



BRYAN ADAMS

Universal's Ross Reynolds presents Bryan Adams along with manager Bruce Allen, and bandmates Keith Scott and Mickey Curry, with platinum awards for *The Best Of Me* and double platinum awards for *On A Day Like Today*.

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Great Big Sea win ECMA fan award for fifth year

For the fifth consecutive year Great Big Sea was voted Entertainer of the Year at the East Coast Music Awards, which were held in Sydney, Nova Scotia (Cape Breton) and televised on the CBC-TV Network this past Feb. 6. The award is particularly important in that it is voted on by the fans. The WEA recording band, comprising Alan Doyle, Sean McCann, Darrell Power and Bob Hallett, also won Group and Album of the Year for *Turn*.

Gordie Sampson, who releases on the Universal label, was also a multiple-award winner, winning SOCAN Song of the Year and Video for *Sorry*, and tying with EMI recording artist Kim Stockwood for Single of the Year, also for *Sorry*.

Other multiple-award winners were Kim Stockwood, John Curtis Sampson, Barachois and Natalie MacMaster, who shared hosting duties of the awards show with Newfoundland comic Shaun Majumder. Stockwood won as Pop/Rock Artist and Single for *12 Years Old*. Barachois won for Francophone Recording for *Encore* and the Roots Traditional Group Award. John Curtis Sampson took home the awards for Country Artist and for New Artist/Group. MacMaster won the Female Artist and Roots/Traditional Solo Artist awards.

Eulogies are very rarely, if at all, part of an awards show. However with the setting for the ECMA Awards show being Cape Breton, it was only

- ENTERTAINER**
GREAT BIG SEA
- MALE ARTIST**
JOHN GRACIE
- FEMALE ARTIST**
NATALIE MacMASTER
- GROUP**
GREAT BIG SEA



GREAT BIG SEA

fitting that this close-knit community pay a musical tribute to John Morris Rankin, a member of the local Rankin Family Band, who was killed in an auto accident on January 16 of this year. Two of John Morris' close friends, Dave MacIsaac and Howie MacDonald performed a very simple but highly emotional tribute on fiddle and guitar that hushed the house. But as the medley turned into one of John Morris' favourite jigs, the audience suddenly erupted in a hand-clapping celebration of his life, an emotional happening that displayed the high regard the industry and the community had for John Morris.

The awards show also featured performances by Ian Janes, Julie Doiron, An Acoustic Sin, Fur Packed Action, Measha Brueggergosman, Valentina Kotko, Aselin Debison, Bruce Guthro, The Barra MacNeils, Damhsa Breacan Dancers, Barachois, Damhnait Doyle, The Fables, Gordie Sampson, Kim Stockwood, Mary Jane Lamond, and Natalie MacMaster.

The Dr. Helen Creighton Lifetime Achievement Award was presented posthumously to Lee Cremo, the Cape Breton fiddler, renowned for his unique Mi'kmaq-Scottish sound. Members of his family accepted the award.

The complete list of winners and their categories are as follows:

- COUNTRY ARTIST**
JOHN CURTIS SAMPSON
- VIDEO**
SORRY
Gordie Sampson
- FRANCOPHONE RECORDING**
ENCORE
Barachois
- POP ROCK ARTIST/GROUP**
KIM STOCKWOOD
- ALTERNATIVE ARTIST/GROUP**
AN ACOUSTIC SIN
- GOSPEL ARTIST/GROUP**
NOVA SCOTIA MASS CHOIR



NATALIE MacMASTER

CLASSICAL RECORDING
REACHING FROM THE ROCK
NF Symphony Youth Choir

NEW ARTIST/GROUP
JOHN CURTIS SAMPSON

CHILDREN'S ARTIST/GROUP
RIK BARRON

ABORIGINAL ARTIST/GROUP
MORNING STAR

BLUES ARTIST/GROUP
GLAMOUR PUSS

INSTRUMENTAL ARTIST/GROUP
JP CORMIER

JAZZ ARTIST/GROUP
JIVE KINGS

ROOTS TRADITIONAL SOLO ARTIST
NATALIE MacMASTER

ROOTS TRADITIONAL GROUP
BARACHOIS

URBAN RECORDING
THE TIME
Jamie Sparks

ALBUM
TURN
Great Big Sea

SOCAN SONGWRITER
GORDIE SAMPSON
Sorry

SINGLE (Tie)
SORRY
Gordie Sampson
12 YEARS OLD
Kim Stockwood



KIM STOCKWOOD

Stompin' Tom/industry honours at ECMA Awards

Stompin' Tom (Connors) Awards, honours to industry leaders and the Industry Builder Award shared the spotlight at this year's annual East Coast Music Association brunch which took place in Sydney, Nova Scotia as part of the ECMA Conference and Awards show.

Stompin' Tom Connors awards, are presented to musicians who have "made long-term contributions to the East Coast music industry and have paved the road for the many successful East

Coast artists of today." This year's awards went to Omar Blondahl, representing Newfoundland and Labrador; Nova Scotia's Carol Fredericks-Frank; Gib Whitney representing Cape Breton; Eddy Poirier from New Brunswick; and Prince Edward Island's Gordon Gallant.

The Industry Builder Award was presented to Joella Foulds and Max MacDonald, co-owners of Rave Entertainment in Sydney. They were honoured for having "selflessly devoted their time and energy

to countless cultural, arts and music industry boards and associations." Their dedication was recognized as having "furthered the careers of many musicians and contributed directly to the growth and interest in Cape Breton music."

The winners of the ECMA 2000 Industry Awards are:

INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL
Sheri Jones

MEDIA PERSON
Todd Battis

OUTSTANDING COMPANY
TideMark Music

RADIO SHOW/STATION
CBC

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
STEVE DUPUIS
Big Bang Marketing

PRODUCTION COMPANY/FACILITY
LakeWind Sound

TECHNICIAN
Jamie Foulds

MTV and Elektra offering AC/DC auction online

MTV and the Elektra Entertainment Group are putting AC/DC's Angus Young on the auction block, so to speak. A personal guitar lesson from Young will be offered to the highest bidder via an online auction on eBay.

The auction is part of a nine-day AC/DC-athon, which begins Feb. 21 with an online chat at MTV.com with Angus Young and AC/DC frontman Brian Johnson. The eBay auction will be launched on Feb. 11, and ending on the 29th.

The winner of the auction will be announced on the 29th, which coincides with the release of the group's new album, Stiff Upper Lip. The high bidder will be announced on MTV's Total Request Live from a TBA New York record store, where AC/DC will make the first in-store appearance of their careers.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Foundation, which provides music therapy treatment for severely disabled children.

Among other items to be auctioned via eBay are an invite to a special album launch party at New York's Hard Rock Cafe on Feb. 24th, and a front-row seat for AC/DC's performance on MTV's @ Large Week.

In addition to participating in the auction online, fans will be able to stream some songs from the new album, beginning on Feb. 21, via the auction page, which will contain links to Elektra.com, MTV.com, and participating retail sites.

Parlophone/EMI to re-release Lennon's Imagine

With the year 2000 marking the 20th anniversary of John Lennon's death, Parlophone/EMI Music Canada are releasing a remixed/remastered version of Lennon's landmark album *Imagine* on Feb. 15.

The re-release of *Imagine* will coincide with several other projects designed to honour the memory of the ex-Beatle. The re-issued album will feature a 16-page booklet with full lyrics (including

Lennon's own handwritten lyrics for *How Do You Sleep?*) and rare photos from the Lennon/Ono archives.

Along with the classic title track, *Imagine* also features Lennon favourites such as *Jealous Guy*, *Gimme Some Truth* and the aforementioned *How Do You Sleep?*

Yoko Ono participated heavily in the digital remixing of the album, and also worked on an accompanying film (to be released at the same time), which documents the making of the album.

Gimme Some Truth, the 56-minute film of the making of *Imagine*, will feature previously unseen footage from the Lennon film archives. The film was edited down from the original 16 mm print shot by John and Yoko. Along with the writing and recording of *Imagine*, the film also features casual appearances by friends such as Andy Warhol and Jack Nicholson. Much Music will air the film this April.

A DVD/VHS version of *Gimme Some Truth* will be released on March 28.

Imagine was originally recorded in the summer of '71, and released in North America in September of that year. Although the title track hit #1 on the RPM 100 Singles chart (November 27/71), edging out Cher's *Gypsys, Tramps & Thieves*, the album peaked at #2 on the RPM 100 Albums chart (Oct. 30/71), but was held out of the top spot by Rod Stewart's *Every Picture Tells A Story*.

Durham's KX96 brings out the best in country

KX96 New Country FM in Durham (Ajax) Ontario, has chalked up a heavy first-of-the-new-year round of activities with country acts from both sides of the border.

In addition to attending the CRTC hearings this past week for the 93.5 frequency in Toronto (RPM - Dec. 6/99), the station scheduled a large number of visits from country recording stars.

Shoreline recording artist Patricia Conroy was in the station's studio where she gave listeners a treat with an unplugged performance of a couple of songs from her new album. The station and Gabrielli Productions presented Conroy that same evening at a sold-out show at the Corral in Oshawa. Thomas Wade was even spotted on the dance floor.

Paul Brandt stopped by the station on Jan. 28 with his guitar and a couple of members of his band where they joined the KX96 morning team of Ellis

and Archer. They gave listeners a sample of KX96's presentation of Brandt and the Wilkinsons at Massey Hall on Feb. 17. Later that same day the station's operations manager Steve Kassay and promotions manager Adriane Vogel welcomed Trace Adkins live from Nashville to talk about *More ...*, his new album.

The station kicked off their Love On The Line Valentine's Day promotion on Jan. 31, soliciting listeners for their stories of how their Valentine "rescued them from Lonesomeville.", and on Feb. 14 Chris Cummings will be in the studio to promote his new *Lonesomeville* album and to choose at random eight "Lonesomeville survivor stories," which the winner will read on air. All eight winners will also receive a copy of Cummings' new album before it's available in stores on Feb. 15.

On Feb. 27 KX96/Gabrielli Productions present *Farmer's Daughter* at the Corral.



Prior to the KX96/Gabrielli Productions presentation of Patricia Conroy at The Corral in Oshawa, Conroy and fellow country artist Thomas Wade (left) met with KX96 morning man Jerry Archer (see story above).



Reprise artist Paul Brandt meets with KX96 staffers Steve Kassay, Carolyn Ellis, Jerry Archer and Adriane Vogel. The station is presenting Brandt, with The Wilkinsons, at Massey Hall on Feb. 17.

RPM

Record Distributor Codes:

BMG - N EMI - F Universal - J
Polygram - Q Sony - H Warner - P

Top 100 CDs

Compiled from retail and radio station reports.

Indicates biggest mover

MAPL: Indicates album has some Canon

TW	LW	WO	ARTIST	ALBUM	WEEKS ON CHART	PEAK	REMARKS
1	6	2	CHRIS SHEPPARD	Club Cutz 303 (BMG) 72527 - N	35	35	
2	1	24	SANTANA	Supernatural (BMG) 190802 - N	36	28	
3	2	11	BIG SHINY TUNES 4	Various Artists (Much) 306725 - F	37	62	
4	4	6	EFFEL 65	Europop (Popular) 83316 - F	38	33	
5	3	11	MUCH DANCE 2000	Various Artists (Much) 24061 - F	39	30	
6	7	12	DR. DRE	2001 (Aftermath/Interscope) 90486 - J	40	NEW	
7	5	12	CELINE DION	All The Way: A Decade Of Songs (Epic) 63760 - H	41	61	
8	8	3	ENIGMA	Screen Behind The Mirror (Virgin) 48616 - F	42	34	
9	9	4	BLUE RODEO	Days In Between (WEA) 80936 - P	43	43	
10	15	37	BLINK 182	Enema Of State (Universal) 11950 - J	44	44	
11	11	19	ALL STARS 2000	Various Artists (Popular) 820002 - F	45	45	
12	16	20	OUR LADY PEACE	Happiness... Is Not A Fish (Columbia) 63707 - H	46	46	
13	13	11	ENRIQUE IGLESIAS	Enrique (Interscope) 069 480 540 - J	47	47	
14	10	13	SAVAGE GARDEN	Affirmation (Columbia) 63711 - H	48	40	
15	12	38	BACKSTREET BOYS	Millennium (Arista) 41672 - N	49	66	
16	14	24	CHRISTINA AGUILERA	Self Titled (RCA) 67690 - N	50	50	
17	20	11	METALLICA	S & M (Elektra) 62463 - P	51	58	
18	22	10	WOMEN & SONGS 3	Various Artists (WEA) 38141 - P	52	59	
19	23	12	BRYAN ADAMS	The Best Of Me (A&M) 069 490 513 - J	53	53	
20	17	6	S CLUB 7	S Club 7 (Universal) 543237 - J	54	54	
21	21	21	KID ROCK	Devil Without A Cause (Atlantic) 83119 - P	55	55	
22	18	33	LIMP BIZKIT	Significant Other (Interscope) 90335 - J	56	56	
23	19	6	DMX	& Then There Was X (Def Jam) 314 546 933 - J	57	48	
24	24	35	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS	Californication (Warner Bros.) 47386 - P	58	57	
25	25	23	LOU BEGA	A Little Bit Of Mambo (RCA) 67887 - N	59	51	
26	29	12	KORN	Issues (Epic/Immortal) 63710 - H	60	52	
27	32	39	RICKY MARTIN	Ricky Martin (Columbia) 69891 - H	61	60	
28	36	23	DIXIE CHICKS	Fly (Monument) 69678 - H	62	41	
29	26	18	CHANTAL KREVIASZUK	Colour Moving And Still (Columbia) 80391 - H	63	37	
30	39	109	SHANIA TWAIN	Come On Over (Mercury) 314 536 003 - J	64	63	
31	31	6	METHODS OF MAYHEM	Methods Of Mayhem (MCA) 088 112 020 - J	65	73	
32	27	55	BRITNEY SPEARS	Baby One More Time (Jive) 41651 - N	66	74	
33	38	20	BRIAN MCKNIGHT	Back At One (Motown) 0121 537 082 - J	67	67	
34	42	10	Q-TIP	Amplified (BMG) 146192 - N			
			CHER	Greatest Hits: If I Could Turn Back Time (WEA) - P			
			JAY Z	Life & Times Of S Carter (Roc-A-Fella) 314 546 822 - J			
			FAITH HILL	Breathe (Warner Bros.) 47373 - P			
			SARAH McLACHLAN	Mirrorball (Nettwerk) 6700 30140 - F			
			2 PAC	Still I Rise (Interscope) 069 490 413 - J			
			D'ANGELO	Voodoo (Virgin) 243848499 - F			
			NOTTING HILL OST	Various Artists (Island) 314 346 196 - J			
			BOB MARLEY	Chant Down Babylon (Tuff Gong) 314 546 404 - J			
			JESSICA SIMPSON	Sweet Kisses (Columbia) 69096 - H			
			MAGNOLIA O.S.T.	Various Artists (Phillips/Sugar) 47583 - P			
			DIANA KRALL	When I Look (Verve) IMPD 304 - J			
			ANY GIVEN SUNDAY OST	Various Artists 83272 (Warner) - P			
			PROZZAK	Hot Show (Epic) 80367 - H			
			MATTHEW GOOD BAND	Beautiful Midnight (Universal) 53786 - J			
			PLANET POP 2000	Various Artists (BMG) 68995 - N			
			BECK	Midnite Vultures (Geffen) 069 490 485 - J			
			LIVE	Distance To Here (Radio Active) 088 111 966 - J			
			CREED	Human Clay (Wind Up/Epic) 91269 - H			
			WHITNEY HOUSTON	My Love Is Your Love (Arista) 19037 - N			
			RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE	Battle Of Los Angeles (Epic) 69630 - H			
			BEASTIE BOYS	Anthology: Sounds Of Science (Capitol) 22940 - F			
			LEANN RIMES	Leann (Curb) 77947 - F			
			MARIAH CAREY	Rainbow (Columbia) 63800 - H			
			SHANIA TWAIN	Come On Over: Remixes (Mercury) 088 170 123 - J			
			FOO FIGHTERS	There Is Nothing Left To Lose (RCA) 67892 - N			
			COUNTING CROWS	This Desert Life (Geffen) 6695 - J			
			TEA PARTY	TRIPych (EMI) 96545 - F			
			WILL SMITH	Millennium (Columbia) 69985 - H			
			JENNIFER LOPEZ	On The 6 (Work) 69351 - H			
			CHARLOTTE CHURCH	Self Titled (Eponymous/Sony Classical) 64356 - N			
			AMANDA MARSHALL	Tuesday's Child (Epic) 80380 - H			
			ERIC CLAPTON	Clapton Chronicles (Reprise) 47553 - P			
			GEORGE MICHAEL	Songs From The Last Century (Virgin) 48740 - F			
			BOYZONE	By Request (Island/Mercury) 314 547 404 - J			
			SISQO	Unleash The Dragon 314 546 816 (Universal) - J			
			98 DEGREES	98 Degrees... (Motown) 530 956 - J			
			FIONA APPLE	When The Pawn... (Clean Slate/Epic) 69195 - H			
			TLC	Fan Mail (BMG) 26055 - N			
			MARC ANTHONY	Marc Anthony (Columbia) 69726 - H			
			MACY GRAY	On How Life Is (EPIC) 69490 - H			
			SNOOP DOGG	Presents Tha Eastsidaz (Universal) - J			
			LOX	We Are The Streets (Interscope) 0694905992 - J			
			ANDREA BOCELLI	Sacred Arias (Phillips/Sugar) 99225 - J			
			SMASH MOUTH	Astro Lounge (Interscope) 6601 - J			
			STING	Brand New Day (A&M) 0694904432 - J			
			WWF: THE MUSIC VOL. 4	Jim Johnston (Koch) 8808			
			DESTINY'S CHILD	The Writing On The Wall (Sony) 69870 - H			
			NOTORIOUS B.I.G.	Born Again (Bad Boy) 73023 - N			
			POKEMAN: THE FIRST MOVIE O.S.T.	Various Artists (Atlantic) 83261 - P			
			ALANIS MORISSETTE	MTV Unplugged (Maverick) 47589 - P			
			ANDREA BOCELLI	Sogno (Polydor/Universal) 547222 - J			
			END OF DAYS O.S.T.	Various Artists (Geffen) 99273 - J			
			EURHYTHMICS	Peace (BMG) 169562 - N			
			GENESIS	Turn It On Again (Atlantic) - P			
			ALAN JACKSON	Under The Influence (Arista) 88922 - N			
			STONE TEMPLE PILOTS	No. 4 (Atlantic) 83255 - P			
			GUY III	Guy III (MCA) 088-112-170 - J			
			BUSH	Science Of Things (Trauma Records) 069 490 483 - J			
			CHOCLAIR	Ice Cold (Virgin) 96597 - F			
			GARTH BROOKS	Life Of Chris Gaines (Capitol) 20051 - F			
			LAURYN HILL	Miseducation Of (Columbia) 69035 - H			
			LEN	You Can't Stop... (Work) 69528 - H			
			MOIST	Mercedes Five And Dime (EMI) 496295 - F			
			DIXIE CHICKS	Wide Open Spaces (Epic) 68195 - H			
			TRIBE CALLED QUEST	Anthology (Jive) 44513 - N			
			THE BEATLES	Yellow Submarine: Remastered (Capitol) 214841 - F			

WALT SAYS . . . !



with Elvira Caprese

Tax to keep Cancon artists in Canada!!!

While hockey has become the great Canadian heritage thing, I want to propose a tax on all foreign artists who perform in Canada to keep Cancon artists in Canada. For one, BA has threatened to move as well as ST, AM, CD and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Artists complain that the taxes in Canada are too high. (EC: Now, if some of these artists played hockey and we put together a team ... !!!) She shoots! She scores!

Global news!!! It was interesting to see that ABBA, Mariah Carey shoe vomit item and Natalie Cole rated higher in the news than the Juno nominations recently ... further supporting my contention that those licences are getting into the hands of not-so-pro-Canadians thanks to the CRTC. Too much control in too few hands! (EC: You've got this hate-on for TV!!!) Nope! Just the clutter in the wasteland and the foreign domination! Too much lobbying and too much rubber stamping!

Just kidding! The best thing about the ECMA Awards was the appearance of someone to look like Ashley MacIsaac ... trussed up like a turkey and gagged. This was the funniest thing on the show with the exception of the male comic who hosted ... and he did a good imitation of a Newfie! (EC: Highbrow humour usually leaves me behind!!!) Very funny! (EC: What was???) Like Ashley I'm not saying much!

From where I sat!!! Watching the ECMA Awards, I wondered why the organizers couldn't have trimmed down some of the fat on the show, and paid tribute to both John Morris Rankin and Hank Snow.

ECMA vs Juno Awards!!! Last year's ECMA Awards were short only two or three thousand viewers from the Juno Awards, which isn't bad. On the other hand, there's a very definite spread of East Coasters across the country ... like in Toronto where it's estimated there are more Newfoundlanders than anywhere else. (EC: Even more than in Newfoundland? And, for your information, I enjoyed the show!!!)

And, while we're at it!!! You gotta hand it to the Toronto Star. Entertainment Reporter Mitch Potter, wrote like he was at the East Coast Music Awards. The best coverage of all the dailies, which included a photo of the Ashley MacIsaac spoof. He captured the very essence of the awards. He also drew a parallel of the ECMA Awards to that of the Juno Awards, pointing out that the ECMA awards show which honours the best in music from the four easternmost provinces "consistently draw a viewership approaching that of the national Juno Awards," which had 829,000 viewers in 1999, as opposed to the Junos with 1,195,000. (EC: Solution: Have more East Coast artists perform and present on the Juno Awards!!!)

The smokers did it!!! How about this. The biggest nightclub in North America, Lulu's in Cambridge/Kitchener, Ontario, an old K-Mart, which will give you some idea of how big it is/was, is closing down with a final curtain on April 9. Benn Spiegel, who owns club, a landmark in the city for the past 15 years, blames the Waterloo Region's no smoking in bars bylaw. But there's also a few other make-'em-stay-away reasons, like liquor licence charges, fights after concerts and the cancellation of the Stompin' Tom Connors New Year's Eve party. So, there you go you smokers. Because you've stayed away in droves, 100 people will be out of a job. No news on who's going to be in for the final date, which could and should be the concert of the year. I've been to a few dates there and they can really pack 'em in. The only problem was going home. The cops regularly chalked the headlights of the cars in the parking lot, and when the customers left, they were waiting down the road a few miles and pulled over the cars that were conveniently marked. (EC: Trying to nail somebody smoking eh???)

Let's hear it for Avery!!! Remember a couple of weeks ago when it was mentioned here that someone should hire Avery Haines, where they would get a news personality with personality? Well, who better to take advantage of a situation and turn it around than City-tv? And they did ... and Avery should be in front of the cameras next week. (EC: Moses must have come down from the mount to handle this one personally!!!)

Deny! Deny! Deny!!! That next predicted merger of the giants isn't going to happen ... well, not the way some of the gurus had been proclaiming. One of the giants has been denying left, right and centre ... and you know what that means. (EC: SOLD ... to the highest bidder!!!) Good news to some

Ashley's now the bad boy!!! You know what they say, "kick 'em when they're down." From a spoof on the ECMA Awards show, which I thought was very funny and not at all in bad taste, to a report in the Globe and Mail's Arts Section of Feb. 2/00, on a New York benefit concert at Carnegie Hall

where Ashley MacIsaac was included in the lineup. Reporter Simon Houpt headlines his piece "Canada's bad boy plays nice," where he goes a little too in-depth on MacIsaac's shortcomings. It wasn't a bad piece actually, except for the negative bit where he suggests that south of the border, "MacIsaac remains little known," and that autograph fans outside the Carnegie Hall stage door "had never heard of him." All of which makes me wonder why the organizers would want Ashley in the first place. (EC: Because he's a great draw ... that's why!!!)

To Internet or not!!! Do we grow wiser as we grow older? WOW! Has the Internet become the cat's ass or what? Last year a bunch of the guys in high places were saying NO WAY to gong online. But that was then, Now, with one less player and possibly two, the climate has changed and so has the verbiage. (EC: Don't you mean wordiness???)

They're chasing EB again!!! In the corporate world, they pick favourites to pick on ... and the more influential and successful the more we hear about them. They are always close to tarring and feathering EB and because he's a big target, moneywise, they continue to search and search. The latest is that he's getting rid of his studio and theme-park division. (EC: Oh! That EB! Why didn't you say so???) Maybe get rid of everything! Can't lose!

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EMI to release Jesus mini-series soundtrack

Music From (And Inspired By) Jesus, the soundtrack from the upcoming CBS mini-series, will be released by EMI Music Canada on March 28th. The first single from the album will be I Need You by LeAnn Rimes.

The mini-series, produced by Five Mile River Films, is slated to air on CBS and OnTV during May sweeps week.

In addition to Rimes, the soundtrack will also feature songs from 98 Degrees, Yolanda Adams, Avalon, Sarah Brightman, Steve Curtis Chapman, dc Talk, Michael English, Hootie & The Blowfish, Lonestar, Edwin McCain and Jaci Velasquez.

The instrumental score is being composed and arranged by Grammy winning artist Patrick Williams. EMI will release the score album, via Angel Records, on March 28th as well.

The mini-series, directed by Roger Young, features an all-star cast including Jeremy Sisto (Jesus), Gary Oldman (Pontius Pilate), Armin Mueller-Stahl (Joseph), Jacqueline Bisset (Mary), Debra Messing (Mary Magdalene), David O'Hara (John The Baptist) and Jeroen Krabbe (Satan).

The mini-series was screened for Pope John Paul II at a special reception in Rome in November, attended by Sisto, Bisset and Rimes.

JANN ARDEN SLEEPLESS

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What's Happening

Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band are confirmed now for two Toronto dates, May 3 and 4, at the Air Canada Centre. Tickets went on sale Feb. 11, with the top ticket going for \$85. This is Springsteen's first Toronto appearance since his solo acoustic gig at Massey Hall five years ago.

Susan Aglukark is keeping busy promoting her latest EMI release, *Turn Of The Century*. After recently headlining the Canadian Special Olympics 2000 Winter Games opening ceremonies, Aglukark will soon be seen at the Stop Racism concert in Ottawa on March 3. The concert will be broadcast on March 21 on YTV. Aglukark will also open and close the upcoming Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Vancouver on March 10, which will be televised on the CBC on April 11. Also, Aglukark's music is featured prominently on the hit television series *Dawson's Creek*. Her song *Never Be The Same* was featured on the Feb. 7 episode, dubbed *Valentine's Day Massacre*. And the episode of Feb. 14 will open and close with Aglukark's songs *Believe Again* and *One Turn Deserves Another*. The latest single from Aglukark's album is the title track. In addition to the aforementioned dates, Aglukark will be at the Festival Hall in Blyth, Ontario (Feb. 11), the C.V.I. Auditorium in Owen Sound (Feb. 12), Orillia's Opera House (13), Lindsay's Academy Theatre (17), London's Centennial Hall (18), and the Cultural Centre in Chatham (19).

EMI Music Canada is releasing the first album from renowned clairvoyant Colette Baron-Reid, titled *Journey Through The Chakras*. The Toronto-based clairvoyant's album features a mix of eastern

mysticism with western psychology, as the listener is taken through a healing journey via the seven energy centres (chakras) of the body. The album features the single *Love Is The Answer*, performed by Baron-Reid herself, and co-written and co-produced by new age artist Mars Lasar. Baron-Reid is one of five subjects in a documentary feature called *Hand Of Fate*, scheduled for a Fall 2000 release. She is also the host of a new internet show dubbed *Spirit Of Sound*. The show, produced by House Of Blues, features Baron-Reid interviewing various celebrities about spirituality.

Q107's Guys Garage 2 is the sequel to their first ultimate prize for guys, which was a resounding success last year. The contest features all the stuff "that she wo't let you buy", including a 2000 Millennium Corvette, a complete games room from Mr. Billiards, the ultimate home audio system from Kenwood, a big-screen TV from Star Electronics, a Star Choice Satellite system, Jack Nicklaus Air Bear golf clubs, a golf and ski membership at Horseshoe Valley, a hot tub from Dolphin Pool & Spa, a guys weekend in Las Vegas, a set of DeWalt power tools, tickets to every Leafs and Buffalo Bills home game, a complete hockey jersey collection from Pro Player, AMC Gold Cards, a freezer full of meat from Black Angus, and more. Listeners simply call in at the sound of *The Nagging Wife*. The 107th caller through instantly scores Blue Jay tickets and AMC movie passes, and an invitation to join the Q at an event where the ultimate prize is given away.

Country 105 in Calgary's Big Money Birthday Game is an easy way for listeners to win cash. Beginning Feb. 4 at 7:15 am, the morning Odd Squad announced a randomly selected day of the year. If your birthday matched that day, and you were the first caller in, then you won the big money, starting with \$5000.

Chanelle Dupre, as mentioned last week, is acting

as the spokesperson for Women Rock, a concert taking place on March 7th at the Purple Onion in Vancouver. The show will feature seven of Vancouver's hottest up-and-coming artists, including Joyelle Brandt Trio, Katrina Bishop, Teena Davis, Carmelina Cupo, Shelley Lennox, Jenny Galt and Perpetuum. Proceeds from the show will help to raise funds for a newly-developed scholarship for Grade 12 girls interested in pursuing a career in music. Tickets for the show are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door, and are on sale via Ticketmaster. Dupre is making noise out west with her debut dance album, *Make Your Move*.

The updated Juno website (www.juno-awards.ca) provides a complete list of all the nominees, as well as artist mini-bios, and other assorted material. The Juno Awards take place March 12 at SkyDome, featuring performances by The Moffatts (who are hosting the show), Amanda Marshall, Barenaked Ladies, Chantal Kreviazuk, Diana Krall, Great Big Sea, Our Lady Peace and Prozzak. A pre-telecast portion, starting at 6 pm, will feature performances by Maestro, soulDecision, Boomtang Boys and McMaster & James.

Mariah Carey is confirmed for April 7 at Toronto's Air Canada Centre in an evening presented by Concerts West. This is the only Canadian date on Carey's Rainbow Tour, and her first-ever concert appearance in Canada.

Limblifter are releasing their sophomore album, *Bellaclava*, on their own Limblifter Records label, on March 7th. Universal will continue to handle all marketing and distribution for the band's product. The first single, *Ariel Vs. Lotus*, is already garnering rock radio airplay. The band, consisting of Ryan Dahle, Kurt Dahle and Todd Fancey, scored impressive numbers with their debut release. The Dahle brothers were previously in *Age Of Electric*, who had a gold record in *Make A Pest A Pct*.

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NATIONAL RADIO REPORT



PEACE RIVER

KASZ MICHAELS

Everything You - Vertical Horizon
Take A Picture - Filter
Delicious - Semisonic
You Wanted More - Tonic
Never Let You - Third Eye Blind
Faded - soulDecision
Love Wins - MacMaster & James
Falls Apart - Sugar Ray
Wrong To Let - Wild Strawberries
Everything About You - Steve Poltz



SAULT STE. MARIE

TIM ELLIS
MIRROR, MIRROR
M2M

Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
Blue - Eiffel 65
Falls Apart - Sugar Ray
Smooth - Santana/Rob Thomas
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
That's The Way It Is - Celine Dion
I Loved You - Savage Garden
Back At One - Brian McKnight
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Meet Virginia - Train



EDMONTON

CHAD MARTIN

What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
Bring It All To Me - Blaque
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
All I Really Want - Kim Lucas
I Loved You - Savage Garden
Rhythm Divine - Enrique Iglesias
Back At One - Brian McKnight
That's The Way It Is - Celine Dion
My Love - Whitney Houston



MONCTON

MIKE SHANNON

Learn To Fly - Foo Fighters
Your Lights On - Santana/Everlast
The Messenger - Tea Party
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Meet Virginia - Train
Best Of Me - Bryan Adams
Take A Picture - Filter
Higher - Creed
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
No Tears Left - C.S.N & Y



WINNIPEG

ANDY ROSS

I Loved You - Savage Garden
I Need To Know - Marc Anthony
That's The Way It Is - Celine Dion
I Try - Macy Gray
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Back At One - Brian McKnight
Shake Your Bon - Ricky Martin
Meet Virginia - Train
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera

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NEW LISKEARD

MIKE CUTTING
THE GROUND BENEATH HER
U2

That's The Way It Is - Celine Dion
Strangers Like Me - Phil Collins
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Get In Line - Barenaked Ladies
Take A Picture - Filter
Best Of Me - Bryan Adams
Puzzle Girl - Kim Stockwood
Never Let You - Third Eye Blind
Caught You Crying - Jason Allan
Burn To Shine - Ben Harper



VANCOUVER'S BEST MUSIC MIX

WAYNE DeSCHOVER
BYE BYE BYE
*N Sync

Heartache Is - Tina Turner
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
That's The Way It Is - Celine Dion
Take A Picture - Filter
Amazed - Lonestar
Strangers Like Me - Phil Collins
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Before You - Chantal Kreviazuk
Never Let You - Third Eye Blind
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera



WINDSOR/DETROIT

PETE TRAVERS

Learn To Fly - Foo Fighters
Telling Stories - Tracy Chapman
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Cousin Dupree - Steely Dan
Take A Picture - Filter
The Great Beyond - R.E.M.
Brand New Day - Sting
Never Let You - Third Eye Blind
Enough Of Me - Melissa Etheridge
Amen - Paula Cole



EDMONTON

RANDY MARSHALL

THAT'S THE WAY I REMEMBER
Garth Brooks a.k.a. Chris Gaines
I Loved You - Savage Garden
I Learned - Whitney Houston
Radio - The Corrs
Breathe - Faith Hill
If I Didn't - Amanda Marshall
All I Ever Had - Ricky Martin
That's The Way It Is - Celine Dion
All I Want - Sky
Back At One - Brian McKnight
Best Of Me - Bryan Adams



BELLEVILLE

TED BRADFORD
THE GROUND BENEATH HER
U2

Amazed - Lonestar
Bye Bye Bye - *N Sync
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
If I Didn't - Amanda Marshall
Blue - Eiffel 65
Smooth - Santana/Rob Thomas
Tricky Tricky - Lou Bega
Faded - soulDecision
From The Bottom - Britney Spears



NIAGARA FALLS

RYAN PATRICK

Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Ice Cream - Sarah McLachlan
Brand New Day - Sting
The Great Beyond - R.E.M.
L.A. Song - Beth Hart
Everything You - Vertical Horizon
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
Falls Apart - Sugar Ray
Never Let You - Third Eye Blind
Before You - Chantal Kreviazuk



RED DEER

CASEY CUNNINGHAM
AMERICAN PIE
Madonna

All I Really Want - Kim Lucas
Bring It All To Me - Blaque
Tricky Tricky - Lou Bega
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Faded - soulDecision
The Heartache - Tina Turner
Sexy Thing - 7N7
Dancing With - Boomtang Boys



NANCY HUNT
GROUND BENEATH HER FEET
U2

What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Faded - Soul Decision
God Knows - Kid Rock
The Way It Is - Celine Dion
Bye Bye - *N Sync
All I Want - Kim Lukas
Hard To Say - Joee
Maria Maria - Santana
Pure Shores - All Saints



DARREN STEVENS

Need To Know - Marc Anthony
Blue Eyes - Eric Clapton
The Way It Is - Celine Dion
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
Angels - Melissa Etheridge
Rhythm Divine - Enrique Iglesias
Waiting - Jennifer Lopez
Tricky Tricky - Lou Bega
Best Of Me - Bryan Adams
Loved You - Savage Garden



LIZ WISMER
BETTER OFF ALONE
Alice Deejay

N2 - Limp Bizkit/Method Man
Got Your Money - ODB
Bring It All To Me - Blaque Ivory
Say My Name - Destiny's Child
Blue - Eiffel 65
Stay The Night - IMX
Bye Bye Bye - *N Sync
Lights - Bob Marley/Lauren Hill
Satisfy You - Puff Daddy/R.Kelly
Got To Get It - Sisqo



CHETWYND

DONNA McCORKELL
PICK A PART THAT'S NEW
Stereophonics

Take A Picture - Filter
Dear Life - Chantal Kreviazuk
The Messenger - Tea Party
Never Let You - Third Eye Blind
Weightless - See Spot Run
Blue - Eiffel 65
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Tricky Tricky - Lou Bega
Waiting - Jennifer Lopez



TORONTO

JOHN VOYAGER
POWER TO THE MEEK
Eurythmics

Varnos a la playa - Miranda
Desert Rose - Sting
Sway, Mucho Mambo - Shaft
Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Dream At Night - Marc Anthony
I Get Lost - Eric Clapton
Dove L'Amore - Cher
Gravity Of Love - Enigma
Megamix 2000 - Earth Wind Fire
Linda - John Voyager/Fadi Owies



THUNDER BAY

JULIE MAZZAFERRO

Show Me - Backstreet Boys
Desert Rose - Sting
Heartache - Cher
Strangers - Phil Collins
Rhythm Divine - Enrique Iglesias
Sexual Healing - Michael Bolton
Tricky Tricky - Lou Bega
Sang To Me - Marc Anthony
Private Emotion - Ricky Martin
Back At One - Brian McKnight



RICHARD McCARTHY
SLEEPLESS
Jann Arden

Smooth - Santana/Rob Thomas
Before - Chantal Kreviazuk
Loved You - Savage Garden
There She Goes - Sixpence
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
Ice Cream - Sara McLachlan
Didn't Have - Amanda Marshall
Blue - Eiffel 65
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Anywhere - k.d.lang



CALGARY

MAZ McFLY

Show Me The ... - Backstreet Boys
Bring It All - Blaque Ivory
Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
What A Girl - Christina Aguilera
All I Really Want - Kim Lucas
Bye Bye Bye - *N Sync
I Loved You - Savage Garden
Faded - soulDecision
Rhythm Divine - Enrique Iglesias
My Love - Whitney Houston



TORONTO

JEFF WOODS

Cousin Dupree - Steely Dan
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
No Leaf Clover - Metallica
The Dolphin's Cry - Live
Is Anybody Home - Our Lady Peace
Ground Beneath Her Feet - U2
Hello Time Bomb - Matthew Good
Learn To Fly - Foo Fighters
Messenger - Tea Party
Lead Me Up - Matthew Good



PETERBOROUGH

BRIAN ELLIS

Higher - Creed
The Messenger - The Tea Party
Take A Picture - Filter
Somebody Waits - Blue Rodeo
Knock Down Walls - Tonic
Your Lights On - Santana/Everlast
If You Sleep - Tal Bachman
Great Beyond - R.E.M.
Get In Line - Barenaked Ladies
Is Anybody Home - Our Lady Peace



KELOWNA

ROB BYE

Condition - Daniel Powter
Meet Virginia - Train
The Messenger - Tea Party
If You Sleep - Tal Bachman
Learn To Fly - Foo Fighters
Your Lights On - Santana/Everlast
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
Burn To Shine - Ben Harper
Great Beyond - R.E.M.
Somebody Waits - Blue Rodeo

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KATH THOMPSON

Take A Picture - Filter
Learn To Fly - Foo Fighters
The Morning Comes - Smash Mouth
Hanginaround - Counting Crows
The Dolphin's Cry - Live
Is Anybody Home - Our Lady Peace
Everything - Vertical Horizon
Small Things - Blink 182
Burn To Shine - Ben Harper
Go Let It Out - Oasis

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CHATHAM

CORDELL GREEN

Terrified - See Spot Run
Letting The Cables Sleep - Bush
Fast As You Can - Fiona Apple
Falls Apart - Sugar Ray
Only God Knows Why - Kid Rock
Great Beyond - R.E.M.
Go Let It Out - Oasis
Breadline - Megadeath
I Am - Train
Re-Arranged - Limp Bizkit



NEW COUNTRY VANCOUVER

MARK PATRIC
THE CHAIN OF LOVE
Clay Walker

Breathe - Faith Hill
Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Do You Like Me - Toby Keith
House - Martina McBride
Back At One - Mark Wills
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Smile - Lonestar
You Gotta Do - Garth Brooks
This Country - Shania Twain

YL COUNTRY

PEACE RIVER

KASZ MICHAELS
I THINK YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL
Shane Minor

A Love Thing - Keith Urban
Do You Like Me - Toby Keith
Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
Pop A Top - Alan Jackson
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Quittin' Kind - Joe Diffie
Big Deal - LeAnn Rimes
Lessons - Tracy Lawrence
House - Martina McBride



PETERBOROUGH

BRIAN YOUNG
THE WAY YOU LOVE ME
Faith Hill

Hand In Mine - Tracy Byrd
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Didn't Have To - Brad Paisley
Smile - Lonestar
What - Reba McEntire
Back At One - Mark Wills
Pop A Top - Alan Jackson
Breathe - Faith Hill
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Smoke Rings - Gary Allan

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Please submit all Top 10 playlists and hit picks before noon on Wednesdays

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BRUCE LEPERRE
TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN
Julian Austin

More - Rick Tippe
Smile - Lonestar
Back At One - Mark Wills
Bring It On - Chad Klinger
Only House - Martina McBride
Smoke Rings - Gary Allan
Pickup Truck - Jim Witter
Ain't Got It - Thomas Wade
Middle - Diane Chase
Best Day - Geo. Strait



LEAMINGTON

HEIDI HOTZTETZLOFF
JIMMY'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND
Wilkinsons

Smoke Rings - Gary Allan
Back At One - Mark Wills
Pickup Truck - Jim Witter
Smile - Lonestar
Hand - Tracy Lawrence
This Woman - SheDaisy
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
House - Martina McBride
Love Me - Jo Dee Messina
Best Day - Geo. Strait



MEDICINE HAT

JAMES RICHARDS

Back At One - Mark Wills
House - Martina McBride
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
A Rose - Kenny Rogers
Smile - Lonestar
Best Day - Geo. Strait
Daddy - Montgomery Gentry
Lessons - Tracy Lawrence
Maxine - Sammy Kershaw
Best Friend - Tim McGraw



MIDLAND

DERM CARNDUFF
WHAT I NEED TO DO
Kenny Chesney

Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Back At One - Mark Wills
What - Reba McEntire
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Pop A Top - Alan Jackson
Smoke Rings - Gary Allan
Big Deal - LeAnn Rimes
Smile - Lonestar
Breathe - Faith Hill
Best Day - Geo. Strait



CHETWYND

DONNA McCORKELL
TAKE THE MONEY & RUN
Julian Austin

Take The Money - Julian Austin
Girlfriend - Wilkinsons
Teach Her - Chris Cummings
Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
Kiss 'Em All - Lace
Smile - Lonestar
Big Deal - LeAnn Rimes
In Your Life - Julian Austin
Love You - Martina McBride
Gotta Do - Garth Brooks



DURHAM

PETER WALKER
TAKE THE MONEY & RUN
Julian Austin

Tractor's Sexy - Kenny Chesney
Back At One - Mark Wills
Smoke Rings - Gary Allan
Breathe - Faith Hill
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Hand - Tracy Byrd
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Because - Jo Dee Messina
Ain't Got It - Thomas Wade
Long Gone - John Landry



YORKTON

LISA ROBERTS
THE WAY YOU LOVE ME
Faith Hill

This Woman - SheDaisy
Pop a Top - Alan Jackson
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
Love Thing - Keith Urban
Breathe - Faith Hill
Tractor's Sexy - Kenny Chesney
Carlene - Phil Vassar
Quittin' Kind - Joe Diffie
Long Gone - John Landry



THUNDER BAY

KIM LACROIX
TAKE THE MONEY & RUN
Julian Austin

Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Breathe - Faith Hill
Tractor's Sexy - Kenny Chesney
Love You - Martina McBride
What - Reba McEntire
Big Deal - LeAnn Rimes
Didn't Have To - Brad Paisley
Live Laugh Love - Clay Walker
All Things - Yankee Grey
Best Friend - Tim McGraw



NORTH BATTLEFORD

DOUG HARRISON
COULDN'T LAST A MOMENT
Collin Raye

Belong - Trisha Yearwood
Back At One - Mark Wills
House - Martina McBride
Like Me - Toby Keith
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Somebody Waits - Blue Rodeo
What I Need - Kenny Chesney
Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
Best Day - Geo. Strait
She's More - Andy Griggs



TIMMINS

DAVE McLAUGHLIN
I THINK YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL
Shane Minor

Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
Back At One - Mark Wills
Smile - Lonestar
Breathe - Faith Hill
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
What - Reba McEntire
Said I Do - Clint Black
Didn't Have To - Brad Paisley
She's In Love - Mark Wills
Missing You - Brooks & Dunn



MELFORT

CAL GRATTON
SYCAMORE TREE
Paul Brandt

Smoke Rings - Gary Allan
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
She'll Change - Johner Bros
Love Thing - Keith Urban
Back At One - Mark Wills
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Smile - Lonestar
Pickup Truck - Jim Witter
This Country - Shania Twain
Love Easy - Brent McAthey



BRANDON

BRADLEY GOSSEY
SAVE ME
Tara Lyn Hart

What - Reba McEntire
Breathe - Faith Hill
House - Martina McBride
Big Deal - LeAnn Rimes
Smile - Lonestar
Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Like Me - Toby Keith
Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
Pop A Top - Alan Jackson
Back At One - Mark Wills



Take Me Away - Dixie Chicks
Smile - Lonestar
My Best Friend - Tim McGraw
Back At One - Mark Wills
Breathe - Faith Hill
Middle Of ... - Diane Chase
Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
What Do You ... - Reba McEntire
Pop A Top - Alan Jackson
Teach Her - Chris Cumming

RPM

CANADIAN MUSIC WEEK Special Issue

This year's CMW issue promises to be one of the biggest issues of the year. In addition to spotlighting this year's event, we will be highlighting the career of Ross Reynolds who will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame.

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March 6, 2000

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COUNTRY

Faith Hill returns to #1 with her Breathe single the title track from her Warner Bros album. The single topped the chart originally on Dec. 20, holding for four weeks. The single dropped to #3, but this week moves back up to #1.

George Strait has the big mover with The Best Day his latest MCA Nashville single jumping up to #21 from #49 after only four weeks. The track was taken from his new CD, Latest Greatest Straitest, which he produced with Tony Brown.

Ty Herndon has the most added with his latest Epic single, No Mercy, entering the chart at #79. The song was written by Dennis Morgan, Todd Cerney and Stephen Allen Davis and was taken from his Steam CD which was produced by Joe Scaife.

Blue Rodeo has been given the country nod once again. Somebody Waits, which has made impressive moves up the CMT Top 40 (#11) and on the RPM A/C chart (#9), enters the country chart at #82. The song, which qualifies as three-parts Cancon (MAL), was written by bandmembers Greg Keelor and Jim Cuddy. The track is included on their WEA album The Days In Between which was produced by the band and Trina Shoemaker and recorded at Kingswood Studios in New Orleans and The

Bathouse in Bath, Ontario. There are no MAPL logos which makes it difficult to determine what tracks are Cancon, although all the songs on the CD were written by Keelor and Cuddy. Besides Keelor (vocals, guitar) and Cuddy (vocals, guitar, keys), the band comprised Bazil Donovan (bass), Glenn Milchem (drums, percussion) and James Gray (piano, Hammond, Rhodes, Wurlitzer, string samples). Kim Deschamps, who has left the band, is heard on pedal steel guitar and Greenfield Hawaiian guitar. Tour dates which began mid-January, takes the band across Canada. They have already played a number of Ontario, Quebec and BC dates and are working their way east where we catch up with them in Edmonton at the Jubilee Auditorium (Feb. 14), Saskatoon's Centennial Hall (16), Regina's Doris Knight Hall (17), Winnipeg's Walker Theatre (19), the community Auditorium in Thunder Bay (20), Toronto's Massey Hall (24), and Windsor's Cleary Auditorium (27). March dates begin in the Atlantic Provinces at Moncton's Capitol Theatre (3), followed by Sydney's Savoy Theatre (7), the Metro Centre in Halifax (9), the Delta Ballroom in St. John's (10-11), the Campbellton

Memorial Civic Centre (14), Bathurst High School (15), Charlottetown's Confederation Centre (16), Saint John's Imperial Theatre (17), Fredericton's Playhouse Theatre (19) and back to Ontario for a March 24 date at London's Centennial Hall.

Shane Minor who made a tremendous impact on Canadian country programmers with his Ordinary Love single (#96) hits hard with his follow-up I Think You're Beautiful. Written by Steve Diamond and Maribeth Derry, the new release enters the chart at #84. Both tracks are included on his self-titled Mercury CD which was produced by Dann Huff.

Julian Austin is expected to chart quickly with his new single Take The Money & Run. This is the follow-up to Back In Your Life, the title track from his upcoming ViK CD. The new single is a cover of Steve Miller's Top 10 hit (RPM - July 31/76) and qualifies as two-parts Cancon (AP). Austin's CD was produced by Daniel LeBlanc, a fellow-New Brunswicker who produced Austin's Little Ol' Kisses, which won a 1998 Big Country Award for

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CMT

VIDEO & INSTANT TOP FORTY

1. Cowboy - Dixie Chicks
2. Found You - Michelle Wright
3. Back At One - Mark Wills
4. Daddy - Montgomery Gentry
5. Beer Thirty - Brooks & Dunn
6. Teach Her - Chris Cummings
7. Smile - Lonestar
8. Because - Jo Dee Messina
9. Right Here - Charlie Major
10. Breathe - Faith Hill
11. Somebody Waits - Blue Rodeo
12. Rock This Country - Shania Twain
13. In The Middle - Diane Chase
14. I Belong - Trisha Yearwood
15. Enough Said - Geo. Canyon
16. House - Martina McBride
17. Sunshine - Farmer's Daughter
18. Girlfriend - Wilkinsons
19. My Baby - Mavericks
20. Smoke Rings - Gary Allan
21. You Came Along - Tara Lyn Hart
22. Ain't Got It - Thomas Wade
23. She's More - Andy Griggs
24. Walking Set - Seanachie
25. No Mercy - Ty Herndon
26. Carlene - Phil Vassar
27. Make Me Beg - Steve Holy
28. Unbreakable - Jessica Andrews
29. Nine Minutes - Yankee Grey
30. Ghost Riders - Barrage
31. Big Deal - LeAnn Rimes
32. More - Rick Tippe
33. Do You Like Me - Toby Keith
34. Pickup Truck - Jim Witter
35. Where I Come From - Reese Klaiber
36. Ordinary Ends - Jeanette O'Keefe
37. Don't Know Anymore - Steve Fox
38. Prayer - Raye & Manchester
39. This Woman - SheDaisy
40. All Things - Yankee Grey

BREAKOUT VIDEO

Jimmy's Got A Girlfriend - Wilkinsons

PICK HIT

How Do You Like Me Now - Toby Keith

RPM COUNTRY ALBUMS

Indicates biggest mover

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1	1	114	SHANIA TWAIN Come On Over Mercury/Universal-314-536-003-J	21	21	14	CLINT BLACK D'lectrified RCA-67823-N	
2	2	10	FAITH HILL Breathe Warner Bros-47373-P	22	23	13	LACE Self-titled 143/Warner Bros-47449-P	
3	8	12	LEAN RIMES Self-titled Curb/EMI-77947-F	23	28	10	CHARLIE MAJOR 444 Dead Reckoning/Dasis-0015	
4	4	20	DIXIE CHICKS Fly Monument-69678-H	24	18	12	MICHELLE WRIGHT The Greatest Hits Collection Arista-18906-N	
5	3	31	LONESTAR Lonely Grill BNA-67762-N	25	26	10	THE MAVERICKS Super Colossal Smash Hits Of The '90s Mercury-088 170 112-J	
6	6	12	ALAN JACKSON Under The Influence Arista Nashville-18892-N	26	27	34	SHEDAISY The Whole Shebang Lyric Street/Universal-65002-J	
7	7	37	TIM MCGRAW Place In The Sun Curb-77942-F	27	25	66	GEORGE STRAIT Always Never The Same MCA Nashville-70050-J	
8	5	4	BLUE RODEO Days In Between WEA-80936-P	28	32	27	GEORGE JONES Cold Hard Truth Asylum-62368-P	
9	10	4	MARK WILLS Permanently Mercury-314-546-296-J	29	20	12	FARMER'S DAUGHTER Best Of Universal-53957-J	
10	11	19	MARTINA McBRIDE Emotion RCA/BMG-67824-N	30	36	75	THE WILKINSONS Nothing But Love Giant-24699-P	
11	12	7	REBA McENTIRE So Good Together MCA-088 170 119-J	31	35	34	CHELY WRIGHT Single White Female MCA Nashville-70052-J	
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15	17	35	PAUL BRANDT That's The Truth Reprise-47319-P	35	33	26	ALABAMA Twentieth Century RCA-67793-N	
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TOP TWENTY

1. Tarzan OST - Various Artists
2. Runaway Bride OST - Various Artists
3. R.H.C.P. - Californication
4. Bryan Adams - Best Of Me
5. Backstreet Boys - Millennium
6. Ricky Martin - Ricky Martin
7. Britney Spears - One More Time
8. Shania Twain - Come On:Remixes
9. Offspring - Americana
10. Notting Hill OST - Various Artists
11. Smash Mouth - Astro Lounge
12. Jennifer Lopez - On The 6
13. Limp Bizkit - Significant Other
14. Amanda Marshall - Tuesday's
15. Shania Twain - Come On Over
16. Frosh 2 - Various Artists
17. Our Lady Peace - Happiness
18. Leann Rimes - Leann
19. Sarah McLachlan - Mirrorball
20. Mariah Carey - Rainbow



TOP THIRTY

1. Hangin'round - Counting Crows
2. Lights Down Low - Marley/Hill
3. Roxanne - George Michael
4. Tricky Tricky - Lou Bega
5. The Way It Is - Celine Dion
6. Heartache Is Over - Tina Turner
7. Maria Maria - Santana
8. Radio - The Corrs
9. Rhythm Divine - Enrique Iglesias
10. Desert Rose - Sting
11. Best Of Me - Bryan Adams
12. Breathe - Faith Hill
13. Can't Rock Me - Brian Setzer
14. Love Wins - McMaster & James
15. Great Beyond - R.E.M.
16. Somebody Waits - Blue Rodeo
17. If I Didn't - Amanda Marshall
18. Messenger - Tea Party
19. Never Let You Go - 3rd Eye Blind
20. Tattooed - Damhnait Doyle
21. All I Want - Sky
22. Come On Over - Shania Twain
23. What's Simple - Jewel
24. I Try - Macy Gray
25. Be With You - Enrique Iglesias
26. Shake Your Bon - Ricky Martin
27. Feel It Turn - Great Big Sea
28. Better Man - Soul Attorneys
29. One Turn - Susan Aglukark
30. Before You - Chantal Kreviazuk



QUEEN STREET - TORONTO

1. D'Angelo - Voodoo
2. Macy Gray - On How Life Is
3. Magnolia - O.S.T.
4. Santana - Supernatural
5. Moby - Play
6. Bob Marley - Chant Down Babylon
7. Club Cutz 303 - Various
8. Beck - Midnite Vultures (Ltd.)
9. Chili Peppers - Californication
10. Dr Dre - 2001
11. Enigma - Behind The Mirror



TOP TWENTY

1. Santana - Supernatural
2. MuchDance 2000 - Various
3. Big Shiny Tunes 4 - Various
4. Celine Dion - All The Way
5. Club Cutz 303 - Various
6. Eiffel 65 - Europop
7. D'Angelo - Voodoo
8. Dr Dre - 2001
9. Shania Twain - Come On Over
10. Enrique Iglesias - Enrique
11. All Stars 2000 - Various
12. Backstreet Boys - Millennium
13. Christina Aguilera - self-titled
14. Enigma - Screen Behind Mirror
15. Savage Garden - Affirmation
16. Our Lady Peace - Happiness
17. S Club 7 - self-titled
18. Blink 182 - Enema Of The State
19. Blue Rodeo - Days In Between
20. Limp Bizkit - Significant Other



TOP 30

1. Ghostface Killa - Supreme Clientele
2. D'Angelo - Voodoo
3. Snoop Dogg - Tha Eastsidaz
4. Primal Scream - Exterminator
5. Santana - Supernatural
6. Guy - III
7. Dr Dre - 2001
8. Sisqo - Unleash The Dragon
9. 2000 Grammy Nominees - Various
10. Lox - We Are The Streets
11. DMX - And Then There Was
12. Enigma - Screen Behind The ...
13. Jessica Simpson - Sweet Kisses
14. Sister Act 2 - Various
15. Kid Rock - Devil Without A Cause
16. Eiffel 65 - Europop
17. ABBA - Gold
18. 2Pac/Outlawz - Still I Rise
19. TLC - Fanmail
20. Chili Peppers - Californication
21. Kelis - Kaleidoscope
22. Eminem - Slim Shady
23. Angie Stone - Black Diamond
24. Eve - Ruff Ryders
25. Destiny's Child - Writings
26. Christina Aguilera - self-titled
27. Godsmack - self-titled
28. Jagged Edge - J.E. Heartbreak
29. Britney Spears - One More Time
30. Massive 2001 - Various

12. Kelis - Kaleidoscope
13. Travis - Man Who
14. Filter - Title Of Record
15. Women & Songs 3 - Various
16. Clubbers Guide - Various
17. Beck - Midnite Vultures
18. Snoop Dogg - Tha Eastsidaz
19. Our Lady Peace - Happiness
20. E.B.T.G. - Tempermental
21. Blue Rodeo - Days In Between
22. Nubians - Princesses Nubiennes
23. Run Lola Run - O.S.T.
24. S Club 7 - S Club
25. Fiona Apple - When The Pawn...
26. DJ Kicks - Various
27. Global Underground - Various
28. Lauryn Hill - Miseducation Of
29. Mastermind Presents - Various
30. Matthew Good - Beautiful Midnight



TOP THIRTY

1. Macy Gray - On How Life Is
2. Enigma - Screen Behind The Mirror
3. Santana - Supernatural
4. Tina Turner - Supernatural
5. Sting - Brand New Day
6. Chris Sheppard - Club Cutz 303
7. MuchDance 2000 - Various Artists
8. D'Angelo - Voodoo
9. R.H.C.P. - Californication
10. Eiffel 65 - Europop
11. MuchDance 2000 - Various Artists
12. Celine Dion - All The Way
13. Dr. Dre - 2001
14. Travis - Man Who
15. Bob Marley - Chant Down Babylon
16. Enrique Iglesias - Enrique
17. Andrea Bocelli - Sacred Arias
18. Blue Rodeo - Days In Between
19. Our Lady Peace - Happiness
20. Sarah McLachlan - Mirrorball
21. White Party Anniversary Edit. - V/A
22. Armand Van Helden - 2 Future 4 U
23. Big Shiny Tunes 4 - Various Artists
24. Moby Play
25. Charlotte Church - Charlotte Church
26. ATB - Movin Melodies
27. Morphine - Night
28. Andrea Bocelli - Romanza
29. Scream 3 OST - Various Artists



TOP THIRTY

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2. Big Shiny Tunes 4 - Various Artists
3. Eiffel 65 - Europop
4. Chris Sheppard - Club Cutz 303
5. MuchDance 2000 - Various Artists
6. Celine Dion - All The Way
7. Snoop Dogg - Tha Eastsidaz
8. Blink 182 - Enema Of The State
9. Blue Rodeo - Days In Between
10. Dr. Dre - 2001
11. Blue - Various Artists
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14. All Stars 2000 - Various Artists
15. Enrique Iglesias - Enrique
16. Savage Garden - Affirmation
17. Women & Songs 3 - Various Artists
18. Our Lady Peace - Happiness
19. Christina Aguilera - Self Titled
20. Scream 3 OST - Various Artists
21. Tina Turner - 24/7
22. Backstreet Boys - Millennium
23. Kid Rock - Devil Without A Cause
24. D'Angelo - Voodoo
25. R.H.C.P. - Californication
26. Metallica - S&M
27. Limp Bizkit - Significant Other
28. Lou Bega - A Little Bit Of Mambo
29. Dixie Chicks - Fly
30. DMX - & Then There Was X



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1. Santana - Supernatural
2. Dr. Dre - 2001
3. Chris Sheppard - Club Cutz 303
4. S Club 7 - S Club 7
5. MuchDance 2000 - Various Artists
6. Eiffel 65 - Europop
7. Big Shiny Tunes 4 - Various
8. Celine Dion - All The Way
9. Snoop Dogg - Tha Eastsidaz
10. Christina Aguilera - Self Titled
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20. Kid Rock - Devil Without A Cause
21. Five - Invincible
22. DMX - & Then There Was X
23. R.H.C.P. - Californication
24. Women & Songs 3 - Various Artists
25. Faith Hill - Breathe
26. Lonestar - Lonely Grill
27. Brian McKnight - Back At One
28. Scream 3 OST - Various Artists
29. Next Friday OST - Various Artists
30. D'Angelo - Voodoo



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1. Club Cutz 303 - Various
2. Dr Dre - 2001
3. Big Shiny Tunes 4 - Various
4. Eiffel 65 - Europop
5. Santana - Supernatural
6. MuchDance 2000 - Various
7. Dixie Chicks - Fly
8. Our Lady Peace - Happiness
9. Blink 182 - Enema Of The State
10. Snoop Dogg - Tha Eastsidaz
11. Chili Peppers - Californication
12. Metallica - S&M
13. Lonestar - Lonely Grill
14. Matthew Good - Beautiful Midnight
15. Faith Hill - Breathe
16. Celine Dion - All The Way
17. PJ Perry - Edmonton Symphony
18. Christina Aguilera - self-titled
19. Limp Bizkit - Significant Other
20. All Stars 2000 - Various
21. Live - Distance To Here
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23. Korn - Issues
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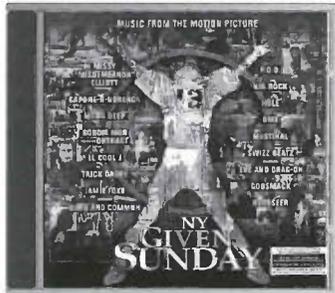


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Various Artists
Warner Bros. - CD83272

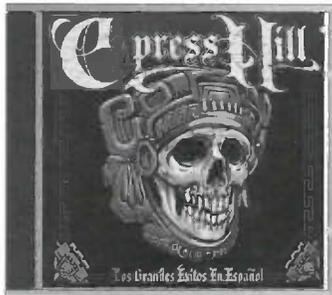
Found it! A rap album that doesn't feature Eminem. And a compilation that finally squares off hip hop stars such as LL Cool J, Cappone-N-Noreaga, Mobb Deep, DMX and Outcast, for instance, against Alternative Rock contemporaries: Hole, Kid Rock, Godsmack and P.O.D. Missing in action with Eminem is Limp Bizkit. Seriously though, this clever, versatile soundtrack to Oliver Stone's latest, a football flick, starring Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Jamie Foxx and L.L. Cool J, explodes onto the field with the silky R&B vocals of Missy Elliott, set to thunderous orchestra licks. Most of the hip-hop offerings are passable with the exception of the interactive, catchy Jump by DMX and Swizz Beat featuring Eve and Drag-On with Move Right Now. Of special note is the introspective, inspirational ballad, the title track by Jamie Foxx featuring Guru and Common. LL Cool J's effort is, well, unnatural with the rap tempo up at a breakneck, uncomfortable pace. If you want pace, then, the likes of P.O.D., Hole, Godsmack, Overseer and Kid Rock deliver. It is doubtful that the movie will influence album sales. However take a look at the online marketing, which is amazingly creative with graphics from the film and audio samples from the soundtrack. Although no single song or artist like Eminem really carries this soundtrack, the album's diversity will provide the legs to get it to the fan base. -TS



NEXT FRIDAY O.S.T. - Rap
Various Artists
Priority Records - V2 23123

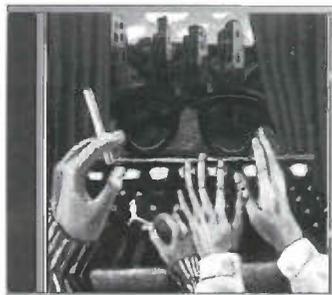
Besides the fact that Ice Cube successfully recruited Wu-Tang Clan, Wyclef Jean (Fugees), Aaliyah, the Isley Brothers, Eminem, Lil' Zane, Ja Rule and others to donate tracks, most important is Ice Cube's success in reuniting his old rap crew - Dre, Snoop Dogg, and MC Ren of N.W.A. on the single Chin Check. Dr. Dre hinted months ago about a possible collaboration between himself and the surviving members of one of hip-hop's notorious "gangsta-rap" outfits. Dre got the ball rolling by featuring Snoop Dogg on his Dr. Dre 2001 release. Dre has also hinted that a full-length album is in the works, which remains to

be seen and one wonders if it will include the last member of N.W.A., Yella. Yella has been keeping low profile and Eazy-E died from Aids complications in 1996. In the meantime, hardcore fans will have to relish Chin Check. Ice Cube, on the other hand, plans to release his next full-length album, titled War & Peace Volume 2-The Peace Disc the end of February. Next Friday is the sequel to the 1995 comedy Friday and is in theatres now. -TS



CYPRESS HILL - Rap
Los Grandes Éxitos En Español
Columbia - CK 63712

A grand Spanish experiment indeed for Cypress Hill, releasing this greatest hits in Spanish package prior to their fifth album due in the first quarter of this year. One new song Siempre Peligroso (Always Dangerous) with members of leading Mexican hip-hop outfit Control Machete compliments a collection of the group's classics from its four albums. Tracks include Insane In The Brain (Loco En El Cocio), How I Could Just Kill A Man (No Entiendes La Onda), Make A Move (Muevete), Pigs (Puercos) and Nothin' To Loose (No Pierdo Nada) featuring Sen Dog's brother Mellow Man Ace. The most glaring omission is the classic: Salte Arededor, Jump Around. Too many syllables? Take a look at the album graphics and you may agree that Los Grandes Éxitos En Español may be a loss leader to launch B*Real, Bobo, Dj Muggs and Sen Dog's fifth studio album - Skull & Bones. The first single from the forthcoming album Superstar is believed to enlist other superstar MCs such as Noreaga, Eminem and Everlast and should hit the streets later this month. La espaldita bienvenida. -TS



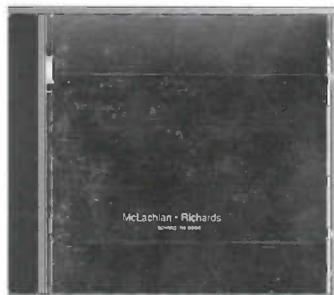
CROWDED HOUSE - Pop
Afterglow
Capitol-23722-F

Oh they were good, those crazy lads from New Zealand, perhaps much better than they were ever given credit for. And when you seek to define the meaning of pop purity in the nineties, you'd be hard-pressed to look beyond the sublime subtleties of Neil Finn, the principal songwriter and frontman of the band. Finn had an incredible knack with a hook that was far above most of the songsmiths of the day, and combining that hook with the sweet harmonies of his fellow bandmates gave Crowded House a sound that was simple but oh, so sensuous. Sadly, the band decided to part ways, but Capitol/EMI was wise enough to not let such a good thing go to waste. Thus, the label has released this cozy collection of 13 tracks, most of them previously unreleased numbers from the sessions for their four studio albums. One of the tracks, Private Universe, did appear on an album previously (Together Alone), but the others are all unheard gems. What's amazing about Finn et al is that this so-called "throwaway" material is as good, or better, than most of the stuff heard on radio today. There are plenty of cuts here which radio could wrestle with, including I Love You Dawn (written by Finn for his wife), Dr. Livingstone (written

after a two-week trip to Mozambique), My Telly's Gone Bung (written by drummer Paul Hester), Sacred Cow (from the Woodface sessions), and Time Immemorial (which producer Mitchell Froom felt was too folkie for a Crowded House album. Although we can expect Finn to continue to pop up from time to time in various incarnations, Crowded House is sadly no longer. Afterglow - what an appropriate title - serves as a fitting epitaph. -RR

McLACHLAN/RICHARDS - Country Pop
Sowing The Seed
Independent

Clever programming by this southern Ontario pair of songwriter/performers, who have obviously parlayed their years of experience into a mindset that works. Clever too is their strong lead vocals and harmonies, some of the latter courtesy of Grant Heywood and Bill Simmermaker. Patch into What's A Boy To Do,



taken as the first single, and you'll get the general drift of their direction. Country Pop isn't perhaps the best category to put them in. The country roots are predominant but there's also a contemporary rock edge, a leaning to new country, and certainly a pop structuring that reveals crossover possibilities. The key here is confidence in vocal projection and a natural feel and interpretation of the lyrics. All the material was written by (Dennis) McLachlan (vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, harmonica), and (Robert) Richards (vocals, drums, percussion), with the exception of River Of Tears, which was written by Bill Braun (vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, dobro, slide guitar), a former Wild Oats member, which McLachlan and Richards had been associated with in 1995. This is a key track by the way, as is Down In Mexico, One Eyed World, River Of Tears and From The Ashes. Other session musicians were Gary Halliwell (bass), Ralph Hedke (accordion, organ), Gregg Dechert (keyboards), Steve Strongman (electric guitar), and Mark Wilms (piano). The album was recorded at Sound On Sound Studio in Kitchener, Ontario. McLachlan, Richards and Braun produced. Grant Heywood of the Desert Dolphins is providing guidance. Contact 519-669-4192. -WG



GHEORGHE ZAMFIR - Serenity
The Feeling Of Romance
CMC/EMI-5233252-F

It'd be easy but inaccurate and decidedly unfair to dismiss the music of Zamfir and his pian flute as gift shop music. Oh, there's no question that it's serene but it's far from bland to a discriminating listener. There's artistry of technique (especially when he's backed by the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra) but there's also a certain je ne sais quoi of almost visceral emotion. All but one of the 18 tracks are covers -- Celine Dion, Sarah Brightman, Elton John and more -- of romance ballads and melodies played with affection. Best cut? How Deep Is Your Love. It has never sounded better. The Bee Gees should be pleased by it. -BW

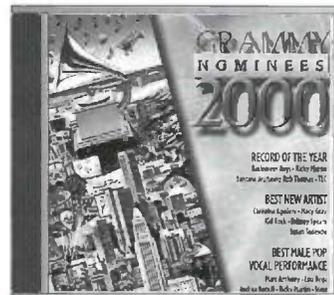
DAVID WILKIE - Cowboy Celtic
Cowboy Celtic Collection
Passion-301 (Independent)

The name David Wilkie is magic when it comes to things country, and here, he's broadened his scope and come up with a new category, Cowboy Celtic. Wilkie is a music historian as this CD will reveal, tracing his own Scottish roots to come up with this superb production that includes five new tracks as well as the "best of" from two previous albums. Wilkie and his mandolin are legend. It was his Great Western Orchestra that won a Big Country Award as Outstanding New Artist in 1990. Since then Wilkie has concentrated on evolving his unique style of music that melds with the much broader North American cowboy music with intriguing celtic overtones. Wilkie, who is masterful on the mandolin, shows his vocal side on six of these tracks with Denise Withnell vocalizing on three tracks and contributing guitar inserts. They are joined by celtic harpist Kerri Lynn Zwicker, Matt Woodward on fiddle, Nathan McCavana on bodhran and Scott Ring on whistles, a highly professional team who provide that necessary music bridge to add credibility to Wilkie's material, particularly on Cowboy Celtic/High Noon, The Ballad Of Nate Champion/The Black Nag, and Mandocorlan. And what an exceptional job they do on Wilkie's arrangements on traditional fare like Annie Laurie, Bonnie Barbara Allen, the Railroad Corral, Whoopee Ti-Yi-Yo, Git Along Little Dogies and The Cowboy's Lament. -WG

ALBUM PICK

GRAMMY NOMINEES 2000
Various Artists
Grammy/RCA-67945-N

The annual compilation of Grammy nominees, which revolves between the majors, has usually been a surefire thing at retail. Afterall, where else can the casual fan pick up so many big hits from the past year on one CD. This time out, it's BMG's turn to chalk up the sales figures, and it doesn't hurt that some of the biggest songs on this comp are already part of the BMG family. The ubiquitous Backstreet Boys lead off the parade with record of the year nominee I Want It That Way, followed by three other record of the year nominees - Livin' La Vida Loca (Ricky Martin), Smooth (Santana/Rob Thomas), and No Scrubs (TLC). Then there's the quintet of new artist nominees, including Christina Aguilera (Genie In A Bottle), Macy Gray (Do Something), Kid Rock (Bawitdaba), Britney Spears (Baby One More Time) and Susan Tedeschi (It Hurt So Bad). And finally, there's four representatives from the male pop vocal category, including Marc Anthony (I Need To Know), Lou Bega (Mambo No. 5), Sogno (Andrea Bocelli) and Sting (Brand New Day). Some of the proceeds from the album go to the NARAS Foundation for music education initiatives, a project similar to the Band-Aid benefit started here by CARAS after the release of the Oh! What A Feeling box set. -RR



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Best Country Single and Video and a Top Country Composer Award for Austin that same year. He followed this up the next year, winning Male Vocalist and Songwriter for Diamond and Album for What My Heart Already Knows. His new album will be in stores on March 7

John Curtis Sampson, who won two East Coast Music Awards this past week for New Artist and Country Artist, is getting a promotion push from Anne Oakley of Gemstone Entertainment to bring home his single When I'm Drinkin'. The single is being tracked by Deborah Wood Publicity in Cobourg, Ontario. The track was taken from his Gemstone CD, You Got It (RPM New Releases - Dec. 20/99).

Shania Live, starring Annette Belanger, billed as "a tribute to Shania Twain," moves into The Wild Rose at the International Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre on Toronto's Airport Strip on Feb. 11. Belanger, who heats up her act with several costume changes, is accompanied by a six-piece band. The Wild Rose is a 9,000 square foot western-inspired new country showplace that accommodates up to 800 people with a large dance floor. For more information contact the hotel's public relations manager Joyce Hu at 416-246-7934.

The Poverty Plainsmen are picking up impressive spins on their new single Same Things. The track was taken from their album There's No Lookin' Back (RPM New Releases - Jan. 24/00), released on their own Poverty label distributed by Royalty Records and which is now available on cassette. The band is made up of Mark Smith (lead vocals, acoustic guitar), Sean Smith (bass, vocals), Kurt Neis (lead guitar, vocals), Brad Johnson (drums, vocals), and Don Jorgensen (keyboards, guitar, mandolin, vocals).

Montana Sky, winners of the 1998 Big Country Award as Outstanding New Group and 1998/1999 CCMA nominees for Independent Group of the Year, brought a little country to CTV's Mike Bullard Show on Feb. 8. The band performed Long Hard Ride,

10th Annual tribute to Hank Snow is firmed

The Friends of Hank Snow Society will celebrate Nova Scotia's favourite country legend at the 10th annual tribute to be held Aug. 18-20 in Snow's hometown of Bridgewater. Snow passed away at age 85 just before Christmas. (RPM - Jan.10/00)

Wes Weldon, who chairs Tribute 2000, is expected this year to be the best yet with special guests being lined up to come from as far away as Nashville. Last year, more than 50 of country music's best pickers, all volunteer performers, provided close to 24 hours of classic country entertainment from Friday night to Sunday morning.

This year's tribute will also see the return of the popular Sounds Like Hank contest, a guitar-picking contest that last year was sponsored by the Martin Guitar Company. Yodelling and songwriting workshops and a number of other popular features have become tribute traditions since the first event which was held at Summerville Beach in 1991.

For more information contact the Hank Snow Country Music Centre at 902-354-4675 or Anne at 902-354-5411.

one of the hits from their current album, Underneath The Moon. A new album is being readied for a spring release. Contact Gabrielle Evans at 705-324-5217.

Michelle Wright has a new single, I Surrender, now at radio. The new single is the follow-up to When I Found You, now descending the chart (#53) after 23 weeks. Wright has a piece of the lyrics and music with Eric Silver on the new song, which gives the single two-parts Cancon. Both tracks are included on her Windham Hill/BMG album, produced by Silver.

Mountainfest 2000, part of the Merritt (BC) Mountain Music Festival (July 20-23), is pencilling in some of the big stars for this year. Already firmed are Randy Travis, Brooks & Dunn and The Kentucky Headhunters. Travis' new single, Where Can I Surrender, a song written by Rock Killough, is now

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at radio. This is the follow-up to A Man Ain't Made Of Stone the title track of his Dreamworks debut album that enjoyed a 26-week run up the RPM Country 100. The album was produced by Travis, Bryon Gallimore and James Stroud. For more information on the festival call 604-525-3330.



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