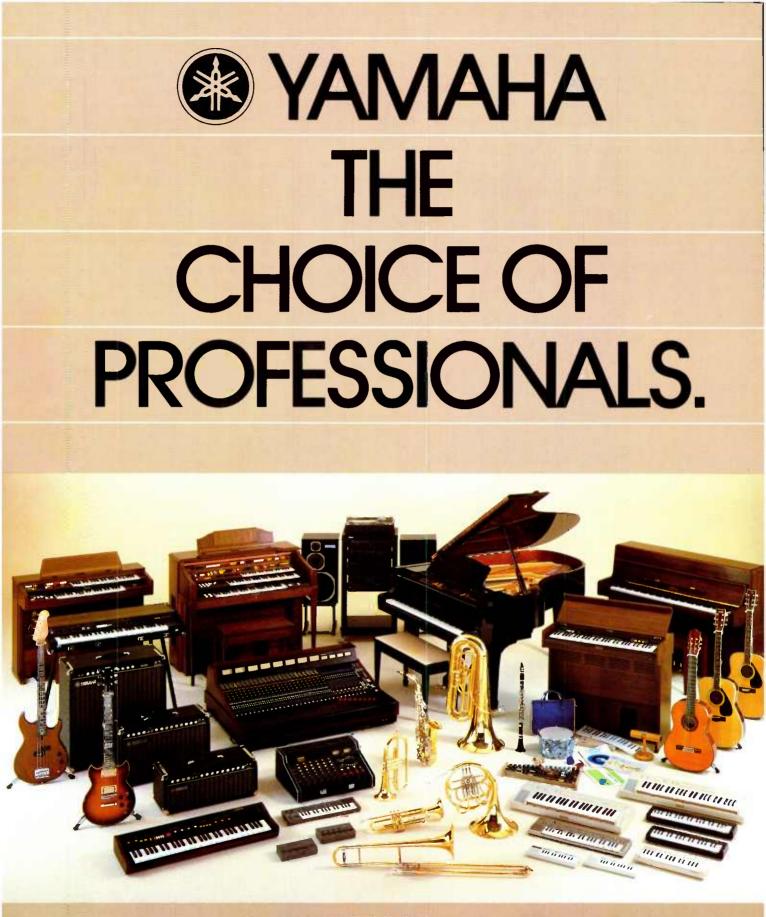
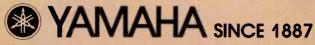


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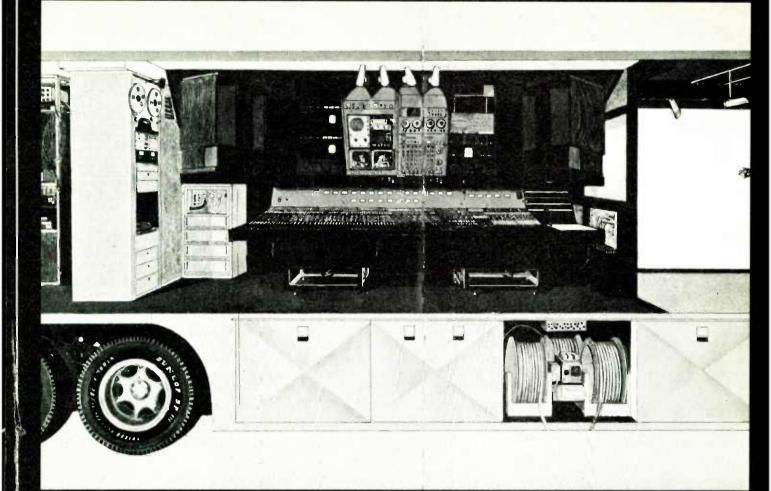
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Having completed her eleventh album which will be released in the fall of this year, Liona Boyd intends to take a break from performing until early '84. Performances aside however, to keep up the momentum of her nine year career Liona will be taking care of business - behind the scenes as usual.

30 SPOONS by Melinda Hughes

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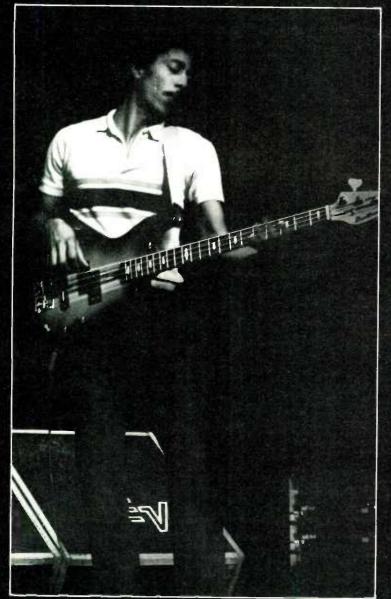
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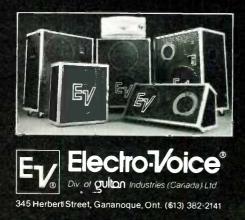


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I have always understood a sticker price to be a starting point in negotiations or transactions. I wonder if Mr. McKay of Roland Canada paid full price the last time he bought a vehicle?

The practice of charging what the market will bear is one of the things that has made our economy what it is today; lousy. I hope this letter is printed because I know it speaks for every musician trying to cope with the ever increasing costs of equipment. Incidentally, I have seen the Juno 60 priced as high as \$1899 in some stores out here in the west. Just because we have oil does not mean everyone's rich.

G. Hildebrand Saskatoon, Sask.

I thought since you are pretty good experts in your field, perhaps you could help me. I am interested in becoming a sound/audio engineer. I have been able to get information regarding courses given in the United States, but I'm having trouble finding information on courses given in Canada. First of all, do such courses exist in Canada? Secondly, would I need a background in electronics?

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ED. There are several facilities in Canada that offer courses on

Recorded Music Production and Engineering. Closest to you might be Trebas Institute of Recording Arts, 1435 Bleury St., Suite 301, Montreal, PQ H3A 2H7 (514) 845-4141.

Fanshawe College of Applied Arts & Technology, 1460 Oxford St. E., P.O. Box 4005, Terminal C, London, ON N5W 5H1 (519) 452-4470, has a two year program.

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Also along these line, I recommend that you assess the fees of these courses and the cost to you in re-locating, then compare them to the studio time which you could buy for the same money. In some situations, it can be as beneficial to hire the studio and engineer for a number of hours and treat it as tutoring for yourself. The effectiveness of this will depend on the capabilities of the engineer and the facilities of the studio. Be aware that some courses can cost up to \$3,000. Depending upon the commitment you are able to make, a few hours of studio time (at say, \$50 per hour or less) will aid you in making your decision.

I'm just another one of those Loverboy fanatics, and your interview with Paul Dean was great. I didn't realize that they were that popular in the U.S. Paul sounds like he has really got it together and an avid concert goer like me recommends Loverboy's as one of the best. Keep it up, we love ya!!

John Collins Blenheim, Ont.

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SHURE ROCK MUSIC POLL AWARDS

As Martha Johnson of Martha and the Muffins observed, it was "quite an affair." Quite an affair indeed! Music Express hosted the SRMP awards ceremony which took place at the Spectrum in Montreal in late February. The winners of the awards (sponsored by A.C. Simmonds, suppliers of Shure microphones) were chosen by the readers of Music Express magazine. All of the winners received a Shure gold microphone,

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This year the awards (hosted by Long John Baldry and Nanette Workman featuring performances by Martha and the Muffines, Corbeau and the Payola\$ were presented in Montreal.

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TRIUMPH SIGNS WITH POLYGRAM

Attic Records and Triumph announced in March that "the group will no longer be recording for the Attic label." All rights to Triumph's recordings and publishing rest with the group.

Triumph announced further that the band and PolyGram reached an agreement whereby their albums will be re-issued on the Polydor label in Canada, available through PolyGram.

Triumph signed with Attic in 1975 and released six albums, the latest being *Never Surrender*. The band is expected to tour Canada in June.

WHISKEY JACK GETS U.S. EXPOSURE

The Tommy Hunter Show, where Whiskey Jack are regulars on "The Back Porch" segment, has been sold to a pay TV network in Nashville, Tennessee. A series of 26 episodes began broadcasting in April. This is Whiskey Jack's first television exposure south of the border while in Canada they have appeared on several television shows including *Alan Thicke*.

Currently the band is involved in two recording projects at Inception Sound in Toronto. Although release dates are not finalized, Duncan Fremlin, co-founder of the

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group, says that they have just completed a demo for a children's album that they hope to release in the next six months. Work on the children's

release of their other project for about a year. However, Whiskey Jack have successfully been doing a "children's perfor-

album will delay the

mance" at festivals for some time and realize the potential of the children's album market.



Howard Cable has been the Music Director of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto since 1974. One of Canada's finest arrangers, composers and conductors, Cable's compositions include many scores for CBC radio and TV. His

ROB McCONNELL

musical arrangements of Broadway shows adapted for band and choral use have been published by Chappell Music.

In February Cable was appointed the Director of Music at Humber College in Toronto.



AND THE BOSS BRASS APPEAR AT CANADIAN STAGE BAND FESTIVAL

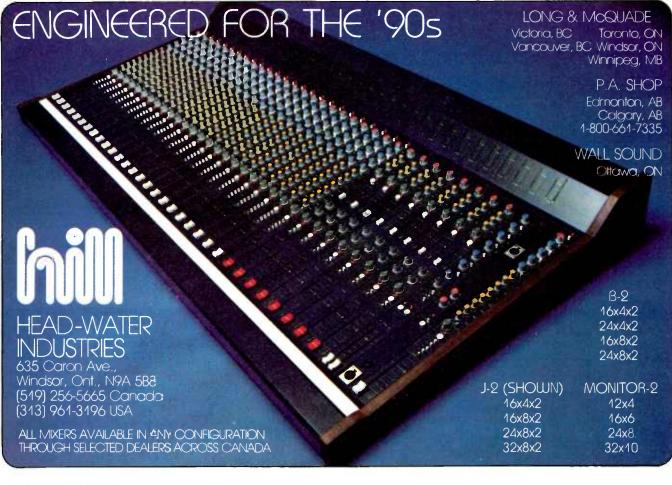
Boss Brass will be featured at the eleventh annual National Finals of the Canadian Stage Band Festival from May 16-20 at the Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary, Alberta.

McConnell and the

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From Calgary, McConnell and the band head for the Banff Centre where on Saturday, May 21 they give a concert at the School of Fine Arts. Then they fly to Vancouver to perform at the Four Seasons Hotel from May 23-25. Their final concert on this west coast tour takes place at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton on Friday, May 27.

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After spending the last few years in Los Angeles and London, England where he devoted most of his time to songwriting, Bill Amesbury has returned to Toronto.

Amesbury's self-titled album is his first in over five years. Originally scheduled for release in April, Cliff Hunt of Falcon Productions, explained, "the release has been delayed because of interest from the U.S."

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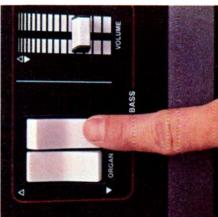
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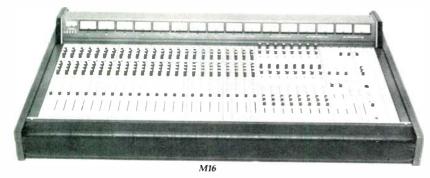
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TIME WARP

TIME WARP C-Note 821039 Recorded at: Nova Sound Studios, Markham, Ont. Producer: Rory Slater Engineer: John Ebata

Time Warp is one of the few examples in modern jazz where impressive technique is funded by emotion. Bob Brough on tenor sax is particularily expressive - seemingly more concerned with finding the right note than throwing piles of modal scales at our ears.

Alan Henderson on bass is a hard, driving, aggressive player whose inventive swinging style lends an edge to each piece. His solo on the title track is especially interesting

The drums of Barry Elmes are sensitive and imaginative. One moment they are restrained and disciplined, the next, explosive and free-wheeling and always in concert with the rest of the trio. Although Barry makes a good argument for the drum solo, it is his ensemble work which is the most captivating.

In general, it would have been preferable if the band had been a little more selective in its solo offerings. When the band is working as a unit, rather than when one member is occupying space alone, it is at its best.

MARTHA AND THE MUFFINS DANSEPARC

Current Records Wave 1 Recorded at: Grant Ave. Studio, Hamilton, Ont. Producer: Daniel Lanois with Mark Gane and Martha Johnson Engineer: Daniel Lanois

Martha and The Muffins. after a period of inner conflict, appear to have resolved their personnel problems and have produced their best album yet.

With Danseparc they have aligned themselves in the forefront of contemporary popular music with bands like the Talking Heads. The result is an album of dense urban funk, jam-packed with rhythm. It is the thinking person's dance music.

Mark Gane has developed a driving, hard rhythmic guitar and Martha Johnson's vocals continue to grow in depth and shading. The addition of Jocelyne Lanois and Nick Kent, on bass and drums respectively, has provided a solid, inventive underpinning for the Muffins' sound. It culminates in, and encourages, an angular awkwardness that constantly wrestles with the basic pulse.

The lyrics explore a number of topics and moods and are often witty and effective but occasionally seem affected and contrived. The word play on "What People do For Fun" with the phrase "I am using you. Am I amusing you?" tends to become tiresome and cute.

Essentially, the album is a thoughtful evocative



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piece of work. The attention to detail found in the odd atonal excursion, Pygmy chants and Ron Allen's catchy sax riffs all contribute to the overall sound.

ROB CARROLL

Umbrella UMB GEN 1-14 Recorded at: Grant Ave. Studio, Hamilton, Ont. Producers: Rob Carroll and Ron Allen Engineer: Daniel Lanois

There are seven tunes offered here, all penned by Rob Carroll. Five are in the setting of a quintet featuring Ron Allen on sax, Ted Moses on piano, Dave Piltch on bass, and Mike McClelland on drums. All involved are accomplished musicians with a wealth of experience and each contributes performances that live up to expectations. On "Miquel" and "Ron's House" Rob demonstrates a facility on the acoustic guitar with Ron Allen on tablas; both tunes have a captivating flavour. "Lydian Five" is a pleasant flowing piece featuring Rob and the band (minus Ted Moses) with Rob dubbing electric leads over his swinging acoustic rhythm playing.

Overall the ensemble work lacks personality, with the exception of the two acoustic tunes.

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IN THE RED A&M SP 9089

Recorded at: Le Studio, Morin Heights, Que. Producer: Steve Vaughan Associate Producer and Engineer: Nick Blagona

This Ottawa based band, a veteran of the bar wars, presents another entry in the heavy metal

sweepstakes.

The band features the vocals of Dave McDonald, an obvious graduate of the gerbils-on-speed school of vocal technique. The rhythm section is a tight if unspectacular unit with competent heavy guitar riffs dished out by Ron Chenier. Yvan Tessier's keyboards growl and swoosh away underneath it all providing an occasional interesting texture.

The songwriting and arrangements owe debts to many influences (but then the best heavy metal always sounds vaguely familiar in some manner). The tunes, like "Gimmee Love," offer everything there is to love about heavy metal: tons of echo on vocals: quitars grinding away like an armoured division; lead breaks coming out of left field; and a bass drum lifting your skull off.

CHRIS HALL

HYPNOTIZED Capitol ST-6493 Recorded at: Sounds Interchange, Toronto,

Ont. Producers: Fred Mandel, Ron Chapman, Chris Hall

Engineer: Gary Gray

This is a catchy, hookladen album covering the middle ground that AOR programmers seem to prefer. It features dense guitar based rock dressed up with background vocals, keyboards, saxes and drums filling in just about every space possible.

Lyrically the album is almost exclusively concerned with love and its difficulties and high points. There are no new insights offered; the lyrics work in conjunction with the music, although they don't stand up under close examination.

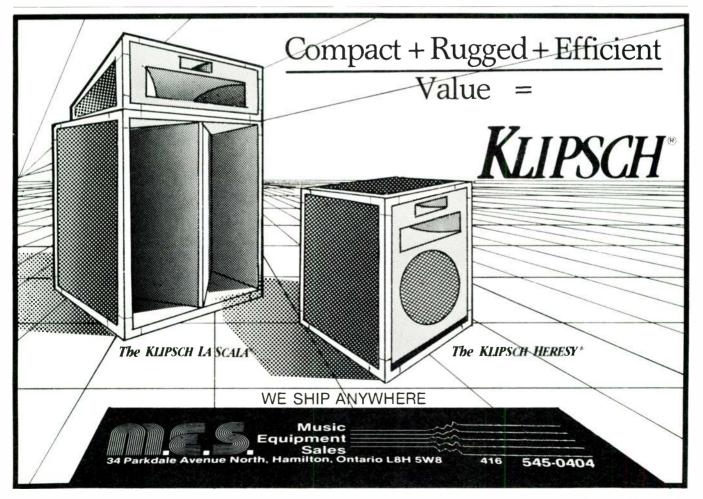
At its best, *Hypnotized* is a well-crafted collection of mainstream rock. At its worst, its an awkward, sometimes dated attempt at the same.

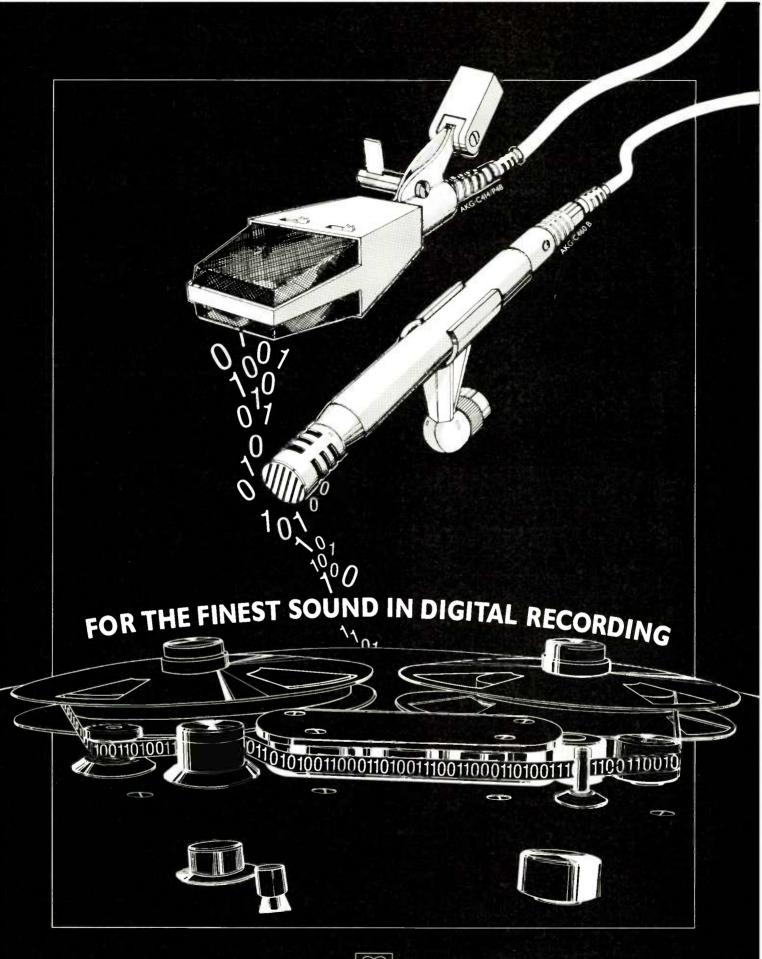
DOUG AND THE SLUGS

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Producers: Rithchie Cordell and Glen Kolotkin Engineer: Glen Kolotkin and Ron Cote

Doug and the Slugs continue in their established vein, this time around having made a few concessions to commericality. This manages to dilute their unique, eccentric sound to a certain extent and leave us with a mixed record and the odd power chord. Still there is character here you'd be hard pressed to find







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The record can be light and nonsensical as in the old Isley Brothers' soul shouter "No No No, Nobody But Me." Or it can be slightly off-base and more serious as found in the central character of "Take It Or Leave It." This poor guy attempts to numb the pain of a failed romance through empty encounters with a "church-yard prostitute" and an "downtown skintrap."

Throughout the record the band grooves away with forays into R&B, reggae, and roots rock and roll, leaving us with the impression of six guys having a lot of fun.

THE TENANTS THE TENANTS Epic NPEC 80076

Recorded at: Phase One, Toronto, Ont. Producer: Paul Gross

Engineer: Mick Walsh

This album is an exploration within the confines of contemporary music that, although not always successful and frequently derivative, is still a pleasure to hear.

The band is operating in similar territory as U2 and the Police and demonstrates an ability to come up with catchy melodies and some haunting harmonies. In the strongest tunes there is a striking use of rhythmic contrasts with spacious moody sections evolving into tight rock and roll.

Derek Gassyt is a dynamic drummer with good feel and some great fills. The rest of the band has their moments, although the keyboards, at times, sound a little thin and reedy. This quality may have been more suited to late seventies' new wave than for the material offered here.

JACK SCOTT THE ORIGINAL RECORDINGS Attic LAT 1148 Recorded at: United

Sound Studio, Detroit

Listening to this is an exercise in curiosity and nostalgia. Jack Scott, a low-key rocker from Windsor, has had more hits in a shorter period of time than any other recording star. This album is a compilation of those tunes and a few others from his most active period (1958-1959).

The songs were originally recorded in mono and thankfully have not been electronically reprocessed for stereo because somehow it all sounds better in mono.

The best stuff is the hardcore rock and roll found in tunes like "Leroy" and "Midgie." Also present are a few ballads in that classic sweet '50s style and a few tunes with their roots in country and gospel. All but two songs were composed by Jack Scott.

The album is a fascinating piece of history and a must for fans of this period in popular music.

THE CANADIAN BRASS

HIGH, BRIGHT AND CLEAR - THE GLORY OF BAROQUE BRASS

RCA Red Seal ARC1-4574 Recorded at: the

Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto, Ont. Producer: Jay David Saks Engineers: Paul Goodman and Dennis Burke

Here we have a new album from the Canadian Brass that is a beautiful digitally recorded collection of excerpts from the Baroque period. The combination of the digital technology, St. James Cathedral and The Brass themselves has produced a live, ambient sound with a lustrous, shining quality.

As there is not a great selection of Baroque repertoire written strictly for brass, most of the pieces offered here are transcriptions from the works of composers such as Bach, Purcell and William Boyce. The transcriptions, from a variety of sources, have managed to retain the spirit of the original pieces.

The Canadian Brass performs in a precise manner with a clarity of tone that brings new life into some very familiar pieces. Bach's "Air on a G String" and Jeremiah Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary" are two obvious examples.

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R ational Youth, a synthesizer group from Montreal, are currently on a tour of Canada which began mid-March. By the end of their tour they will have been to Ottawa, Toronto, much of southern Ontario, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. Besides clubs and concert halls, the group will be playing at "a lot of universities."

Rational Youth used to be made up of Tracy Howe and Bill Vorn, painters of intriguing canvases of sound from synthesizer modules to the throb of drum machines. Soon, Kevin Komodo, a third synthi player, joined them and most recently the Youth recruited drummer Angel Calvo and bassist Denis Duran. Bill Vorn has since left the Youth.

Lead vocalist Tracy Howe explained the reason for the addition of non-electronic quotients to their line-up: "to get the human feeling." As well, it is a step toward avoiding the "complicated interface situation" encountered with machines on the road.

"On the road, how many sequencers are you going to take with you? It's a whole complicated interface situation where everything has to be hooked up right and if one thing goes wrong you haven't got a show. Whereas if a bass player is alive and breathing you can still go."

Howe explains the inception of Rational Youth: "At one point I wasn't in any kind of a group but I had some ideas and I wanted to do something, try to get something recorded on my own. And I got myself a synthesizer and a rhythm machine and all this kind of stuff. Then I met Bill Vorn and he said, 'Listen I'm into synthesizers so let's do something.' So we started Rational Youth."

The group has played extensively around Montreal, including an anti-nuclear concert with Vancouver synthi group Move plus opening for the British group Orchestral Manoeuvers in the Dark. Rational Youth have a couple of 12-inch EPs out, "Cite Phosphore" and "Saturdays in Silesia," as well as an LP on Yul Records, Cold War Night-Life.

Howe has been with several bands in Montreal since the punk uprising in the late seventies, including The Normals, The Unknowns, Heaven 17 and another popular local synthi group, Men Without Hats. Bass player Denis Duran was also formerly with Heaven 17. Cofounder, Bill Vorn, came from the two-man unit, U.

The revolution in pop music that came with punk has led creators in the field to sophisticated technological equipment. The primal gut-level punk that Howe was playing a few years ago has given way to a more articulate voice. The orientation in composition has shifted from an aggressive guitar to a more tranquil synthesizer allowing for focus on harmonic layers of sound. With synthesizers, says Howe: "you're dealing with a much more orchestral sound. Even with simple progressions you're more concerned with trying to orchestrate them, get the richness out. Whereas, when you have a really heavy guitar sound that takes up so much space there's not much room for anything else. That's why with heavy rock groups there's no room to colour anything because the sound of the guitar is so thick. it's a block. We don't have that. There's a lot more space."

Of synthis, in general, Howe adds: "They're great for people who have some ideas but who don't have a bunch of people to play with. They're like toys that you can put together. Something that's reasonably presentable all on your own." cm

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LIONA BOYD

There's no disputing Liona Boyd's success. In the last nine years she has released 11 albums, three of which have brought her Junos for Instrumental Artist of the Year.

Liona Boyd - A Guitar for Christmas was recently, at the end of her 1982 tour, certified Gold (50,000 units) by CRIA (Canadian Recording Industry Association). Of course, Gold in the Pop market is but a drop in the bucket considering the number of Platinum and Double Platinum certifications each month. Yet, Liona is the first Canadian classical artist to be awarded a Gold record. This achievement places her among a select group of international artists such as Placido Domingo and Lucianno Pavarotti. And back in the Pop field in Canada where a Million seller is as elusive as Classical Gold, Liona is peer to Supertramp and Fleetwood Mac.

Canada has also recognized Liona Boyd with a Vanier award and The Order of Canada. Her efforts do not go unrewarded.

Most recently Liona toured Japan where she sold-out ten nights in a row in the same venue. She also broke with her own tradition of playing the Ramirez and used a Yamaha guitar. Liona is quick to explain though that she hasn't abandoned the Ramirez for the Yamaha. The Ramirez is still her first choice. She did, however, record a live album in Japan with the Yamaha, due for release in the Fall - *Liona Live in Tokyo*.

Liona's adventures throughout the world - performing, recording and acting as somewhat of an Ambassador for Canada - were generally, up until her association with Bernie Fiedler, accomplished by herself and her mother.

Liona once attributed her success to a mixture of luck and hard work and there is no disputing, as well, the perpetual labour involved over these fruitful nine years. It is Liona's intention to "take a leave of absence" from the day to day rigours of performing until January 1984. But you can be sure that Bernie Fiedler (Liona's manager), her mother and herself will have their noses to the grindstone preparing for Liona's re-entry.

It's obvious just what a task it is, in launching and sustaining a solo career, by Liona's comments on: Management and Bookings, Time Involvement, Musically Speaking, The Guitars, and The Future.

Management and Bookings:

It (Haber) was a very good agency. I was with them for several years but they had 20 or 30 people and there's no way they could give individual attention.

"I had it in my brain that I must have a classical manager and Bernie (Fiedler) was Pop. It was really good timing. Bernie's more involved in record companies and he's very supportive. He's made a big difference in my career - being able to tie everything together. I'm starting to work with him on career decisions and general strategy.

Haber went to conventions at colleges and handed out brochures and would come back and assemble tours and

(I-r) Don Oates - Vice President of Sales CBS Canada; Bernie DiMatteo - President, CBS Canada; Liona Boyd; Norman Miller - Director of CBS Masterworks Canada; Sam Sniderman.



negotiate fees. Usually flat fees. So whether you sold out or only drew 200 people you'd get the same fee. Then I realized over the years that I kept selling out all of these concert halls and the concert committee members would be so grateful, "Oh Liona, you just rescued our whole budget." I thought, "This is fine sometimes but maybe I should be getting a percentage," which I hardly ever got.

Very often in classical management it's a flat fee. Now Bernie negotiates a flat fee and then a split with the promoters. There are endless different deals.

On the last cross Canada tour I did well. The promoters seemed happy and they'll want to book me again next year. That way if I go out and spend time doing extra promotion I benefit in a small way and the promoters do too. And if we don't do well, the promoter hasn't lost his shirt. We split the profits.

Time Involvement:

I don't think anybody, with the exception of my mother, has any idea how many hours it takes to build a career. I work non-stop. It's hard to explain all the behind the scene things that go on - arranging the music, talking to composers...

In order to get one TV show you have to make 20 telephone calls. And a lot of it I still end up doing, even though I do have an excellent manager in the States.

I must have made 50 calls to the *Today* show to originally get on. You have to be persistent and keep going.

It gets frustrating sometimes. I think, what's this whole thing about? It's about music and here I am spending the whole day on the phone talking to agents and lawyers and press people.

It's terrible when my mother goes away; she's away for two months a year. I wouldn't have succeeded without her invaluable help. To build a career is just not how well you play, it's how much effort you're prepared to put into some of these other things. A lot of people think, especially classical musicians, that, "If I'm good, it'll happen. They'll come and get me." A fraction of the effort pays off and the ones that succeed are the ones that do make the effort. For many years I travelled alone. I had all the records myself and I'd be doing inventory every night in the hotel room. You have to guard your time jealously otherwise the music suffers.

Musically Speaking:

I'm always scrambling to put a program together. Another reason I need this time off.

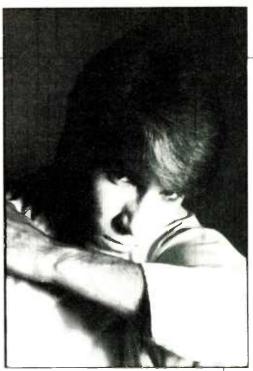
When I have a program together, I take it to Eli Kassner. He's a great teacher; he's been my teacher for years. And he's always able to point out a new way of looking at it or a different fingering. He's very, very *Continued on page 38*

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From "Smiling in Winter" (G. Deppe, S. Horne) on Arias & Symphonies, 1982. Spoons' songwriter-guitarist-vocalist Gordon Deppe and drummer Derrick Ross breezed into a downtown Toronto restaurant, eager to discuss a recently completed West Coast tour. Their youthful enthusiasm was a welcome change from the reserved demeanor and calculated cool of many performers.

Although it was the band's first launch into unchartered waters beyond Ontario, response was positive. In western Canada the Spoons played Edmonton, Calgary, Nanaimo and Vancouver, and in the States, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Eugene and Seattle. Similarly successful was a late addition to the tour - Cleveland, Ohio where the concert was broadcast live on QMMS radio.

"Even though the crowds weren't always that big," said Gord, referring to one sized eighty in Portland, "we met a lot of peoplearound the shows, in interviews, at radio stations, and even when some people followed us home afterwards to talk to us. Just these little connections start things in important places.

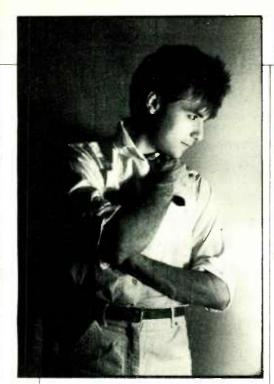
"They would call us new wave, Canadian power pop or electro pop," he smiled and expressed surprise at how little Americans in Oregon and Washington States knew about their kind of music. "They'd come backstage to say 'thanks for bringing good ol' rock n'roll to Eugene (Oregon)' or 'loved your show - awesome, awesome.'" Clearly, the Spoons' sparkling progressive pop sounds were new to many American ears. "It's really a nice feeling - like we're pioneers," he said. "Later on when they're used to this kind of music, they may think: 'I remember the Spcons. They were the first to bring it to us.'

"Americans don't seem to appreciate subtlety as much as Canadians do," he continued. "You have to coax the audience more and exaggerate everything: artwork on LPs, the music and stage presence. When we released the *Arias & Symphonies* album in the United States, (which last April was certified gold in Canada), we had to bring the vocals and the guitar up a bit more."

"We were asked to mention 'this is our new single on A&M,' " said Derrick, "but we don't like to push our material for sale. Let's just play with the people's moods and imaginations and instead of telling them what to do, let them feel it."

Last year was, suddenly, a very successful year for the three-year-old band. With a first Ready Record album (*Stick Figure Neighbourhood*) to their credit in 1981, they released an extended play (Nova Heart - Symmetry) in February last year. It was produced by Englishman John Punter, well-known for his work with Japan, Roxy Music, Procol Harem, and Nazareth.

In March of '82 they opened for Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark at Toron-





(1-r) Gordon Deppe, Rob Preuss

to's Concert Hall, thinking "wouldn't it be great to do the show by ourselves?" Before the year was over, the Spoons headlined more than once at that same venue. They also appeared at The Police Picnic II (with The Police and Talking Heads in Toronto), had a hit single with Nova Heart, signed with A&M for worldwide distribution. recorded a second album - Arias & Symphonies - and a video of Nova Heart, then toured western Canada and United States while the title cut climbed singles charts throughout North America. Before leaving on that tour last November, CITY TV and CHUM FM locally aired a simulcast of one of the band's Toronto performances; it was seen this spring in Vancouver, Calgary and St. John's. It was no wonder that the Spoons were nominated for the best new group Juno award for 1982.

"If you had told us a year ago that we'd do these things," laughed Gord, "we would not have believed you."

Has success come a little too fast? "No," said Derrick. "We may not have had it as hard as others who have been around for six or seven years, but we have played some pretty seedy places.

"We're continuing to work hard, because there's still a lot of ground to cover, and we practice three or four times a week when not on the road."

Although they feel some of their fans may be disappointed upon meeting the band members in person, Derrick pointed out that he and the others do not perpetuate the stage image in everyday living. He (aged 22), Gordon (24), bassist-vocalist Sandy Horne (21) and piano and synthesizer player Rob Preuss (18) all live with their families in Burlington...which does not allow for any of them to become bigheaded about their success.

"If there's any mission or purpose to the band," explained Gordon, "It's to dispel some of the misconceptions about the music scene. We try to be positive, not stark, negative or down-putting.

"Being clean-cut in our stage presentation and our music, because that's how we live."

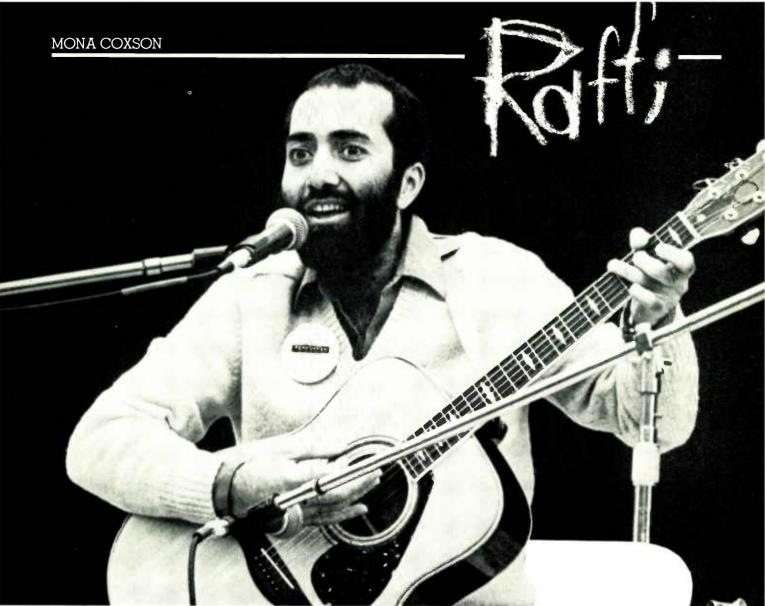
Gordon and Sandy are college graduates he in psychology and she, computer operations - who formed the nucleus of the Spoons in 1979. They first met in high school and have played together in other bands for seven years. ("We played a more difficult kind of music: the long epic songs of early Genesis, which was really good training. We rarely played in four-four time; it was always strange time signatures and different instruments, like woodwinds.") Unappreciated and strictly basement players, they introduced a danceable rhythm, and so started playing Toronto-area clubs.

The band's keyboard player, Brett Wickens, and drummer Derrick were recruited. Rather than sending demo tapes to record companies, however, the quartet produced its own single. A \$1,700 investment resulted in 1,000 records with picture sleeves and lyric sheets. It also caught Ready Record executives' attention and the band was signed after viewing a few performances.

Gordon's advice to aspiring musicians: "Don't do it (record a single) to make any money, but it can work to your benefit. It can prove to others that you're serious and are worth something. With video becoming more prominent, you've got to get as close as possible. Don't send a crummy little tape. Send a sophisticated package to show you're a little bit better than the rest."

About two months before recording Stick Figure Neighbourhood, Wickens left for England to become an apprentice graphic artist. An ad was placed in the Hamilton Spectator and a teenage high school student and mutual friend, Rob Preuss, joined the Spoons. The LP was noted by the Canadian music press as an innovative and very promising initial release, and soon topped Canadian universities' radio charts.

The band worked with producer Punter on the Nova Heart - Symmetry EP, which was intended to be "just a filler" between first and second albums. How did he contribute to capturing the Spoons' sound? "The use of rhythm machines is his trademark and, I think, his biggest in-*Continued on page 41*





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e's been called a modern day Pied Piper, the Rolls Royce of children's music, the King of Kid's Songs and a phenomenon in Canadian music but to more than half a million kids, Raffi is their very own star and one who is interested in them as people rather than iust as little kids.

"I think Raffi is one of the world-class entertainers for children," said Nada Har-court, head of Children's Programming for CBC-TV. "He has a great skill and a wonderful personality. His great strength is that he's so specific in that he plays right to that very young audience and doesn't try to entertain anybody else. Consequently, he does entertain everybody because he's so pure in his communication. Even though he aims his songs at very young children, he reaches everybody.

"If you've ever seen him in performance, he's remarkable. He's not frenetic or fastpaced and children feel he's one of their Continued on page 45

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ABS pipe is available in diameters from one to six inches, or, in metric, from and to whatever these normal measurements convert to. Four inches and up is very hard to find, and disproportionately expensive if you do. There is actually no reason to use particularly huge pipe for these drums, except that it would provide a larger target if you play under the influence.

The three inch pipe I've used was \$1.60 to \$2.00 a foot at the time of this writing,

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with Canadian Tire having it about the cheapest.

Getting back to the drum theory, the pitch of a drum is dependent upon its volume (constant for a pipe drum) and the volume of the material which comprises the head. Now, as you tighten a drum head, you make it thinner, and, as such, the effective volume of the vibrating portion of the head decreases. Because the head of the pipe drum is fexible, it can be used to tune the thing and get artsy.

The drum head consists of a plastic ring which is free to slide on the main pipe. The skin is held to the ring with a hose clamp (crude) and this assembly tightened down over the pipe with three small turnbuckles (cruder). Thus, the skin is pulled over the

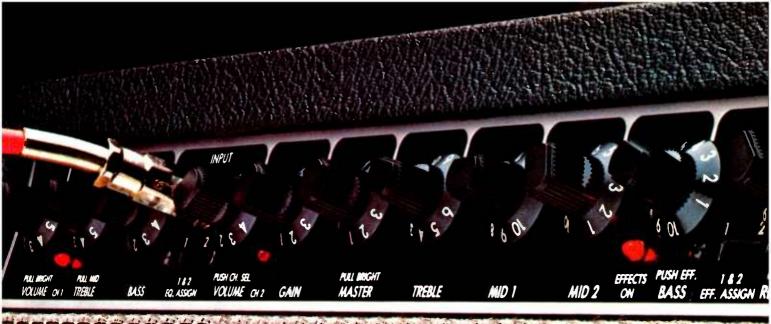
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end of the pipe, and can be tightened to any desired pitch.

The ring is made from a three inch female union (plumbing is just rich with supposed sexual references, isn't it?), which is a thing for joining two bits of pipe together when one is actually using the stuff for its intended purpose. Each union can make two rings. The union, in cross section, will be found to taper slightly, until, halfway through itself, there is a shoulder for the end of the pipes to rest on. A bloody nuisance, this.

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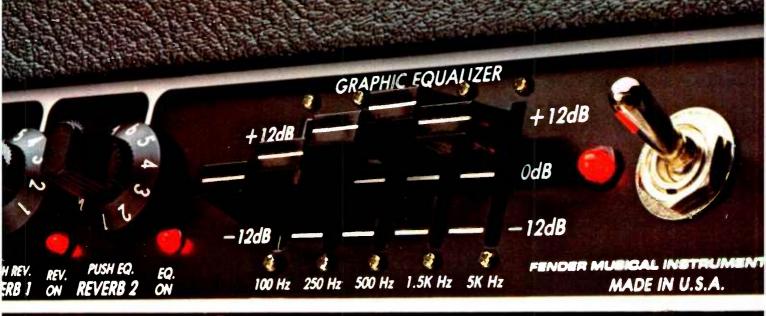


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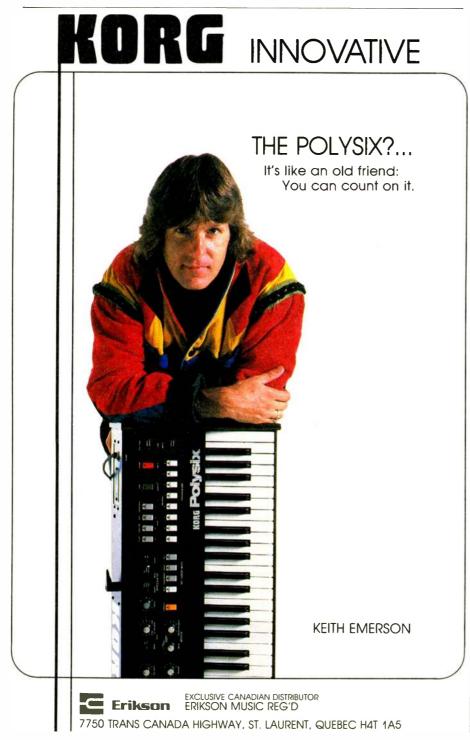
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helpful.

The audience is always diverse, a lot of young people, a real mixture. What I try to do in a program is do some pieces everybody knows and some of the more popular pieces which I'm sure some of the classical critics would hate me for. My general public doesn't like the Pink Floyd piece too much. They're a bit cool about that one. I find it interesting. It's unique. It has some very strange chords. I pick pieces I particularly like and will still like in a year's time.

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Until I can get one that I find is superior, more resonant, louder and smoother in tone and all of the gualities I'm looking for, I don't see any reason to change.

Future:

I always want to be giving concerts. I would like the time for more writing. I have, in the back of my mind, I'd like to write but then I think I can't. I was never very good at harmony and composition. I would like to have the time to sit down and see what I can do. I'd like to write some of my own material and work with other composers. A lot of people are interested in writing for the guitar but don't play the guitar themselves. It's nice if you can go and explain things to them, work with them, and show them what works and what doesn't.

Eric Robertson was interested in a concerto and John Williams has been saying he'll do one if he has time.

Maybe I'll do another album with Chet Atkins and another solo album. **cm**

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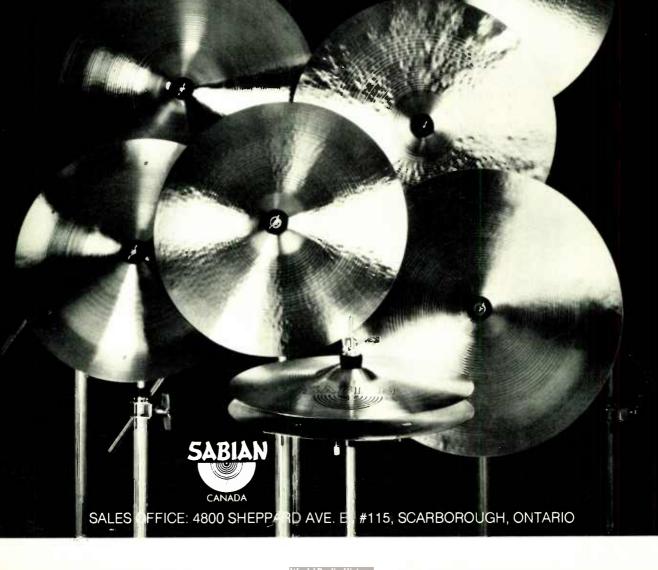
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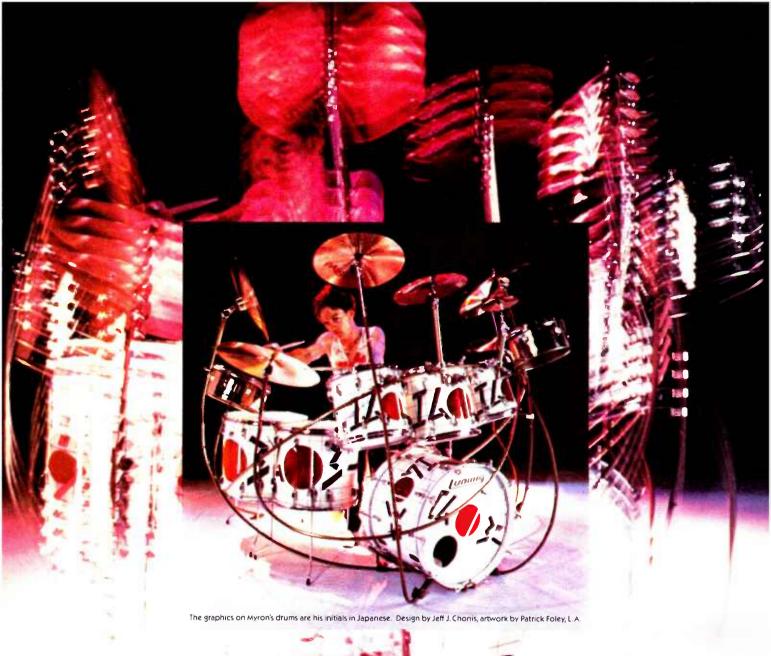
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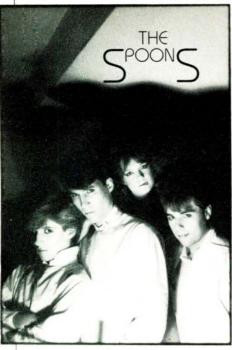
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fluence," said Gordon.

"We wanted a European producer because we had to stretch the songs from three or four minutes and didn't have a clue how to do that. No one in Canada had done an EP before, so he was an ideal teacher."

Soon afterwards, they signed the contract with A&M. Three Los Angeles reps had flown into Toronto to see a Spoons performance; the next morning the band ("all tired and scared") with manager Carl Finkle met them at the Four Seasons Hotel. Within a few days, they were signed.

Last summer the Arias album was completed once more with Punter producing. Although eleven songs were eventually recorded, chief songwriter Gordon brought along 30 for consideration.

"John likes to keep a certain feeling to an album...a lot of songs were really good but didn't fit the flow. There had to be a certain atmosphere and continuity to the songs, which he likes to call 'painting a landscape of sound.'

Whereas on Stick Figure Neighbourhood band members were experimenting with sounds but "getting close on songs like "Red Light" and "Conventional Beliefs," with Nova Heart they found the sound we wanted - the right approach to playing" and have developed it further on Arias & Symphonies.

While recognizing that English groups, such as Human League and Soft Cell have opened many doors (particularly American ones) for the Spoons, Gordon expressed disagreement with people who say that "bands like Loverboy are doing a lot for us because they are bringing the Canadian type of music to the States."

"I don't think Loverboy is doing anything for us. They're opening the door for Canadian rock bands, but no other bands of our type in Canada are helping us to get into the American market. It's the European bands that are doing that for us."

Arias & Symphonies was released in England in January. After performing on the 1983 Juno Awards program in April, the band flew to England to record their third album.

Before that, however, the Spoons embarded on their first U.S. support tour with Britain's Culture Club. It coincided with the single release, "Smiling in Winter."

They then returned to Canada to begin their own headline dates in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton. After recording in England, they are to continue with the Canadian tour - hitting Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Atlantic provinces



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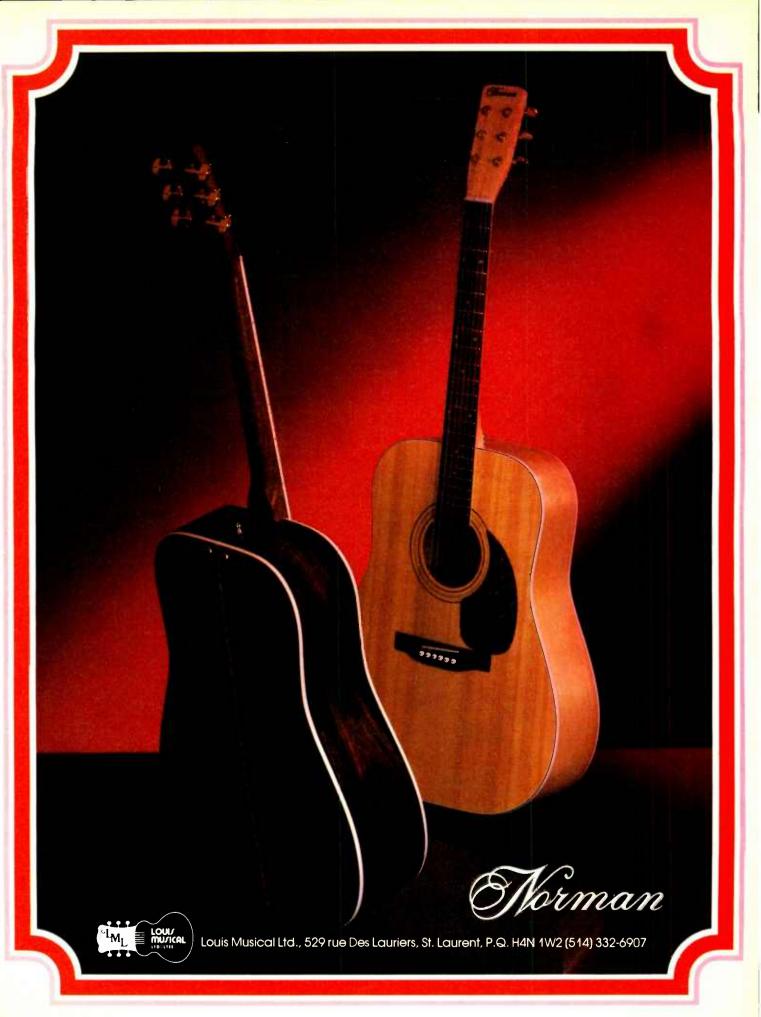
This year could be as busy and potentially even more successful than last year. Time will surely tell, but at the moment, the Spoons seem rich with promise for the years to come.

"It's kind of a paradox," Gordon mused. "There are a lot of bands that have worked hard for a long time. At first, it was probably easier for them. They're doing what people have been doing all along - the proven path, the cover stuff that people supposedly want to hear. They're cheating themselves in the long run, I think.

"We're doing something that, at the beginning, no one even wanted to hear about. It's new and different. Now it's really taken off. We never did cover music. We've taken the not-so-easy-way," he smiled, "and it's worked out easier." **cm**

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own," she continued. "He's a very modern entertainer for children in that he respects them so much that he treats them as equals and I think that's what they respond to - that they're not being patronized."

Which is exactly the case. Raffi does regard children as people, with minds of their own, and not just as small poeple who should be seen but not heard. He states his case well.

"If we see children as whole people with a dignity all their own, as hopefully we would see anyone of any age, we then give their lives a chance of blooming to their full potential because that means we respect their childhood, which includes their feelings and opinions, as a valid part of their lives.

"Obviously," he continued, "that doesn't mean we go with everything they say because we, as adults, still must be the guide. But we can then guide by considering their own feelings and I think if you extend that thinking far enough, it can help minimize child abuse at all levels."

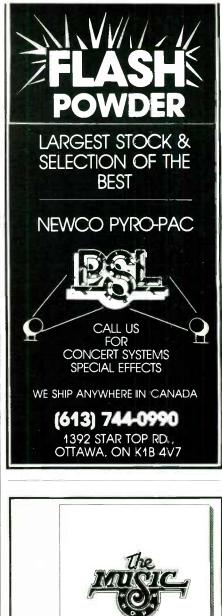
Raffi puts his songs where his heart is. They're fun and infectious, yet they teach and "reflect values and concerns that I feel are important as well as saying something positive about life's potential. The challenge is to make the songs entertaining at the same time."

Clearly the 34 year old singersongwriter has met the challenge head-on. Raffi's love, concern and respect for kids have brought him a flourishing career as one of Canada's top children's performers and the recognition of being one of this country's most successful recording artists.

To date, he has recorded five children's albums and, at last count, sold well over 700,000 copies in Canada alone. Four have gone platinum and his first album, *Singable Songs For The Very Young* (which is still going strong), was certified double platinum last year. And the fifth, *Rise and Shine*, is not only gold but shows every sign of going the full distance.

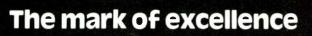
He has performed in over 70 centres across the land, been seen in performance by over 300,000 children and adults and is considered by promoters to be among the top five selling Canadian artists in concert. Over and above all this, CBC has presented him on two national TV Specials; one called *Raffi*, *Beluga and Friends*, the other *Raffi's Really Big Show*. And that's not even counting the inroads he's already made in the United States.

Raffi is quick to point out, however, that none of these things would have been possible without the support of those around him. Close friends, for example,



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like Ken Whiteley, his co-producer from the start.

"I think of us as guite a unique team," said Raffi, "and not only in an arranging and producing context. We're friends as well. It's a fabulous partnership."

Then there's Bonnie and Bert Simpson. both primary school teachers with whom Raffi collaborates on his songs. And, of course his wife Debi Pike, a Grade One teacher who not only helps write many of the songs but "has been invaluable in teaching me what kids are all about. Unquestionably, I couldn't do any of this without her.

An interview with Raffi is a warm encounter. He is an incredibly gentle man with a delightful sense of humour as well as a zest for life and although he is tops in his field, he wears success well. No celebrity whiplash here.

Born in Cairo of Armenian parents, he was raised and educated in Toronto, started playing acoustic guitar in high school, then went on to the University of Toronto - intent on being a history teacher "because basically I wanted to work with people." He grew up appreciating music, singing in the Armenian church choir with his father Artin Cavoukian - the renowned Canadian portrait photographer Cavouk - who played balalaika and accordion.

Spurred on by his admiration of such artists as Bruce Cockburn, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell ("her phrasing has such freedom"), Peter, Paul and Mary and, surprisingly, Frank Sinatra ("Again, phrasing. His is fabulous. Just amazing."),Raffi left university to pursue a career as a folk singer, performing for adult audiences at folk festivals and in coffee houses.

"I had a couple of breaks," he told one interviewer, "but nothing substantial in the way of success." He did, however, produce one independent album in '75 and although it sold only 2,000 copies, it was on his own label. Thus Troubadour Records was born.

Then in 1976 I borrowed about \$4,000 from the bank to make Singable Songs For The Very Young, he explained. "The idea came from my mother-in-law, Daphne, after I'd sung at her nursery school several times."

After some in-depth research and advice from his wife Debi ("I had to take a crash course on kids") with input from the Simpsons, the album was produced with his friend Ken Whiteley providing instrumental and vocal support. Raffi was the sole distributor.

"Absolutely. For the first four to six months I did it all myself although for a brief period, my ex-manager who had a day job, would help me a little. So at the time, Troubadour Records was one and a half people. In the beginning I phoned Sam Sniderman and he explained the discounting of the industry - all those percentages. What did I know? I knew nothing. Sam was helpful and took my first big order, then I went to A&A Records and got a big order

there. From '77 to '79, Ottawa's TCD Records & Tapes distributed me and A&M Records became the distributors around 1979."

"Raffi's is an unbelievable success story," said Gerry Lacoursiere, President of A&M Records of Canada. "He believed in what he was doing and put out his own dollars. Not only that, but the albums were sold at full price which was a real breakthrough in the children's market. Now there are probably about 700,000 little people out there enjoying his albums every night."

For the kids, Raffi's concerts are slightly magical affairs. His preparation for them is intense but, above all, filled with concern for his young audience.

"Definitely," said his manager, Glenn Sernyk. "Take the Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary. It has 2800 seats but an extremely steep-angled balcony so we just don't sell tickets there. The thought from us was, if you were three years old would you want to sit up there? Certainly the rent isn't lowered because we don't sell those seats but it's essential for Raffi that his concerts be a good experience for the kids."

Toronto concert promoter, Rob Bennett, takes it one step further.

"I'm very enthusiastic about Raffi's popularity and how good he is at what he does," Bennett said. "What he gives the children in one hour is truly memorable and special. He's so in tune with their developing interests and intelligence. He's amazingly sensitive and always concerned about *making* his concerts something very special for his audience. His concerts are fascinating to watch. As soon as he breaks into song, the kids join right in. Here are these little kids, three years old and up, and they literally sing every word of every song. Parents have a good time too and feel incredibly positive about bringing their children to any of Raffi's concerts.'

To those in the industry, it's common knowledge that Raffi has never beennominated for a Juno Award. What may not be common knowledge is that it's by his own choice.

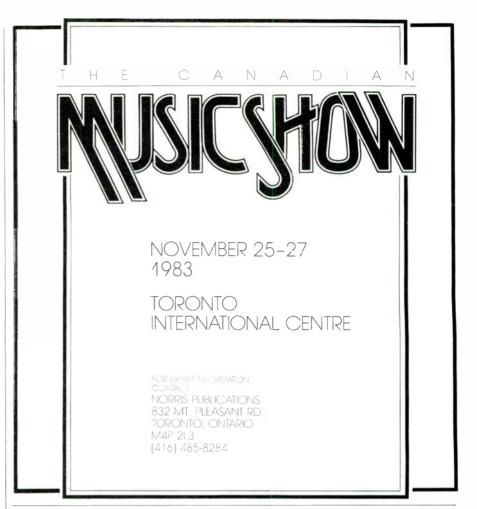
"It's the competitive aspect that doesn't appeal to me," he explained. "I'm trying to work in some ways toward a more cooperative society and I believe nothing is served by that sort of competition in the arts."

At the same time, his own beliefs didn't stop Troubadour Records from entering Scott Thornley's design for *Rise And Shine* in the Best Album Graphics category this year.

The cover of *Rise And Shine* is unique in shades, contrast and in execution," said Raffi. "We did it on his behalf. It's not for me so it's still consistent with my policy. But why deny him the chance?"

Clearly Raffi is fulfilled with the course his career has taken in what is a relatively new arm of the music industry - one that is fast becoming a busy field for others. And this he welcomes.

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years, as the entertainment industry gives children's performing arts the respect it deserves, I believe you'll see even more getting into it as a full time vocation.

"The work with children is still not appreciated as it should be and I think it's a reflection of society in general because the vocations of those who are doing such valuable work - nursery school teachers, kindergarten and primary school teachers - aren't seen as prestigious as those of professors in universities, for example. Yet the teachers of the younger children are moulding them at their most impressionable age."

Meantime there's the future to consider. Aside from the concerts ahead, Raffi's first book should hit the stores any day now. Entitled *The Baby Beluga Book* (based on the *Beluga* record) and published by the noted firm of McClelland & Stewart, it was cowritten with his wife Debi as well as the Simpsons and according to the publishers "is an extraordinary book for children." And although he doesn't adhere to a rigid recording schedule (just one of the advantages of having his own company), Raffi's kids can look forward to a Christmas album this year.

"Tve been asked to do one for the last two years and finally decided this year was the time," he explained. "I've never been a formula person in terms of my record release schedule. I've never held to that kind of thing. Baby Beluga was out for two years before we made Rise And Shine and, in the same way, it might be another two years from the release of Rise And Shine, which was last year, before I come out with a regular release as opposed to the Christmas album.

"It's much the same with *The Baby Beluga Book*. Simply because we did that book, doesn't mean we have to do a *Rise And Shine* book. I do each project as it comes naturally.

"Overall, insofar as the future goes, I think what's *really* important is that I keep growing as a person so that my work will always be fresh." cm

Raffi Discography

Adult Records:

Lovelight, Troubadour Records TR-008 (Lovelight a re-issue of Adult Entertainment, TR-003) Good Luck Boy, Troubadour TR-001

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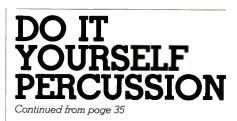
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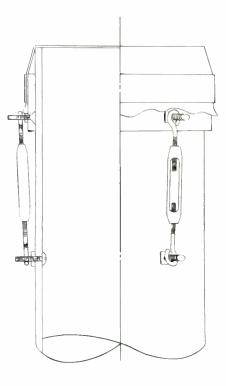
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saw, however, and am therefore measurably lazy in such matters. If you can get access to such an instrument, clamp a two by four behind the blade such that. with the union resting against the two by four, it will touch the saw table where the top of the blade comes through when you crank it up. Rest the union against the rip fence, and turn it (the union...not the rip fence) so the blade cuts all the way around it. Make several shallow passes around the union to avoid overheating it.

The ring should be a little less than half the length of the union...you can actually position the saw blade so that it cuts right beside the shoulder.

Because the inner surface of the ring is

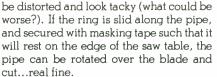


tapered, it will not fit on the pipe just yet; it will want reaming out. As it happened, my saw has a three inch pulley on its motor, and, with a few layers of masking tape interposed between it and the ring, the little fellow could be jammed on, and thereafter scraped out with the edge of a chisel. If you are not so fortunate, this can be undertaken by hand with a chisel or sandpaper; ABS plastic is pretty soft. Make sure the ring will slide freely along the pipe.

If you succeed in getting the ring jammed on the pipe, soap the pipe.

Once you have the ring cut, it can be used to guide the cutting of the top of the pipe. This is fairly critical, as, if the top lip of the pipe isn't smooth, the drum head will

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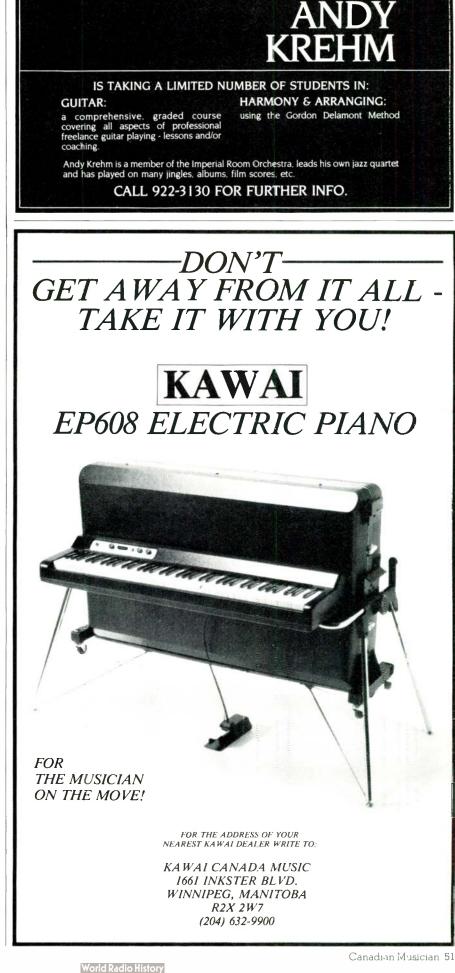
The ring is fitted with three bolts, which support the turnbuckles and provide a place to hang your jewellery. The only reguirement of these is that they be flatheaded, and recessed into the inner surface of the ring so as not to impede the ring's sliding along the pipe. You should use fairly small bolts, lest they require so much recessing that you recess them clear through the ring. Corresponding bolts are stuck in the pipe so as to line up with the bolts in the ring. Make sure that, with the ring in its obvious place, the distance between the pipe bolts and the ring bolts is about the same as that between the eyes of your turnbuckles when they're unturned; this will vary, depending upon how tiny your turnbuckles are.

Lots of different materials were tried for drum skins, and most of the obvious ones have one thing in common; they don't work. Vinyl works. The shiny stuff for upholstering your guitar case or making formerly trendy fashions costs about two bucks a yard, and seems ideal. Comes in a rainbow of colours, most of which have a fake grain.

The vinyl skin is attached to the ring via a sufficiently large hose clamp. For the uninitiated, this is a band of steel with a gismo on it that forms it into a circle and permits one to reduce the diameter of said circle with a screwdriver. If a strip of cardboard is placed inside the hose clamp, the screwdriver thing won't pinch the vinyl. With the vinyl held over the ring, tighten the hose clamp until things are fairly secure.

The rest of the assembly should be fairly self evident. The ring is slipped over the end of the pipe, and the two sets of bolts aligned. The turnbuckles get fitted over the bolts...it's a lot easier to adjust the thing later if you make sure they all tighten in the same direction. The turnbuckles can then be tightened until the drum head attains the desired pitch.

If you're up for connecting the drums together, you can use hardwood spacers and either several short bolts, two for each spacer, or two long threaded rods. The drums can be supported on anything vertical and fairly stable; tried with success have been a rusty mike stand, a photographic tripod, a thing made out of hardwood dowel (which looks like a mike stand), and a cymbal stand. Let innovation wash over you. **cm**





ANDY KREHM

GUITAR INTRODUCTION

Since this is my column debut, I would like to answer the question already forming in your mind: "WHO IS HE?" Many people including some of my employers and musical colleagues, don't even know the whole story.

Every few weeks a musician will remark at my good fortune at having a steady job at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room. Actually I work there only a few weeks per season, on a freelance basis when the incoming show calls for a local guitarist. A producer, who had seen me play banjo in the orchestra of a couple of theatre productions, called me recently to do a jingle on that wondrous instrument. A fellow guitarist, who saw an advertisement for my teaching course, thought (incorrectly) that students were my primary source of income. Then who was that in the orchestra of a television show Live From The Forum? And since no musicians, except Music Director Dave Woods, know that I dubbed the sound for Rich Little's lute 'playing' in a recent CBC /Pay T.V. production, I thought I would introduce this important bit of news here. If you happen to see this production, ignore the fact that Mr. Little is holding a mandolin! Perhaps you unknowingly heard one of my arrangements in the Young People's Theatre production of Really Rosie, which I wrote in my capacity of assistant orchestrator/arranger to composer Raymond Pannell. I was last seen playing in Susan Stone's fine one-nighter band at a realty convention. (I played at a wedding reception the week before.)

In fact, my music employment is spread over the following categories: Recording, Theatre, Stage and Industrial Shows, Nightclubs, One-Nighters (jobbing), Writing (arranging/composing), Music Directing and Producing, Teaching and something I call New Projects.

I have used the preceding information to in-

troduce myself and, at the same time, the type of work many freelance musicians are involved with. It is my impression that most people are not aware of the skill and versatility involved in becoming, and remaining, a successful musician. Of course, everyone is aware of the few players who work exclusively in the studios. We also appreciate the great solo artists (but forget about the great studio band) and admire (even covet, in a moment of weakness) the large income of the popular rock groups. But, the truth is that most of us who make our living from music, work in a variety of jobs related to at least three or more of the previously outlined categories.

I would like to write more on careers and directions, both for the aspiring professional guitarists and for those of you who enjoy an inside look at the world of music. In the near future, I will describe my recent odyssey as I undertook to upgrade my equipment. A possible theme for this column could be "a conspiracy of bankers and music equipment companies to keep local guitarist from ever putting any money in the bank." In spite of the latter comment, I hope my research will save you time, and even money. Of course, many of my columns will deal with the various musical challenges of guitar playing and general musicianship.

Please write to me c/o Canadian Musician if you have any column suggestions or general correspondence. I will attempt, schedule permitting, to answer letters that request a reply. Enclosing a selfaddressed, stamped envelope would be most thoughtful. You might also wish to read, or re-read, an article I wrote for Canadian Musician that featured a discussion on show playing for guitar. The article ran in three consecutive parts starting in the April 1980 issue. Perhaps I can expand on or answer questions on one of the many topics that I touched upon there.

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BRIAN HARRIS "There is measure in all things," according to Homer. I would bet my bottom dollar that if Homer heard some of the keyboardists I've heard, he would take that back. It seems that guite a few keyboardists need to work on the rhythmic aspect of their playing. In fact, I hate to admit it but there seems to be an inordinate number of us who sound as though we have never been within shooting distance of a metronome. For many of us the problem is compounded by the fact that we can play solo and don't really need other musicians to sound complete. In a solo situation you're not forced into playing with good rhythm. Other musicians who primarily perform in a group will usually develop a sense of rhythm from the very act of having to play and blend with the rest of the ensemble. In this issue we'll take a look at rhythm - rock rhythm in particular, although the basic principles here can be applied to many other styles.

One idea that can be of great benefit to keyboardists in the area of rhythm is to learn to *think like a drummer*/ This one concept can both increase your time sense (that is to help you to improve your ability to play with a good steady beat and a good rhythmic feel) and develop your ability to create new and interesting rhythms.

Let's take a look at what a drummer might do in a very basic '50s rock tune.

1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

Try to imagine in your mind what this will sound like. Saying "1 and 2 and 3 and 4" will make it easier. If you can, have a drummer demonstrate what this sounds like. Try it yourself on the drums! Now let's think like a drummer and apply a similar technique to the keyboard.

Here the right hand takes the part of the ride cymbal and the left hand takes the part of the bass drum. With a light accent on the 2nd and 4th beats to imitate the snare, we now have a basic '50s rock beat on keyboard. Let's try some more examples.

This drum rhythm when applied to the keyboard becomes:

Please note that there is no one absolutely correct method to transfer drum rhythms to the keyboard. In

this example I have not tried to directly imitate the ride cymbal pattern since the feeling of eighth notes is suggested anyway between the two hands. As far as the harmony or bass lines go, it's entirely up to your personal taste.



We now have a slightly more complex drum rhythm, which when I apply to the keyboard becomes:

If you have small hands the first chord in the R.H. might be difficult for you to reach. In that case you could omit the top C. You'll note that I've gotten a little more adventurous with the bass line and the harmony. On the '3 and' I've used a chord which is simply a ½ step approach chord into the next chord which is C7 (with the root and 5th omitted).

You should be getting the basic idea now. Keep in mind that the drum patterns suggest only the rhythm - the rest of it is up to you. Use these examples as a guide and start to create your own patterns based on what you hear drummers play. Better yet, work on the drums yourself. Many of the top keyboardists in the pop, rock and jazz fields also play drums. In fact some play very well. I have noticed among my own students, that those who played drums seemed to have a better rhythmic conception on the keyboard.

Certain players are worth studying because of their expertise in this area. Two that come to mind are Doug Riley and Chester Thompson. Doug can be heard on many records produced in Toronto and with his own band, Dr. Music. Chester can be heard with the group, Tower of Power.

Don't be afraid to count. This can be extremely helpful in playing rhythmic passages. Here are two more examples without the corresponding drum parts. You'll see that they sound as though they were inspired by the drums.



I hope this concept proves interesting and useful. Either way, please let me know! Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm off to read Pete Magadini's column! You never know what I might learn about keyboards! Take care, and we'll see you in the next issue.



DAVE YOUNG

BASS STRING BASS PICKUPS

There are several pickups on the market, including Polytone, Barcus-Berry, Underwood, Kolstein 'Dual Transducer' and Fishman. There are others available but since I haven't had direct experience with them I'll only comment on the above.

First, let us consider a few general conditions which should be fulfilled by the use of a good pickup, given a good amp and speaker setup. The natural sound of the bass must be transmitted accurately through the amp and speaker. Thus be familiar with the natural sound of your instrument. Second, the pickup should allow you to play reasonably loud without feedback. Feedback can be caused by (a) standing in front of the amp and speaker at a particular angle or (b) the resonating of the tailpiece or the strings. Before playing, check to determine the best position of the bass in relation to the amp which will minimize feedback. Third, the pickup should be relatively simple to install and should not require any major alteration to the instrument. By major, I mean gluing to the top, attaching by screws or cutting of any part of the instrument to install the pickup. Fourth, the pickup should capture both the resonance of the body and the clarity of the strings. The sound should not be extreme - i.e. boomy because of too much resonance or all highs with excessive string sound.

The Polytone has been on the market the longest time and still ranks as a good pickup. I've found the sound to be somewhat electronic - nasal, whiny sound - but the sound is generally clear. It is easy to install - just tighten the brass tube, pointed at each end, between the feet of the bridge. You must control the volume directly from the amp or by use of a foot pedal. It does tend to feed back at high volume and the arco sound is not particularly good.

The Barcus-Berry is probably the best known and most widely used bass pickup. Initially you had to purchase the entire bridge with the pickup already installed. Later, using an electronic type of putty, you purchased a small contact pickup and stuck it to the bridge. The Barcus-Berry reproduces much of the resonance of the instrument and also gives a good arco sound. However, at high volume, I've found that feedback and a generally 'muddy' sound are the result. Pizzicato has a good stringy sound and is clear at most volumes. I should mention that a pre-amp is necessary to round out the sound and allows you to control the volume from the preamp. Always have a spare 9 volt battery just in case the sound begins to fade during performance. Because of the preamp, this is an expensive pickup - approximately \$150 to \$200.

The Kolstein "Dual Transducer" K101 Pickup (approximately \$150) is a recent development (mid 1982) utilizing two pickups (stereo effect), one on the upper arch of the bridge, the other on the belly of the instrument between the feet of the bridge. You have two inputs into the amp and must control the volume from the amp. I found the guality of sound to be too "woody" and resonant, with not enough clarity. Also, feedback at medium to high volumes was a problem. Arco sound reproduction was very good. The manufacturer claims that the tightness and position of the pickup between the feet of the bridge is crucial and that you should experiment to find the optimum position. I found this pickup to work best at low to medium volume levels and not high volume.

The Fishman BP 100 pickup (\$125 US) employs dual transducers clipped on the top of the bridge. The pickup is close to the strings and thus can reproduce pizzicato very well. One complaint is that the volume level is not even and tends to fall off as you move up the G string. Arco sound is very good. The pick-up is easily mounted, but once again the placement of the clips is critical in determining the quality of sound produced.

The Underwood pickup (\$125 US) is probably the most popular amongst professional bassists. It has dual transducers which fit into the slots on either side of the bridge. The small pads should slip into the slots with ease and not be jammed in. The overall sound is even from low to high with good strength in the upper register to facilitate soloing in this range. There is very little feedback at anything but "blast off" volume. The volume must be controlled from the amp or through a volume pedal. The sound is clear, with resonance from the instrument and edge from the strings. The pickup itself acts to mute the bridge and consequently the arco sound is not as strong as it could be. Overall, I've found the Underwood to be the best and have been using it for the last 6 years.

I have been advised by George Heinl & Co., Toronto that there is a new pickup available from California - Helpinstill model 90 - which is just being marketed. I'll pass on any information after I have tried it out. I hope that this information on the 5 most popular string bass pickups will allow you to make the correct choice for your instrument. The next step is to combine two pickups which should produce an even more accurate sound of the instrument. There is no end to this task.

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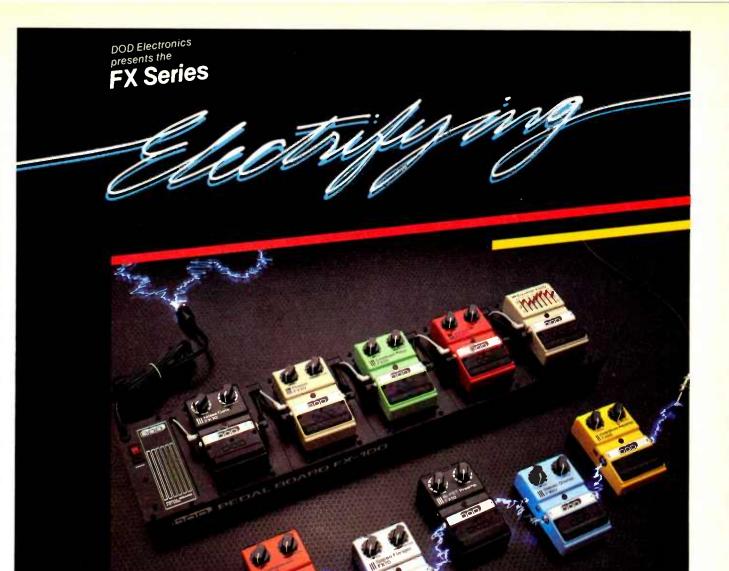
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Example:

The grace note indicates that the drum is struck first and the main note indicates that the drum is struck immediately after the grace note. The hand playing the grace note will always be closer to the drum head. When one flam is played, the hands then reverse so the hand that played the main note will now play the grace note. Always aim to keep the grace note hand still and close to the drum while you are switching hands for the next flam.

The Closed Roll or Buzz Roll

The closed roll, often referred to as the buzz or press roll, is a series of buzz sounds from each alternating stick. To begin developing the buzz roll, play a short relaxed buzz with each stick. After you can play a clear buzz in each hand, increase the speed until the "buzz" connects into one continuous sound.

Example:

In order to play the buzz roll louder you must apply more pressure to the drumstick and at the same time increase the speed of the alternating hands.

Example:



Practice playing the buzz roll from soft to loud to soft. Take your time.

The dynamic markings translate as follows:

pp - pianissimo - very soft

- p piano soft
- mf mezzoforte medium loud
- f forte loud
- ff fortissimo very loud

The Five Stroke Roll

The five stroke roll may be played both open and closed and is comprised of three hand motions. The first two hand motions are bounce strokes while the third hand motion is a single tap. The five stroke roll alternates from hand to hand.

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The open five stroke roll



The closed five stroke roll



Eighth notes and the five stroke roll (bass drum and hi-hat included)

An exercise for the snare drum, bass drum and hihat

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A PROFESSIONAL CAREER PART 2

DON **JOHNSON** Let me establish that a Brass player's professional career in this context could be referred to as the commercial career as opposed to strictly a symphony specialist.

Unfortunately many young Brass students are trained and prepare themselves for the symphonic world only to find themselves in the commercial world of brass playing totally unprepared for the demands. Symphony openings are few and far between and in the meantime it is necessary to make a living. Although admittedly many of the preparations could be applied to both idioms.

Before we investigate the preparatory needs of the modern Brass player, let us look at a few of the areas that could be available for work in the brass world.

- 1. Show Band rock
- 2. Studio-Jingles-Recording
- 3. Miscellaneous Jobbing
- 4. Jewish Weddings-Bar Mitzvah
- 5. Military Bands-Reserve-Permanent Forces
- 6. Jazz-Improvisation 7. Classical
- 8. Teaching-Private-Institution 9. Pit orchestra-shows
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- 12. Soloist
- 13. Plus the many subsidiaries of our business, such as instrument and music sales.

These are only a few of the many areas that brass players could prepare themselves for to make a comfortable living.

Naturally the more areas of the above list that you are fluent in, the more in demand you will be.

The following are ten areas that you must be proficient in to compete in any of the career avenues.

- 2. Endurance
- 3. Range

4. Technical Facility-flexibility-tonguing etc.

- 5. Reading all idioms
- 6. Repertoire
- 7. Improvisation
- 8. Idiom conception

9. Business-punctuality-deportment-attitude-professionalism

10. Consistency

In the comparison chart we will only deal with ten items. More could be added, such as, nerves, solo confidence, stage presentation, experience etc.

Each of the ten items listed is a study in itself and needs much more explanation than the capsule form I have used. Each avenue of work, with the preparation for it, should be gone into with depth.

For now, let us compare, on a rating from 1 to 10 how the country's top pro players and two top students rate with you.

		PRO		STUDENT			
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#1	#2 You	
1. Sound	1	1	1	1	1/2	3/4	
2. Endurance	1	1	1	1	3/4	3/4	
3. Range	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	
4. Technique	1	1/2	3/4	1/4	1/4	1/2	
5. Reading	1	3⁄4	3/4	1/2	1/4	1/4	

Repertoire	3/4	1/2	1	1	0	0
Improvisation	1/4	1/4	1	1/4	1/2	0
Idiom conception	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/4	3/4
Business	1	1	1	1	1/2	1/2
Consistency	1	1	1	1	1/4	1/2
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The professionals I have chosen are four of the busiest in our country. The two students are excellent players currently attending school.

A study of the chart reveals deficiencies in the following areas:

Sound

Pros are more accurate and consistent with core, centre and projection of sound. Much to do with sound conception and experience.

Endurance

This category is guestionable - the youngsters have great energy and good endurance. How they would pace themselves with four jobs a day remains to be seen.

Range

Students have range every bit as good as pros if not better in many cases. How consistent is it? Technique

Player #1 receives more overall work than all others because of his full technical command of his instrument.

Reading

Because of age and experience the pros are much sharper in all idioms than students.

Repertoire

This pertains to miscellaneous jobbing, and knowing tunes. Bossa Novas, waltzes, polkas, ballads,

Most players lose points in this category. Even player #1.

Idiom conception

Other than player #1 all players lose points for total conception in all areas of music. The deficiency with most of the commercial players is the lack of ability to function in a legit oriented job.

My contention here is that the commercial player does not have to gear himself for the total refinement of the symphonic player, but he should have a working conception and fluency in the classical area to enhance his job opportunities (Refer to Part 1, - CM April '83, - Brass players booked for the Napoleon iob).

Business

Experience and awareness.

Consistency

Pros have sensations stabilized and knowledge of business to perform the same at 8 a.m. or 8 p.m.

There is one column left for you to compare your capabilities against the four pros and the two students. These are all good successful players so be honest with yourself.

For the young keen brass student, please notice that the best has nine points.

There *is* room for you.

At $9\frac{1}{2}$ points, there is no such thing as a clique.

standards, etc. Pros far ahead. Improvisation

^{1.} Sound-projection-centre



LABARBERA

THE GREAT TENORS PART 3

PAT This will

This will be the final installment in the Great Woodwinds Series. I hope it has helped you increase your listening and expand your knowledge of the great players in jazz music. Record label abbreviations for the series appear at the end of the article.

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Record Label Abbreviations

AT or SD - Atlantic Blu - Blue Note CAD - Cadet CAP - Capitol Col or PC - Columbia Cont - Contemporary Dec - Decca Del - Delmark Fan - Fantasy JCOA - Jazz Composers Orchestra Association Lim - Limelight AH - Artist House IC - Inner City TLP - Trip QJ - Quintessence Main - Main Stream Mil - Milestone MJR - Master Jazz Recording PAC or PJ - Pacific Jazz Phi - Phillips Prest - Prestige RCA - RCA Victor Rep - Reprise Riv - Riverside S.S. - Solid State **UIA** - United Artists Van - Vanguard



BOB FEDERER

SYNTHESIZERS

DIGITAL SYNTHESIZERS: THE PPG WAVE 2.2

Digital synthesizers aren't new, but until recently they've been out of reach for most because of their outrageous price tags. Anyone who has worked with some of these machines has also found that their focus of attention often shifted from the creative aspect of creating music to struggling with the programming structure of the synthesizer. These days, most digital products are becoming more userfriendly, allowing the creative musician to translate his or her thoughts and emotions into sounds and music that previously could only be imagined.

The PPG WAVE 2.2 is an 8-bit, 8-voice polyphonic synthesizer with 16 digital oscillators. It features a 5-octave, velocity and touch sensitive keyboard, an 8-track digital recording system and the ability to store one hundred program patches at any one time. With the optional WAVETERM SYSTEM, the PPG will sample sounds, provide extra features for the digital recording system and store all programs, sequences and other data on floppy disk. Let's take a closer look at *some* of the features of the PPG.

Up until recently, most synthesizers offered four or five different waveform selections. The PPG offers over 1800 waveform selections. These are divided into thirty wave tables with each wave table holding sixty-four waveforms. The last four positions of each wave table contain triangle, pulse, rectangular and sawtooth waveforms, enabling the creation of conventional synthesizer patches. It is possible to step through up to sixty-four waveforms within the length of one played note. Depending on the wave table used, this will create such effects as echo, sample and hold, etc. A wide variety of timbral changes in the sound of the patch can be created which were impossible to achieve before.

The analog section of the PPG offers a 24db/oct. filter, three envelope generators and a low frequency oscillator (LFO) per voice. The LFO has triangle, sawtooth, inverse sawtooth and rectangular waveforms. Controls for the LFO include rate, waveform selection and delay. The function of the keyboard control voltage (KYBD CV), which normally determines the pitch of the oscillators plus tracks the cut-off frequency of the filter (VCF) in most synthesizers, has been extended in the PPG to also track waveform selection, final gain (VCA) and modulation intensity. With this feature, it is possible to have a different waveform under each key of the keyboard. The "bender" wheel may be assigned to vary pitch, VCF, waveform selection, the pitch of the sub-oscillator in each voice, pitch and VCF, pitch and waveform selection, or VCF and waveform selection. The range of this modulation wheel may also be pre-determined anywhere from

one tone or interval to an octave.

The PPG has a 10-key numeric keyboard plus another 10-key function keyboard which is used to call up different displays on the liquid crystal display.

This synthesizer may be played as an 8-voice poly, two 4-voice poly with keyboard split, 2-voice poly with 8 oscillators per voice, 1-voice monophonic using all 16 oscillators, 4-voice poly with 4 oscillators per voice, 4-voice poly and mono with keyboard split, 6-voice poly and 2-voice poly with keyboard split, or mono and 6-voice poly with keyboard split, or mono and mono with keyboard split. The PPG can play two different program patches at once allowing layering of patches. The keyboard split is selectable and is programmable.

Each voice may be tuned separately, allowing, for example, chords to be played with one key. As well, each voice may be detuned. The difference in tuning between the two oscillators per voice can vary from very slight to two octaves.

The PPG's 8-track digital recording system can store up to ten sequences, each with up to eight voices. Total storage capacity is 1000 notes. Seguences may be loaded polyphonically or one note at a time. An extensive editing package is included which allows loops to be created within the seguence, various time base corrections modes, overdubbing, deletions of unwanted notes or tracks plus up-dates to various parameters such as VCA, VCF, waveform selection, etc. once the sequence has been laid down. A control tone is also supplied, which allows the PPG to synchronize with multitrack recorders.

Jacks on the back panel include cassette interface, stereo phones output, channel l and 2 output, sustain pedal, CV in, TRIG in, TRIG out, program step, clock rate with mini-switches to define clock modes, rhythm interface for such units as the Roland TR-808, Linn, etc., plus interface for external computer (the WAVETERM SYSTEM) and external keyboard (with piano-like weight and action).

I found the PPG to be an ultra-clean sounding synthesizer with amazing depth and clarity. While I wouldn't recommend this synthesizer for the novice synthesist, this unit has a great deal to offer to the serious musician. Present users include Tangerine Dream, Saga, Thomas Dolby and Fashion. Anyone interested in learning more about the PPG should contact Jim Burgess of Direct Synthesis at (416) 291-6337 or 477-8909.





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ROSEMARY BURNS

CAL TECHNIQUE RECAPITULATION

In other words, we're going to take another look at the correlation between the Mask and the Keyboard.

Whereas, in past issues, I have referred to the Positions as "A, B, C, D, E and F" they have been renamed: Forehead, Bridge, Cheek/Nose, Central, Cleft and Chin. There was some confusion between the names of the Positions and the actual Notes; I think these new Position names will clarify them even more.

I cannot emphasize enough the need to familiarize yourself with these Positions which can be directly related to the groups of keys on any Keyboard. Also, note this time the extended diagram which now includes the breast bone. This

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- Eb

Db

В

– Bb

- A

– Ab - G

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- Eb

- Dh

- C - B

– Bb – A

- Ab

- G

- Gb

- F – E

– Eb

- D – Dh

- B

– Bb

- A

- Ab -G

-Gb

– F

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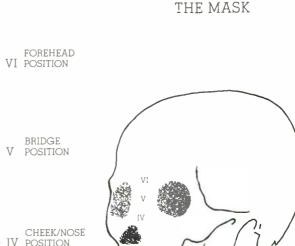
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area is responsible for sympathetic vibrations. Breath must pass through the vocal chords causing vibrations which in turn are projected to the intended Line and Position in the Mask.

The Hum, as I have said repeatedly, is the best way to master the use of this technique. As outlined in the last issue, a Hum is achieved properly by lifting the upper lip to meet the lower lip creating vibrations at the designated positions.

Remember, as a point of reference, that the Central Position is the centre of the voice. This page has been designed to be removed and pinned up in your practice area for immediate reference. Preferably by a mirror so that you can visualize what you are doing.





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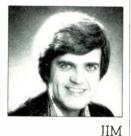
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PIRIE

ARRANGING READING THE SCORE

The following is a list of instruments and their transpositions. While this may seem very elementary to you, I assure you there is a purpose. Any professional arranger will tell you that one of the most important aspects of your education is the study of professional scores, while listening to recorded examples of same. Since most contemporary music is not published in score form, the easiest way to do this is to turn to the classics. Be it Tschaikowsky, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert or Wagner, you will find a wealth of orchestral material available in "Pocket Scores." Recorded examples of these major works are easily obtainable at any classical record outlet. However, you will find that these composers often wrote for instruments which are not exactly

commonplace today, at least insofar as contemporary music is concerned. You will also find that these scores are always transposed. (I.E. not in concert pitch.) When you find yourself looking at a Horn in A, or Clarinet in Eb, or Trumpet in D, it will do untold wonders for your sanity to be able to refer back to Pirie's Magic Chart to find out exactly what notes you are reading. You will also find that bassoon, trombone and cello parts, in their high tessitura, are written in the tenor clef more often than not. That can make you silly too, if you're not careful. Therefore, consequently, and ergo, the following examples are given simply in order to facilitate the reading of the score.





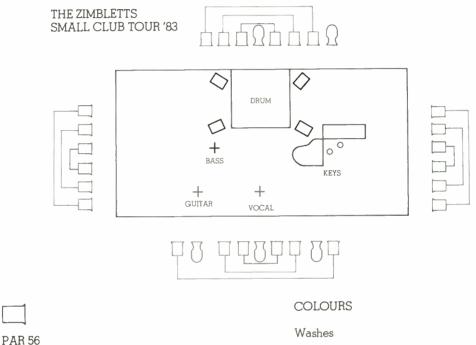


JAN Elliot

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Jan Elliot has been Lighting Designer for Westbury Sound and Lighting for approximately two years. Prior to joining Westbury, Jan was with Showco in the U.S.



RECORDING AND VIDEO PART I

PAUL ZAZA These days a recording session could, and often does, mean recording *pictures* as well as sounds. More and more bands are now recording videos of their songs. First of all, I'd like to clear up a few misnomers about video.

- (a) I've often heard people say they're going to film a video. This means absolutely nothing. Film has nothing to do with it. It is an entirely different medium altogether. More correctly, one goes out to shoot a video or record one.
- (b) No matter how good you are (or may think you are), and no matter how well you know the material, when you endeavour to lip-sync on video tape to a pre-recorded audio tape, the viewer can always sense that something is unnatural about the final result. The lips are not faster than the eye. While the process of lipsync to playback is an easier route to go (technically), it does not make for a better final product.
- (c) At the other end of the spectrum, when a band undertakes a video recording totally live, that is, shooting the audio simultaneously with the video, the sound will usually take the back seat to the pictures. The rationale that "...it's okay, it's only coming out of a three inch speaker anyway" doesn't hold water. It sounds just as bad coming out of a three inch speaker as it does coming out of a 15 inch speaker.
- (d) Don't kid yourself, there's no such thing as an inexpensive video. Videos cost big bucks, if they're to be done right. The good ones have paid special attention to detail at the audio and video level, with the overall feel in mind at all times.

- (e) Ask yourself this question at the outset, "What am I going to do with this video after I've made it?" What often happens, is that a group makes a video tape of their songs, shows it to everyone (who may comment "that's nice") and find they've no outlet for the tape beyond demonstration. Many T.V. producers go into video taping with a pre-sale. That is, a guaranteed market slot on pay or free T.V., the bar circuit, video cassette rental shops etc. The time to worry about recouping your money is before you've spent it, not after.
- (f) You'll probably find that the more you talk to the various video houses, the more confused you'll get. There are several ways to do the same thing in video and, of course, every house you talk to are the experts. Ask to see and hear some (a few) of the videos that they have done and judge for yourself.
- (g) Videos are not going to replace radio or records. Just imagine trying to watch a video while driving to work in your car! How can a person clean their house and concentrate on a video? Video is another art form not a successor to the present ones.

In conclusion, before attempting a video, one should have a theme or a message that is contained in the music itself utilizing the pictures and effects to augment, highlight and develop that basic feeling. Effects just for the sake of effects are boring and short-lived. Everyone has seen it all before! As corny as it sounds, it still gets back to the fundamentals. "If its not in the music to start with, the pictures aren't going to save it." Perhaps with the exception of someone writing the score to a *PAC-MAN* game. But that could really eat up your budget.





MONA COXSON

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

SOME STRAIGHT TALK

Because of the tacky press releases I've been getting lately, not to mention a slew of second-rate press kits, this was to have been a column on publicity and promotion but somewhere along the line I got sidetracked.

It started when I decided to leaf through the magazine's back issues to double-check the subject matter of past columns and that meant going over four and a half year's worth of publications. By the time I'd finished, there was a deadline to meet so publicity and promotion went by the boards. Instead, I opted for some straight talk.

Since the birth of *Canadian Musician*, we've covered a lot of topics including Income Tax, Building A Band, On The Road, Auditioning for Agents and one on Being A Leader that brought in a really neat letter. (Incidentally, honey, if you're still out there knocking on doors, I'm not into leather, whips or chains. But I'm sure into professionalism.)

Other columns have touched on instrument insurance, disability insurance, money management, government grants and backup singers - to name just a few. And those few are just the tip of the iceberg because this magazine, like no other, reaches out to Canadian musicians across the land in almost every milieu.

Because of that, there's no end to what should be learned about the business of music if you're going to make it without acquiring too many bruises along the way. Too many musicians have gone into the business not knowing what it's all about. Too many have had to learn the hard way. Too many have paid dues that might have been avoided had they known more. Too many have given up when they should still be in the business and too many have sunk into a well of bitterness (sounding off at any given opportunity) because they wouldn't listen or learn from the mistakes of others.

Which is what this column has been all about and if it has helped to smooth the way for even one musician along the way, then it's all been worthwhile. Often it's difficult to know, however, since few readers take the time to write. It's really the only way any columnist can be sure about what topics to hit on so if you have any beefs or bouquets, let's hear from you. We know what we're talking about but we're not mind readers.

Obviously only a handful of you are interested in alternate careers in the music business (CM February 1983 issue). To the few who did write, I'll answer your letters personally and to the gentleman who phoned from Montreal, please write. The telephone number passed on to me was out of service.

The lack of interest in the many areas of the business astonished me. Either those who read this column know every aspect of this industry (which I doubt) or are too locked into their own thing to care what others do. More's the pity, because the other guy's job might affect your career one day and better you should know just what his qualifications should be, if he has them, what his job entails and what his objectives are for you, the artist.

Not only that, but the music business is constantly changing along with the people involved in it and it's best to keep on top of it. I've worked in the music business for more years than I care to admit, been successful at a number of careers within the business and I'm still learning.

But more important, perhaps, awareness of other areas can help lay the groundwork for the future. When you're a little older, you may find you've had enough of performing (or you haven't got what it takes to make it in the first place) yet still want to remain within the industry. In short, foresight pays off.

I think one of the biggest mistakes a musician can make is in not looking ahead. Len Epand best describes this in his introduction in *Making It With Music* (Harper & Row) when he writes of how Kenny Rogers has handled his own career.

"Longevity, Kenny Roger's has found, is a matter of pyramiding. Working one area for a while but at the same time laying the groundwork to go elsewhere, thus giving an alternative when you've worn yourself out in one kind of pursuit."

Another mistake I feel musicians make is being too locked into one particular style or field of music. If rock, jazz, folk or whatever is your specialty - fine. But don't have tunnel vision. A well-rounded musician will expose himself to all styles of music and know all facets of the music business. Moreover, exposure to different and new kinds of music can often provide fresh insight into your first musical love.

Compare the music profession to others. An extreme example is medicine, in which we have specialists for just about every part of our body, yet each has had to study the functions of our body as a whole before concentrating on his specialty. The total knowledge is there.

To those of you just starting out, I wish you every success. Regardless of the pitfalls, and they are there, you are entering a profession that can be satisfying beyond belief. One that can be fun and fulfilling both monetarily and aesthetically. One in which thousands already working in it wouldn't trade music for any other field. Above all, if music is truly important to you, you will be entering a profession in which you will be doing what you love most and today, how many men and women can admit to that.

Meantime, I think it's time to thank both our publisher Jim Norris, (who initially approached me about writing this column in '79), for his concern about Canadian musicians, and our editor, Kathy Whitney for her complete empathy, total understanding and ever-present patience - particularly when deadlines aren't met. Kathy, perhaps more than anyone, knows how much I love the music business and how much I care.

PRODUCT NEWS



TASCAM AUDIO MIXING CONSOLE

The Tascam M-50 mixing console was designed to perform three primary functions - recording basic tracks, overdubbing and mixdown. This 12 x 8 console has multiple inputs per channel plus reassignable submixes and monitoring capability.

The M-50's 12 input channels have three switch-selectable inputs plus each channel has an electrically balanced XLR mic input and a tape input.

The M-50 design allows for rapid 8-track (or 4-track) mixing for ad agencies, video post production rooms, and multimedia facilities as well as being suited for small club P.A., final film assembly or broadcast on-air mixing. For more information: BSR Canada, 26 Clairville Dr., Rexdale, ON M9V 4B3 (416) 675-2425.

PPG 2.2 AND WAVETERM



The basic unit of this music computer system is the PPG 2.2 - an independent 8-voice polyphonic synthesizer. It has its own microprocessor, 16 oscillators, 30 wavetables with approximately 2000 digitally produced complex waveforms, and its own 8-voice sequencer.

The PPG Waveterm is the enlargement unit to the

PPG 2.2 and consists of a video monitor with graphic possibilities, an 8" floppy disc mass storage memory and audio signal processor which allows the recording and treatment of natural, acoustic sound. This is contained in a 19" rack. For more information: Direct Synthesis, 570 Hood Rd., Unit 25, Markham, ON L3R 4G7 (416) 475-3594.

FOSTEX A-8LR RECORDER

The A-8LR is an 8-track multitrack recorder with remote capabilities weighing 29 lbs. The 7½ ips operation yields 45 minutes. The A-8LR allows the user to ping-pong to two open tracks thereby preserving true stereo imaging while continuing overdubbing. For further details contact: Erikson Music, 7750 Trans Canada Hwy., St. Laurent, PQ H4T 1A5 (514) 731-7566.

AUDIOTECHNICA AUDIO LIGHT

The AT-632 is a miniature fluorescent lamp designed for use on a turntable, on top of a stack of equipment, inside a cabinet and so on. The AT-632 uses a cold cathode discharge tube which produces no heat and no noise. This light will work with two AA batteries (included) or with an external DC transformer. Can be activated automatically or matuon: AudioVideo Specialists, 2134 Trans Canada Hwy. S., Montreal, PQ H9N 2N4 (514) 683-1771.

THE BLUESMASTER

The Bluesmaster was recently introduced by Custom Guitars, cut from ash with single cutaway and double body binding and is a full-size, full-scale instrument. Twenty-one nickel silver frets line a maple or rosewood fingerboard with maple neck. The Bluesmaster is available in two models and seven colours. Options include flame maple tops, gold hardware or black nickel hardware. For more information: Strings & Things in Memphis, 1492 Union Ave., Mem-phis, TN 38104 (901) 278-0500



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The Diamondkote Instant Polyester Repair Kit was developed for the repair of scratches, chips or broken edges and corners of polyester coated musical instruments and furniture. Kits are available in black, clear or both. Also available is the Diamondkote Polyester Finish - a spray application. For more information: Pianotek Ltd., 3600 Dufferin St., Downsview, ON M3K 1N7 (416) 630-3989.

NEW FROM FENDER

Guitars in the California Series feature slimmeddown neck and in-line headstock design patterned after Fenders' electrics. Six guitars are full-size dreadnoughts, one is a slim-bodied cutaway, and one is a dreadnought cutaway.

Fender has also announced two new cutaway guitars crafted from hardwoods featuring rosewood backs, sides and fretboard with mahogany necks. F-265C is a fully acoustic model with a sunburst finish while the F-270 SCE is an acoustic-electric with a solid Sitka spruce top, gold-plated tuning machines and a piezoelectric pickup.

Studio Lead and Stage Lead are new guitar amplifiers featuring separate volume, gain and master controls for the lead channel preamp. Other features include footswitchable reverb (active on both channels), preamp out and power amp in jacks for effects patching, and front panel LEDs to indicate which channel is active.

Other additions to Fender's amp line are the



Stage Lead & Studio Lead Amps

Harvard Reverb II and Yale Reverb models. The Harvard Reverb II is a compact single-channel unit with 20 watts and a single 10" speaker. The Yale Reverb offers a 50 watt output and a specialdesign 12" speaker. For more information: Tartini Musical Instruments, 518 Agnes St., P.O. Box 578, New Westminster, BC V3L 4Y8 (604) 521-5901.

RONISCH PIANOS

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These microphones are prepolarized condenser types with integral preamp. For more information: Bruel & Kjaer Canada Ltd., 90 Leacock Rd., Pointe Claire, PQ H9R 1H1.

GUITAR-AID POSTER

The Guitar-Aid poster can aid experimentation by allowing the guitarist to try new chords, experiment with juxtapositions of chords and examine the relationships between different sounds. The poster illustrates the Fingerboard Chart enabling the guitarist to locate the note on the fretboard and substitute a correlating chord. For more details: UI Blue Communications, Box 450, Qu'Appelle, SK SOG 4A0

NEW FROM ZILDJIAN

Zildjian has introduced a new paper thin crash cymbal available in 14", 15", 16" and 17" sizes.

Also new is the Amir cymbal line, a non-cast cymbal line which includes a 20" mediumweight ride, 14" hi-hats with a medium-weight top and a medium-heavy bottom, and 16" and 18" crashes - both thin in weight.

China Boy is a special effects line from Zildjian available in both high and low pitches. These light weight cymbals are available in 16", 18", 20" and 22" sizes, with rivets optional.

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cymbals. This new line includes rides, jazz rides and crash rides in 18", 20" and 22" sizes; medium heavy K. hi-hats in 14" and 15" sizes; and mediumthin weight dark crashes in 16", 18" and 20" sizes. For more information: Avedis Zildjian, Longwater Dr., Norwell, Mass. 02061 (617) 871-2200.

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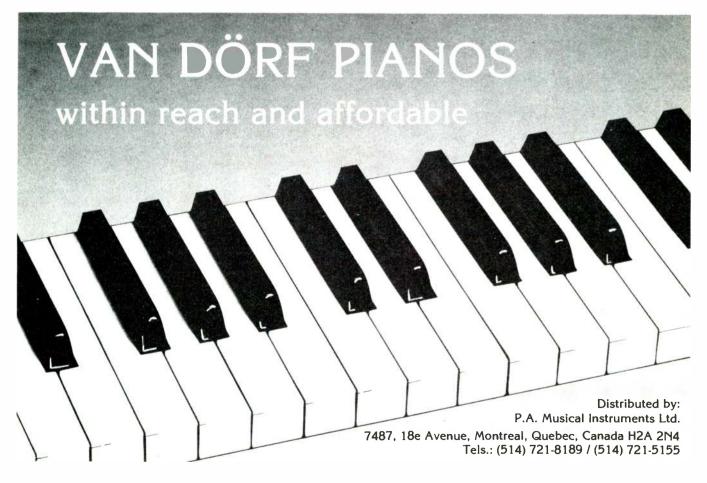
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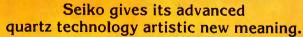
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