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Microphone Technique Part 2

Last month, sound source(s), the size and sound of the acoustic space, the style of music and the arrangement were discussed as important components of good microphone technique. I'll begin Part 2 with mic placement, an important part of good technique, but only one of the 10 listed previously.

Placement

I’ll never forget the first live string session I worked on. My partner, Larry, and I had to ask the studio owner what mics to use and where to put them. After setting up correctly, we thought, we brought up the faders, got some initial levels, and began rehearsing the parts with the other tracks. As I recall, there were eight violins, four viola and two cellos; the meter was running.

The setup consisted of condenser mics allocated one for every two chairs and positioned about 3 feet above the plane of the instruments. (We had been studying our books, trades and other resources trying to prepare for this session, but, of course, the one-mic-for-two-chairs formula still leaves a lot of room for error.)

You won’t be surprised to hear that the strings did not sound warm, smooth and inviting (it was a love ballad), they sounded awful. Well, about a half hour of this was all we could take. We finally called the studio’s owner—at home—in the middle of the night—and cried, “Help!”

His suggestions that the mics were probably too close to the instruments and not working as a group, but fighting each other, proved correct. He recommended that we back off a few feet, then fine-tune what we heard by subtly repositioning the mics.

We learned a valuable lesson; even a difference of an inch or two can make a world of difference in the overall spectrum that a microphone is able to capture. This holds true for a single mic and compounds as more mics listen to the same acoustic source and space. Not only is the mic operating in a three-dimensional space, (it’s horizontal and vertical polar axes, and the distance from the source) but the mic and the sound source are working together in an acoustic space that imposes its own three-dimensional characterizations.

You can, perhaps, visualize the critical effects of mic placement in this way: Multiply the 3D perspective of the mic and source times the 3D effects of the room. This image may help you understand the importance of the slightest positioning changes.

Available mics

I’ve touched on this a little already, but there are more considerations. If you are tracking a large rhythm section and have a limited number of mics to choose from, you will need to prioritize your selections carefully:

• What are the most critical or difficult source to deal with?
• Can you use one mic and a DDL instead of two mics? Where?
• What instrument would be easiest to overdub or redo, if necessary? Where can you use a D1 instead of a mic?
• What is the bandwidth of the source?
• What is the dynamic range of the source?
• What acoustic barriers or limitations are present?
• How can you use isolation or ambience to stretch your resources?

Number of mics used simultaneously

Here we get back into pattern selection and placement. If you’ve got 15 open mics in the same room, you’re going to get a large amount of leakage and room sound no matter how dry the room is. Proper knowledge and understanding of the individual polar responses is crucial. One of my favorite patterns (because it’s worked so well in so many different situations) is the Figure 8. Generally Figure 8s exhibit two very smooth on-axis lobes and almost complete cancellation off-axis at the “waist.”

This pattern allows the engineer to focus the mic tightly on the sound source, capture a portion of the room sound and be placed in such a way as to control leakage from other unwanted sources substantially. (Of course the more Figure 8s you run simultaneously, the more challenging the placement.)

Abilities of the musician or vocalist

Vocalists probably present more complex requirements to the engineer and the signal path than any other sound source. Most vocalists place at least these demands on microphones: wide dynamic range, immunity from wind blasts, and well-controlled proximity and on-axis continuity.

The human voice is capable of producing such an extended dynamic range that it can easily overload the entire signal path if allowed—even with a variety of gain control devices and techniques. However, if you fully understand all the factors relating to the project, including the style of the music; the arrangement; room acoustics; and the singer’s range, power, experience and style, you can select a suitable mic and placement—minimizing other signal processing, if that is the intent.

Number of channels and/or tracks

This often relates to the number of mics being used simultaneously, but not always. If the console you’re using has a limited number of available input channels, you may be forced to draw from your experience when asked to cover more area or instruments with fewer mics. This isn’t always easy or desirable, but necessity/reality often win out. Understanding the pickup patterns and “reach” of your mics might save the day.

The studio technique of one mic-for-one-source-on-one-track recording is fairly common. This approach clearly leaves a lot of room for the timbral manipulation of the discrete track(s). But in a situation where you must do a live submix of several sound sources, microphone selection and placement become critical. You now have to capture every possible nuance in the tracking mode; there won’t be the luxury of tweaking the individual parts during the mix. Proper selection and placement can make your job considerably easier.

For example, in a live to 2-track session, if we make the assumptions that the signal path is clean (dare I?), microphone technique will make or break the sound, and probably the ultimate success of such a recording.

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LETTERS

What if...

From: Norton Lawellin, Track Record Studios, St. Paul, MN.

I particularly enjoyed your July issue, especially the articles on analog 2-inch tape machines and noise reduction, the digital noise modulation, tape spec and mastering articles, and the Bruce Swedien interview (more of these, please!) about his use of multiple combination analog-digital tape formats. It seems that the entire issue was devoted to analog this or digital that! While reading, I couldn’t help but wonder what would have happened if the two formats were invented in reverse order.

I dreamed I had always been a little disappointed in my digital equipment. The stuff never seems to look at my signal often enough, so what I get back isn’t always accurate (quantization). We learned a long time ago that 8-bit wasn’t enough; 12-bit sounded better, 14-bit better still, and then a lot of tape machines were manufactured at 16-bit quantization. If this was a good enough bit-rate for multi-track recording, why are some companies experimenting with 24-or-more bit?

And while we’re at it, what should be the proper sampling rate? It seems to me that CDs are designed a little “tight.” Basically, they wanted a 20kHz bandwidth, and built an aliasing filter to be wide open at 20kHz and way down at 22kHz. Doesn’t a filter this steep screw up at 17.5kHz too? Phase? 22kHz has to be sampled twice a second, which gets you 44kHz and the .1kHz is for error. Seems to me that nothing ever really works this good. I’m not sure we really quit hearing at 20kHz anyway. Sure I can’t hear a 25kHz tone, but to me, the music sounds different if these frequencies aren’t there.

But just the other day, a rep showed me a new tape machine that promises to revolutionize the recording industry—it’s called analog recording! Surprisingly, it costs only a fraction of what a digital machine costs. It’s a very forgiving medium, and has tons of headroom. The prototype machine was flat for practical purposes from 40Hz to 26kHz. Since there is no quantization, what you put in is what you get out. As an added benefit, it can automatically add a touch of compression, so dynamic range doesn’t go beyond what is reasonable.

And—check this out—you can rock the reels back and forth and hear the actual recording! No electronic editor needed! You simply take a razor blade, cut the tape and paste the sections back together in any order you want, with—are you sitting down?—no glitches! The only negative comment I heard about the machine is that there is the faintest hint of noise as a result of the recording process, which doesn’t seem to be a problem at all for most pop music.

OK, enough dreaming. The reality is that for every engineer I’ve met who thinks digital recorders are fantastic, I’ve met an equal number who want no part of it. I’ve met people who are trying to replace their private music collection with CDs, and those who are buying black vinyl classics at garage sales, fearing they won’t be available anymore.

The important thing seems to me to be to accept new technology when it is beneficial, but not to chase new technology only for technology’s sake. My hat is off to Bruce Swedien for having the best of both worlds!

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People

The University of Miami’s Music Engineering Technology program has announced that the following graduates have found jobs in the industry. Jim Laky is the new pre-mastering engineer at Denon Digital, Madison, GA. Loren Silber is a mixing engineer at Editel Chicago. Linda McKirrick is a marketing representative for BSS Systems. Andrew Scheps is field service representative in the Los Angeles office of New England Digital. Steve Toback has been appointed studio manager at EFX. Guy DeFazio will return to Lion Share Studios as maintenance engineer after one more semester. Juan Punyed has joined Sony’s Coral Gables, FL, office to cover the Latin American broadcast market. Art Gonzales has joined Sony’s Teaneck, NJ, office in the pro audio division. Rob Sutton is an engineer at the Power Station in New York. John Portuondo is at New River Studios. Pelayo Montoto is at Studio Center. Chris Scherer is working at radio stations SVGC and WTMJ in Miami.

Hudson Audio Video Enterprises has announced four appointments. Raphael Horton is a customer service representative. Timothy Wyman is a duplication and conversion sales specialist. Robert Weinman is advertising manager. Cheryl Krein is an administrative assistant.

Leslie B. Tyler has been named vice president for technology for Carillon Technology. He will head a newly formed department, CFI Research, that will be responsible for technology development for all of Carillon’s companies, including dbx.

Jim Rosenberg, product manager at E-mu Systems, is now also responsible for the company’s advertising and promotion.

Elissa Szeit has joined Apogee Electronics as OEM sales manager.

Tom Irby has joined Harrison Systems as advanced technology product manager.

Morton B. Weiner has been named vice president of sales for MemoryTech.

QSC Audio Products has announced two appointments. Tom Day has been promoted to service manager. Neil Pedinoff has joined the company as senior engineer.

Tore B. Nordahl has been named vice president and general manager of Studer Revox America.

Bill Traue has joined Gentner Electronics’ customer support team.

Jim Bonis has been named national sales and marketing manager at Applied Research & Technology.

Correction

Because of publishing deadlines for the October issue, information about two AES exhibiting companies was not included. DIC Digital manufactures R-DAT tape in a variety of lengths. Audio Intervisual Design is the U.S. distributor for Sanken Microphones.
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MANAGING MIDI

By Paul D. Lehrman

Drifting and Drifting

As studios rely more on MIDI sequencers, they are also asking more from those sequencers' synchronization capabilities. Using a sequencer's 16 or 32 channels as "virtual" tracks to a multitrack tape recorder in a post-production situation is no longer just a question of laying down click for it to follow.

Now, studios want their MIDI synthesizers, samplers, and processors to lock up to video and audio tape with sub-frame, if not phase-lock, accuracy, and be able to start any time, anywhere, and jump in, perfectly locked, right away.

We've talked about sync problems before, but they're worth bringing up again, because the landscape is constantly changing. There are now on the market several sequencing programs and devices that respond to MIDI Time Code, which is potentially the best way for tape and sequencers to talk to each other. Some of these sequencers are oriented toward music composition, while others are geared more toward sound-effects editing. But what they have in common is that they use external MIDI timing commands, based directly on SMPTE numbers, as reference points for executing MIDI instructions.

Of course, locking a sequencer to SMPTE is old hat, as long as the SMPTE information is first converted into MIDI clocks and pointers. The disadvantage of such a system is that you have to know the starting time and the tempo of the sequence being played ahead of time, and program it into the SMPTE-to-MIDI converter, so that the converter knows how to calculate beats and bars from raw time data.

Change a start time, bar length, or tempo, and you have to reprogram the converter. MIDI Time Code, which allows you to change temps at the sequencer end to your heart's content, is what's new. And it's so new that it doesn't quite work yet.

You can gain some insight into the problem by trying a couple of experiments. You need two computers running different sequencing programs (actually, one can be a hardware sequencer) that respond to conventional MIDI sync and to MIDI Time Code. The two sequencers should be loaded with identical programs, preferably ones that are heavily rhythmic. (If the programs can read MIDI Files, load the same MIDI File into both. Just make sure they are set to the same timing resolution, or one may run twice as fast as the other.)

Stripe some SMPTE code onto a tape. Play the tape and route the time code signal to a SMPTE-to-MIDI Clocks-and-Pointers converter, and set the converter to a constant tempo. Send the converter's MIDI output to both sequencers. Roll tape. The sequences should lock to each other with a precision that would bring joy to the heart of a Big Ten marching band director.

When it comes to converting SMPTE to MIDI clocks, no two devices will agree on how fast to generate them.

Now get a second SMPTE-to-MIDI converter. Set it to the same tempo as the first. Slave one sequencer to the first converter and the other to the second. Roll tape and listen carefully. Over a period of time, the two sequences will probably drift apart. Start the tape somewhere in the middle, and the two sequences will probably start together, but inevitably will drift as time goes by.

Now hook up a SMPTE-to-MIDI Time Code converter, and send its output to the two sequencers. This time, you will probably find the two sequences go out of sync, and then go back in, and continue to go in and out. Stop the tape somewhere in the middle, and restart it. The two sequences may be out of sync for a bar or two, but then they will lock together. Before long, however, they will start to oscillate in and out again. Over the length of the sequence, the differences may average out, so that they do stop at the same point, but at any one moment during playback, there may be a discrepancy of several hundred milliseconds.

What the heck is going on here? Well, there are actually several factors at work. When it comes to converting SMPTE to MIDI clocks, no two devices will agree perfectly on how fast to generate the clocks, because each device will introduce a certain amount of round-off error.

Let's say two such devices are accurate to within 0.02%. When set to 120 bpm, one device may generate clocks at 120.02 bpm, while the other may send clocks at 119.987. Both are well within tolerance, but they will disagree with each other at the rate of 33 beats per thousand minutes, which translates to being one frame off after two minutes—and moving further and further apart.

When it comes to starting a sequence in the middle, the two synchronizers will calculate the song pointer from the incoming SMPTE number and come up with the same result, so they will start the sequences at the same point, but from then on they're on their own. There is also the problem of tape or data drops. If the SMPTE code goes bad for a moment, some synchronizers will "flywheel" and continue to generate clocks for a few frames, while others will stop dead. Because the only way sequencers know where they are while they play is to count clocks, this can result in serious discrepancies. And if a clock byte on the MIDI line should somehow go astray, the sequencer would never know.

MIDI Time Code poses a different set of problems. A sequencer that reads MTC will derive its internal clock from the code's quarter-frame messages. To compensate for round-off errors, dropouts, or bad data, a well-designed MTC sequencer will also read the absolute location of the time code as it comes in. (The quarter-frame messages "nibble" the location information, so that the receiver can determine the true location every two frames.) If there is a discrepancy between where the sequencer thinks it is supposed to be and where the code says it's supposed to be, the sequencer can minutely speed up or slow down to match the code. If this sounds familiar, it's because exactly the same thing is done by tape-machine synchronizers, only here there are no moving parts.

The problem is that this "chasing" function is handled in different ways by different sequencers. In fact, its behavior can

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New Studio Survival Strategies and Support Systems

Operating a successful audio business is very easy if everything just naturally falls into place. Unfortunately, for most small entrepreneurial ventures, it doesn’t happen that way. Having special skills as a guitar picker, knob twister or producer is not enough. You’ve got to fit into the entertainment business. Those two words hold very special and clear meanings for success. The entertainment-oriented environment your facility offers must be of a very high quality to satisfy the demands of a sophisticated industry. The business practices must be of equally high quality to show a profit. Having no entertainment quality equals no future; no business quality also equals no future.

If you’re like most of us, your specialized skills are limited to those talents that got you into this business in the first place. Good managers recognize the importance of having a team of people who can provide complementary, not redundant, skills to their business.

Let’s take a look at some of the players you may want to have on your team. Remember, each person is important, and everyone must work together if you’re going to win the game and get the chance to play next year.

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Find a banker familiar with the overall style of business in your community. If the banker understands the audio business, all the better, but don’t get your hopes up. Bankers are great at granting loans for familiar types of ventures, but they get a little nervous if they have to stick their necks out during loan approval committee meetings.

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Qualified accountants are essential, and good ones will be aware of various financing alternatives. They can sometimes put you in contact with those interested in investing in small business, or those who have specialized financing skills.

Lawyers
Chances are you won’t need a lot a legal help at first, but you’d better find it before the need comes up. There are many types of legal practices. You need a lawyer who handles small businesses and is willing to teach you the ropes. If your legal adviser can’t explain things to you, then this person probably can’t explain to a judge, jury or the IRS. Make sure that the lawyer and the accountant have a flawless working relationship. If they don’t get along, you will be the one to suffer. Try to work out a program with your lawyer that defines exactly what you will pay for each of the services. A good law office will be glad to work out a plan that lets you afford the use of their name and organization while using the support of their clerks and hired lawyers. You don’t need the principle partners in the law firm for the simple work.

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Insurance agents
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Organizations
What you get from your community depends on what you contribute. Most trade, arts and philanthropic organizations can get along fine without you. You need them more than they need you. Use these contacts to build your personal business network. Even if you contribute to special trade organizations, you still need to support the local and national community funds. Remember, they are looking for The Three W’s: Wealth, Wisdom and Willingness. If you can’t afford much, compensate with the other two. Let people know that you care about the community as well as your own business. In this environment, it is very acceptable for a new business owner to ask questions of the older and more established business folks. You can’t make it alone; you need the friendship that exists away from the business playing field.

Advertising and public relations
Morty Wax, the famous publicist, once said, “A terrible thing happens when you don’t promote—nothing!” The decision to spend some money on advertising is easy but the content of the ads and the proper placement is difficult. In addition, you must make an effort to educate your promotional agency properly. They need to know the right buzz words that will communicate your message to your potential clientele.

Many audio publications can be very helpful in helping you to advertise effectively. They have production and editorial departments that are willing to help. Nothing makes them look better than a successful advertiser. No responsible periodical will run editorial material about your company just because you bought an

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**UNDERSTANDING COMPUTERS**

By Jeff Burger

**Printers**

One of the most common peripherals for computers is the printer. They come in various flavors. For starters, they can be either parallel or serial, and some even offer both options. In most cases, a standard cable is all that is required to connect the printer to the computer physically.

Let’s take a look at the physical differences between different types of printers. Daisy-wheel printers get their name because the print wheel has a central hub with a series of spokes sticking out (presumably resembling the petals of a daisy), each with a character at the end. These characters are usually metal type, like you’d find in a typewriter. The printer rotates the wheel to the appropriate position and strikes the inked ribbon which, in turn, hits the paper. Daisy-wheel printers are one form of letter-quality printer, meaning that the characters are smooth and well formed.

Dot-matrix printers get their name from the design of the print head. Instead of having preformed characters like a daisy-wheel printer, the print element of a dot-matrix printer consists of a matrix of closely grouped pins that are fired in different combinations against the ribbon to form the desired character on the paper. The number of pins that form the matrix determines just how refined the characters look.

Most dot-matrix printers offer at least two quality/speed modes. Draft mode is faster because it uses a single pass of the print head. The quality can be enhanced if the printer has overstrike mode. The characters are printed once, the paper is advanced a fraction of an inch and the same line is printed again. This tends to fill in some of the gaps left by the first pass and make the letters appear darker and more refined. The term NLQ (near-letter-quality) refers to either this overstrike mode or a pin density high enough to create characters that approximate letter-quality to the naked eye. The unit of measurement for a printer’s speed is CPS (characters per second). In consumer-level printers, daisy-wheels typically offer speeds ranging from 10CPS to 90CPS, while dot-matrix ranges from 80CPS to 480CPS.

One advantage of dot-matrix printers compared to daisy-wheels is the ability to print graphic images. Today, most computers support the ability to create pictures of various quality right on the screen and many use icon-based (pictograph) operating systems and user interfaces. Daisy-wheel printers have no way of transferring these images to hard copy. Dot-matrix printers, on the other hand, can simply fire the pins on the print head to correspond to the dots on the screen. Further, because fonts are simply represented as a series of dots, the typeface can often be changed with the flick of a switch or a simple software command. A daisy-wheel printer would require changing the print wheel itself.

Two other technologies are used in the dot-matrix arena other than that of the matrix pins striking an inked ribbon. One is called thermal printing, where the pins actually burn the surface off of chemically treated paper. The drawback to this method is that you can only use thermal paper. The other is called ink-jet because each element in the print head is actually a miniature jet that sprays ink onto the paper. This often provides for smoother characters because the dispersion of the ink tends to fill in the gaps of the letters.

There are factors to take into consideration when choosing a printer. Other than print quality and speed. A physical difference is in the type of paper used. Sheet-fed refers to the machine’s ability to process individual pieces of paper such as letterhead. For long printouts, a sheet feeder bin would be necessary to prevent the tedium of hand-feeding each sheet. The other type is tractor-feed or pin-feed, which accommodates the classic computer paper with the holes along the edges.

Laser printers are the newest (and most expensive) addition to your printing options. In these devices, a laser beam is controlled so tightly that toner can be literally burned into the paper with extreme accuracy to create high-resolution characters and graphics. The average laser printer costing $3,000 to $6,000 has a typical resolution of 300dpi (dots per inch), which is letter-quality to the naked eye.

The resolution of laser printers is far greater than is found on computer monitors. To reconcile these resolution discrepancies, most laser printers today incorporate a standardized page-description language called Postscript. Rather than employing bit-mapped graphics (print this dot, print this dot, print this dot) that match the screen one for one, letters and graphic images are described as lines and curves.

Postscript offers the advantage of being device- and resolution-independent. The growing trend in desktop publishing, for example, is to use a 300dpi laser printer for proofing a document such as a newsletter. When everything is perfect, the file is taken or sent to a service bureau that has laser printers with even greater resolution that approximates typesetting and photographic quality. These machines are almost exclusively the domain of Linotype; the Linotronic 100 has a resolution of about 1.270dpi and the Linotronic 300 offers an incredible 2.540dpi!

Unfortunately, physically attaching printers to computers is only half the challenge. The computer’s operating system or software package itself must know how to talk to the printer in question. To bridge the gap, software modules called printer drivers are often employed to provide the computer with the proper guidelines to talk to each printer. This is the case with the IBM PC family and the Commodore Amiga, for example. On the other hand, the Apple Macintosh is designed to talk primarily to either Postscript devices or its own Imagentive, which has a dot-matrix resolution of 72dpi that perfectly matches the Mac’s 72dpi screen resolution, dot for dot.

Other software/hardware considerations come into play when using different fonts. To set the stage, different fonts, even ones of the same point size, take up different amounts of space. For example, this article is printed in nine-point Cheltenham. If it were printed in nine-point Helvetica or nine-point Avant Garde, it would come out a different length. To ensure that what-you-see-is-what-you-get (WYSIWYG, pronounced “whizzy-wig”), a screen font, along with a matching printer font, is required for the computer’s display. In the case of laser printing, the latter is often referred to as a “downloadable” font because a Postscript description of the character set is downloaded (sent) to the computer’s disk drive to the printer on demand.

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Time
Once again, time rears its ugly head in the studio business. It's often the controlling factor in our businesses. We've only got 24 hours, and we can only charge so much for 'em, so let's not waste any of 'em fooling around with mic placement. "Grab a mic and stick it in front of the amp, and let's rock." Sound familiar?
Fortunately, guitar amps can be more forgiving than some sources. If you have years of experience micing amps, drums, strings, brass, woodwinds and percussion, to name a short list, you can probably move fairly quickly and confidently. But if you've come into this biz in the post-sampler era (a.k.a. life after acoustic recording) then there is a good chance you've had limited exposure to all this micing-technique stuff!
Unfortunately, on-the-clock isn't the place to learn these procedures, which means if you don't already have fairly decent micing chops, you had better plan on putting in some serious overtime with your musician friends. This isn't an earn-while-you-learn scenario.

One other thing: Look at the results of Table 5 of RE/P's November "Second Annual Salary Survey" on page 56, and notice how the overwhelming majority of RE/P readers learned their trade. On-the-job training. You just can't learn good mic technique out of a book or even at a school. For most, it's a lifelong process of trial and error, even when applying the basics that have been absorbed and passed along over the years.

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Editor

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Change even when using the same sequencer, if the load on the MIDI line should happen to change—which it does, for example, when you do multiple passes of the same sequence to get different tracks on tape, and you turn some channels on and off.
The solution to the problem of things drifting apart is well known when it comes to tape machines: use one master synchronizer, have it learn the mechanical characteristics of each deck, and let it do its thing. In the software world, there is a similar solution, but only if you're using MIDI clocks and pointers: make sure there is only one source of MIDI timing information—that is, one SMPTE-to-MIDI converter—for all of your sequencers. Send them all MIDI clocks, and they will hang together just fine.

Make sure there is only one source of MIDI timing information for all of your sequencers.

On the other hand, if you're using MIDI Time Code, and you find yourself having problems, you may have to wait a bit for a solution. As I was writing this (yes, this really does happen), I got a call from the manufacturer of one of these programs who swears his new version will lock to MTC perfectly, no matter how heavy the load on the MIDI line or the computer. If this is true (and I'll let you know as soon as I get the disk), then he's only really found a solution for himself. But it could help anyone who has to use two MIDI Time Code sequencers at the same time: lock that sequencer to MTC, and then have it generate clocks and pointers while it's playing, and lock everything else to them.

Of course, then you can't have independent tempo control of the various sequencers. Hey, no one said it was going to be easy.

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ad, but if you've got interesting news they will appreciate hearing from you. Don't forget to ask what they are looking for and how it should be formatted.

Communications
From the way you answer the phone to your packaging labels, you are creating an image of your business. If you want some help, it's available. The various phone companies can give you tips on the best use of your telephone and the various services and equipment they have to offer. You might be surprised at how inexpensive and extensive the services are.
You will also be surprised at how many calls it takes to get through to the correct people. But once you make it through, it's worth it. If you want to learn about mailing and shipping methods, ask your business associates which outfit they use and why. Reliability is the most visible evidence that your company is professional. Good communications and prompt deliveries verify the reliability of your staff and your technical systems.

Additional help
Many new businesses can't afford all of the services I have mentioned, but there are a number of free or inexpensive resources. Find one and it will lead to others. Check out the Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, business programs at the local college, the U.S. Government Publications Office, trade magazines and textbooks.
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Within the last decade, the recording industry has encountered advancing equipment costs, format wars, tighter budget constraints and ever-evolving trends in facility design and market direction. This, coupled with the escalating sales of "electronic synthesized music workstations" and the proliferation of "project studios," currently has some in the studio industry singing the blues.

However, during the same period, the industry has grown and diversified on many fronts. Digital audio processing technology has created new waves of enthusiasm and applications for the recording, manipulation, reproduction and transmission of digital audio signals. The widespread acceptance of the CD and high-quality cassettes over the past few years by the consumer and industrial markets has smoothed many of the economic peaks and valleys in the recording industry. Diversification into video- and film-related markets has also allowed studios to tap into new profit centers.

For the astute studio owner to stay competitive, future planning may also include discussions on demographic, economic, competitive and technology trends and their impact on the studio's short- and long-range goals. The following guide is intended to stimulate new thoughts and ideas by looking at the studio business in a different light.

**Format wars**

Currently, 8mm, 1/4-inch, 1/2-inch, 3/4-inch, 1-inch, 2-inch for audio and at least 15 video formats are currently used in the audio and video industries. Indeed, the plethora of formats is staggering, not to mention the investment needed for compatibility. Add to this the different standards in data formats, control and transmission protocols, and you may not be so envious of the engineer's job. A universal recording media format that meets the needs of the industry would be ideal. The device that would use this format could possibly have the following attributes:

1. High-quality audio and video.
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3. One- to four-hour record and play time.
4. Low media cost (environment-protected tape housing for high-density recording).
5. Built-in editing and mixing functions.
7. Low power consumption.
10. High level of reliability and serviceability.

Because of different standards, economics and requirements for each application in each tier of the marketplace, many tape formats now proliferate because each application requires a different set of attributes from the recording device. In looking at tape machines for mixing vs. field recording, this is obvious. End-users ultimately will have to decide whether to use a single format device for all applications and accept some inevitable compromises in quality and performance or match each application to a format that was designed for that particular need, and perhaps create a cost-effective *interformat* environment.

At least for now, a single universal tape format that meets all requirements worldwide seems impractical. Indeed, during the last decade, the audio industry was introduced to not only new digital audio formats based upon the 1/2-inch and 3/4-inch video tape formats, but also 1/4-inch, 1/2-inch and 1-inch tape widths. The recorders that used these formats tout higher performance, operational and reliability attributes. Similarly, some rotary-head systems showed great promise in decreasing editing and mastering time. But it wasn't until the integration of software-specific solid-state and hard disk devices that the audio industry saw the possibilities of another era in digital audio processing technology and the implications for changes in operational methodologies.

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Unfortunately, technology has a bad habit of lagging behind one's dreams of implementation. An ideal workstation is a studio in a box that performs all of the functions of a sound studio in the digital domain. However, ideal doesn't exist at the moment and present workstations are all unique, with differing concepts and implementations. Manufacturers of these workstations have realized that the potential for profit is in diversifying their product applications and, as an indirect result, the potential for profit for the end-user. But currently, the workstation concept does not pose a threat of rendering analog and digital tape machines and console technologies obsolete. But it does give an indication of and insight into manufacturing design trends, as well as serving as an industry test bed for future products.

Some examples of current products include New England Digital's system aimed at studio recording, sound sampling and synthesis, video and film post-production, commercial/industrial and radio markets. Fairlight's Series III and MFX are aimed at audio post-production for film, television and radio, as well as sound sampling, recording, editing and production. Waveframe's AudioFrame is targeted toward commercial and music production, as well as film and video post-production. Digital Audio Research's Soundstation II is aimed at film and video post-production, CD editing, music recording and mastering. AMS's AudioFile was designed for film, television and video post-production, studio recording, CD mastering and industrial/corporate markets.

Lexicon's Opus is targeted toward film and video post-production, CD preparation and commercial productions. The Soundcraft Digitror is a solid-state recorder/editer using a large RAM as the recording medium.

RAM capacity limits recording time, but access to any part of the work is immediate, speeding the editing process. However, the RAM is volatile and the data must eventually be dumped to another storage medium. The commonalities found in each of these systems are software-intensive computers using RAM and/or hard disk storage mediums with audio production interfaces.

In the short term, we should look forward to more user-friendly interface menus and controls for editing and recording. Likewise, expanded capabilities will be found in the workstation for sampling, music production and composition. Integrating mixing, overdubbing, compression/ expansion, time alignment, dynamic processing, virtual waveform synthesis, EQ, editing and sequencing will be a part of the expansion.

In addition, compatibility and expansion of interfaces to the recording, video and film markets will also be a priority. Current examples are: MIDI, SMPTE TC, SMPTE-TC-to-feet/frames and vice versa, RS-422 interfaces and VITC-to-SMPTE reader for video.

Because digital signal processing technology is still evolving, it is not likely that a studio will go all-digital in the near future as that is still cost-prohibitive. Instead, they will continue to use digital workstations in conjunction with their existing console/multitrack system.

This implies that one major goal will be to develop software and interfaces between the workstation and the console/multitrack system via software control of the console routing scheme and its associated digital routing system.

Audio's rising stars: speed and storage

In predicting what will happen to workstation technology during the next decade, we must first look at trends in processing and storage technologies. By the middle of the next decade, there may be more than 200 memory-device types comprised of standard memory architectures and application-specific architectures.

Many factors contribute to this growing concern. They range from changes in technology to the shifting economics of business. Topping the list is the growing speed disparity between processors and their associated memories because of physical limitations in memory architectures.

Another factor promoting memory diversity is the increasing reluctance of chip makers to provide more processing speed purely with new process technologies because of the increasing costs for new production lines. Alternatives are customization (fitting into new markets and creating new applications), closer cooperation between chip makers (to off-
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set foreign competition, increase creative and production resources, and reduce design/manufacturing time) and the shifting of product focus away from cyclical commodity patterns and into specific market niches.

Let us also not forget the advances in hard disk and magneto-optical disk technologies. In the coming years, all this adds up to enough new memory types to dazzle and confuse even the seasoned audio professional.

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In the processing arena, we should look forward to a new breed of 32-bit processors with speeds from 16MHz to 40MHz and an addressing appetite well into the gigabyte range. Similarly, Dynamic RAM (DRAM) geometries have gone from 4Kbit in 1975 to 1Mbit in 1988 to 16Mbit in the early 1990s and 64Mbit by 1995.

The magnetic disk drive will also be an attractive medium for the audio manufacturers because of its combination of speed, capacity and cost. In 1980, a megabyte of disk memory cost $185, and the density was 1.08Mbits/in². Today, a megabyte costs $6.30 and storage density has gone up to 22.42Mbits/in². Current drive capacities range from 10Mbytes to 2.8Gbytes. By 1993, it is likely that magnetic memory will sell for $1.75 per megabyte and access time will come down from 20ms to 10ns.

In comparison, today’s main system memory costs $250 per megabyte with access speeds between 120ns and 150ns. By 1995, projected costs will plummet to $30 per megabyte, with access speeds under 25ns. Cache (fast, assignable, temporary memory that emulates a disk drive) memory will also go from $500 per megabyte in 1987 to around $60 per megabyte in 1995, while access speed drops from 45ns-55ns to 15ns-30ns.

The last contender is optical disks, which offer large storage densities per unit cost. Cost per megabyte of write-once, read-many (WORM) disks in 1987 was $3.50 to $5.50, with access speeds of 35ms to 100ms. This is expected to drop to less than 50 cents in 1995, with speeds down in the 20ns to 25ns range.

In a similar vein, erasable magneto-optical disk drives are finally becoming a reality. By 1989, such companies as Sony, Olympus Optical, Hitachi, Laser Magnetic Storage, Matsushita, Optotech, Toshiba and Sharp will join the growing list of players in this new, lucrative market. Maxtor Corporation in San Jose, CA, plans to roll out a 5.25-inch magneto-optic disk drive called the Tahiti I, with 1Gbyte of storage, average access times of 43.5ms and transfer rates of 13.7Mbits/s for $2,500 in OEM quantities.

Also offered will be a 3.5-inch drive covedeveloped by Maxtor and Seiko Epson Corporation of Tokyo, with a 160Mbyte capacity, 100ms average access time and 2Mbits/s transfer rate for $1,000 in OEM quantities. If this isn’t enough to entice the audio manufacturers to consider this medium for storage seriously, then the clincher will be that end-user costs for a 1Gbyte erasable optical disk will be around $150 and the 160Mbyte version will only be about $25.

Last but not least is the possible use of a device called a "Floptical Disk Drive" for mass storage. Designed by Insite Peripherals Incorporated, this concept bridges the gap between magnetic and optical technologies by using optical disk technology for head positioning and magnetic media for storage. The result is 20Mbytes on a 3.5-inch disk and drives targeted for $250 in OEM quantities.

You can bet that astute audio manufacturers will seriously consider implementing magneto-optical disk drive technology into their workstation concepts in the near future. Meanwhile, we should look forward to further developments and cost savings in solid-state and magnetic storage media.

**Tapeless studios**

Taking the implications one step further, the future audio workstation will consist of little more than a computer keyboard, mouse, monitors and a multifunction console. These workstations will be ideally suited for integration into the large control room environment, which will also include a main mixing console, audio and video monitoring, and some sort of acoustic space in which to record a live performance or sample for further processing.

As processing power and memory storage increase, the ability of the computer to process repetitive tasks in the background also increases, leaving the operator more time to create. The future workstation will record sounds in the form of samples. Because of future storage capacities in magnetic and optical media, the length of the sample will also be increased to a point that a 5-minute vocal track recording on tape will be the same as a 5-minute recording done on a sampler.

The sounds can then be stored in a library, sequenced and played by keyboards, drum pads or other MIDI instruments. The station can also emulate a console/tape machine with the added benefit of total recall. In addition, editing will encompass adjustments of EQ, level, panning and effects on any track, with cut and paste capabilities for individual sounds and passages. This implies that mixing will be an inherent part of the recording process and is done simultaneously with the recording. The indirect benefits will be more favorable record company budgets for recording and mixing, and longer booking periods for the automated console room and digital workstation studio.

**Future trends**

The marriage of digital processing technologies and audio, video and control technologies is having a profound effect on the recording industry. The evolving attitudes toward room environments as well as the impact of business economics have also fanned the flames of change. The following predictions are food for thought in forecasting the future of the recording studio.

The industry is decentralizing; that is, while the elite large studios are stretching their lead, the mid to low-end studios will continue to struggle to find market niches for their capabilities. As more and more studios are bought out by commercial artists, producers and investors, an equal number of small independent studios will open up in the jingle and music publication arena. Similarly, a growing number of major studios are investing in digital audio technology to promote growth and diversification.

Aside from the studio's main business, many have integrated digital audio technologies with their existing operations to offer audio-for-video services such as off-line audio assembly, sweetening, audio post and layback. Others offer editing and mastering services for CD and R-DAT production. Indeed, one may think that the recession hitting the studio business today may be a hidden opportunity in disguise.

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expanding an existing facility (just to keep up with the equipment race) is an increasing possibility. The ever-evolving synthesizer/sampler/sequencer combination has proved that. Musical instrument companies such as Ensoniq, E-Mu Systems, Akai, Roland, Yamaha, Kurzweil and Korg have developed effective sampling equipment along with their line of synthesizers. Additionally, the integration of magnetic/optical storage with RAM to complement increased processing speeds will add more functionality, speed and flexibility to the digital audio workstation concept. Sound quality will also be increased as a result of advancing technology.

Production control rooms
The future production control room will continue to get larger, while monitoring becomes smaller in physical size. The production control room of the future will have enough space for the engineer and console/workstation, signal processing equipment, producer(s), musician’s workstation, clients and production staff. Each person or group of people actively engaged in the project will have individual audio and video monitoring, communications and timing systems, computer terminal, desktop work space and direct eye-to-eye contact with the other key production personnel. A hybrid monitoring scheme incorporating subwoofer(s) and multiple close-field monitors may make the future production control room possible.

Standardization and its impact on the industry are the key issues. Although many formats proliferate, great strides are taking place among the manufacturers to negotiate towards future compatibility of formats and protocols. The benefits to the end-user and manufacturing markets would be stunning, as would the outgrowth of products. The additional benefits of reliability, intelligent setup, minimization of interfaces and communication compatibility would also result. However, in the interim period before we reach this technological nirvana, there will be a need for studio management to begin educating the technical staff, with an emphasis on systems engineering. This will include the design and maintenance for all system communications between rooms. Such tasks as maintaining electronic patching and routing, MIDI patching, audio, video, control and systems communications will become another engineering responsibility.

Conclusions
The merging of technologies brings with it the implications and possibilities of the all digital audio production studio. The audio industry has seen great change within the last decade and is now at the forefront of integrating new and emerging technologies.

The change in operating methodologies based upon the workstation concept will lay the foundation from which a new level of user-friendly interfaces will be developed, and the subsequent job scope of the specialist will evolve into that of a generalist.

Despite short-term uncertainties, the future looks bright for most of the recording industry. The proviso is that facility owners remain adaptable, resourceful and use good judgment when evaluating the direction and purchase decisions of their companies.

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In the best of all possible worlds, how you make a living should intersect a preferred occupation with the reality of everyday living. For many people, careers in audio seem appealing, rewarding and enjoyable. The perception is that there are more people wanting to hold positions than there are available positions. This is not entirely accurate, especially for those attempting to enter the industry.

Pro audio is constantly changing. The economy, public taste/opinion and technology are the major catalysts. This constant state of flux increasingly complicates attempts to get an accurate picture of the job market. Areas of possible employment are directly related to the constantly changing make-up of the professional audio industry.

Today, a market exists for computer-literate individuals (in fact, long-term employment without some computer knowledge is not likely). To a prospective employer, this skill would have seemed a peripheral curiosity and unimportant to the person's primary job functions just five years ago. (Remember, MIDI appeared in the fall of 1983.)

Estimates indicate that the U.S. audio industry and its related fields employ several hundred thousand people. Very few of these people have "glamour" jobs producing, tracking or mixing big-name pop artists. In fact, many pro audio positions have no direct connection to the creation or performance of music. While music and the associated mystique of the popular music industry attracts many people to the audio field, many other avenues are available. The industry in the late '80s is broad and offers a wealth of career and employment opportunities. Each segment of the business has its own potential positions and each will have a different future. The primary audio career areas are listed in Table 1.

Where are the jobs?
In the audio industry, the areas with the highest number of employment opportunities have always been closely aligned with the newest technology, production technique or public craze. Today's market is no different, with the areas of influence being MIDI, digital signal processing, stereo television and music videos.

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change in their markets, and they must react accordingly. The home, or project, studio is being used by many people for much of the "tracking" business that used to take place at studios. While the big studios are not losing as much business from this source, they have had to acquire MIDI computer and sound synthesis equipment to allow these people to bring their projects directly into the studio (often on floppy disk). The major studios have had to address staffing needs to cover the new technology; some have installed new rooms with new engineering staff, others have merely added the new instruments to the existing control room(s)/studio(s) and expect existing engineers to re-educate themselves.

Projections are that mid-level studios will have increasing difficulty maintaining profitable business, and thus will probably offer little in the way of new growth-related positions.

The major studios will continue to have openings for interns/apprentices and, occasionally, a first engineer (with an established reputation and client list). More and more, they will seek to hire programmer/synthesist to assist on projects or to be permanent staff members. However, good people will not always be able to find "the right studio at the right time." Instead, these people may have to look to different (but, hopefully, equally rewarding) portions of the industry.

The project/MIDI studio is also replacing the low-end commercial studio. While listings of 8- and 16-track studios abound, most of these studios are now personal rehearsal studios that see very little outside business. Don't look to the small studio for employment. Chances are it is a one-person operation that often barely covers operating expenses.

Relatively low-cost MIDI-based systems, which allow an artist to accomplish more preproduction work before going into the recording studio, is also making available low-cost audio production for advertising and corporate industries. Many of these companies and agencies are establishing their own facilities, and are searching for staff to produce in-house materials and some public relations and advertising materials, with major items still produced in the more elaborate professional studios. This job market is just opening up and shows a good trend towards future employment opportunities. This concept has come hand in hand with the desktop publishing trend for small-circulation print media. It should soon be obvious (if it's not already) that simply because one has the requisite equipment does not mean one has the staff to turn out a desirable product.

Sound reinforcement professions are among the sound engineering careers that seem to be growing. More opportunities exist for music engineering-type positions in sound reinforcement (including remote recording), especially working with more well-known and established artists. A wide variety of SR applications outside of music make this a very large and often overlooked aspect of the pro audio industry. Employment prospects are excellent for the entry-level person equipped with a knowledge of today's technology, particularly MIDI-applications in live performance.

MIDI-based systems and the proliferation of project studios has helped to create healthy pro audio equipment supply and sales. The new market of smaller studios and individuals has emerged to create a generally strong and consistent market for low- and mid-priced equipment. Sales of some high-end equipment have not been as strong as in recent years (generally attributed to the October 1987 stock market slip), but as a whole, the sales portion of the industry is healthy. Employment opportunities abound in this area. Knowledgeable people are always in demand. A good number of companies are engaged in equipment rental in addition to sales. These companies often seek help that can function as production engineers when needed. Related is a consistently high demand for sales in semi-pro audio equipment (and high-fidelity home systems).

Manufacturers of pro audio equipment are responding to the interest in MIDI-based sound generators, signal processors, mixers, synchronizing capabilities (with tape and with video), as well as high-end digital recording, mixing, sampling and signal processing. Audio-related software developers are exploring new ways to use the potential of the devices. These two areas of the industry are changing quickly; certain areas are growing rapidly, and others are being phased out. Generally, in this area, employment prospects are good for the right person. Music (MIDI) and audio-related software development is a relatively new field still looking for qualified individuals. Whether a person is an expert at digital signal processing, a hacker, a programmer/synthesist, an experienced mixing engineer, or a recent graduate, this portion of the industry can provide one with a meaningful work experience and a promising future.

The broadcast industries are major components of pro audio, holding a wide variety of production and engineering positions. The TV industries are particularly

**Table 1. Listing of primary job areas in the professional audio industry.**

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Methodology
By William Moylan

To my knowledge, no publication or organization is actively compiling the extensive hard data needed to predict the future in professional audio, and thus employment trends, accurately and easily. The information and predictions presented are the result of a wide variety of sources: conversations with industry analysts and colleagues; membership and convention attendance data available from audio-related professional societies (AES, ASA, SMPTE, NAB); industry analyses and reports from current professional audio publications; numerous conversations with owners and managers of professional studios and facilities, especially in relation to internship opportunities.

The methodology for predicting future career options must accept constant technology and market changes as given. Organizations and individuals will look to an evolving set of worker qualifications to address these changes, however, they have relied, and will continue to rely, on certain fundamental skills and knowledge areas for their employees. New positions occur either because of expansion of a business/facility or the replacement of a previous position. Most often this will reflect a change within the facility or an alteration to keep pace with technology.

The world of professional audio is much broader than many people appreciate. As a director of a major audio-related university program, I often have conversations about career options with parents, incoming students and, most importantly, graduating seniors looking for an internship location or employment.

I encourage a thorough exploration of career opportunities in all facets of the pro-audio industry, including the premise that the skills and knowledge required to function in the pro world are applicable to a wide variety of career paths in the commercial world, and other audio areas, as well as in support industries.

This is not a way of making a poor employment situation look better; this a realistic approach for young people who want to become a part of an industry that glorifies a few “superstars,” while exploiting many qualified and hard-working individuals. Many people are and will be actively engaged in the more desirable production roles, but there is room for a multitude of people in other related, and equally rewarding positions.

open to new people possessing needed skills. New TV channels are being devised specifically for cable, and they often have higher standards for audio quality and integrity. The cable TV movement has happened concurrently with the adoption of a standard for stereo television. This new field holds much promise for additional employment opportunities over at least the next five years.

Stereo sound for existing stations will mean a substantial revamping of production equipment and techniques, and will certainly be accompanied by new staff positions in audio. The speed at which this change will take place is difficult to predict. Initial predictions were that a fast and dramatic change would take place. This has not happened, but the changes are inevitable. Prospects are very favorable for careers at network and cable TV production organizations as this happens.

AM and FM radio stations offer substantial employment opportunities. In fact, radio is nearly entirely audio-related. Most local markets are seeing substantial improvements in the fidelity (with certain stations broadcasting exclusively off compact disc) and increased program offerings and sophistication (in some markets). Employment prospects vary widely by regions. Generally, this area has only moderate staff turnover. But given the large number of positions in the industry, employment prospects are consistently high. Radio attracts a large audience and is a major industry.

While music videos have had a strong (albeit, so far, short-lived) impact on cable TV ratings, they have had a stronger and longer-lasting impact on audio-for-video post-production facilities. Many facilities are dedicated to A/V post, and many major studios have added video post suites or capabilities to their facilities. While music videos may not be the driving financial force to current development in A/V post, they have focused creative attention to the link between audio and video. While this link is most visible in cable television, it is having widespread impact in network and commercial TV markets, the film industry, and now the MIDI studio (with consumer-quality video) has striking capabilities. Commercial facilities presently have openings for audio people with a knowledge of video production and synchronization problems and techniques.

This area will see continued growth in employment opportunities, both in numbers and in varieties of positions, the amounts could be moderate to substantial over the next five years, but are dependent upon the technology’s ability to address a number of practical areas adequately. As a society we are learning to expect good-quality visual and aural product simultaneously. It is likely that the creative link between audio and video will continue to be strengthened.

There exists a myriad of additional employment opportunities to be extracted from the areas listed. These areas are not growing significantly, but they are stable and are a regular source of job vacancies. Most of these positions are not engineering careers. It is worthy to note that there are more pro audio careers that do not include engineering and mixing than careers that do. New job functions in these categories are also most likely to be influenced by computer-oriented technologies and by changes in the media.

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When speaking of available entry-level positions or of the realistic expectations for a graduate of an audio-related, four-year university program, one must be careful to keep in mind the diversity of the industry. For a well-prepared individual willing to relocate, willing to work for an entry-level salary, and for an individual with flexible employment expectations, employment prospects are quite good now.

Barring another stock market crash or an unforeseen major breakthrough in technology, this condition should not radically change over the next 12 to 24 months (although some people are concerned about the effects the presidential election will have on the economy). A qualified individual willing to look for and take what is available in a given locale can make a living in the audio industry. Given suitable "on-the-job" experience, this person should be able to make a more-or-less comfortable middle-income wage.

Is a state-of-the-art music studio waiting to put everyone coming out of a university program into a first engineer position? I think not. (Nor do I think we should expect them to.) The pro audio industry attracts many qualified and unqualified people willing to work at certain jobs for next to no money.

The "glamour" positions, and many of the more creative positions, do not pay well (save for a few "name" people). Like musicians, music engineers are underpaid for tasks that appear to be enjoyable. These positions are very popular, but are demanding. These are the creative positions that many very talented people pursue because they feel they must. If one wishes to pursue this avenue, the most direct approach seems to be a four-year university program and an apprenticeship at a suitable studio; ideally the apprenticeship should be a long-term agreement between the individual and the studio.

Over the next five years, the outlook for pro audio is essentially positive. We have become a vital component of contemporary society. The pro audio industry provides much of the entertainment people deem desirable (music, video, television, radio), and necessary (communications and media). The services of a wide variety of audio professionals will certainly be needed into the next century. Any problems concerning the number of positions and new jobs will center around technology changes.

Are too many people looking for too few jobs? This is probably true for the more glamorous positions, but not for the industry as a whole. Jobs are available for those who have the insight to identify where they are and possess the qualifications to attract the job offer.

Too often overlooked is the fact that professionals already in the pro audio industry must remain qualified, too. A very real danger exists to those employed in an area that is dependent on technology, and that often finds itself reacting to a new technology. One can quickly find oneself unprepared to handle a job function. Going into the next century, audio professionals must be prepared to re-educate themselves to be on top of the next new technology. In this business, job security is primarily based on the quality and results of the last "performance," not on history.

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As Father Time turns the page on yet another year of history, we often become reflective and analytical about the future. Life in the late 20th century is evolving at a dizzying pace and the microcosm we call pro audio is no exception. The way in which we perform our most fundamental daily tasks is being altered by major factors such as technology, the economy and consumer market trends. As equipment increases in complexity and expense, and the competition for studio time proliferates, the very nature of remaining profitable—indeed, staying in business—needs to be analyzed by even the most seasoned pros. Where is that crystal ball when you need it?!

Perhaps the next-best way to take the pulse on future trends is to tap into some of the industry's best minds. To that end, RE/P asked five seasoned pros to share their thoughts on what the next five years hold, from their unique vantage points: a studio designer, a producer, an artist, a studio owner and an engineer. As you might expect, some views were echoed across the forum while others espoused conflicting theories. Regardless, we think you'll find the results interesting and informative!

George Augsperger, studio designer
I think we are just beginning to feel the effects of the computer age technology in the music and recording industry. The overall trend can be summed up as a period of synthesis and integration. There's going to be a blurring of definitions. In studio design and architecture, we have seen the gradual evolution of what started out as a control booth, to a control room, to a mixdown room, to a post-production room. What we're really starting to design now are production rooms. What used to be a control room is now a large room, maybe 25'x30', which just happens to have facilities for recording and the control of sounds, but also has space and facilities for keyboards, drum pads, synthesizer and various processors.

It means that the room is really a combination of production and processing space. Three things will impact the room design. First, I think the days of the 15-foot-wide discrete-input console are numbered. I think we're finally going to see a trend toward a virtual console. This extra 60 square feet is going be replaced by performance areas. This year, we're exactly 30 years behind the stage-lighting industry. Today, a stage-lighting console is an Apple computer!
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Secondly, with the proliferation of these electronic sound sources in the room, one thing that has returned to haunt us is miles of cable—control rooms are starting to look like telephone switchboards again. Hopefully, sometime in the next five years, fiber optics will come to the rescue and we'll start seeing some simplification of interconnection. Instead of needing 64 XLR connectors, you would have one multiconnector that handles maybe 512 channels of audio information.

The third thing to come is the development of active acoustics. People have tiptoed around this in performance spaces and concert halls, but not in the smaller rooms. With the computer intelligence and signal processing that's going to be available, that time has come. It will be mainly the ability to control room acoustics without wasting a lot of real estate. Why should I waste 4 feet in the back of the room for a bass trap? As Paul Klipsh says, you can't design a miniature 64-foot wavelength. But you sure can design a bank of something like loudspeakers that are being controlled in such a way that they take the place of the bass trap. Passive-type diffusers take up valuable real estate—let's make an active diffuser. Instead of relying on passive reflective and absorptive surfaces to alter the normal resonances of a room, let's do it with amplifiers and loudspeakers.

More and more, we're going to see the integration or blurring of the definition between the recording session and the performance session. What I see on the horizon are some great strides in real-time signal processing, made popular by current computer technology at affordable prices. You'll also see this in concert sound and not just the big shows. Churches want to know, "How do we pick up the choir and make this assembly of 15 people sound like a Hollywood chorus?" Now the trend is to "fix it in the mix," but in 10 years we'll be able to do it in real time.

In concert sound technology, one of the first things that will happen is that we won't have to worry about feedback anymore. It will be automatically processed out before it ever gets to the loudspeakers. The same thing happens with the pop singer—we want this guy to be a star; unfortunately he can't sing! Well, who do we want him to sound like—a cross between Presley and Sammy Davis? We'll dial it in and see if we like it!

I'll go out on a limb and say that we're going to see the rebirth of multichannel for home systems. We're already starting to see what are, in effect, surround decoders for videos that happen to be encoded with the Dolby format for theater use. With the proliferation of electronics, at very modest prices, the concept of having four loudspeakers or two mains and four subsidiary loudspeakers in a typical home or auto environment is valid. Right now, everybody's just tiptoeing, but with more standardization, we'll see more use of multichannel sound.

**Patrick O'Hearn, self-produced recording artist**

I think that there will definitely be more progress made in the state-of-the-art of project/home recording studio. The bigger studios will probably continue to do an extraordinary amount of business, getting bigger as they move into film music. It seems that the whole middle-class of studios is evaporating.

The small studio in the bedroom or the garage will continue to refine its ability to produce first-rate product, using rental equipment—sort of a hybrid between the MIDI studio and the small local studio. This will allow artists or producers to work at home, in a MIDI environment, with keyboards, samplers and the like (as well as a certain amount of live tracking), and rent an inexpensive studio for acoustic recording. Then they can take the tapes and a second machine home and bounce back and forth.

There's a movement toward higher-tech home recording. A lot of people are renting multitracks and buying bigger, more sophisticated consoles. You have to book weeks in advance now to rent digital multitracks. The major studios that haven't made the investment in digital are renting them when their clients wish. The cartage companies are always eager to share stories of the impossible places they've moved these mega-digital machines. That is a trend that's going to continue.

Signal processing has gone down so much in price that you can set yourself up pretty well to record anywhere. Some companies are now specializing in outboard gear rental. There's a studio in Chatsworth, CA, called Smoketree that rents their "Mega-Monster" rack, containing about 12 of the most-requested pieces of high-end studio outboard gear, for what most rental companies used to charge for a single piece. And, they deliver! The only thing that's really stopping people from mixing at home is a functional console with some form of automation.

The jingle industry has gone from about 10% done in home 8-track studios and 90% being done in commercial establishments to the complete reversal of that. Most of the production work is done by one or two people. A lot of inexpensive film music is done at home... come to think of it, a lot of expensive film music is done at home too! Pop and rock 'n' roll records aren't generally made at home, so there's always going to be business for studios with a good-sounding live room!

**Chris Stone, studio owner**

To remain profitable today, a major studio almost has to be in the production business, as well as the studio business. For example, the average record today needs a lacquer master, a CD master, an FA archive copy and a DAT master for foreign record production. In the studio business, it's dog-eat-dog, cutthroat prices, whereas in the production side, the prices have stayed fairly standard.

The old "diversify or die" axiom is also important to profitability because the visual business is still more profitable than the record business. You can get a really decent 24-track studio today for $125 an hour, sometimes less. The cost of replacing that equipment and depreciating it on a straight-line basis, and the cost of operations are almost equal to that $125/hr rate. In the music-for-picture area of the business, the nature of the equipment is much more complex and the return on investment becomes very important.

Film scoring is an example. Orchestras are coming back. The synthesized scores we've seen for the past three or four years, which only required a small room, I see going away.

I'm finding I can get more into film postproduction for such things as ADR and electronic Foley. Why? Because I'm a sound person. I've dealt in sound and acoustics all my professional life, whereas the film industry, in general, has always looked at music as being less important than dialogue and picture. Music, which five or six years ago was an unfortunate necessity, has risen to the forefront with all the soundtrack albums. We've had a successful crossover business from records to film and, at the same time, we're almost being forced back into the mastering and production business because that's one more place we can prospect because there's still a significant amount of profit to be made.
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We have to realize that black vinyl is almost dead. The vice president of music for Tri-Star told me that Tri-Star makes movies because they want to sell videocassettes. That means a lot. That means digital sound, because digital, like video cassettes, is something you can sell to the consumer. It means you’re doing your sound for a whole different purpose. I don’t have to look at the digital investment as an audio-only format; I can project to the large film and video markets that the digital product will eventually reach. Three-fourths of our digital rentals go out for visual projects, not for records. The visual guys know the value of digital. They recognize the merit in upling a movie with digital audio and transmitting it, via satellite, into our homes with the same digital fidelity as the original production mix.

Another area that production-oriented studios can get into is restoration of old masters and soundtracks: change the EQ curves and take out the noise. I think the colorization of films is bad, but cleaning up old scratchy soundtracks (that were done on silver nitrate) and making them sound much clearer doesn’t destroy their original integrity.

We also find more and more profit in the rental area. We’re just in the process of committing to digital 48-track machines. Very few facilities will own them because they cost about $185,000 apiece. There is profit in the rental business, and we don’t mind talking about it because every facility has a choice: rent or purchase the machines.

I don’t think a multiple-studio operation can be single-faceted. If you want to be in the record business alone and do rock ‘n’ roll, you’d better have a one-room operation, have your equipment paid for and be the engineer—because you’re going to have to compete on that level.

I really think the industry is changing as a whole. The impact is coming from so many different areas that we all have to look at the big picture and decide what areas of the market we’re going to follow to be profitable. I don’t think you can do just a single thing. I think you have to look at your skills, look at what you want to do and look at your market, and be prepared to change when they don’t work. You have to maintain your flexibility so that you can move with the market. You have to invest in the areas that you see as upward trends.

George Massenburg
engineer/producer, studio owner, manufacturer

I don’t see a heck of a lot changing in five years. The architecture for the next generation of signal processing is on the horizon, but it’s not here. I don’t think it’ll get here for another three to five years, and it won’t be fully integrated before another seven to 10 years. At the same pace, we’ll see Winchester and optical drives dropping in price to a point of being competitive enough to enter the library market. I don’t see a lot of change until the price of rotating memory comes down. The audio industry is so small that we’re not going to motivate price reductions on our own. We’re waiting for the personal computer industry (to use enough optical disks) and the government (for digital processing chips).

None of the digital audio workstations address a general need yet and they’re just too damned expensive. We need an agreement between manufacturers on an automation standard like the de facto CMX edit decision list standard in video. We have the ES-Bus for machine control and the AES/EBU as a two-channel digital interchange standard—those are beginnings. There is, of course, still great debate over when digital is working right and when digital is sounding wrong. I see more penetration coming from the other end, like the Yamaha DMP-7. The only problem there is fidelity.

I hate the way records are made today. All these machines are supposed to be our salvation, but they don’t make better music. They just make more confusion. Most of the MIDI studios are not turning out wonderful music that touches people; it’s just crap. Now, I use it all, but I like to think that we can still make records that have a sense of themselves, a sense of time and a sense of place—records that are artistically executed and entertaining. We’re entertainers, not magicians!

I think we’re going to see exactly the same thing we’ve seen for 300 years: a single “sense” of a piece of music. You put on a Rolling Stones record and you don’t hear a DX7 or a drummer, you hear a record with a sense of itself. Huey Lewis said, “The song tells us what to do next.” Overdubbing is just a tool. However, rather than coming full circle away from machines, I think the people who know how to operate the machines are going to demand more performance out of them.

I want better resolution. I’ve heard the 18-bit 96K digital standard and I like it. I don’t believe what the manufacturers say about 16-bit 48K sampling being just fine and you can’t hear difference. They’re not paying attention. I want it! There’s nothing wrong with a 48K release standard, but I don’t think there’s any reason why we can’t have a higher quality mastering standard.

I disagree with George Augspurger. Over the last 40-odd years of audio production, we’ve separated the control room, the cutting room, the mix room and the editing room. Historically, the direction would be more specialized rooms—space allowing.

A clear indication is the number of existing music-prep and digital-editing rooms.

People would like to think that in 10 years somebody will come along with the magic processor that will run just one edit list and just wrap everything up into one neat package—an 80×64 console, all reverbs and effects, machine control and Winchesterers hanging off of everything. That’s not going to happen. I think we’re still going to be modular and people will have their favorite pieces of equipment. As long as engineers act like hairdressers, they’re going to carry their favorite tools around with them. Perceived values and acts of black magic have great meaning. Those black boxes will eventually develop into software tools, but it will take a hell of a computer to run them.

And what about this big, apocalyptic, integrated studio of the future, where you just feed information into it and you get music out of it? That might be a good 50-year plan, but by the time the processors become that powerful, there’s going to be some countervailing forces. A funny thing happens in the balance between art and technology. There will be a tremendous leap ahead in technology, and people kind of swing the other way to make humans more of a factor in it. I don’t see a simplification, in other words.

Mike Mancini,
recording engineer

I think the trend is toward rooms that are more generic production rooms set up for full-blown audio and video. I don’t think people can afford specialized rooms. A studio can’t survive nowadays just being a record room because of the project/home recording cottage industry. Ours is one of the larger facilities in L.A. and only 20% of our work is for audio. If you’re a studio owner, all you have to sell is time. The minimum video rates are four times higher than audio. Video clients don’t make you wait 90 days to get paid or buy them lunch or drugs. So a lot of studios are learning that life is easier if they get into the audio-for-video business.

In the old days, people were attracted to custom rooms with custom consoles. Now the industry as a whole dictates what you have to buy. You’ve got to have an SSL or a V-Series Neve and Mitsubishi or Sony digital tape machines. But it doesn’t pay for a studio owner to try to keep up with the Joneses anymore unless they can diversify into other non-record markets.
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The new model 300X4 MOSFET power amplifier from Soundcraftsmen will have its debut at the upcoming AES convention in Los Angeles, California. This new amplifier is a multi-channel design allowing the user to select either 2-channel, 3-channel or 4-channel operation. It is ideal for the large recording studio needing very high power for their monitors—600 watts per channel (two-channel) at 8 ohms, or wishing to bi-amp their monitors—210 watts per channel (four-channel) at 8 ohms.

Or tri-amping using two of the 300X4's (each in the three-channel mode) to provide 600 watts per channel for woofers, 210 watts per channel for mid-range and 210 watts per channel for the high frequency drivers.

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The new Soundcraftsmen 300X4 is completely protected against short circuits, open circuits and input overloads. Thermal protection is provided by Multi-Sensor Phase Control Regulation as well as two multi-speed cooling fans. The new amplifier is standard rack-mount, 19"W x 5 1/2"H x 12"D, weighing 58 pounds.

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L. Matthew Miller Associates Ltd., 48 West 21st St., New York, NY, 10010 (212-741-8011) USA, Canada, Europe, South America, Video Recording; Video Editing Systems; Microphones, Video Tape, Video Tape Duplication Machines; Test & Measurement Equip. For Video, Video Time Code Machines

Mineroff Electronics, Inc., 574 Meacham Ave., Valmont, NY, 11003 (516-775-1370) Nationwide, Amplifiers; Recording, Equalizers; Loudspeakers; Microphones & Acces.; Recording Tape; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines

Multi-Sonuc Inc., 87 N Clinton Ave., Suite 412, Rochester, NY, 14604 (716-325-3006) IL, ME, MD, MA, NH, NY, PA, RI, VT, Canada, Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitors

Posterth Recordings, 142 West 26th St., New York, NY, 10001 (212-242-3737) NY, Amplifiers; Consoles; Recording & Production; Equalizers; Microphones; Record-Tape; Signal Processors, Test & Measurement

Studio Consultants Inc., 321 West 44th St., New York, NY, 10036 (212-586-7376) CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, PR, RI, VT, Amplifiers, Consoles, Recording & Production; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Monitoring; Sound Samplers; Recording Tape, Signal Processors, Time Code Synchronizers; Hard Disk Based Digital Recording & Editing Systems; Microphones & Acces.

Success Specialty Sales Corp., P.O. Box 77, Rockville Centre, NY, 11570 (516-798-2311) USA, Spokane, Sound Recording Tapes; Packaging Products Audio & Video

Unistage, Inc., 330 Genesee St., Bufalo, NY, 14204 (716-853-6500) West-NY, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; Noise Reduction Systems; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog; Time Code Synchronizers

North Carolina

Applied Audio Marketing, 9 Elk Mountain Road, Asheville, NC, 28804-2105 (704-252-9313; 800-999-9313) AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, Consoles, Sound Reinforcement, Recording & Production; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers

associated Sound Products Inc., 3900 Tarheel Drive, Raleigh, NC, 27609 (919-878-0044) MO, NC, VA, Consoles, Sound Reinforcement, Recording & Production; Equalizers; Amplifiers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Noise Reduction Systems; Microphones & Acces.; Signal Processors; Tape Machines, Analog; Time Code Synchronizers

Reliable Music, 650 E. Stonewall St., Charlotte, NC, 28202 (704-375-8626) FL, GA, SC, NC, VA, WV, Amplifiers, Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Electronic Percussion; Consoles, Recording; Tape Machines, Analog

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ICB Audio Co., 1349 E. McMillan St., Cincinnati, OH, 45206 (513-281-5535) IL, IN, KY, OH, PA, TN, WV, Amplifiers, Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog; Test & Measurement Equip.; Time Code Synchronizers

Ohio Sound Systems, 1399 East 17th St., Cleveland, OH, 44114 (216-781-1234) OH, Amplifiers, Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement; Microphones & Acces.; Noise Reduction Systems

Pi Keyboards & Audio, 2121 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH, 44134 (216-741-1400) IN, KY, MI, OH, PA, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; MIDI Keyboards, Software, Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equip.; Time Code Synchronizers

C.L. Pugh & Associates, Inc., 13477 Prospect Road, Suite 209, Cleveland, OH, 44136 (216-238-1777) OH, West-PA, WV, Amplifiers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.

Phil reddish Supply, Inc. dba Phil Reddish Road, North Royalton, OH, 44133 (216-582-4333) OH, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors, Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers; Wireless Microphones & Intercoms; Production Intercoms; Theatre Sound Systems

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Sound Com Corp., 227 Dept St., Berea, OH, 44017 (216-234-2604; Fax 216-234-2614) No-East OH, Amplifiers; Consoles Sound Reinforcement, Recording & Production; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Acces.; Signal Processors; Tape Machines; Analog; Digital Wireless Microphone; Intercom & Monitoring Systems; Cable, Equip. Cabinets, Permanent Installation & Portable Master Clock Systems
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Audio Innovators, Inc. dba Pro Com Systems, 5001 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA, 15213 (412-621-1950) USA for service & consultation; OH, PA, WV for sales & service; Consoles, Recording & Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers; Studio Monitoring & Sound Reinforcement; Microphones; Sound Samplers; Synthesizers; Cases; Lightning Equip.; Wire

Oklahoma

Ford Audio-Video Systems Inc., 4800 West I-40, Oklahoma City, OK, 73128 (800-654-6744) AR, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, Amplifiers, Consoles, Recording & Sound Reinforcement, Editing Systems, Equalizers, Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers

Oregon

Brownell Sound & Hi Fi, Inc., 2500 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR, 97214 (503-231-7866) OR, Amplifiers; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

GKM Marketing Corp., P.O. Box 1713, Lake Oswego, OR, 97305 (503-635-3531) AK, Amplifiers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

Inner Sound, 1818 S.E. Division, Portland, OR, 97202 (503-238-1955) OR, WA, Service/Repair of Amplifiers; MIDI Devices; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Tape Duplication

Midrixim, P.O. Box 161, Ashland, OR, 97520 (503-488-1023) NO., CA, So.-OR, MIDI Devices; Synthesizers; Accessories

Northwestern, Inc., 1224 S.W. Broadway, Portland, OR, 97205 (503-226-0170, 800-547-2252) AZ, CA, CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, NV, NM, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, Recording Tape; Tape Duplication; Tape Machine Parts

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Medley Music Corp., 1041 Lancaster Ave., P.O. Maw, PA, 19350 (215-572-3090) DE, NJ, PA, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording & Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog

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Peirce-Phelps, Inc., 2000 North 59th St., Philadelphia, PA, 19131 (215-879-7171) USA, in Canada-Ont. & Que., Amplifiers, Consoles, Sound Reinforcement & Recording & Production; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

Radio Systems, Inc., 5113 W. Chester Pike, Edgemont, PA, 19028 (215-356-4700, 800-523-2133, 888-423-2133) USA & Canada, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording & Production; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

Sineo Corp., P.O. Box 995, Valley Forge, PA, 19481 (215-783-6646) PA, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices; Signal Processors; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

Zeus Light & Sound, 2702 Pickettown Road, Temple, PA, 19560-7999 (215-921-0520) USA, Amplifiers; Cable & Connectors; Cases; Compresseors; Consoles, Recording & Sound Reinforcement; Delays; Equalizers; Headphones & Headsets; Lighting Equipment; Limiters; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; Noise Reduction Systems; Signal Processors; Transformers

Tennessee

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Evans Sales & Marketing, 509-A Lion Drive, Nashville, TN, 37204 (615-256-4675) AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, Amplifiers, Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

Memphis Communications Corp., 1381 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN, 38174-1735 (901-725-9271) USA, Amplifiers, Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equipment; Time Code Synchronizers

Songbird Digital, Inc., 2816 Columbia Place, Nashville, TN, 37204 (615-297-8766) FL, GA, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NC, ND, OH, OK, SC, SD, TN, TX, WV, Synclavier & Direct Disk

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Wilson Audio Sales, 5972 Asberry Court, Nashville, TN, 37221 (615-646-4477) AL, GA, MS, SC, TN, Amplifiers; Consoles, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Monitor & Sound Reinforcement; Microphones, Noise Reduction Systems; Signal Processors; MIDI Devices & Samplers

**TEXAS**

Audio Specialties Co., 3316 Brookgreen, Dallas, TX, 75240 (214-239-2236) TX, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers; Editing & Head Cleaning Items for Recording Equip.

Core Systems, Inc., 10440 Westpark, Houston, TX, 77042 (713-977-9500) AR, LA, OK, TX, Mexico, Consoles, Recording & Production; Signal Processors; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; MIDI Devices & Samplers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Time Code Synchronizers; Microphones

Crossroads Audio, Inc., 2623 Myrtle Springs Ave., Dallas, TX, 75220 (214-358-2623) LA, OK, TX, Amplifiers; Consoles, Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio; Microphones & Access.; Noise Reduction; Signal Processors; Tape Machines, Analog; Wireless Microphones, Intercommunications Equip.

The Digital Center, 2003 N. Henderson, Dallas, TX, 75206 (214-826-8700) TX, Amplifiers; Loudspeakers; Studio Monitoring; Recording Tape; Tape Machines, Analog; Microphones & Access.

Digital Technology Group, 5635 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, TX, 76112 (817-429-9761) AR, LA, NM, OK, TX, Amplifiers; Consoles, Sound Reinforcement, Recording & Production; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers

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Judson Enterprises, P.O. Box 763041, Dallas, TX, 75376-3041 (214-372-3088) 250 mile radius of Dallas, Amplifiers; Consoles, Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Recording Tape; Signal Processors

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Lightning Music & Sound, Inc., 4801 South, Suite 103A, Dallas, TX, 75244 (214-387-1198) TX, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Studio Monitoring & Sound Reinforcement; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers

Midcorn, Inc., 6311 B, O'Connor Road, Suite 108, LBJ, Irving, TX, 75039-3510 (214-869-2144) AR, LA, OK, TX, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Test & Measurement Equip.; Time Code Synchronizers

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P.A.S. (Professional Audio Supply), 5700 East Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, TX, 76119-7050 (817-43-7668) USA, Amplifiers; Consoles, Equalizers; Loudspeakers; Microphones & Access.; Noise Reduction Equipment; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Duplication; Tape Machines, Analog; Test & Measurement Equip.

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Studio Supply Co. Dallas, 9990 Monroe Drive, Suite 108, Dallas, TX, 75220 (214-358-0050) AR, LA, OK, TX, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording & Production; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Studio, Microphones, MIDI-Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction; Tape Machines, Analog & Digital; Time Code Synchronizers

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**UTAH**

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**VIRGINIA**

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Oakwood Audio Labs, 652 King Edward St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada, R3H 0P2 (204-786-6715) Canada, Amplifiers; Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitors; Microphones; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Tape Machines

Richard Audio Inc., 6078 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que., Canada, H4A 1Y1 (514-487-5950) Que., Amplifiers; Consoles, Sound Reinforcement, Recording & Production; Editing Systems; Equalizers; Loudspeakers, Sound Reinforcement & Studio Monitoring; Microphones & Access.; MIDI Devices & Sound Samplers; Noise Reduction Systems; Recording Tape; Signal Processors; Synthesizers & Keyboards; Tape Machines, Analog; Time Code Synchronizers; Headphones

Soundcraft Electronics Canada Inc., 1444 Hymus Blvd., Dorval, Que., Canada, H9P 1J6 (514-685-1610) Canada, Consoles, Recording, Production & Sound Reinforcement; Editing Systems; Tape Machines, Analog

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CONSEQUENCES: Bad mixes. Re-mixes. Having to "trash" an entire session. Or worst of all, no mixes because clients simply don't come back.

TRUTH: JBL eliminates these consequences by achieving a new "truth" in sound: JBL's remarkable new 4400 Series. The design, size, and materials have been specifically tailored to each monitor's function. For example, the 2-way 4406 6" Monitor is ideally designed for console or close-in listening. While the 2-way 8" 4408 is ideal for broadcast applications. The 3-way 10" 4410 Monitor captures maximum spatial detail at greater listening distances. And the 3-way 12" 4412 Monitor is mounted with a tight-cluster arrangement for close-in monitoring.

CONSEQUENCES: "Universal" monitors, those not specifically designed for a precise application or environment, invariably compromise technology with inferior sound or detail.

TRUTH: JBL's 4400 Series Studio Monitors achieve a new "truth" in sound with an extended high frequency response that remains effortlessly smooth through the critical 3,000 to 20,000 Hz range. And even extends beyond audibility to 27 kHz, reducing phase shift within the audible band for a more open and natural sound. The 4400 Series' incomparable high end clarity is the result of JBL's use of pure titanium for its unique ribbed-dome tweeter and diamond surround, capable of withstanding forces surpassing a phenomenal 1000 G's.

CONSEQUENCES: When pushed hard, most tweeters simply fail. Transient detail blurs. And the material itself deforms and breaks down. Other materials can't take the stress, and crack under pressure.

TRUTH: The Frequency Dividing Network in each 4400 Series monitor allows optimum transitions between drivers in both amplitude and phase. The precisely calibrated reference controls let you adjust for personal preferences, room variations, and specific equalization.

CONSEQUENCES: When the interaction between drivers is not carefully orchestrated, the results can be edgy, indistinguishable, or simply "false" sound.

TRUTH: All 4400 Studio Monitors feature JBL's exclusive Symmetrical Field Geometry magnetic structure, which dramatically reduces second harmonic distortion, and is key in producing the 4400's deep, powerful, clean bass.

CONSEQUENCES: Conventional magnetic structures utilize non-symmetrical magnetic fields, which add significantly to distortion due to a nonlinear pull on the voice coil.

TRUTH: 4400 Series monitors also feature special low diffraction grill frame designs, which reduce time delay distortion. Extra-large voice coils and ultra-rigid cast frames result in both mechanical and thermal stability under heavy professional use.

CONSEQUENCES: For reasons of economics, monitors will often use stamped rather than cast frames, resulting in both mechanical distortion and power compression.

TRUTH: The IBL 4400 Studio Monitor Series captures the full dynamic range, extended high frequency, and precise character of your sound as no other monitors in the business. Experience the 4400 Series Studio Monitors at your JBL dealer's today.

CONSEQUENCES: You'll never know the "truth" until you do.

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