Sue Landolfi, club booker

CLUB REVIEWS



Tigarah: Unique Asian blend of atmospheric crunk-rap and beats.

Tigarah

Cinespace Hollywood

Contact: Alexandra Greenberg, MSO, 818-380-0400 ext. 223; agreenberg@msopr.com Web: www.tigarah.net The Players: Tigarah, vocals; Mr. D. sampler.

Material: Tigarah delivers the sound of an intelligent, privileged Japanese girl who likes crunk-rap and immerses herself in after-hours Brazilian baile funk. The beats are urgent and the music is positive. Lyrics such as "I am a Japanese Queen" are much better slogans than the majority of lyrics in this genre. The music behind the lyrics also matches that upbeat vibe, but adds a retro-spacey element to it. Musicianship: Tigarah is backed by the superb skills of Mr. D. His tight beats on a Roland SP-404 lofi sampler provide a colorful canvas for Tigarah to color on with her day-glow-cute strokes of crunkstyle rap. There is a sweetness in this combo that is refreshing. Tigarah sings in Japanese and Engfish and her mic control is excellent in either language.

Performance: The moment Tigarah hit the stage she captivated the hipster crowd, which swayed their hips when urged by the dynamo of an MC. For the duration of the set, she prowled the stage like a playful kitten. Dressed in the colors of Brazil and backed by two dancers for a few songs, the set was beautiful in every sense. Tigarah proved that the right mixture of baile funk, U.K. grime, Baltimore club and hip-hop can, indeed, be potent.

Summary: Subtitles aren't necessary to enjoy rhythmic bursts of rap when it flows this smoothly from such an attractive source. Tigarah is beyond cute and is extremely talented. The music is suitable for all ages and the lyrics stick in your head — in a good way.

-Forrest Reda

Spring Synergy Café Culver City

Contact: Hotline, 310-621-4361; Spring@Springgroove.com Web: www.springgroove.com The Players: Spring, vocals, acoustic guitar, piano; Danny Mc Gaw, guitar, backup vocals; Eric Sittner, bass.

Material: As a singer/songwriter and musician, Spring melds the influences of Carole King, Joan Armatrading and Joni Mitchell, creating a sound that speaks to the heart. Springgroove, the name of her band, released a 2004 album that presented a broad range of sounds with cello, mandolin,

piano, guitar and various percussion instruments. Together, this act's material is both contemporary and timeless. Lyrics, penned with emotion, are sung raw (by Spring), with a dynamic and beautiful delivery that rises with vitality and descends into tenderness.

Musicianship: Whether playing with a full band, or in a strippeddown fashion, Spring is a quintessential musician. Flanked by Danny McGaw on guitar and Eric Sitner on a big upright bass, Spring's live show is a true measure of what she and her bandmates can do. And, it's obvious that the stage is where they thrive. While it's interesting to see Spring and her full band perform, it's even more satisfying to hear her play solo on piano or guitar — or, far better, singing a cappella.

Performance: The band's sound was well balanced, the musicianship was tight and the trio was fun to watch. McGaw, a fine player, tastefully strummed, finger picked and played leads, accentuating a solid rhythm laid down by Spring and timekeeper/bassist Sittner. Advocating a less is more, nonshowy approach, Spring's mission was to get her message across via her music. To this end, she thoroughly enjoyed herself while performing and made sure that her audience was well taken care of. Spring delivered nice touches in a venue as intimate as the Synergy

Summary: Spring is an exuberant, gifted performer with amazing accompaniment from her guitarist and bass player. This artist showed she can hold her audience with an effortless display of love and light, which, as it happens, is her creed.

—Charlie Steffens



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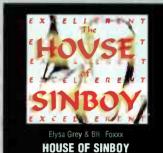


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 - · 26, reliable, friendly, charismatic, strong vox, all styles, Ampeg SVT, Fender, Specter, etc. seeking paid gigs, showcases, tours, videos, etc. Major label exp. Myspace/michaelcrawford, Mike, emc7979@hotmail.com
 - Pro bassist, B.I.T. grad. w/strong backup vox seeks pro project. Inf: Sheehan, Jaco, Stu Hamm, Jeff Berlin, Geezer, Entwistle, Vai/Satch, Dream Theater, Queensryche, Maiden. Have cd avail. Rob Young On Bass, 714-470-7005, rob@robyoungonbass.com
 - Experienced bass player, late 40's, sings lead or back-up, seeking established, working classic-rock/rhythm & blues band. Sorry, no start-ups please. Ben Blakemore, 562-921-2898, bnblakemore@aol.com

16. KEYBOARDISTS AVAILABLE

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- · Funky drummer available for recording or live gigs. Alternative, indie, funky situations please. Have 5-piece Pearl set. Ready for action, Nick, nickroxx@gmail.com
- . Pro drummer needs to do something huge. Alt.-rock. Bonham meets whatever vou need, U2. RadioHead, Zeppelin. Donnie, donnieallen67@yahoo.com
- . Alt.-rock drummer available for glos. recording, showcases, or pro band situation. Easy to work with. Just love to play. Bonham, Moon, Copeland, Grohl. Dave, mohawknips@yahoo.com
- Drummer w/11 years experience looking for musicians to lam/qiq in the LA/SM area. Influences: Zeppelin, DMB (drums), Tool. funk, reggae. Looking for genre-fusing creative folks. Andrew, ataylor1770@yahoo.com
- · Drummer, 24, seeking an established band (label/tour/studio). I can play most styles well & I am easy to work with. My drumming is easy to follow & I can play to a click. Darryl Jones, 559-289-5922, darryl.drums@gmail.com
- · Funky shaman w/a whole lotta Bonham. Marc. 323-653-5833. ingredient27@aol.com
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- Drummer Immediately avail. for pro bands only. Have pro gear, look, & attitude. I'm a strong team player. I have a valid passport. Lisa Rav, Lravister@aol.com
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 Versatile player w/great chops & pocket.
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- Semi-pro, serious amateur jazz drummer looking for group. Contemporary, straightahead, fusion, bop, Latin. Pasadena area, pro gear, & studio. Alan, 626-833-9796, ahanslik@earthlink.net
- Me: Deftones, Lamb of God, Metallica, Sepultura, Tool. YOU: much as I love Sepultura, I like music thats catchy, meaning the singer actually sings... Richard, 818-970-4167,

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- Professional drummer w/24 years of experience available. Excellent references. Demo/bio available upon request. Serious inquiries only. College degree in Percussion Performance. Fluent in all styles. Chad Thompson, 620-755-1914, drummer_chad@hotmail.com
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 Hitchwithmitch@charter.net

18. HORN PLAYERS AVAILABLE

 Tenor/alto saxophone & harmonica player for studio sessions! Music degree, read, all styles, very soulful, fast worker. Samples avail. upon request. Jason Hemmens, 818-209-8378,

jasonhemmens03@yahoo.com

 Sax player available. Tenor & alto. Rock, r&b/soul, funk, blues, jazz, pop. Infl: early Sanborn, Bobby Keys, Coltrane, Maceo, etc. Seeks working bands, sessions. Brian Floyd, 323-876-7735, Brianfloyd5@aol.com

20. SPECIALTIES AVAILABLE

 Pro bassist/B.I.T graduate w/strong backing vox seeks pro project. Infl.: Sheehan, Jaco, Stu Hamm, Jeff Berlin, Entwistle, Vai/Satch, Dream Theater, Q-Ryche, Maiden. Have cd avail. Rob Young on Bass,

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21. VOCALISTS AVAILABLE

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 Steve, 818-360-2266,

stevenhunter55@hotmail.com

- Female vox looking for indie rock band.
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- Pro front vox, 30+, seeks orginal band ala Audioslave, U2, Coldplay, AC/DC, Oasis, Velvet Revolver, AIC, STP, Radiohead, Pearl Jam, Filter, Crowes, etc. or start-up w/right guitar. Versatile talent only. Steven, 818-202-3195, permanentdamage@aol.com
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- · I am a female singer/songwriter, country & gospel music. I like to sing classicrock & classic country. I play the piano/keyboard, Rita, 615-356-1453. rtanner22003@yahoo.com
- · Pro male r&b vocalist w/dynamic baritone/tenor range, from Nate D. to Luther V., avail. for sessions, tours, & voiceovers. Toured w/Mary J. R. Kelly & Usher Fox 626-398-9474, T RAW1@vahoo.com
- · Paid situations only. All styles. Sara. 323-679-5549, sararocksprog@hotmail.com
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- · Unsigned rap artists, specializing in studio vocals & live performances. Ppen to collaborations. Contact for weblink. SilkSon265@hotmail.com
- . Male vox with 4 oct range avail, for studio projects. No joining bands please! Music Degree,15yrs exp., great harmonizing, most styles, write/read music, professional. Jason Hemmens, 818-209-8378.

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· Vocalist/Ivricist: tenor/baritone w/strong. aggressive stage presence seeks intelligent rock project. I bring full recording studio & rhythm guitar. Email for link to samples. S., info@buvnowandsave.com



- · Pro hard-rock singer for paid situations: recordings, etc. or signed acts. Have recorded & toured with many professionals. Only pros/please. Singer, 818-766-0928
- · I am in need of a guitarist/prod to collaborate.I am also available for session work. Fantastic range from country to r&b. Eliza DeAngeles, 310-409-5066, elizadeangeles@aol.com
- · World-class rock 'n' roll singer, 23, wants to tour the country ASAP. Please be ballsy. aggressive, & have good songs, Influences: Zeppelin, GnR. Black Sabbath, etc. Richie
- Rock, science_theory@yahoo.com · Experienced female vocalist available for demos, back-ups, etc. Email for information & mp3 examples. Julie, 604-649-6960, info@randjmusic.com
- · Rock vocalist avail. Inf; BR, NOFX, Johnny Cash, Fear, Bob Dylan, Prefer punk but open to most types of music. covers/original. Rhythm guitar also Located in OC, CA, Dave. davemcf8020@yahoo.com
- · Pro singer looking for projects that pay. I can sing any style from Bono to Stevie Wonder. I am willing to sing over the phone
- that's how confident I am. I live in L.A. Heath, 707-616-4727,

heathfrancis@hotmail.com

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- · Tenor vocalist/songwriter looking to work w/serious pop/rock/indie bands only. Inf: U2, Radiohead, Maroon5, etc. 323-810-0099
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22. VOCALISTS WANTED

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- Bassist wanted for casual cover/original band, 30-50. A player who has talent & skill not being put to good use? Sense of humor a must. NELA area. Bill, 323-257-9229, koner@att.net
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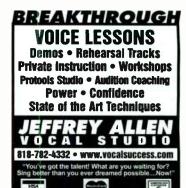
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- bandaudition2006@yahoo.com
- Guitar looking for keys w/great programming, grooves etc. Chemical Bros.meets
 Jeff Beck. Email me w/mp3, web, or
 MySpace info. MySpace/johnmonstermusic.
 John, 818-377-5276, jmd500 @pacbell.net
- Grassroots hip-hop & sprinkled with some roots-reggae project seeking young female/male keys to make those monitors electrocute just right! 818-705-1665
- Influences: Revolution, Bob Mariey, Gandhi, John Lennon, Tupac, Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Lee, Einstein, peace, freedom.
 Please contact me if you'd like to connect & jam. Joe, 310-980-1398, joe@renegadesoldiers.net

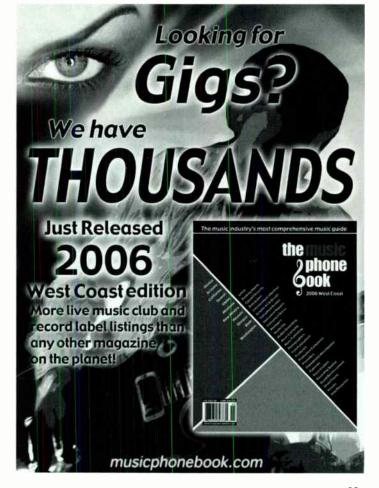
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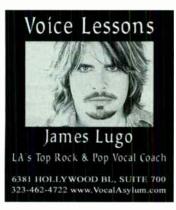
Violin/fiddle wanted for original project.
 Familiarity with klezmer preferred. Styles:
 Jewish to rock to theater to jazz. Singer putting together act to play clubs & concerts. L.F., 323-841-3474,
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26. KEYBOARDISTS WANTED

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- Rock/pop female Christian singer seeking keys for recording.
 sirnsinger1@vahoo.com
- Acoustic pop/rock band ala Wallflowers is looking for a keyboard player. Contact for website. Heath, 707-616-4727, heath@the3heads.com
- Piano for jazz. Influences: Miles, Mingus, Trane, Ellington, John Zorn. Adventurous, straight-ahead. Not in it for money but we plan to gig. Practice once per week. Rob, 818-486-9476, robwaz@verizon.net
- Keys wanted: mellow to hard electronic, industrial, EBM, analog/digital synths, samplers, drum machines, programming required. 818-905-0848,
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- Pianist/Music Director wanted for original project. Styles: Jewish to rock to theater to jazz. Singer putting together act to play clubs & concerts L.F., 323-841-3474, OvttsFish @ aol.com
- Established prog/metal/classical band with name & fan base is looking for a keyboardist who can shred. Can't expose the band on here so contact me for music & further info. eapcarian@yahoo.com or junkmailed123@yahoo.com
- Seeking solid pro-level keys/piano, 25-45. Must be a team player with heart, soul, & integrity for pro-level Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band. B3 Organ a major plus. Kirk, 310-390-4590,

kirkalexandersings@yahoo.com

- Sangre Fria needs keyboard player. Paid situation. MySpace/sangrefria. Conrad aka (Cuahutemoc), 818-400-8904, conradviz@msn.com
- Keys needed to join band. Back-ups a plus. Great radio pop songs w/edge, positive, committed. See MySpace/thechelseahotel. Prefer female. Roy, 818-425-5339, chelseahotel@socal.rr.com
- Need keys. Back-up vocals a plus. Must be positive & committed, 21-27. See MySpace/alanastonemusic. Alana, alanastonemusic@hotmail.com

- Drummer, bass player, & guitarist are looking for a horn section & a keyboard player. Kind of like a Saturday Night Live band or somthing. Have great studio available. Greg, 562-243-2024, Hitchwithmitch@charter.net
 Progressive metal band seeks amazing
- Progressive metal band seeks amazing keyboard player to complete the band for songwriting, gigging, & recording. 2nd CD about to be released. Check out: 7months.com. Chris, 818-306-4887, ciquitar@7months.com
- Looking for a blues/soul/rock keys person to tickle them ivories with an innovative ear. I've got a set booked at the House of Blues in Los Angeles on June 4. Cory B. Clay, 323-377-7632, piratesmile75@yahoo.com
- We are looking for a pro-level keyboardist ASAP as we are preparing to play some high profile gigs, 25-35. It's rock. Music files are available upon request! venividivichi3000 @ yahoo.com
- Acoustic pop/rock band looking for a keyboard player. We are looking for someone to play background ala Walliflowers.
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- 310-372-0234, jared@the3heads.com
- Country/rock band needs keys. No pro's. We can't afford to pay anyone out of our pockets. Serious musicians only. Influences: Keith Urban, Tim Mcgraw, Train. ajdrasin@yahoo.com
- Forming soulful r&b band: need keys.
 Original project & cd released. Live shows, paid & non paid. Serious please. Danny
 James. 626-260-5422
- Looking for a keyboardist/back-up guitarist/backing vocalist for a Matchbox
 Twenty/Wallflowers-type project. No hired guns; you'll miss the boat on this one.
 Myspace/keyboardsearch, 818-377-4549, keyboards@drumsofla.com
- Need a keyboardist to complete our ensemble. Hear the songs at MySpace/berniseever & let me know if interested. Playing June 25th at BB King's. Berni, 818-390-1446, bernisava@hotmail.com
- · Progressive metal band seeks amazing

keyboard player to complete the band. Songwriting, gigging, & recording. 2nd cd about to be released. Check out 7months.com. Chris, 818-306-4887, cjquitar@7months.com

- Established LA band with shows booked & new CD imminent needs keys: Cure, Doves, U2, etc. Back-up vocals and/or some guitar ability a plus. MySpace/EjectTheBand. Paul, pupr@hotmail.com
- Slow Car Crash needs a keyboard player for live gigs, touring & recording. 4th cd out in June. Must be willing to join; no hired guns. Serious/pros only. Omarr Escoffie', 323-893-4339, slowcarcrash@hotmail.com
- Need keys & other instruments for prog. band. Must have excellent timing. Go to myspace/johnnyunicorn to hear it. Modest pay is a possibility. John B. Adams, 323-422-8179, music@johnnyunicorn.com
- Only Son, a spiritual band, fuses classical music with rock. Some aspects are mellow & acoustic, others are harder & progressive. Myspace/oneonlyson. Danny, 323-344-2337. oneonlyson@yahoo.com
- Keys wanted: check us out at MySpace/xuworld. Our future looks bright. Guy aka "G", 818-548-4922, cozoy@aol.com
- Neo-galactic irie funk 'n' soul band needs master keyboard commander for upcoming West Coast tour & album release. Shugar Jones, 323-525-3000, steve@streetbuzzz.com
- Keyboardist wanted to form Luis Miguel tribute band. Professionals only. Buscamos pianista para formar grupo (tributo) y tocar musica de Luis Miguel. No principiantes. Bert/Beto, bertnmartha@sbcglobal.net
- Piano teacher needed starting in August to take over about 20 students. We're in Costa Mesa & you'll like our work environment. Mahmoud Mirhadi, 949-548-8354, mirhadi@hotmail.com
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27. DRUMMERS/PERCS. WTD.

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 Practice 3-4 times a week. Serious inquires only please. Sonya Kahn, sonyaxan@hotmail.com
- Influences: Jimmy Page, Adam Jones, John Frusciante, Joe Perry, Andy Summers, Les Claypool, J. Chancellor, Maynard JK, Sting, MManson, Trent, Bjork, Patton, Boingo, Chill Peps. Ben, 818-621-1796, benjamin.holland@mac.com
- Looking for talented drummer for a serious band. Classic rock vein: GNR, Zep, etc. I am singer/rhythm guitarist. Have played venues in Hollywood & have studio connection. Swede, 805-259-5461, erel@erik-eleanor.com
- Full-time metal drummer needed with heart, soul, & determination. Double-bass, 20-30yo, no baggage, & must be about the music! Open-minded & self-driven.
 MySpace/productx. Randall, 818-913-0243, rando1000@yahoo.com
- Singer & guitar player looking for kickass drummer, 18-25. w/pro gear, looks, & stage presence. Influences: Pantera, Slipknot, old Korn. No emo, no hardcore. Cristian, 323-316-8016, c.nuques@hotmail.com
- Vox, 20's, needs bass, drums, guitar, & keys. Strong vox, harmony, mastery of oolschool funk, r&b, & soul. Reply with recent photo & links to performance samples.
 Rehersal space provided. 323-467-7838, pbmyx @sbcglobal.net
- Queen meets Pantera. Gear & attitude required. We gotta be badass. Tired of not gigging all of the time. First 6 songs recorded. Gonna be cool. Be at least 30 yrs old. Mark. Electricibible @aol.com
- Forming great pop/rock band! Serious inquiries only. Very song-oriented, radio materials. Along the lines of Third Eye blind & Matchbox 20 w/a little Justin Timberlake. Riichie, 310-966-0985, ritchie 100@hotmail.com
- A pro singer/songwriter in Toronto with a cd & well-developed project looking for a kick-ass alt./rock drummer. Contact for website. Cheers, ejune@rogers.com
- Drummer wanted by new alternative pop/rock band, Lumina. Groove-oriented & finesse, no slammers. Blondie meets The Cure & more. Ready to gig, Pro-level not required. Patrick, 310-429-7171, luminainfo@yahoo.com
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- . Talented original metal band looking for talented singer. Must sing melodies as well as the hard Stuff. Slipknot, Deftones etc. Dave 818-359-2182
- dreaddsnapt@vahoo.com
- · Vocalist wanted for all-original metal band. Recording & possible tour. Must be creative & original. Melodies with the pain! Hardcore, Dave, 818-425-1983, vocalistdream@vahoo.com
- Need two strong female sograng r&b vocalists who can harmonize well to sing back-up for a gig at the BB Kings Blues Club Friday, July 28th. Shyla with Songbird Ent., 800-213-4186, shyla@shylasing.som
- · Versatile male & female vocalists (rock/pop/novelty) for new showband for feature film, record, tour, Interviews in LA week of June 19. E-mail tracks & pics please. Andy Halmay, 416-925-1271, movierecords@bellnet.ca
- · Producer with credits, pro studio & label looking for Christian female singers/songwriters & bands. Hot vocals songs, & image a must! Great opportunity! 909-393-6120, rdsmuzic@yahoo.com
- · Singer wanted, star quality! Producer with pro-studio, hot tracks,& connections, seeks young female with great look! Pop. r&b, nu-rock, dance, songwriting a plus! diamonddreamsmusic@yahoo.com
- . Seeking r&b/soul female vocalist or group to work with. Must be between 18-23 only. TL, musiqcalsoul@hotmail.com
- . We are looking for singers for a new reality show. Singers must have had some degree of fame & be willing to be filmed for

23. GUITARISTS WANTED

- · Bass/singer/songwriter forming new band - need guitarist: Beatles, Black Sabbath, Bowie, ELO, Supergrass. Dedicated, serious musicians only Email for mp3s, baedeker@sbcqlobal.net
- · Funky guitarist wanted for recording/gigs. Serious connections & backing. Influences: Prince, Led Zepplein, J Perry, VanHalen, AC/DC, Jeff Beck, Joe Satriani, The Police, The Cars; indie & alternative. Nick. 909-224-0635. ubsporty@hotmail.com
- · Vox, 20's, needs bass, drums, guitar, & keys. Strong vox, harmony, mastery of oolschool funk, r&b. & soul, Reply with recent photo & links to performance samples. Rehersal space provided, 323-467-7838, pbmyx@sbcglobal.net
- · Forming great pop/rock band! Serious inquiries only. Very song-oriented, radio materials. Along the lines of Third Eye Blind & Matchbox 20 w/a little Justin Timberlake. Richie, 310-966-0985 ritchie 100@hotmail.com
- · Honkystomp seeks talented guitarist for live shows. Currently no pay. Big & Rich meets The Chili Peppers. Visit MySpace/honkystomp. Solid players only. Dan, 310-463-7708, honkystomomusic@aol.com
- · Versatile guitarist wanted for unique female-fronted, melodic rock band. Play out of the box ala Vai, Satch, Schon. Contact us for website. Joe, 818-309-9534, rockbassist@webtv.net
- · Vox/drums need quitar & bass. We play nu-metal, heavy. Chamira, Pantera, Hatebreed, Static X, etc. Be dead serious, into heavy, freight-train riffs. Chicks ok to apply. 310-402-7519,

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- · Rock/pop female Christian singer seeking seasoned guitarist for writing & recording. sirnsinger@vahoo.com
- · Alternative rock band needs 2nd guitar player for rhythm & texture. Send samples and/or links via e-mail. Keyboard skills a plus. Catherine Wheel, Cure, Ocean Blue, Dina, dinadmusic@aol.com
- · Search for lead guitarist, 20-32, for popular LA rock band. Straight up rock! AC/DC, STP, GnR, Velvet Rev, The Cult. No flakes. Must send pict rockbandla@hotmail.com
- · Is every guitar player alive a testosterone-injected monkey? Can anyone play what isn't learned in a book? Is there any feel left in this pathetic, predictible crap society? Please say, "Yes1" Phatty, phatheadrocks@vahoo.com
- · ISO lead guitar for pop/rock band, lots of fun & paid situation, 19-25. Must have own gear &transpotation, Send pic, MySpace url &/or resume to email address before calling. Thanks! Nancy, 310-498-5142, wackywaffles_2222@yahoo.com
- · Solo artist (influenced by Weezer) needs for major label showcases & touring. Must be willing to play songs exactly as is. Please call in evening. Thanks. 562-947-5832
- · For 2-guitar melodic hard-rock, 21-29, rhythm, leads nice, b/u vox a must, writing VERY welcome, job, transportation, gear, Whittier studio, Contact for website, Ryan, 562-556-4404, rvan@handsdownband.com
- · Pop-punk band needs guitarist. You must be good & have stage presence. To hear our stuff, visit MySpace & look up Floater Six. "SIX", 818-720-3446, woweieff@netscape.net
- · Pro lead/rhythm guitar needed for band:

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- LA band needs info., email me. Than, tommyslam25@yahoduitarist
- Lead Guitar/back-up nore touring, original hard-rock passport, be available 10 w have rock look. Send photo. retrofit.tunes@gmail.com
- · Professional bass & drumme project. Tool, A7X, NIN. Seek qua. tar player, under 30. Studio, Pro To. of contacts. Serious only! 420 okay drugs! Joe, 562-743-4448, metallica069069@hotmail.com
- · Industrial/metal band Skripture seeks lead quitarist, 21-30, m/f, Must have experience, job, gear, & transporation. Influences include Korn, Slipknot, Otep, Adema, etc. Justice, 310-938-7563. justice@skripturemusic.com
- ASCAP wordman seeks virtuoso jazz lead quitarist that can improv, for 60 plus min, on live, improv, new Christian spiritual CD. One-of-a-kind theatre band! Expenses paid. lacamusic@gmail.com

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- Guitarist wanted for original project.
 Styles: Jewish to rock to theater to jazz.
 Singer putting together act to play clubs & concerts. L.F., 323-841-3474,
 OyltsFish@aol.com
- Looking for a guitar player who thrives on of playing heavy rock (ala Disturbed).
 We are already an established four-piece looking to make it five. Pete, pete @cringeonline.com
- Female singer seeks to form indie band. Inf: U2, Ours, The Violet Burning, ages 23-35. Must have pro look/skill/play w/effects

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- Springsteen tribute band forming. Have top-notch Bruce clone, keys, & guitar/bassist. Have booking agent & PR. Lets rock! 1..2..3..4! Garko, 213-408-0143, garko@myfastmail.com
- Need rhythm/2nd guitarist/back-up vocals a plus. Radio pop songs w/edge, must be positive & committed. See MySpace/thechelseahotel. Prefer female. Skye, 818-939-2759,

chelseahotel@socal.rr.com

- Looking for guitar player. Rehearse in Anaheim/Norwalk. Styles include 7dust, Staind, Godsmack. We play 4 steps below standard tuning. No bums or egos! Andy, 714-724-8754, Andrew.Coles @Disney.com
- Need guitarists, back-up vocals a plus must be positive & committed, 21-27. See MySpace/alanastonemusic. Alana, alanastonemusic@hotmail.com
- Female singer/songwriter needs lead guitarist for alt.-rock project, rehearsals, gigs, possible recording. Fun!
 MySpace/alexdavis. Alex, 818-807-6175, alexandra.a23@gmail.com
- Singer/guitarist/songwriter trying to form alt-country/rock band. 10-15 originals already written. Influences: Townes Van Zandt, Drive By Truckers, Whiskeytown, etc. Must be serious. Andrew Fletcher, 573-470-2339, afletcher@exmed.net

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- Singer & guitar player looking for kickass bass player, 18-25, w/pro gear, looks, & stage presence. Influences: Pantera, Slipknot, old Korn. No Emo/hardcore. Cristian, 323-3168016,
- c_nuques@hotmail.com
- Female bass player/back-up vocalist for touring hard-rock band. Must have passport, be available June/July/Sept/Oct/Nov. 10 weeks total. Salary position. Send picture. Jeff. retrofit.tunes@gmail.com
- Rock/progressive/emo looking for bassist, 18-26. We have a demo cd released, new songs, studio, producer, label interest, & plenty of material to keep you busy! Scott, 714-420-9337, scott@halfoasteternity.com
- Funky bassist wanted for recording/studio work, some gigs. Influences: Bootsy, Prince, indie, atternative, Beck, Zep, The Police, Recantours, Faster Pussycat, Deftones, etc. Nick, 909-224-0635, ubsoortv@hotmail.com
- Vox, 20's, needs bass, drums, guitar, & keys. Strong vox, harmony, mastery of oolschool funk, r&b, & soul. Reply with recent photo & links to performance samples.
 Rehersal space provided. 323-467-7838, pbmyx @ sbcglobal.net
- Christian or straight-edge bassist needed. Punk, hardcore, power-violence, thrash, metal.Influenced by it all! 626-371-0039
- Forming great pop/rock band! Serious inquiries only. Very song-oriented, radio materials. Along the lines of Third Eye Blind & Matchbox 20 w/a little Justin Timberlake. Richie, 310-966-0985, ritchie 100@hotmail.com
- Female rhythm guitar/back-up vox. Hardpop w/80's infl. Attitude & potential, not pro-

ficiency most import. See MySpace/thechelseahotel. Roy, 818-425-5339.

- Upright bassist wanted for rockabilly band. Got press packs out, waiting for a bite. Located in NoHo but will travel to practice/gig. Minimal practice. Seth, 323-236-7471. scolcord@hotmail.com
- A pro singer/songwriter in Toronto downtown with the CD & well-developed project looking for rock/funk bassist.
 Contact for website & info. Cheers! ejune@rogers.com
- Female bassist wanted to complete new alternative/pop rock band Lumina. We have many cool songs. Ready to gig. Blondie meets The Cure & more. Pro-level not required. Patrick, 310-429-7171, luminainto@yahoo.com
- Accomplished, versatile drummer, guitarist, keyboardist/vocalist seek same in bassist as collaborative band member.
 Funk-jazz-rock with mainstream appeal.
 Vince, 310-459-6740, jve@acn.net
- Bajista para banda de Rock en Español. Influencias Soda Stereo, Gustavo Cerati, Red Hot, Hendrix, Sakira. No buscamos Profecionales ni estrellas de rock. Andres, zyon51 @hotmail.com
- Seeking solid pro-level, fill-in bassist, 25-45, a team player with heart, soul, & integrity for pro-level Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band. Please enjoy southern rock. Kirk, 310-390-4590,

kirkalexandersings@yahoo.com

- Bassist needed, paid gigs after material is rehearsed. Current Gigs. Blues/rock catalog, publicist, backing agent. South Bay Area. Receive & provide music samples. Email preferred. Shane, 310-832-2430, sssjungle@sbcglobal.net
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- . Looking for a dope drummer who is young & aware of the social issues in today's world. This is for a basic hip-hop project & may jump around to roots-reggae. 818-705-1665
- · Indie/alternative group seeking multifaceted drummer. Strong melodic material. Be dependable & mobile Serious & focused players please. Jeff Brooks/B. Rothans, 714-679-9768, ibrooks14@socal.rr.com
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- · Pro alternative rock band, Building a Better Spaceship, needs replacment drummer. Check out music on MySpace or the website. Must be reliable! Rick 310-437-3830, pheltmusic@yahoo.com
- . Solo artist (influenced by Weezer) needs drummer for major label showcases & touring. Must be willing to play songs exactly as is. Please call in evening. Thanks.
- · Heavy melody: AIC, Audioslave, oldschool rock needs drums with meter & style NOW. Rehersal space, recording equipment, contacts. Ready to play, just add drums. Brent, 818-522-3621, bovmessiah@charter.net
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- · Can anyone teach me how to tune & set up drums for recording? Can trade your services for studio time. Need to learn how to record drums! Andrew, 818-688-1993
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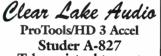
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30. SPECIALTIES

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40. MUSIC PERSONALS

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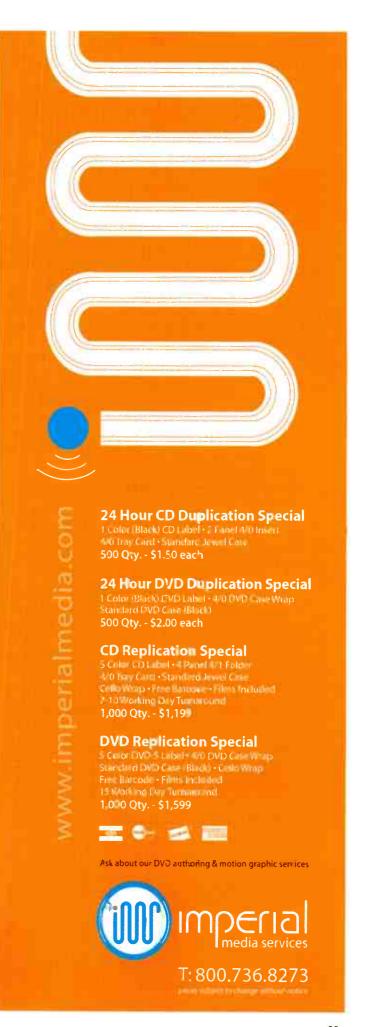
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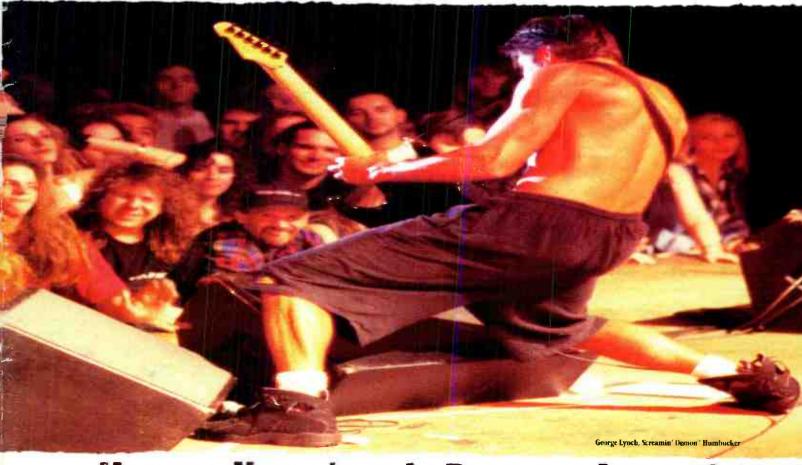
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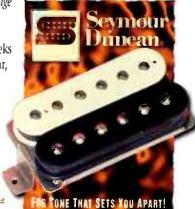
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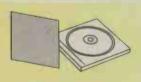
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