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Motown Seeks White New Wave Acts

BY BEN BROOKS

Motown Records, the top label for black rock and pop acts during its 20-year history, is actively seeking white new wave bands.

Lee Young, Sr., Motown's vice president of creative administration, told *Music Connection* last week the label is "very interested in new wave. And we're very interested," he added, "in breaking a white act. We're not only interested, we intend to do

that this year."

The dramatic policy statement points up both the growing label interest in new wave and the fact that the halcyon days when Motown could rely solely on its small but impressive roster of superstars are over.

The label, founded in Detroit by Berry Gordy, Jr., was heavily represented on the charts during the 60s with artists like Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, the Mir-

acles, Supremes, Temptations, Marvelettes and others, and they were historically considered a "closed shop." The 70s saw a decline in that hold on the market, and now, while the label is not seeking any type of act exclusively, Young, who has reigned at Motown for three years, insists "our doors are open."

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Lee Young, Sr. of Motown

New Artist Development Concept Saves Record Companies Big Bucks

BY KEN KUBERNIK

Looking fashionably disheveled after a night of "high media visibility"--i.e. the Roxy/Rainbow two-step--Rick Stevens wasted no time in outlining his latest project, The Stevens/McGhee Entertainment Corporation, which could alter the present framework for bringing new artists into the recording industry.

The concept of their company is two-fold: to manage special

kinds of artists and producers--Mink Deville and producers Isaac Hayes and Barry Mraz (Styx) are clients. Secondly, they will sign major and new artists, marry them with the ideal producer, and provide complete packages for sale to record companies. They are hoping to become the most prolific independent supplier of finished masters in the industry. "It's set up to resemble film

production companies of the Sixties," explains Stevens, "where you saw the major film studios get out of the production business for various economic reasons and become distributors and exhibitors, rather than producers of product.

"We are like a record company without marketing, distribution, and promotion. We find an artist, sign them, match them with an appropriate producer,

finance the total production, and walk into the record company with a finished master--either they believe it's a hit or they don't."

At 31, Stevens is the image of the record mogul as a young man; New York savvy with West Coast polish. At 23, he served as the first CBS Records Management

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A JAM TO REMEMBER: From left, Ray Manzarek (Doors), Bruce Gary (Knack), Paul Warren (Explorer), Prescott Niles (Knack), Michael Des Barres, John Densmore (Doors), Nigel Harrison (Blondie) and Robby Krieger (Doors) onstage at The Whisky as Jim Morrison's bio is released. (SEE PAGE FOUR).

Bankers Say Music Biz Is No Risk

BY JON RANT

If you have a stake in the music business, chances are you know who's on top of the charts. You probably know which labels are hot, who plays at what club, and who was last year's sensation and this year's flop, but the odds are that you have little understanding of the money mechanism that makes the turntables turn: the banks.

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This issue includes a few format changes. Our logos for Studio Splices, Songmine, Club Data and Theoretically Speaking have all been made uniform, and you'll notice major changes in the Local Notes and In This Issue formats. We've also created a separate section for Concert Reviews, MC Reviews and On Record, as well as the Live Action Chart. In that section, we've also added a new feature, "Don't Miss...", in which we offer our recommendations from among the top live acts around town. We hope the changes meet with your approval and, as always, we welcome your feedback.

This issue's top story involves Motown Records, which has had white acts in the past but has been known for its black rock and pop stars. The label wants to land a white new wave band, and we tell you why, beginning on the cover. Enjoy.

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FEEDBACK

Dear Music Connection,

Is Cyril Press a critic or just "sounding off"? I mean, just read those letters of Feedback the column creates. Does the button on his shirt say, "I'm a mess" or "May God bless"? It's so unfortunate that there are musicians, music-oriented businesses and people who work so hard not to be a "Joe Blow" in life and don't get a break.

Even me--the little guy--the new kid on the block, can work hard pushing my band "Surveillance." We're going to be on the "851 Rocket Records" compilation album, due for release in early August. But you'll find out whether it goes gold by reading trades or waiting for airplay, which depends on the establishment, who in most cases won't give new bands airplay or decent reviews.

There's even a lot of joke bands or amateur groups who get signed; in most cases for a tax write-off. And why are there so many voids in the music today? I listen to the radio and Black Sabbath and all other sorts of "heavy metal" are getting more airplay. What about a decent amount of progression? Lots of established bands are getting re-

dundant, and they are getting more consideration and industry support.

That goes to show you how lazy and unmotivated our record company A&R and sales people are, and how radio programmers (media people) are too damn concerned with the prestige of a good rating (e.g., new Ferraris, Malibu beach cove, overpriced gigolos and whores, nose powder, etc., etc.) Can't these people work anymore, at least for somebody besides their ego? These people should tighten the belt, regroup and start a fresh, modern approach to support a new wave in music, all music. We musicians work hard and wind up barely floating in the ocean of entertainment.

Why does Cyril Press knock the existence of people still buying records of bands they know and love. We want that support, too, from our potential fans. Writing, producing, recording and marketing a record takes true grit. The sweat of real artistic work and the luxury of music deserves to be compensated, no matter if it's old wave, new wave or future wave. Thank you.

Mike Jett of Surveillance

Dear Cyril Press,

I have had the opportunity to read your column now for the past four months. My problem is trying to figure out whether this is a musical review column or a comedian's script. Who do you think is reading it, anyway--third grade drop-outs?

For shame, Mr. Press. I thought critics were supposed to vent their opinions, not their spleens. In all truth, I believe you are very talented (and could write a very good comedian's script), but your latest columns have frankly left me utterly disappointed. Personally, I agree that "criticism" should entail good and bad reviews of the artist's music. In your "Failure Discs" column, however, you went so far as to attack some of the artists on such a personal level I threw the paper down in disgust. Wouldn't it have been better to have left the name-calling to gossip columnists? It's what they do best and, yes Virginia, there is a difference between wit and venom. If that wasn't enough, your next column attempts to dismiss this travesty of literature by an explanation of "angry depression." Come on, you were just (and justly) down-

right pissed off, and there's no need to explain that. My point is that the majority of the "music" released on the market is offensive enough--must we be subjected to an offensive review also?

Please don't get me wrong. I enjoy seeing wit and humor in a column I feel is educational, but I don't enjoy hearing about "smug little assholes." If you feel the need to be venomous, at least direct it towards the real culprits--the people who put this --- on vinyl and then have the gall to promote it--our most dearly loved friends, the record companies.

Thank you and respectfully,
Kathleen Bellmyer

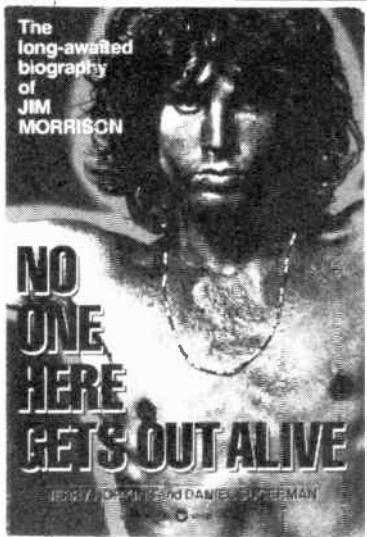
Dear Music Connection,

I'm an American studying music here in Tokyo. It's tough trying to keep abreast of the L.A. scene I'll be returning to when my scholarship is up in 1983, but thanks to you, I'm able to keep an eye on the current scene. Tell all the rockers I said hello.

Fred Jenson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sounding Off does not appear in this issue. It will return next time.

LOCAL NOTES



IT WAS AS FINE a night as any The Whisky has seen since The Doors were regulars in the mid-60s. In fact, it was The Doors, rocking their way through eight of the group's classics, capping an evening celebrating the release of Jim Morrison's biography, *No One Here Gets Out Alive*. Ray Manzarek, Robby Krieger and John Densmore were joined at various times by guitarist Paul Warren of Explorer, bassist Nigel Harrison of Blondie, drummer Bruce Gary and bassist Prescott Niles, both of The Knack, former Detectives singer Michael Des Barres, drummer Robert Williams of Capt. Beefheart, singer Fontaine Brown of Fast Fontaine, local blues singer Top Jimmy and members of the band The Willys. The ensemble did inspired versions of "Who Do You

Love?" "Back Door Man," "Love Me Two Times," "Twentieth Century Fox," "Break On Through," and "L.A. Woman," before the two-song, showstopping finale: kick-ass renditions of "Light My Fire" and "Roadhouse Blues." The former featured excellent vocals by Warren and a lengthy jam in which he and Krieger traded fiery licks (the entire line-up for the song is shown in our cover photo). The latter offered probably the most stunning moment in an evening full of them: Top Jimmy bringing the evening to a frenzied climax with his vocals. The evening began with familiar and unfamiliar tapes, including The Doors doing "Mack The Knife." In between, there were vintage Doors films, including a British TV film, "The Doors Are Open," "Feast Of Friends," and a clip of "Light My Fire" done on the Ed Sullivan Show. The club was filled with both new wave musicians and L.A. scenemakers, including Ric Ocasek of The Cars and Timothy Leary. Co-authors Jerry Hopkins and Daniel Sugarman told the crowd initial book sales are high, and the book has entered *The New York Times* bestseller list at Number 13.

JAMIE SHERIFF will be one of the very first local acts to play as an opening act at The Greek Theater twice this summer. After his band got a stronger than usual audience response at the Southside

Johnny show recently, he was asked to return either for the Hall & Oates show or the newly added Robert Palmer date, set for September 10th.

BOB DYLAN stopped recently at Gazzari's on The Strip to check out local faves Lip Service. Dylan stopped backstage afterward to say he enjoyed their performance. After tendering his praise, the Minnesota bard turned to keyboardist Michael Murray and said, "Now, which way is home?"

AN ANGRY FUED has developed between Keith Richards and Sex Pistol Steve Jones over a burglary at Richards' London home. A color TV and several of the Stones' most highly prized guitars were taken, and now in the film, "The Great Rock And Roll Swindle," it's claimed that it was Jones who was responsible. "He's rather proud about the fact that he stole most of the instruments he used with The Sex Pistols."

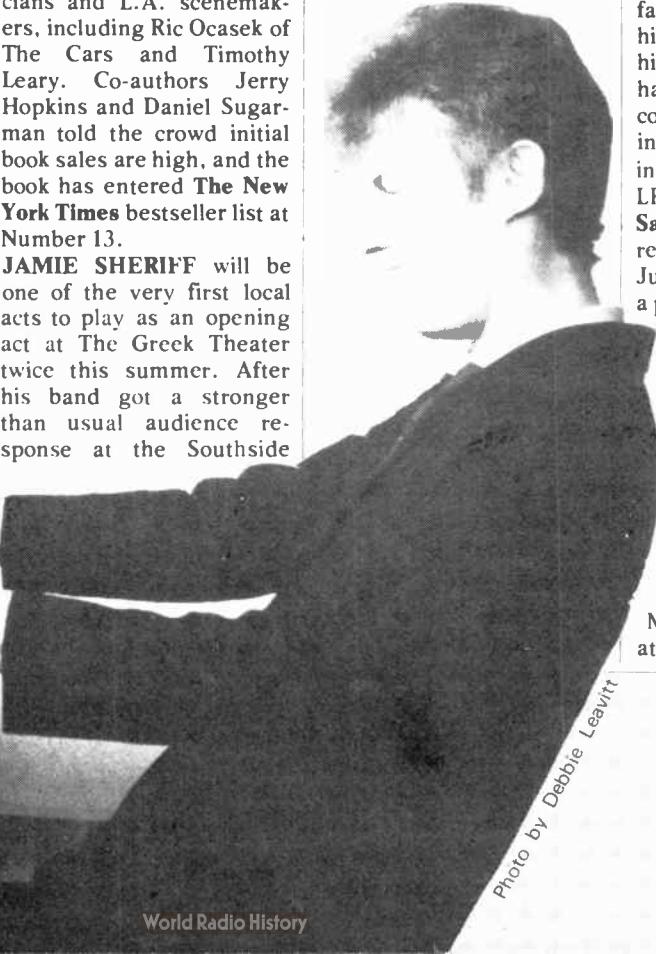
a spokesman for Jones has said. "I never used to break into poor people's houses," Jones added, "just into places where it was obvious the owners had plenty of money." Keith has been silent, but a close friend says "Keith is very uptight about this. He's deciding what actions he can take."

ROCKETS RECOUP: Police in Chicago have recovered \$100,000 in equipment stolen recently from The Rockets. A truck containing the equipment and 10,000 Rocket T-shirts was taken last month from in front of a Holiday Inn. Two arrests have been made.

CARL WILSON has teamed up with Randy Bachman for some songwriting, and the two were reportedly cranking out tunes at the rate of about one an hour. Wilson says the songs 'feel good,' regardless of whether they mean anything or not. "At that rate, of course, you don't have time to think about them," he says.

SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY is facing stiff competition for his new Mercury LP--from himself. His old label, Epic, has released a greatest hits compilation containing an in-concert version of "Havin' a party." The Mercury LP is entitled *Love Is A Sacrifice*. Johnny's current tour with The Asbury Jukes is being recorded for a possible live LP.

THETA CABLE Channel 3 has been televising local bands on Sunday nights on a show called "Live From L.A." The show, a product of Mike Craven and Raw Productions of Santa Monica, is recorded live at The Blue Lagune Saloon every Monday night. Craven created the show with Dennis



LOCAL NOTES

Woods and Terry Rangno. It is currently seen in New York, San Diego and San Francisco, as well as locally.

AYNLEY DUNBAR, Jefferson Starship's drummer, is suing his former band, Journey, for \$3.25 million, claiming the group edged him out after the *Infinity* album began to take off. He also claims the band withheld royalties from him. Journey claims Dunbar is still receiving money, and that he had pushed his demands to a point where the group filed suit against him, prompting his countersuit.

PETER GABRIEL showed up recently at the Santa Ana Clubhouse for an impromptu gig and got far more than the evening of music he and his would-be listeners bargained for. The club holds about 350 people, but witnesses estimated the promoters had packed nearly a thousand people in. About half an hour into the set, the local fire marshalls, tipped off by someone, pulled the plug, citing a careless disregard for fire safety ordinances.

There have been that many in the club

with no problems, but Gabriel, visibly upset by gig's mismanagement, apologized profusely to the crowd and directed an orderly exit from onstage. Gabriel insisted that those who wished would receive their money back. Climax Productions handled the show.

THE ARENA kicked off summer with a full house on June 20th, as The Falcons, Beachy & His Beach-nuts and The Skirtz entertained. The Plimsouls took the stage briefly with The Falcons, and Southside Johnny was among the many partiers.

JAMIE BERNSTEIN, the daughter of Leonard, and her band, played recently at SNAFU in New York.

COUNTRY SALES UP: At least one aspect of the music business isn't worried about gloomy record sale figures. Country music sales are way up, according to the industry. In fact, country with gross sales of \$437 million in 1979, has surpassed pop music for the first time and moved into second place behind rock 'n' roll in sales figures for the first time.

JO JULIAN, Berlin's keyboardist, has quit the Zone-H Records band to pursue producing projects. He has just completed the production for the second album from The Last, and will head for London this summer to produce the follow-up album for England's techno-punk trio,

Fashion, a part of Miles Copland's International Record Syndicate (IRS) artist roster.



Photo by Dave Hyatt

NUGENT-PERRY JAM: Joe Perry and Ted Nugent, in the midst of separate nationwide tours, jammed onstage at Night Court recently. Being used to huge halls hasn't, apparently, kept The Nuge's love for small club sound systems alive. "I've got a bigger amp in my bathroom!" he quipped.

LAST ISSUE, we neglected to credit Stephen K. Suga for his Local Notes photo of Becky Hobbes.

WILLIE NELSON is preparing to release a Gospel LP. It's already been recorded, and Nelson produced it.

THE TOASTERS, following a packed-house gig recently at Blackie's, were stopped backstage by Earl Mankey, who expressed interest in a possible production link-up with the band should they

land a label. It turns out a small British independent label is expressing some interest at present.

BILLY JOEL has agreed to pay a nightclub musician \$50,000 rather than be sued for copyright infringement over "My Life."

PETER CASE, left, of the Plimsouls, lends his vocals to the Naughty Sweeties at their recent Mme. Wong's gig. The band was celebrating the release of their debut album, called "Chinatown." The disk is available on Dauntless Records.



Photo by Lynda Burdick



McCabe's Guitar Shop

The Best Of Both Worlds

BY JON RANT

So you're tired of rock 'n' roll? You've already run through this month's supply of ear plugs and somebody ripped off your binoculars the last time you sat in the back row at The Forum for the Ted Nugent concert? Or maybe you don't want to get crushed in the nightly madness that characterizes the more "intimate" rock clubs in town?

Well, there is an alternative, and it's not sitting at home sipping brandy while Mozart wafts through your stereo speakers. If you want to go out for a quiet evening of good entertainment, if you actually want to be able to discern every note in the music you are hearing, try McCabe's.

I know what you're thinking. McCabe's. That wimpy purist place where they still think Pete Seeger is the hottest thing on frets, where they still live in the dark ages, and where an amplifier is something you use with a ship-to-shore radio instead of a guitar. To be sure, you'll never see Aerosmith, Kiss or even The Pretenders at McCabe's, but simply dismissing it as a folkie hangout would be doing both the club and yourself an injustice. A thorough look at the acts that have performed at the club reveals everything from blues to bluegrass, Scottish music to jazz, Tom Waits to Lightnin' Hopkins. And there are many other factors that make McCabe's unique among the notable L.A. clubs--but we'll get to all that in due time.

The store was founded over 20 years ago by furniture designer Gerald L. McCabe and his friend Ed Kahn, a graduate student at UCLA. By the time it was moved to its present location at 3101 Pico Blvd. in Santa Monica; in 1964, McCabe's had the "feel" that still characterizes it today. The store carries just about everything in acoustic instruments, and has an active repair shop. The store was responsible for bringing D'Angelico strings to the coast in the early 60s, and later developed a 12-string guitar on a Martin body that subsequently influenced that company to get into the 12-string business.

Meanwhile, the store's music school had developed, giving it a three-front attack (music sales, the school and performances) that carved a new niche in L.A. music.

The performance aspect of McCabe's got its start in 1969. One night McCabe's got a call. Elizabeth "Libby" Cotton had come to L.A. to perform, but her

engagement had been cancelled. She needed a place to play in order to pay for her fare home. The shop was offered, and that night Libby Cotton played in the front room of the store for an appreciative audience without a stage, mikes or lighting. The windows were covered with blankets to cut down the traffic noise.

The evening was so successful that Bobby Kimmel, the leader of The Stone Poneys (Linda Ronstadt's first band) was hired to manage a concert series, and the rest is history.

McCabe's continues its tradition as a home for acoustic acts. The booking has been done by Nancy Covey for the last seven years, assisted by John Chelew. "When I first started," Covey says, "it was pretty much a hard and fast rule--no electric instruments. Maybe an electric bass, or a very small drum kit...but if you wanted percussion, you'd use a wooden box or something."

"The audience we've built up over the few years is used to a certain sound," she continues, "if you brought in rock bands, it just wouldn't work. The bands would not like the audience, and vice versa."

The spot has become a favorite of many artists. "Once a performer plays McCabe's," Covey says, "they love it. They wonder, 'Where has this place been?' They get bigger and bigger, playing large concerts, and all of a sudden they're back with the people, where they started."

Many artists have the chance at McCabe's to do something different and more intimate than usual. Dr. John recently played the club, going solo on acoustic piano. The next night he was back with three other pieces, scaled down enough to retain the intimacy, but large enough to diversify the sound.

Covey goes after the biggest names she can get, and she's able to offer acts money that's comparable to that in larger clubs. With around \$800 a night in expenses, though, the concert series loses money, but it's great advertising for the store, which figures it can more than make its money back in sales down the line.

Another McCabe's difference is the absence of alcohol. "We

Nancy Covey, concert-booker at McCabe's.

"How do you book to keep the younger crowd interested?"

have a sober audience that comes to listen," says Covey. "We don't have distractions, like from waitresses. You're in a small club with a concert atmosphere—it's the best of both worlds."

That doesn't mean everyone running around McCabe's belongs to the Boy Scouts. Just ask Loudon Wainwright III. The artist cut his last album for Rounder Records live at McCabe's (thanks to a long-standing agreement with Gingerbread Studios down the street), and he gave another concert there to celebrate the release. Loudon is an irrepressible sort, and he wanted to get the audience loose; they were too attentive. Covey remembers it well: "We got Rounder Records to spring for eight cases of champagne, and gave it away free at the performance. I'll tell you, it got to be crazy. We were going around from seat to seat, filling glasses like it was Western Airlines or something. What a night!"

Most of the acts have reputations—it's hard to fill the room for unknowns. Up until two years ago, McCabe's had talent showcases to audition performers for spots on the shows, but the system proved impractical and unwieldy.

And what about the future? "McCabe's is the only place cer-

tain acoustic acts can play in this town," says Covey. "We serve a purpose. Maria Muldaur is doing a gospel show here—where else could she do that? But she goes back a long way here. I think she painted the stairway from the stage up to the office, something like 10 years ago, with Wendy Waldman. "It's good and bad that we're purists," she continues. The dilemma is how do you book to keep the young crowd interested?"

Ah yes, the younger crowd. Well, kid, if McCabe's ain't your cup of tea, you can always score a bottle of Jack Daniels and drive to Inglewood. I hear Iron Butterfly is making a comeback.

John Chelew, Assistant Booker For McCabe's.
Booking for an audience that's used to a certain sound.



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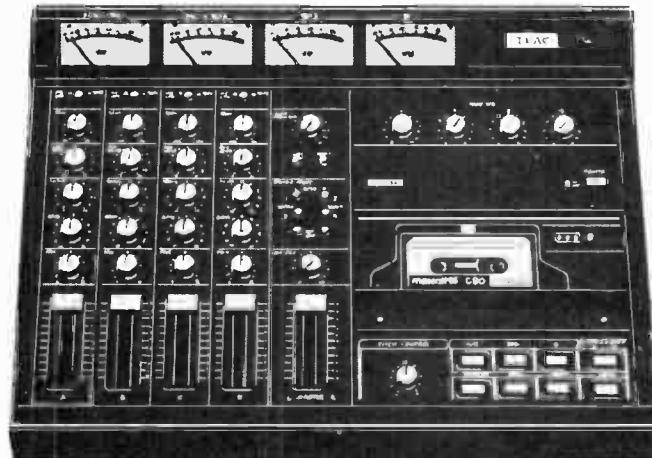
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Trainee under Clive Davis and only recently departed his post of Vice President of A&R for Polydor Records. Gloria Gaynor, Peaches and Herb, Pat Travers, Blackmore's Rainbow and *The American Gigolo Soundtrack* were some of his successes at Polydor.

Tucked neatly into a garishly adorned Beverly Hills Hotel bungalow, Stevens elaborated upon the shape of things to come.

"The *raison d'être* for this concept is basically the economic squeeze in the recording industry: record companies are unable to make a viable profit. There are many reasons for that, what with counterfeiting and bootlegging cutting into a significant part of the business. Remember that the recording superstars carry the losers and the overhead. The only albums that get bootlegged are the winners. So right away, they are cutting into the heart of the potential profit area. Additionally, the contracts of the big acts are more and more marginal in their profit return. They're primarily prestige deals, what with Warner Bros. signing Paul Simon away from Columbia and Paul McCartney going to Columbia after years at Capitol."

"It used to be that the guaranteed volume artists provided the profitability. In the case of CBS, they have a pressing plant they have to support with volume. But now, through bootlegging, inflation, and these ludicrous contracts, those artists provide no margin. What was that margin used for--two things: profit and reinvestment in new talent, signing and development. And that's exactly what the record companies are reluctant to do today. I saw it myself at Polydor. Three years

ago it was a 35 million dollar company. Last year we exceeded 100 million dollars in volume and had to struggle to make a profit. It was the same with every company.

"We're not looking for a label deal, though we've been offered a custom label from CBS. That's not our interest. We want to be able to finance the project and go wherever we want for the biggest deal and where we're going to get the best promotion for our product."

Stevens and his partner, Doc McGhee, an extremely successful real estate entrepreneur, offer a formidable package to label executives: a prestigious track record backed with big bucks. This relieves the record company of many A&R and managerial risks.

"I have a philosophy that there are more people with talent than there are opportunities to be successful," says Stevens. "You are dealing in a market where supply far outstrips demand, the value for talent is intangible. Its value is how badly you want it and how far the people on the other side can push you. I find that record companies will pay a premium to have professional people involved in the creative and business decisions surrounding an artist. So that when I walk into a label president's office with the contacts I've made from Polydor, they're willing to offer us more money and a few more points for the exact same thing. We take the A&R risks in terms of financing and our credibility makes us a sound investment."

"When Jerry Greenberg (recently departed president of Atlantic Records) heard our concept, he told us it was the right road for the Eighties. He realizes, just as all the major record executives do,

that they have fewer A&R risk dollars to invest. And anybody or anything that makes their job easier, in the sense that they know exactly what they're buying, is an advantage to them. Like I said before, they're willing to pay us more to insure a premium return. They trust our concept and they know my track record."

Although he recognizes that Stevens/McGhee may be perceived by the more adventurous segment of the industry as "safe" and "corporately motivated," Stevens counters with a typically pragmatic assessment of the situation: "Musicians are still naive to the reality of the business situation. They're naive because



Rick Stevens, President of Stevens/McGhee Entertainment Corp.
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there aren't many places for them to go and find out what's happening unless they get hooked up with professional management, lawyers or a quality production company. And many times those people don't know. I can't count the number of times I wanted to work with a new act but passed because the management wasn't together. Also, there is an enormous amount of frustration out there among the players themselves. They can't understand how a song they hear on the radio gets airplay when they know it's no better than the stuff they've come up with. What they don't realize is that through whatever set of circumstances and fate, he recorded the song and got the heavy manager to walk into the record company with a deal and the promotion guy made it a priority to get it played on KMET five times a day, it would have been a hit.

"The philosophy in terms of the kind of talent we're looking for is an artist whose aesthetics are there, who is unique and can still fit into an exposure avenue possibility. You have to be pragmatic when you make a decision about signing an artist. There are significant commercial considerations, so I won't pose as some patron of pure artistry at the cost of the widest possible exposure. That is self-defeating. So in terms of our signing posture, we look for talent with a very realistic prospect of breaking them."

"In terms of the record companies cutting back, I sat there at executive skull sessions where the main topic of conversation was limiting and/or cutting the artist roster back. But we always maintained that the day we stopped signing, even for forty-five days, is the day we would close the

door. Because of normal attrition cycles, we have to be constantly seeking new artists to satiate the marketplace's demand.

"But by 'new artists' I don't necessarily mean 'new wave.' There is so much media attention on these new wave artists, and yet when you look at the charts, it's Supertramp, Styx and Zeppelin that are really selling. What will happen is that some bands will take the energy of the new wave

band that sounds like the Cars where you can predict that damn synthesizer lick will come up in the chorus.

"We have our feelers out through third parties. We use word of mouth, friends, people whose opinions we trust, record company input, anything and everything. Every A&R person and music lawyer knows what we're doing, and though we're

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Rick Stevens

and match it with traditional lyrics and hooks, making it a very appealing product. And that is what we'll see on the charts. Doc and I are looking for great songs, great rock 'n' roll, and if it happens to fall into a category that comes close to 'new wave,' that's fine. We don't look for categories, we look for quality of artistry. I honestly believe the last thing the world needs is another fucking

based in New York and Miami, we'll check everyone out. Our formula is tied into our ability to put a salable package together—we are not here to give people a break. If we sign a new artist, we'll put him together with an experienced, name producer to qualify our package to a label. We need that credibility to substantiate our investment because otherwise, it's like pissing in the dark.

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LA Managers: High Odds With Very Low Security

BY BENJAMIN KREPACK

A nearly empty night club in Hollywood. The members of a recently formed rock 'n' roll band are playing their butts off onstage. Someone in the audience is impressed with the material and jots the group's name on a napkin. Two gigs later, this "someone" approaches the band with talk of a possible business arrangement.

That scenario is more fiction than fact, but it has been known to happen that way. At other times, the artist-manager relationship is established when the band seeks someone out, often asking a friend or relative to take on the grueling tasks of a 'street manager.'

A street manager's task is to take a group from obscurity to fame, and he or she faces not only the staggering odds against success, but also a commitment with little or no security.

"I think my band is going to make a fortune," says Curtis Beck, manager of Innuendo, "but I have nothing that protects my involvement with them."

Beck shares this thought with many other group managers, even though young managers inevitably become integral parts of the local music scene.

"Street managers are onto musical trends way before their time," says Kurt Daniels, former manager of Bates Motel. "Their biggest drawback is that they don't have the power base from which to work. The young managers are very energetic, and a lot of them are extremely experimental and avant garde, but they usually don't have the connections that they need to grab the attention of the established music business." After working with Bates Motel for over two years, the group severed its relationship with Daniels and has since been picked up by Hartman and Goodman Management, which also handles other artists like David Crosby and Graham Nash. Daniels is now district sales manager for one of L.A.'s free weekly newspapers, but doesn't discount the possibility of getting back into management at some point in the future.

"My advice to young managers," he says, "is that they should try to establish a deal with an existing management company as a junior partner. This way, the manager has a bank roll and a reputation to work with. They can take this step if they are really serious about their career. A lot of people disagree with me and say it's a cop-out, but your odds are a lot better. It's a big gamble no matter how you cut it. If he is willing to go at it alone and if he's ready to devote his time, his effort, and whatever little money he has, he better make damn sure the band signs a deal with him. Never do anything on faith. No matter how much a band promises, never believe it. And then when you get it in writing, only believe 50 to 25 percent of that. It's just better protection, but it's not uncommon for a manager to be aced once a recording deal is secured."

As Daniels and many other managers point out, the 'protection' becomes a foggy gray issue in the eyes of the law. According to California state laws, one must be licensed to solicit employment for an act. Therefore it is technically illegal for a 'manager' to book a band that he or she represents.

"Most managers have to book their bands," says Donovan Moore of the Jack Hampton Booking Agency. "What are they going to do—career direction? What career? A manager has to advise, they have to do public relations, publicity, the whole bit." Moore at one time managed The Weasels and scored a deal for their infamous single, "Beat Her With A Rake" on Siamese Records. He currently manages a country-western act called Baywood as well as a melodic new wave outfit called Double Features. "Bands work with lyrical and musical hooks," Moore says, "while managers work with image and publicity hooks. A manager has to have some kind of P.R. experience in order to assist the band in developing a distinct stage image and character. I wouldn't advise a band to sign a management deal with just a lawyer," a practice which is becoming more common lately.

Mercy Baron, who at one time managed The Sweethearts, Dizzy, The Breakers and a jazz quartet all at the same time, points out the fact that working with just one group is more than enough if a person decides to become an independent manager. "I'm only working with the Breakers now because it just got to be too much doing everything for so many groups." Mercy does the publicity, writes the press packets, sets up gigs and takes care of all the essential business for the band. "My biggest problem in management is getting musicians to listen to me. My first suggestion for any group that is in need of a reliable manager is to estab-

lish a maturity so that the band is capable of accepting constructive criticism. Some bands just aren't ready for a manager."

One band that has been able to stay active and vibrant on the local club scene without a manager is The Differentials, fronted by guitarist and lead vocalist Ian Espinoza. Ian agrees with Moore about the necessity for P.R. experience. "I work in graphics," he says, "and that has come in very handy in taking care of the promotion for the group. It's important to try to have a good aesthetic visual image instead of having something you threw together with some crayons and Scotch tape." Ian feels it has been an advantage to the group not having a manager, because, he says, a group can make a mistake in getting right out of the rehearsal hall into an unfortunate involvement.



Ian Espinoza Of The Differentials—
A Self-managed Band.

"Groups depend too much on managers to do things for them," he says. "It's not up to anyone else except the group itself. There's a certain point in a group's career when a manager is needed, and that's when you're going into a record deal. At that time it's vital."

Although Ian chose to represent himself for the last six months, he is currently keeping his eye out for a manager because he feels the group has gotten to a point where a "package" can be established and presented to record companies. "I don't want to get signed right now," he says. "I want to develop some kind of management relationship and then approach the record companies."

The choices for bands are

certainly not limited to management or no management. An organization called FAM management takes groups and sets up large capacity rock concerts in Simi Valley, Ventura County and other outlying areas of Los Angeles, using only unsigned local talent. Al Sassano of FAM says it makes no difference to him whether a group is being managed or not. "A lot of groups we book into our shows are just starting out and they deserve the same chance that other groups get in playing to big crowds," he says.

One other route a band can take is through a production company that will assist in the struggle for a production or publishing deal.

"The difference is mostly musical," explains Wally Baker, who operates Q-1 Productions. "We concentrate on the sound and help the artists get publishing deals. We get a percentage only if a deal is made." Baker is currently working with singer Billy Bright and has expressed interest in other bands working around town, including The P-15s. "The groups I work for can have a manager, but most of them don't. We end up giving them some sort of management advice, like suggesting a particular producer and getting their material out to the Helen Reddys of the world."

In most cases, however, it is the choice of the group to go along with a manager. One experienced and established personal manager laid down some basic rules for the less experienced. "First of all, a manager should never seek power of attorney. The artist should sign everything. Secondly, a personal manager should not have anything to do with the finances of the artist. It should be separate function handled by a third, uninvolved party. Artists should also be wary of managers who try to convince their clients to have the same attorney as they have. It is unethical. The manager and client should have two separate attorneys working for them."

Many managers and band members have suggested the formation of a managers' organization to help create unity and uniformity within the local industry, but opinions are mixed. Manager Scott Bergstein, who handles The Naughty Sweeties, says he would be open to such an organization, but that it hasn't been done because no one really has the time. Another manager of a well-established local act says managers are too independent in nature to want to involve themselves with such an organization. "Managers aren't team players," he says. "If we were, then we'd be on someone else's team, wouldn't we?"

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Music Connection: Motown has always been a difficult label to approach, probably the most difficult. People on the outside have come to consider it hopeless.

Lee Young, SR: That has stopped. I'm in charge of that type of thing now and our doors are open. I've hired people just to review tapes. You're right—we're aware of it. With the record business being the way it is today you can't be as closed.

MC: Was it to Motown's advantage to ever have such a policy?

LY: I've watched the label for a long time and they were one of the few labels that had as many hit acts as they did. We're talking about the Miracles, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, the Four Tops, Temptations, Jackson Five, Marvin Gaye, the Supremes, and others. I think when you're that successful and have a stable like that, you don't need to look elsewhere. But the business has changed considerably since then and we don't have all those stars. Now we do have an open door policy.

MC: Has the record industry's profit slump of the last couple of years had an effect on Motown in terms of signings and progress in general?

LY: Oh yes, I think so. But economically, we'd be foolish if we tried to buck the system. And we can't afford to do what all the companies have been doing—tour support and all that. You can't give it away any more.

"But I do think this won't last too long. I believe that the pros that are currently out of the business like Artie Mogull, Neil Bogart and Ron Lexington (Infinity Records) are going to come back into the business with new angels and stardom."

MC: When you talk about unsolicited tapes, do you really have the facility to review all the stuff that comes in?

LY: Yeah, that's not hard to do. Nothing is. You just set up a

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Lee Young, Sr., Motown's Ears.

system for it. People imagine you get one or two hundred a week but you don't get that. I have it staggered so that two guys are listening on alternate days of the week.

MC: When do you listen?

LY: I listen every weekend. I take 25 or 30 tapes home. My personal opinion is that a lot of people in the record business make the

mistake of listening to four bars and then saying 'I don't like it.' I think when you listen to a tape—and you think it's maybe an amateur composer—you don't really know until you listen to the whole thing. The song may be structured wrong, but it may be there. A lot of people who send us tapes just really want our assistance. At Motown, you don't have to send us a production. Per-

sonally, I believe it starts with the songs.

MC: What kind of staff do you have at Motown? Do you have in-house producers?

LY: Yes. We have Hal Davis, Michael Smith, Ron Miller, and now we've got Reggie Andrews who worked with Patrice Rushen.

MC: Lately there seems to be a return to in-house production.

LY: I feel you have better control and more loyalty with in-house. If the creative division is run correctly there's a lot of comradery there.

MC: In the last year, record companies have signed numerous local bands off the L.A. streets. Has Motown been interested in the local scene?

LY: Well, we would not be the company that bands like that would think of, but I think our chance will come and we'll get one.

MC: There's a sector of the 'new wave' that idolizes the 'Motown sound' of the 60s.

LY: Musically, I think that Motown was really ahead of their time. That's why they were so successful. They were innovators—originators. They tried things that other people wouldn't attempt. They were going for what they heard.

MC: So is Motown interested in pursuing predominately white acts?

LY: What I'm saying to you is, if the music is there and we hear the music, there is no color. Music is not black or white. Music is all colors. That's the direction we're trying to take.

MC: You come from a jazz background. Is your personal preference towards jazz?

LY: No, not really. I think there are two kinds of music—good and bad. You like it or you dislike it. If you came to my home, the music I'd play would probably surprise you. You see, I always hear overtones of jazz in all music. Any way you go it gets back to the song. I think if you have a record without a great singer but a great

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song, it can be a hit. But conversely, a great singer and a poor song won't happen.

MC: There have been some interesting comments in the last few A&R interviews about radio. That seems to be a difficult entity for record people to deal with now.

LY: They've cut the playlist down to the nub. But I still think that the cream will come to the top. It's a competitive business. I think we have a promotional staff that will get it played.

MC: As an unsolicited artist, what could I do today to impress the creative department at Motown?

LY: You could send or bring your tape in and we'd log it.

MC: And what if I wanted to see Lee Young, Sr.?

LY: Yeah, you could make an appointment with me. As a matter of fact, I do that frequently. But let me just straighten one point out on that because you're getting carried away. I can see you're imagining thousands of people coming to the door. It doesn't happen like that.

"The way the music business is today, the power brokers--the big lawyers and business people--have entry to record companies. There are certain power brokers in the business who have gotten most of the better tapes that are out there on the street. So they

make the appointments now. They will call and say, 'I've got a tape and an act I want you to hear.'

"Now immediately you're going to give them an audience because they're power brokers and have their people out there searching. So when you say, 'What can the guy on the street

not being heard. I fully intend to carry out my promise. But just don't forget about the power brokers.

MC: The power brokers can be as hard or harder to get to as the record companies.

LY: Well, they are! Because they won't have time to deal with the

"It's very difficult to discover someone today because one of the power brokers will have been there first."

—Lee Young, Sr.

say to get in--that's one of the problems. It's very difficult to discover someone today because one of the power brokers will have been there first.

MC: But the problem is that there are people who are having a rough time getting to the labels.

LY: Well, you just see what you will hear about Motown in the next six months. You see if they're not getting audiences and

people that you're talking about. They've got to have something significant to get involved.

"And in the record business, you're going to turn down hit acts. I know at ABC we turned down a number one record by a group called Oceans. We also signed a band Gary Katz had gone to every other label with called Steely Dan. Here at Motown we turned down Rufus and Chaka Khan the first

time around because of a disagreement. Then later on we did sign them. But that's OK to do because that's the record business. But you just don't do that too often.

MC: With the business being so soft now, would you consider yourself unusually selective in terms of signings?

LY: I think if you don't be selective you're not wound too tight. You spend your money today on an act and you better know what you're doing.

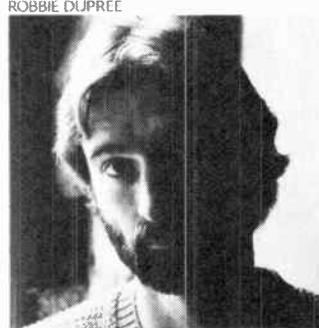
"But I still want to hear the acts. I may sit here and tell you we're cutting our artist roster and walk right out of here and hear something and sign them. It happens all the time.

MC: What kind of act would you sign to Motown now that you wouldn't sign a year ago?

LY: That's a loaded question. I could sum it up by telling you we're not looking for anything this year that we were not looking for last year. We're looking for hit acts. But the music has not changed so much where I could say to you that it's reggae, for instance. So I'd have to give you a stock answer and say we're still looking for a hit act. We'll take a hit act at 3 in the morning...any time you find one. So that's the bottom line

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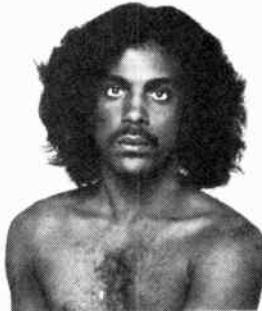
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Playboy Jazz Festival Suffers Identity Crisis

BY KEN KUBERNIK

"The only thing it proves is that they know how to generate dollars, not jazz."

Thus spoke saxophonist Lew Tabackin, when confronted with the \$400,000.00 gross The Playboy Jazz Festival turned in its two-day run at the Hollywood Bowl. If Tabackin's remark rings sarcastic, it was meant that way. Jazz impresario George Wein, the (mis)guiding light of the jazz fest, presented a Milquetoast assortment of jazz and decidedly non-jazz practitioners at the Bowl. And, while it was good business, it was bad, very bad, jazz.

Under clear skies and crispy temperatures, the crowds both days tried in vain to respond enthusiastically but the music failed to deliver. Day one's highlight was the reported sighting of Erik Estrada, which sent more people to their feet than the close of any of the day's performances. He should have ticketed Wein for excessive cross-over appeal at the cost of authentic jazz.

I arrived on Saturday in time to catch the cluse of the Contemporary Records All-Stars, an ensemble with smokin' good credentials. The fine pianist George Cables, provided inspired accompaniment to the front line; Joe Farrell and Joe Henderson, reeds; and the redoubtable Freddie Hubbard on trumpet. Afterwards, I sauntered into the frightfully undernourished press tent, where two feeble trays of crackers and fruit and Iris Cola (Iris cola!! Hey Hef, can't you at least serve a brand name) greeted the few bodies tagged with orange press passes. Where was the lobster? Where was the Dom Perignon? Hell,

where was the jazz?

The remainder of day one was spent in a variety of activities; looking for better seats—I lucked out and found an empty box near Hef where I could spy on him and his coterie of buxom blondes—picking charred kernels from the popcorn and reading a book on fascism. If I had any gumption, I would have commanded the stage and dismissed the whole *l'affaire du jazz* as a sham and a fraud but discretion and a bottle of Amaretto got the better of me.

Saturday's show moved to a rousing climax when Mel Torme took to the stage, backed by the Buddy Rich Orchestra. I have nothing against either of these two venerable talents, but Christ, all year long Buddy plays The Coke pavilion at Disneyland and suddenly he's transported to headline status where thousands have plunked down \$18 a head to see a heartless rendering of Zawinul's "Birdland." Even McCoy Tyner, Saturday's token nod to unadulterated jazz was uneventful. When he wasn't busy detuning the piano with his hammer-handed approach, McCoy traded jibes with MC Bill Cosby. I'm afraid he sensed the indifference from the crowd, particularly up-front, where the proliferation of satin baseball jackets and Playboy comps smothered any flicker of audience/artist interaction.

Sunday augered to be the day where Wein and company redeemed themselves. A quick shuffle through the press tent revealed the same, lackluster spread as before. Hef was probably holding back until Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock hit the stage.

The Toshiko Akiyoshi/Lew Tabackin Big Band was in fine

form, showcasing the piquant charm of Toshiko's demanding charts. But their abridged set was quickly squelched by the upper-crested warblings of Angela Boffill, who has as much to do with jazz as Johnny Rotten. Strutting her stuff to the funkified back-beat, she did elicit a strong audience response, which was notable in its own right.

Chick Corea, with his impish grin and festive Latin approach won some applause but failed to excite. He noodled at his Moog, played some arpeggios at the piano forte, jammed with Dizzy Gillespie—who always maintains his integrity even in the worst of

circumstances—and left the stage to Carmen McCrae.

Carmen, whose glory days were long before I turned my attention to jazz, has an unnerving habit of signing a different tune from what her trio is playing. Maybe she was trying to give us double our money—maybe I'd better not say any more.

The Festival closed to the disco/funk lunacy of Herbie Hancock, whose cross-over escapades have been chronicled into the ground. Herbie "got down" and I got ill. Even a guest cameo by the Brecker Bros. could do little to salvage the witless folderol on stage.

Bands Battle To Open Fest

The prelude to this year's Playboy Jazz Festival was an afternoon of top-notch music designed to select the Festival's opening act, Eebo. Five finalists (from 150 groups who submitted tapes) gathered on a sunny Sunday afternoon on the Hollywood High School football field. The show, hosted by Jim Gossa of KKGO, was broadcast live by the station.

Dave Pozzi opened with his warm tenor sax playing and an able back-up band for some nice, straight-ahead jazz, and the audience settled in for an afternoon of good music.

The pace changed to jazz/rock fusion with a quartet called Aurora Borealis, featuring solid musicianship and material that moved from lyrical, ethereal melodies to quick neo-bop. They were followed by Windows and a move back toward the mainstream, with high-quality, uptempo jazz.

Clareon, the fourth band, is a tightly structured group fusing jazz into a classical motif, creating a nicely swinging music with outstanding, complex arrangements. The judging looked to be a real toss-up at that point, with good performances in highly divergent styles.

Then Eebo took the stage. From the very first number, the decision became easier. "The joint," as Fats Waller would say, "was jumpin'." It was obvious Eebo came to play, and the crowd (including the judges) responded enthusiastically. The band played a different style in each number, moving slickly from fast to slow tempos, and within two minutes of their closing number, the judges announced Eebo would open the festival.

The group's leader and sax man, Felix Ramos, said afterward he had been apprehensive about the choice of material, neglecting some of the band's best numbers in favor of material that showed their versatility. It was the versatility, finally, that won the audience and the competition. There was even a rumor of a major record label being interested in the group because of their outstanding performance.

Eebo plays regularly at the King's Palace Restaurant in Hollywood.

—Bob Mogill

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situation in that many banks have special officers and divisions that deal specifically with the entertainment industry. The practice first began around 40 years ago when Bank of America set up a program to deal with the burgeoning film industry. Gradually, other major banks became more involved in this sector.

But it was about a dozen years ago that things really took off. The major banks found themselves in a dilemma: many music business loans simply weren't large enough to warrant consideration. There are, after all, over 70 companies that each make more money annually than all of the entertainment business put together. An organization like Wells Fargo or Bank of America can't dabble in \$200,000 loans when it can secure ones for \$5 million---or billion.

But much of the music business is comprised of small independents: producers, managers, promoters and so on. There was and is a need to service these people, to supply them with money to help them operate and expand their businesses. This need gave rise to a middle range of independent banks which are now in the forefront of money houses that cater to the enter-

Music Biz Loans Are Safest Says Bank VP

tainment industry.

A good example is the First Los Angeles Bank. Senior Vice President Lew Horwitz has been in the business for over 20 years, and has become an expert in the field of entertainment. He deals with approximately 1,000 people and companies in the business each year, and his office looks more like that of a record company president than a banker. "I think a music industry loan is the safest venture in the entertainment realm," says Horwitz. "It offers the strongest collateral on loans. An assignment of a copyright--particularly a valuable one--is an easy and safe way to go. When someone like Allen Lerner walks in the office, well, his songs are like gold. There's very little risk."

The word *risk* is a key one. "No banker ever takes a risk going into a deal," says John Fisher of Wells Fargo. "A bank takes assets and converts them into liquid form--cash. It's not for a banker to be a speculator; we want guaranteed returns."

Banks by federal law are

prohibited from investing money, from getting a piece of the action in another business operation. Their profit comes solely from the interest they collect on their loans; it's a long-term arrangement. It is possible for banks to get around these laws by taking out warrants--i.e. arrangements that operate like options and pay off down the line--but most banks don't want that kind of reputation. "It gives a bank a bad name," claims Horwitz. "No one likes to think of their bank as greedy or speculative. People think of us as solid, substantial. In the long run we're much better off sticking with the loan procedure."

The mark of a good entertainment banker is a knowledge of the music and film businesses. The best ones regularly attend seminars, go to concerts and sessions, and keep up on their subscriptions to trade magazines. And because of the nature of the music business, these specialty bankers have a greater range of options for packages to push loans

across. "We helped Neil Bogart when he formed Casablanca,"

says Horwitz, "just like we're helping him now. I told his accountant to bring in all his contracts, we went over and over them until we came up with a way to justify the loan package and give him some working capital. It's a little bit looser, but you still have to have a track record, something attractive and stable enough to convince a bank that you're no risk."

And therein lies the rub. If you're a struggling guitarist who's still unknown, you'll have a hard time if you walk into the First Los Angeles Bank (or the Bank of Beverly Hills, or the American City Bank) asking for money. But if you've managed to scramble a few rungs up the ladder and have a program together, it's worth a try to borrow some cash and boost your operation up to the next notch. There are people who know about the problems you face, and are prepared to help you.

And, of course, any bank benefits from the high profile publicity that can accompany someone in the music business. "Our customers think it's great when a recording star is in the bank," offers Horwitz, "and I like it, too."

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George Martin: A Top Producer Looks Back

ALL YOU NEED IS EARS
by George Martin with Jeremy Hornsby
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George Martin's career as a record producer began many years before anyone had thought to give that job a name of its own. His work with the Beatles (along with Phil Spector's early work) practically defined the modern role of the producer in the creation of a recording; previously, records had simply documented musical performances. The idea of the recording as an "art form" nearly separate from the performance itself may not have been Martin's alone, but he and the Beatles surely brought it into the mainstream.

If Martin has made musical history, he certainly didn't plan it that way, and in *All You Need Is Ears* he seems most of all modest, devoted, and conventional. His musical talents emerged quite

early, and after school and a few years of wartime flight duty with Britain's Fleet Air Arm, he entered the Guildhall School of Music for three years of classical training. This led rather quickly to a job with EMI, where he would record many types of music, and by age 29, become head of Paraphone, one of several EMI labels

a sort of scruffy, good-time quality that might sell a few records (if he could find the right material--their own songs at the time were "very mediocre"), and he decided to record them. His life would, of course, be dominated by them for the next eight years, and he devotes several chapters to this part of the story, adding his perspective and a few new anecdotes to the realm of Beatlelore (it's worth noting that Martin never claims to have "created" the Beatles or their sound, only to have served as a sort of translator for the "musical genius" of John and Paul).

Aside from the purely biographical, this book deals with the subject of producing records--a subject Martin knows well indeed. The book is both fascinating and somewhat frustrating, however, in its attempt to mix the technical with the historical. There are glimpses of what went into making Beatles records--even descriptions of some of the special effects used on "Sergeant Pepper" (in all its four-track glory)--as well as semi-technical discussions of acoustics, multi-track techniques, arranging and orchestration. He writes of Paul asking for "a kind of tooty sound" for "When I'm Sixty-Four," leading him to score it for two clarinets and bass clarinet. There are many



George Martin's First Book

He remained with EMI from 1950 to 1966.

It was in this capacity as Paraphone's chief executive that Martin stumbled upon The Beatles in 1962. He decided they had

other choice tidbits as well, but that is where the frustration comes in. In attempting to please both the reader interested in his recording technique and the Beatles fan in search of trivia, he usually stops too soon to please either one. It almost could have been two separate books in some respects.

Martin's career didn't end with the Beatles, and during the 70s, he became a widely sought-after independent producer for many performers and groups, most successfully for America, and most recently for Cheap Trick. He has also written and produced music for films, formed a company along with other producers (AIR Studios in London and the Caribbean are theirs), and recently formed an independent record label as well. He writes about these activities and philosophizes about music, producing, technology, and the future.

All You Need Is Ears will make you a better informed Beatles fan and tell you how one person got to be a very good record producer. It may have its flaws, and the title may be an oversimplification of the qualities required of the next Mike Chapman, but it certainly won't hurt you to spend a little time with George Martin--right, Paul?

--Bruce Irving

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STUDIO SPLICES

BY JEFF JANING

MARS STUDIO in Hollywood has just completed what may become one of the "hottest" rooms in town. Studio manager Israel Sommer took me on a "visit to Mars" with its state of the art 24-track facility. The new studio was designed by John Edwards and constructed by Stan Bruce. The main room has four open-ended isolation cubicles, each with a different array of materials, including parkay, redwood, felt and carpeting, plus various sound traps to offer the client a variety of acoustic environments to fit any need and to cut down the fatigue factor of the artist. The equipment line-up is impressive, with the Trident TSM series console with auto locator. JBL 4350s and Auras tones comprise the monitoring system, and JBL 4313s are also available. Mars also features a top selection of mikes, and has three large rehearsal halls (one with a sound stage). Call Israel at the studio for information, rates and a tour.

CRAIG MIRJANIAN, Warner Brothers' recording artist, finished mixing his upcoming LP, "A Perfect Fit," at Village

Recorders Studio "D". The scheduled release date is June 25th.

MAY'S ANTI-NUKE SURVIVAL SUNDAY at the Hollywood Bowl was recorded live by Tim Pinch, who works hand in hand with Ray "Mister Remote" Thompson. According to Tim "it was mixed down to two track and cabled to KWST, which broadcast the show in L.A. and sent it to KMEL in San Francisco."

HIT CITY WEST has been a hotbed of activity during recent months. In the sing's department they cut "Sai Whatt" for an R&B band of the same name. New wave bands Human Hands and Vox Pop also recorded singles. American Song Festival winner Dave Deluca, who records for British Records, was in doing overdubs, and Jon Lind, who wrote Earth, Wind & Fire's "Boogie Wonderland," was in working on new tunes. In the area of T.V. scoring, Hit City cut Lewis Webster's "The Sky Is Gray" (which aired on PBS) and "The Hearse." Flying Fish Records put Doug and Rodney Dillard together with John Hartford and recorded a soon-to-be released LP titled Dil-

lard, Hartford & Dillard. The album was produced by Michael Melford. The main project (and this is from the lips of Hit City's own Ken Kravitz) is the film "Roar." Noel Marshall, who was the executive producer of "The Exorcist," wrote, produced, directed and starred in this venture (Noel must take Geritol). Billy Kirkland is the musical director and producer.

RUBY RECORDS, located in the Crossroads Of The World in Hollywood, is co-owned by Graham Nash, David Crosby and Don Gooch, who also manages the studio. The Asylum album, "No Nukes" was partially mixed and completely assembled there. The film score from the MUSE Concert will also be done there. Steven Stills recently completed his new LP, with Barry Beckett producing. Stills also recorded a special for cable T.V. David Crosby is currently tracking his new project, and Graham recorded his current LP, "Earth And Sky" at Rudy Records. Dan Fogelberg is readying his latest effort and producer Gordan Rowley is in working with a group from London called Night-

wing, (not to be confused with the local group of the same name) for Ovation Records. Jeff Neben, manager of Oasis, a local group, reports Gordan Rowley was also in with his group. As Don Gooch explained it, "Rudy Records is equipped with an MCI 536 board, a MCI 24-track recorder, DBX or Dolby noise reduction and Pioneer TAD Monitors. The studio has a natural surrounding made of redwood with green and brown felt. Graham is very esoteric; we even have a couch. We also have a great drum booth--even Russ Kunkel and Joe Vitali, who hate drum booths, like it."

JERRY WALLACE, from Hit Man Recording, showed up at the American Song Festival's baseball game with Hit Man t-shirts for the winning team. Thanks, Jerry!

NEIL SEDAKA popped into Crystal Sound to do some vocal overdubs. Epic's R.E.O. Speedwagon is also in cutting, with Kevin Beamish engineering. Pure Prairie League mastered their new Casablanca LP here as well. Busy, Busy!



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Every record album is the product of planning, but some are obviously more planned than others. Pop music runs the gamut from written arrangements, where every note is spelled out beforehand, to "head arrangements," studio sketches where most of the music is spontaneously worked out while recording, overdubbing and mixing. Different styles of music require different approaches.

In this week's album, **Detente**, by The Brecker Brothers, the sophisticated rhythm tracks, with their many starts, stops, breaks and contrasts, combined with advanced jazz harmonic progressions, could only have been accomplished with careful, advanced planning and arrangements. Yet the solos and many lines in the transitions between sections are artfully improvised.

Rhythm: If The Breckers have a reputation for being in a funk bag, a look at the grooves in their rhythm tracks explains why. Every cut is based on 16th notes! Being masters of this medium, however, they construct each song with a different 16th-note feel. Tempos and intensities vary, and some tracks have a constant, even funk feel, while others have a staggered, "punchy" texture.

Melody: The first three cuts

THEORETICALLY SPEAKING

BY DAVID "CAT" COHEN

on side one feature vocals, while all the others are basically instrumentals. The vocal lines, true to the funk style, usually stay in six-tone blues and ragtime scales, and most of the instrumental riffs start out in these scales as well. Interspersed between these

tween pure melodic lines doubled in unison or octave with no chords (horizontal construction), and fully-voiced four-part and five-part jazz chords with chromatic alterations (vertical construction). On some of the simpler funk cuts, 7ths are common, but the duo's



DETENTE Brecker Bros.

Label: Arista AB 4272
Producer: George Duke
Engineer: T. Vicari
Writers: R. Brecker, M. Brecker, N. Jason, L. Vandross, D. Barsha
Publisher: Not listed

earthy funk, almost folk-like melodic fragments, are jazz figures and improvised fills using chromatic tones.

Harmony: The Breckers' use of harmony is full and varied. Their basic style alternates be-

jazz vocabulary of 9ths, 11ths and 13ths creep in subtly.

Form: All three vocal selections use the standard funk-disco formula of alternating 8-bar A and B sections with interspersed solos in the same musical feel. The

instrumentals, however, are more complicated structurally, using three or more distinct musical sections, with spacy transitions.

Influences: **Detente** is an album built solidly on jazz and funk traditions. The basic sound and feel is in the funk bag of Tower Of Power and The Crusaders. On top of this foundation, jazz influences from several eras can be heard.

Comprehensive Analysis:

This album stays within established jazz-funk limitations, containing little that is startlingly original. Within this style, however, the Brecker Brothers give us a state-of-the-art product. Flawlessly and tastefully written, arranged, produced and recorded, **Detente** is a perfect blend of arrangement and "live" feel. Produced by funkmaster George Duke, the high energy and the vitality of the music literally jump out at the listener. The songs are intelligently sequenced, featuring the more commercial dance tunes all together. The abstract listening-oriented selections are also grouped. The album is a winner for jazz and funk fans. I give it an 8½.

In my last review, I inadvertently stated that Warner Bros. Music published the Ambrosia album. It was actually Rubicon Music that did the publishing.



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SONGMINE

BY JOHN BRAHENY

So What Else Is Commercial?

Last time I discussed the importance of writing lyrics that reflect the values and experiences of a large segment of the record buying audience. This is, of course, assuming that you're concerned about selling records and getting airplay, i.e. "being commercial." Hopefully, those values and experiences are either ones you feel comfortable with or that reflect your own experiences. This is especially important if you're a writer/artist. A major part of your appeal will be that people will identify with your point of view. Billy Joel, Jackson Browne and Rickie Lee Jones are good examples. It doesn't work if you take a different point of view on every record. People never really learn who you are. It's also really tough to have a hit as an artist with a song that you're not at home with. You may be doomed to playing it for years. If you're a non-performing writer you're not so restricted, and can write "for the market" or from the point of view of the artist you're writing for.

Beyond the considerations we've just discussed, there are some stylistic considerations that affect the commerciality of a song. One of those is cleverness. Country music is the obvious home of the clever word play, the new twist on an old cliche and the lyrical "turnaround." Some recent examples are "Lying Time Again," "Yippi Cry Yi," "Nothin' Sure Looked Good On You," and "Wishful Drinkin'." There was also the old pop tune, "I Had Too Much To Dream Last Night." That kind of cleverness is designed to stick in the listener's mind. The lyrical "turnaround" with the surprise ending has wide appeal. The most recent example is Rupert Holmes' "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)." "Tie A Yellow Ribbon" was another in that genre that was a great crossover hit. To hardcore "heart" writers, that kind of song may seem trite and contrived. Those same people probably hate to hear a joke more than once, because once they get the punch line it's not funny to them anymore. Because of the way they're put together or the way they're told, though, some jokes never seem to wear thin. I guess that's the appeal of those songs. The appeal is probably even broader if the song illustrates some common problem or has a "moral" like Chapin's "Taxi" or "Escape."

The more conversational and natural the lyric feels, and the more vivid the visual imagery, the less contrived it seems. In other words, the trip should be as rewarding as the destination. "The Gambler" was a very cleverly contrived story, and even though the use of a deck of cards as an analogy for life wasn't a new idea, it was a fresh way to do it. Its natural, rhymed, colloquial language and movie-like imagery made it great art.

While I'm on the subject of colloquial rhyme (though not necessarily great art), I was fascinated by the success of the R&B "rapper" records. By and large, my personal opinion was that they were pretty terrible. The rhyme, in most cases, was really, as we say, "cheap." They went for the easiest rhyme, clearly at the expense of content. Even though their success was not exactly gigantic, and they were obviously records and not songs, I was surprised, and figured there was definitely a lesson involved in analyzing the phenomenon. What really got me into it, though I'd been hearing them on the radio, was stopping at a taco stand on So. Robertson and hearing one blasting out of a big stereo portable radio on a table in front of the stand. On the inside, waiting in line to order, were two black kids about 16 years old doing every line of that rapid rap in perfect sync. That's when I realized that the first level of appeal is that they're fun. It was clear that memorizing all that rap wasn't my idea of fun, but it obviously was to them. There's also the idea that the stuff felt spontaneous and consequently we're a little more forgiving about the bad rhyme. The spontaneity was also welcome amid the super-slick productions around it on the radio. It was unquestionably a black record with limited appeal anywhere else, and I'm sure nobody had any illusions about it being a coverable tune. It's just nice to know that with songs like the "rappers," like Mac Davis' "Hard To Be Humble," and Ray Stevens' "The Shriners' Convention" that there's an audience for tunes that are "just for fun."

John Braheny is co-founder/director of the Alternative Chorus Songwriters Showcase in Los Angeles.

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Ian Hunter

LONG BEACH ARENA

With many of the rock heros of the 70s either retiring from the scene or embarrassing themselves by ineptly keeping with the times, it was good to be entertained by a veteran rocker like Ian Hunter, who has been able to move into the market of the 80s.

Hunter was backed by the exceptional musicianship of Mick Ronson on lead guitar, Tom Morongiello on guitar, Martin Briley on bass, Tommy Mandel and Georgie Meyer on keyboards, and Eric Parker on drums. Together they rocked the Long Beach Arena with a well-blended set of current hits "Just Another Night," "Once Bitter, Twice Shy" and "Bastard," some good but less commercial material, and the great Mott the Hoople classics, "All The Young Dudes" and "All The Way To Memphis," which continue to bring the crowd to a peak.

With six musicians onstage, no one had to knock himself out, and no one did. That kept the show from becoming electrifying, but these are such slick professionals that the show still carried excitement.

Hunter did a good job of working the audience, keeping the majority on its feet throughout the night. During a better-than-the-live album version of "Cleveland Rocks," Hunter held the house in the palm of his hand. First he teased 'em--"New York rocks, San Francisco rocks"--then he confused 'em--"Iran rocks, Libya rocks," then pulled his punch with "Khomeini sucks!, Iran sucks!" It was an excellent crowd motivator.

Hunter's inimitable vocal interpretations, coupled with the presence of ace guitarist Mick Ronson and an excellent repertoire of material, all but guaranteed a good show. Though they didn't put in that extra energy to make it a knockout, the band left no doubt in Long Beach's mind--Ian Hunter rocks.

—Terry Hall



Jose Feliciano: First club date in years
From jazz to flamenco to rock.

Jimmy Rabbit

AT THE PALOMINO

Jimmy Rabbit is the guy next door with a backup band. He's your basic good-time rockabilly entertainer singing about drink, drugs and one-night stands with a sloppy approach and a mediocre voice.

There are, of course, a lot of people making money with the same approach--Jerry Jeff Walker being one highly successful example. The genre attracts a lot of people because of its apparent simplicity and accessibility, but it contains built-in risks because its off-handedness is easy to lose control of. It takes a strong persona and top-notch material to pull it off.

At this point, Rabbit doesn't pull it off. His rail-thin, Confederate-jacketed, boozy, freewheeling presence is fitting and pleasant enough, but hardly compelling. The songs--from David Alan Coe's "Cocaine Carolina," through Ernest Tubb's "Walking The Floor Over You" and John Hambrick's "Whisky Sleep" to Rabbit's own "LA Rush"--suffer from the

same malady. It's appropriate for the genre, but it isn't consistently top-notch. It's basically all stuff you've heard done better elsewhere. His fluid (there were eight members at the Palomino gig) backup band is easygoing yet punchy, but woefully under-rehearsed.

Rabbit's got a fairly strong regional following, but to parlay that into anything more, he's going to have to do a lot of tightening. I enjoy the approach he wants to take, but I'm not going to settle for what looks like a half-hearted, unpolished attempt. It may sound heretical, but things like intense rehearsing schedules and work on strengthening his vocals would not at all be out of line. It's not supposed to be easy; it's only supposed to look that way.

—Rob Simbeck

Jose Feliciano

AT McCABE'S

Jose Feliciano's first solo appearance in 15 years proved him a true original in a world of carbon copies. He has talent running out his fingers and can make his guitar sound like

almost anything. For a base, he often uses his hands and feet as well as his guitar to produce the rocking rhythms that are his trademark. Feliciano's singing is melodic and sensual (perhaps the reason he performs mostly love songs), and he uses the complete range of a rich, varied tenor voice.

His choice of instrumental medleys, including a Venezuelan dance and Mason Williams' "Classical Gas" displayed easy expertise from the classical and flamenco to jazz and rock. The selections from his own compositions were excellent, particularly his latest on the charts, "I'm Coming Home Again" (for the hostages) and "Leave Me When The Sun Comes Up." Most enjoyable were Feliciano's fascinating, innovative approaches to oldies-but-goodies like "Oh, Lonesome Me" and the Beatles' "You've Got To Hide Your Love Away," in which he included instrumental solos.

Feliciano's demeanor is quiet and intense, but he has genuine good humor, doing imitations of Bob Dylan and John Denver singing Coca-Cola commercials, playing a country version of "Ave Maria" and doing songs like "You're A Married Woman And You Fooled Around On Your Old Man." His enthusiasm is contagious, and Feliciano is a captivating performer because he obviously loves the music he does.

—Rosanne Norman

Wreckless Eric

AT THE WHISKY

Wreckless Eric has yet to develop a significant local following--at his recent Whisky gig, the house was no more than two-thirds full. Yet Eric put on a respectable, enjoyable set, even playing to a sedate crowd he referred to as a "wine and cheese party." What limits his accessibility is his music, most of which sounds like Rockpile, but not as good. His smart-alecky stage manner, though, succeeded in making the evening--small, cult-sized crowd or not--an enjoyable one.

—Jeff Silberman

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M.C. REVIEWS

The Boxboys at The Starwood and The Arena

Players: Betsy, vocals; David Loren Burg, sax, guitar, piano; Monroe Monroe, guitar; Ska Sigman, bass, piano; Greg Souden, drums.

Material: Unless you've spent the last three months stuck in an adult motel in Encino, you know that the latest in rock chic is ska. The first local band to get into it is The Boxboys. Even when dabbling in Motown ("Come See About Me") and a hybrid of Costello country and reggae, they place everything in snappy, danceable rhythmic patterns. The relevance they place in their lyrics, as in "Elite Peo-

ple," was lost, though, in the cavernous PA roar. Still, "American Masquerade" showed they can successfully forge a good hum-along melody with an irresistible beat.

Musicianship: The band was erratic at The Arena, but more inspired at The Starwood. Obviously they are not totally comfortable at the former. Lead singer Betsy had to bellow over the din; her voice was one-dimensional-loud. Hopefully she'll express her feelings better when the band learns to lay back a bit.

Performance: No one can deny that The Boxboys are a lively, energetic band whose constant movement accentuates the ska madness. Unfortunately, almost

every hop, skip and jump was lifted from The Specials. They seemed to force the action. It may be mandatory to get into the beat vigorously, but you don't have to use the same moves for every song. It makes the tunes all look-and-sound-the same.

Summary: There's nothing inherently wrong with an L.A. band getting into ska. As is, they are still a damn good dance band. But they should be more than that; they can add their own L.A.-style influences to the music. That diversification would enable Betsy to sing normally, exposing more of her personality and that of the lyrics. A few new dance steps would also personalize their ska. Is James Brown in town?

—Jeff Silberman



The Boxboys at the market peddling Ska.

"They're a damn good dance band, but they should be more than that!"

Neo Paris and The Futures at The Whisky, W. Hwd.

Players: Neo Paris, vocals and guitar; John Jorgenson, guitar and vocals; Steve Williams, bass and vocals; Kenny Phillips, drums and vocals.

Material: Though aimed in pop directions, the songs are rooted in older, kicking styles of rock 'n' roll. The catchy "Because We're Young" was the best of their rousing tunes; it featured some of Paris' better vocal work and a jabbing, effective guitar by Jorgenson.

Musicianship: The band was tight but not consistent. Bassist Williams plays strong harmony lines

on some numbers, while on others his sound is subdued, even lost. Phillips plays straight-ahead rock rhythms and successfully works with Williams in maintaining a solid bottom end. Paris sings with well-enunciated exuberance. Despite a high, raspy voice, Paris possesses good clarity and range. Guitarist Jorgenson offered some unusual but appealing breaks. His fretwork eventually worked as a key harmonic counter for the vocals. His control was exemplary, but he was not shy about letting loose with something unexpected.

Performance: The band was loose and engaging. Paris particularly looks like he is having a great time, and Jorgenson and Williams move around enough to stir up some crowd energy without taking

away from the music itself. Paris, as lead singer, is the focal point, and his vocal work was every bit as exciting as the physical energy of his performance.

Summary: Paris' vocal work is what separates this band from countless others. The songs are average and the musicianship is solid, but the key here is Paris. Among other stand-out elements were shifting rhythm patterns that added tangy auras to some pieces, as in the exceptional "Civilization." Scrambling around the stage, Paris led the group through some titillating harmonies that led to a climax that would be hard to top. If Jorgenson can continue to churn out the fine guitar work and Paris writes some more solid material, they'll do very well.

—Charlie Mullin

Lisa Gilkyson at F.Scott's, Venice

Material: Lisa Gilkyson offers a superior variety of country and soft rock tunes. She has a good feel for the best of this genre and can go from plaintive love ballads to foot-stomping cowboy rockers. "Leslie's Song," a lovely, weeping country melody, and "Rodeo Queen" are first rate. "Give It On Up For Love" and "Havin' A Good Time" demonstrate her proficiency at commercial country rock. Gilkyson has the talent of writing lyrics worth listening to. She has the craft down in phrases like "Shoot from the hip and love from the heart/it may not be an answer/but it's a place to start."

Musicianship: Lisa Gilkyson has a sumptuous, powerful voice much like Ronstadt and uses a wide range, hitting the high ones with a fine tone. She even does some admirable yodeling, an art uncommon in L.A. Her vocal quality was particularly apparent in a rendition of an old country favorite, "I Remember You." She accompanied herself competently on both guitar and piano.

Performance: Gilkyson comes



Lisa Gilkyson: Intelligent and talented.

"A sumptuous powerful voice, much like Ronstadt's."

across as an intelligent, talented woman with a good sense of fun. She mourned being a country singer from Pasadena and referred to her lack of a band as "low-budget" rock. Her lengthy performance never failed to be engaging; she truly can carry a show alone and gives her music all she's got.

Summary: Lisa Gilkyson has a lot

to offer. Unfortunately, she's in an overcrowded field of good female country-rock singers where nothing new seems to be happening. The quality of her songwriting will be her key to success. With the help of a winning voice and relaxed stage persona, her exquisite tunes might just push her over the top.

—Roseanne Norman

Patti Fisher at The Whisky, West Hollywood

Players: Patti Fisher, vocals; Jill Colucci, vocals; Michael Kapitan, keyboard; Frank Bonalli, drums, Scott Lipsker, bass; Mark Christians, guitar.

Material: Patti Fisher and company perform cheerful, bouncy pop-rock. The overall sound is polished; the arrangements are nicely structured to provide a few dynamic peaks and valleys. "Getting Better" and "Energy" are typical of Fisher's mix of smooth, sweet melodies and a strong, big beats. Fisher throws a dab of new wave into "Whisper Loud" as she uses a Lene Lovich vocal style over an automated Devo rhythm. A slow, mellow ballad was a nice change of pace but, for the most

part, she stuck to her own style. Her smooth vocal delivery and the glossy Steely Dan arrangement robs "Panic In The City" of any true fear or panic, and she could help herself considerably if she tried to express a wider and more compelling range of emotions musically and visually.

Musicianship: The entire band performed quite capably, though not exceptionally. The source of most of the zesty energy came from drummer, Frank Bonalli. Fisher has a very nice voice that she uses well within her range. She doesn't take many chances with it, instead concentrating more on good harmonies with backup singer Jill Colucci.

Performance: Patti put on an appealing show, moving well around the stage, exuding confidence and an amiable personality. This worked well with most of the material, though it worked against

the tension and energy in "Panic." Her consistent light-hearted approach did wear a bit thin as the set progressed; I was hoping she'd express more emotion than just happy songs.

Summary: Patti Fisher is an attractive singer doing pleasant music that would nicely fit in with the more conservative AOR stations and even top 40 radio. This is why she has quietly attracted label attention. In that aspect, her likable music may be sufficient for a deal. Yet I have a nagging desire for her to reach a little deeper, go for more substance lyrically. By exhibiting different moods, her image and personality would have added dimensions. If that does happen, then Patti Fisher will be sure to stand out in what is rapidly becoming a crowded field of women rockers.

—Jeff Silberman

The Shake Shakes at The Troubadour, West Hollywood

The Players: Gary Riley, lead vocals, rhythm guitar; Dave Musick, rhythm guitar, Farfisa organ, vocals; Mario Rojas, lead guitar, vocals; Eric Damon, bass, vocals; Pierre Dupuy, drums, vocals.

Material: Strong, commercial, 60s inspired songwriting with tight, inventive arrangements. Though obviously derivative, the songwriting is delivered in a contemporary, competent fashion with energy, catchy melodies and hooks. Songs like their single, "You Can Run" and "Don't Worry About The Night" display the band's penchant for infectious, crafted material.

Musicianship: Fronted by a very

capable singer, Gary Riley, the Shake Shakes all display technical finesse. Occasionally background vocals are weak, but never enough to hinder their effectiveness. Drummer Dupuy and bassist Damon give the other players a solid, unyielding foundation that keep the sophisticated arrangements from becoming sloppy.

Performance: Looking distinctively clean-cut, the Shake Shakes



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are a performance unit. Though Riley is the natural focal point, he does not particularly stand out from the others. Instead, the whole band works effectively off each other. Like the music, the performance is an equal blend of

these five personalities. Occasionally Dave Musick's wrenching gyrations will single him out as he wrestles around the other players. Lack of direct communication with the audience hinders other-

wise exciting, high energy performance.

Summary: Largely Unknown, the Shake Shakes are a diamond in the rough. They could well be signable.

—Ben Brooks

M.C. REVIEWS



4½'s Rob Hess onstage in black leather.

"Songs filled with intensity some out front, some lurking beneath the surface."

4½ at The Troubadour, Hollywood

Players: Rob Hess, vocals; Billy Shust, bass; Keith Abbott, keyboards; Andre Strothers, drums; Kelly Carmody, guitar.

Material: The group 4½ is very reminiscent of the early Doors, and the similarities in the two groups' material runs very deep. Most of the songs are either uptempo and kickass or slow and brooding. They were filled with intensity, some of it out front, some of it lurking just beneath the surface. A song early in the set included a clever interpolation of Junior Walker's "Shotgun," and

another was built around the famous "Satisfaction" riff, done slowly and in a minor key. Eerie keyboard lines crossed solid, repetitive guitar/bass riffs while Hess chanted, screamed and howled at the moon. The music was well-paced, peaking and relaxing with maximum effectiveness.

Musicianship: The group concentrated on ensemble playing, keeping solos short and to the point. Andrew Strothers' drumming is at times similar to that of Blondie's Clem Burke, although Strothers has a tendency to crash his cymbals a bit much. Keith Abbott's keyboard work was more linear than usual, which was refreshing. Hess' baritone was effective in both the smooth and gutteral

cause of their songwriting. Primarily written by guitarist Casper, the songs are simple, direct and cleverly arranged.

Musicianship: Very tight and obviously well-rehearsed. Lead vocalist Richard Davis belts out the material, commanding attention. Somewhat reminiscent of David Johansen in voice and moves, Davis also plays a Keith Relf-style harp and a very confident sax. Tom Cardwell plays interesting counter melodies to the vocals while guitar mate Casper keeps the rhythm chords coming. The rhythm section sounds like one driving, percussive instrument.

genres, and he displayed a complete variety of dynamic and tonal ranges.

Performance: Besides Strothers' kicking over portions of his set during the encore, "Doctor De-structo," the show pretty much belonged to Rob Hess. Dressed in black leather, he used mannerisms that read like a "How To Do It" primer authored by Jim Morrison. His actions consistently fit the songs' mood. He is a great showman without being a "calculated" one, and he's someone to keep an eye on.

Summary: For those too young to recall the halcyon days of The Doors, 4½ evokes much of the spirit of the "Lizard King's" early work. They're definitely worth seeing.

—Bruce Duff

Performance: While many of the new wavers seem to be coming on to their Sleep-Eze just as they strap on their guitars, The Bullet Boys rock it up non-stop. Davis is a rarity; he is dynamic but not overbearing, a performer, not an actor, a mover, not a dancer. The guitar lineup is active, yet they never upstage Davis. All in all, they seem comfortable and happy onstage.

Summary: It's basically all here; good songs played by fine players welded into a tight band. They are exciting to listen to and watch. Keep an eye on them.

—Bruce Duff

The Bullet Boys at The Troubadour in Hollywood

Personnel: Richard Davis, lead vocals, sax, harp; Steve Casper, guitar, vocals; Tom Cardwell, lead guitar, vocals; Randy Weaver, bass, vocals; Gregg Hernandez, drums.

Material: The Bullet Boys lie in the middle of recent new wave: fast, short, four- or five-chord love song rock with definite mid-60s roots. Yet The Bullet Boys stand out from similar practitioners be-

ON RECORD

MERCURY

In And Out
Let Me Down Easy
(45, Lightwing Records)

Right away, I was impressed. Mercury has a good sound, drawn from the roots of music I've always loved... with not one iota changed. Nothing new is added. Apologies to Neil Young and Grace Slick, but as I listened to the swooning harmonies and lazy articulation of both "In And Out" and "Let Me Down Easy," I couldn't help but make that heartbroken comparison--Mercury resembles (i.e.: imitates) a collaboration of Jefferson Airplane and CSN&Y. Good... but so what? Without that oomph of originality, Merc might as well be playing Holiday Inn cocktail lounges.

Both songs are tight, smooth, saxyed-up here and there, and vocally adequate. The mix left a lot to be desired; both were tinny, making the pseudo-soul choir sound as if they were whispering a sermon into an empty can. Still, with lyrics like, "We are all sisters and brothers," and "Mr. Bluebird, talk to me..." I can't complain about philosophical content. I'd like to buy the world a coke, too, but GEEZ!

—Janna Goodwin

X

Los Angeles
(LP, Slash Records)

To be honest, I was far from impressed with X at the gigs I saw over a year ago. Exene's vacant wails seemed unmotivated over the raw, static music. What a difference a year makes. Los Angeles is easily the best debut album by a local band since... well, you get the picture, don't you?

The soul of X lies in Exene and John Doe's exceptional lyricism. Their imagery is graphic, with a cutting edge that brilliantly details the vicious and seedy lives of L.A.'s have-nots. The experiences of rapists, addicts and even the nouveau chic are excruciatingly relived so the listener can feel the horror and the emptiness of their lives. X's own plight within the music business is well described in "The Unheard Music": "We're locked out of the public eye/some smooth chords/on the car radio/no hard chords/on the car radio."

X's hard chords churn with the passions therein. Traces of rockabilly and old-time rock and roll are evident throughout (even a couple of heavy metal chord progressions are laced in "Nausea"), but the music's sheer

intensity will classify the band as punk. Live, Billy Zoom's sonic guitar attack fuels the music more than on vinyl. John Doe does more vocal work; the tension in his voice works well against the ghostlike voice of Exene. Exene's pipes may be uncommercial by AM radio standard, but they fit perfectly with the lyricism. Their harmonies are downright eerie in the Doors-ish "Unheard Music."

Los Angeles is produced to near perfection by Ray Manzarek, whose organ runs accentuate the material's intensity without camouflaging the melodies. The Doors connection is worth noting; it's easy to see why Ray would be attracted to X. Both the Doors and X put a lot more into their lyricism than just making the verses rhyme. If nothing else, Los Angeles is great proof that there's a helluva lot more to the "L.A. sound" than bands like the Knack.

—Jeff Silberman

THE GO-GO'S

How Much More
We Got The Beat
(45, Stiff Records)

Local girls make good! The Go-Go's English tour is going well, reports lead singer Belinda Carlisle, and things in Hollywood aren't half-bad either, with new vinyl coming out like the Go-Go's single.

"How Much More" is bright and bouncy, with nice'n'easy guitar work by Charlotte Caffey. Belinda's panicky, little-girl vocals will wrench your heart in two, and there are enough soaring harmonies to make Phil Spector turn 20 shades of green with envy. Play the song once and you can't get it out of your head. Everything's there, great melodies, hooks, cool words, you name it.

B-side's "We Got The Beat" is just as good, with multi-layers of tribal stomp, drums and bass, more goosebump harmonies and that cutting surf sound guitar. This Stiff 45 proves again that the Go-Go's can write and play good songs.

—Pleasant Gehman

SHARP CUTS

Various Artists
(LP, Planet Records)

Sharp Cuts, a compilation album of assorted new wave bands from across the country, proclaims to offer "new music from American bands," but since six of the ten groups hail from L.A., it suggests that America's musical pulse is located here. Rather, this is where Planet head Richard Perry happens to be centered.

In any case, it's great to

finally hear some local faves on national vinyl. The Alleycats and The Know have waited a long time for such exposure and their dynamic offerings should procure some well-deserved attention. "I Like Girls" by The Know (who have since moved back to New York), is their bouncy audience-pleaser that comes off equally well on record. The Alleycats energetic "Black Haired Girl" is the other stand-out track.

Bates Motel's entry, "Live Among The Dancers," is a pleasant departure from the album's primarily driving energy, but it serves as little more than a change of pace.

The Suburban Lawns stick out as Sharp Cuts' odd-ball band. Their quirky "Unable" closes the album with an unnerving effect that insists that you keep an eye on them for future activity.

Two lesser known L.A. outfits make fairly impressive debuts. "I'm Gonna Follow You" by Billy Thermal is well-produced but mundane, while "She's Illegal" by the Willys (produced by Robby Kreiger) is the pleasant surprise, with growing tension underlying its soft-spoken vocals.

Sharp Cuts is Richard Perry's way of dipping his toe in the water to check the temperature. Let's hope he decides to take the plunge by turning out full albums by some of the above bands for Planet. The water's fine.

—Vicki Arkoff

THE EIGHTIES

No Cruising In An Era Of Limits
Letter To Loretta
(45, Meanwhile Records)

To tell you the truth, the Eighties sound pretty 70s. It's nice stuff, softly sung with gentle, soaring harmonies, lightly strummed electric guitars and finger cymbals that recall folk-rock bands of yesteryear. Acoustic guitars are used to a point, but "No Cruising In An Era Of Limits" (nice title) could easily have been done acoustic all the way for that infamous but profitable Southern California rock sound. As clever a baseboard as "No Cruising..." is, both the song and its title are about three minutes too long. Perhaps for its more reasonable length alone, "Letter To Loretta" is the superior track.

The recording quality is pretty murky, but the highlights still shine through, thanks to producer Geza X of the Mommy Men. And it's interesting to note that the label, Meanwhile Records, gets a larger credit on the sleeve than does the band.

—Vicki Arkoff

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CLUB DATA

Club Data and Live Action Chart compiled by
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The Blue Lagune Saloon, Marina Del Rey: A new Theta Cable (Channel 3) show hit the airwaves June 1st. Entitled "L.A. Live Rock," the show is produced by the management of The Blue Lagune Saloon in conjunction with a video company called Raw Productions. The half-hour show airs every Sunday night at 9pm, and features one band per show. Two color television cameras and a 24-track mobile unit are used in the taping. At present, the shows are done for the bands for a fee, but it is hoped the extensive television exposure through Theta combined with possible profit to the bands, if the shows are sold, will make it worthwhile for the bands to participate. Fortune, a group with an album out on the Warner Brothers label, A Band Called Sam and King Cotton are among the bands who have already appeared on the show. The shows are being taped every Monday night at the Blue Lagune Saloon with an audience, and the response so far has been good. Interested bands should contact the club.

Tuesday, July 2nd, will mark the Blue Lagune Saloon's third anniversary. None of the bands for that night have been announced yet, but it would appear that some of the groups that have brought many of their famous friends in before are likely to play again. The club's format from now on will be: jazz and R&B on Sundays, "Rock and Roll New Wave Syndrome" (four of the newer bands, starting at 8:30pm) on Tuesday nights, hot local bands and name acts on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and some of the established rock'n'roll and new wave bands on Friday and Saturday nights. Of the local bands playing at The Blue Lagune Saloon, it has been reported that The Executives are garnering much label interest.

Sweetwater, Redondo Beach: The John Mayall shows on June 13th and 14th turned out to be among the hottest in the L.A. area this month. Dirk Hamilton's sets on May 30th and 31st were played to SRO crowds. Upcoming shows to catch are The Blasters and The Fabulous Thunderbirds (they opened for Nick Lowe and Rockpile all over Europe) on June 27th.

The Cuckoo's Nest, Costa Mesa: According to Cuckoo's Nest owner Jerry Roach, reggae is taking Orange County by storm. Roach, who has featured reggae every weekend in June, says acts like Jack Miller, Breeze and Babylon Warriors are turing out big crowds. Ska is also doing rather well. Spurred by the reggae festivals he has been presenting (complete with authentic Jamaican cuisine and shanking by reggae disc jockeys), Roach hopes reggae and ska will continue to draw at the club, filling in the void for people who hate disco but like to dance.

Club 88, West L.A.: The second installment of "Musical Chairs" was presented on Monday, June 16th.

The Bla Bla Cafe, Studio City: The (in) famous Marsha (Hunt) and the Vendettas recently made an appearance at the club.

The Valley West Supper Club, Tarzana: George Santana (brother of Carlos) is expected to play the club soon, along with El Chicano. No dates have been announced.

The Whiskey, West Hollywood: The June 27-28 shows with the Dead Kennedys are already promising to be SRO. Other hot upcoming shows should be The Undertones on July 10-12, with Robin Lane and the Chartbusters.

The Roxy, West Hollywood: Janis Ian will make a rare L.A. appearance at the club on August 8th and 9th.

The Londoner, Santa Monica: The club was closed down during the first week of June by the police. Apparently, additional sound-proofing was required at the Londoner, and the club's management promptly made all necessary renovations. Business is now back to normal.

The Palomino, North Hollywood: Recent hot shows included appearances by John Stewart on June 20th and 21st, and by 20/20 and Phil Seymour on June 25th.

Taurus Tavern, Venice: This rather new club located near the Comeback Inn is presenting live music. Sam Taylor and A Band Called Sam perform there every Thursday through Sunday night. Slavin' Dave, who plays early rock and roll, appears every Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The Troubadour, West Hollywood: The infamous Angry Samoans, not heard of often in these parts lately, resurfaced at The Troubadour on Wednesday, June 18th.

LIVE ACTION CHART

The Music Connection Live Action Chart is a list of the top ten working original acts in L.A. and Orange County. The list is divided into three categories: Rock, Jazz and Country. The chart is compiled from a weekly poll of clubs in the L.A. and Orange County area. Only those clubs that pay their musicians are polled. Club owners determine popularity by actual ticket and door sales. Bands showcasing for free are not listed. Free or discount tickets are not included in the count.

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	This Week 15/16 6/22-23 Chart	Motels	6	6	2	Sumner
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2	1	2	•	•	•	Blasters
3	7	11	Naughty Sweeties	9	•	Fear
4	8	9	Oingo Boingo	10	•	Plugz

JAZZ

	This Week 15/16 6/22-23 Chart	Gabor Szabo	6	•	•	Roland Vasquez Ensemble	
1	• •	Joe Pass	7	•	•	Don Randi and Quest	
2	4	2	Supersax	8	6	2	Victor Feldman
3	• •	Dick Spencer	9	9	18	Arco Iris	
4	• •	Pat Senatore Trio	10	10	4	Hirth Martinez	

COUNTRY

	This Week 15/16 6/22-23 Chart	Doug Kershaw	6	•	•	Flint Hills Fever
1	• •	Noel Butler & Cherokee	7	•	•	Glen Castleberry Band
2	• •	Prairie Nights	8	7	6	Stone Country
3	• •	Kay Austin	9	9	10	Red Rock Ramblers
4	• •	Tony Gee	10	10	4	RJ Keen

DON'T MISS...

WALL OF VOODOO: Creators of an evocative brew of synthetic rhythms and melodies, this Eno-inspired group will perform at The Arena, June 27th.

THE PLIMSOULS: Peter Case's group recently signed to Planet Records, to the surprise of absolutely no one. Not that they were destined for Planet, but their fresh, Mersey Beat-tinged rock warranted label attention for a long time, especially since their stage presence has improved with spontaneity. Check them out at The Starwood, June 27-28th.

KCSN BLUEGRASS AND FOLK FESTIVAL: The fourth annual bash features the legendary Doc and Merle Watson in an exclusive L.A. appearance, along with Byron Berline, Bryan Bowers and eight other acts. A great rural weekend in the Valley at Devonshire Downs, Northridge, from 1-8 p.m., June 28-29th.

MC SHOWCASE

—BY JEFF SILBERMAN—

About a year ago, I went to a late show at The Bla Bla Cafe for a review. I arrived early, and the place was packed. All eyes were fixed on the stage, where a thin singer with long, dishwater-blonde hair was belting out aggressively dynamic love songs. She was knocking them dead.

The people in that Bla Bla audience weren't the only ones impressed with her. By the end of 1979, she was one of the most sought-after local artists around. Two heavyweight producers--Richard Perry and Mike Chapman--courted her talents. So, 1979 was one helluva year for the singer, who called herself Shandi.

She signed with Chapman's Dreamland Records at the beginning of 1980 and went into the studio in February. Now with the album complete, Shandi is preparing for extensive touring in an attempt to spread her burgeoning popularity nationwide.

The Shandi I saw last year, however, wasn't the same one I interviewed recently. Her album cover vividly details the Shandi who greeted me with multi-colored day-glo hair and thick white make-up covering her face. She was thin to the point of frailty. Now, besides the mystery of her out-of-the-blue success, her physical transformation was adding even more pieces to her puzzling persona.

Shandi's musical experience dates back to the 60s, when she was a folk singer in New York City. Since that time, she has done numerous musical gigs, including a stint as a background singer for Hoyt Axton.

Eventually she moved to L.A. and decided to get a band together. After only three weeks of rehearsal, Shandi performed her debut gig at The Bla Bla on June 18th, 1979.

Getting a quick label deal was not her initial objective in starting her band. "I just wanted to play," she said. "I wanted to get feedback from the audience. I didn't know I was going to spark so much attention."

"I was sitting home writing songs all my life," she continued, "and I was ready to get out there and get some response."

The response was immediate. "Chapman saw me in August," she said. "After he saw me, a lot of record company people started coming."

To complicate things, Shandi had extricated herself from an arrangement with an incompatible manager at the same time all the label offers were coming in. "At the time I was acting as my own manager and agent, doing my own business. It reached a point at around December when I was pretty exhausted. The offers were pretty solidified and I had to make a decision between going with a lot of bucks and points or a lot of support with points, but Chapman was on the sidelines going, 'Who loves ya, baby?' She says the reason she chose Chapman over Perry was very simple: "Richard I like and respect a whole lot, but I felt that Mike was more into my kind of music. Mike had produced more records in my genre. He also pursued me a lot more; he came to almost every gig I played. So I went with him, and I feel that Dreamland's treating me right."

Once signed, recording the album became her next challenge. The band rehearsed for two weeks, with Chapman sitting in on the final four days.

Shandi said she hadn't been

concerned about Chapman overproducing her. "I don't think it's a glossy production," she said. "There's very little overdubbing. We fought very hard over the mix; that was our only disagreement. But basically, production was the one area where I trusted him totally."

"Part of Chapman's genius is that he's your ultimate fan and he's supportive of you," she remarked. "If he thinks it's good the way it is, he won't mess with it. If he thinks it needs work, then he'll throw his two cents in. We rehearsed so much and the arrangements were so defined already that he didn't change much. I'm sure he added some stuff, but there were no major changes."

Shandi's faith proved to be well-founded for the most part, as Chapman produced her debut release stylishly. The music is positively lush sounding, as the instruments are mixed to accentuate

the dynamics of every song.

"Each song represents a

mood and character," she said. "My private schizophrenias have developed into full characters. And if it's not experienced by me, I saw it happen to a friend."

What rankles a number of people--music critics and fans alike--is Shandi's image. As described by self-dubbed "Commander" Chapman on the album's cover, Shandi comes off as almost a savior of women musicians and singers. In the wake of Chrissie Hynde's success with The Pretenders, Chapman's declarations ring pretty hollow.

Is she taking a definitive female stance?

"I didn't plan on expressing anything," she said. "I don't know why I write what I write. I express how women feel. It's a very feminine point of view, but not necessarily hostile or butch."

An interview run locally months back portrayed Shandi as more of an image huckster than a female songwriter with something to say. Shandi remembered the interview well, and she was quick to denounce that perception. "My lyrics aren't fake; it's very real. From a folk singer to where I am today, yes, I've changed, but it's been a natural progression."

Shandi was then handed a newspaper clipping of a review of her album. "...her forte strengthened by Gary Numan???" she

read aloud. "...recognized as a major find based on her sheer ability." "All right!" she said. I wondered aloud if good press is really that important. "I don't care what they write," she said.

The review categorized her as new wave, which she disagreed with. "The only thing they can compare (my colored hair) to is new wave. I'm just trying to be innovative, and I like colorful hair and white make-up. I consider myself modern rock."

Finally, I asked if her drive for success will conflict with her artistic and creative desires. "It will if fame becomes more important to me than my work. At this point I want to be accepted for my work."

So Shandi now plays a waiting game--waiting for airplay, for the touring to start, and for her album to be accepted by the public.

"This is a real rough period to be patient and relax. Sitting back waiting to see if I'm going to be accepted or not--I mean, I show my wad on this album; I gave it my all."



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Solid & Image-Conscious bass player required immediately for video and band sit. Raw & driving pop infl. 213 462-5780n

Bassist Wanted For Orig. prog. rock group. British infl. Must be creative & ready for performances. Paid gigs. Tom 213 399-4769o

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Bassist Wanted For All Orig. rock group like Pretenders, Cars, early Who. Estbl. pros seek same. Backing vocals & modern image a must. Lv msg 213 464-1162 xA-6o

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Rock Steady Bass with vocals & thunder wanted for 80s music. Lee Dorman-Motown. Garry 213 938-6900o

Beatlemania Type Group now forming. Bass Player needed. Must sing & very much resemble early Beatles. Tom 213 462-3053o

Jazz Oriented Keyboardist wanted to work with jazz infl. singer for club & recording band. Must read, immed. money. Bob 213 841-1483o

Female Multi-Keyboardist seeks orig. group. No new wave. Pros only please. 213 345-5135o

Desperately Needed: Innovated new wave keyboardist with jazz infl. for pro. sit. with management & salary. Image & background vocals a plus. Ron 213 762-9459o

Multi-Keyboardist looking for pro. full-time working band with good image. Have exc. equip. & exp. 213 912-8823o

Multi-Keyboardist, Pro., looking for hot high-energy R&B band. Working or with label interest. Ron 213 760-7661o

Multi-Keyboardist Wanted For Orig. prog. rock group. Gigs in July. Paid rehearsals. Must be creative & have afternoons free. Tom 213 399-4769o

Pro. Keyboardist With all equip. including Prophet Synth., avail. for estbl. bands only. No top 40, please. 213 762-5453o

Wanted: Keyboard Player for orig. southern rock/R&B band with heavy connections for recording and performing. after 4:30pm 213 918-1692o

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Keyboardist Needed for new wave/rockabilly infl. backup band. Work for scale & 50% in L.A. by August 1st. No rehearsal pay. Lloyd 213 460-4817o

Multi-Keyboardist wanted for orig. prog. rock group. British infl. Must be creative & ready for live performances. Paid gigs. Tom 213 399-4769o

Keyboard Player wanted for new wave/pop/rock band. Have mgmt & agent. Michael eves & wknds 213 461-1482o

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Keyboardist/Backup Vocalist with keybass, wanted for working estab. Top 40 MOR standards, jazz. Gary 714 821-5683o

Female Keyboard Player/lead singer with strong voice seeks group for working exp. Top 40, pop, R&B, jazz. No orig. Pros only. 213 392-6293o

Keyboardist/Vocalist looking for weekend work. Richard Garnett 213 462-5955o

VOCALISTS 12

Male Vocalist, 42, strong tenor, all parts, looking for work. Exc. ear, pro exp. Leo Stanley 213 585-0730o

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