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Industry gears up for London Music Week

by Catherine Eade

Next April's London Music Week is already on target to be the biggest music industry event the capital has ever seen.

Organisers report an unprecedented response to the announcement of the event - which takes place between April 26 and May 2.

Show director Chris Hughes says, "We have been overwhelmed by the scale and creativity of the response." There have already been more than 2,000 requests for information from companies wishing to be involved. "The big issue for us now is not whether people will be involved, but how," he adds.

Among the companies and organisations who have committed to the event are Virgin Records, Go Discs, Sugar Records, the BPI and BARD.

Sugar Records co-owner James Todd says the label is keen to contribute to the event as much as possible. "We've got a lot of plans with London Music

Week," he says. "We'd like Sugar artists to participate in the week as well as getting involved in other ways."

"If there's a chance during the week for bands to get coverage, it's a tremendous opportunity for a label to expose its artists. London is the centre of the music industry so it's not too complicated to work out that it's going to be a successful event."

Wembley Arena director Paul Streeter says he is keen for the venue to get involved in London Music Week. "The event's got a festive flavour to it and we think, as one of the UK's major venues, we should be a part of it. We've already got some potential bookings for that week and we'll be looking to tie them in with London Music Week. We're all about having a stamp at the trade fair," he says.

The heart of the event will be the Business Design Centre in Lillingdon, north London.

But Hughes stresses there is more to London Music Week than the BDC.

"Our venue is not just Islington," says Hughes. "Our venue is London itself. Industry conventions can often be too inward-looking. The exhibition is clearly going to work for large numbers of suppliers and companies within the industry. But London Music Week will not only be about doing deals. It will also be about selling records and artists and reaching out to the public."

Hughes and his team are currently recruiting some of the capital's prestigious music venues and organising deals with UK and international media in order to put together a coordinated live programme that will enable UK record companies to showcase their acts to the world.

News of London Music Week's early breakthrough in industry support comes as Miller Freeman Entertainment - publisher of Music Week - has announced that it is to be exclusive magazine sponsor of the event.

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RM's dance pioneer James Hamilton dies

The dance community is this week mourning the death of James Hamilton, one of its most respected commentators for more than 30 years.

Record Mirror contributor Hamilton, who delivered his final DJ Directory column three weeks ago, died at his home in Nottinghamshire last Monday aged 63 after a nine-month battle against cancer.

Starting his DJ career in 1962, he began writing for Record Mirror in 1964 under the pen-name Dr Soul and went on to become the UK's most authoritative dance music journalist, renowned for his encyclopaedic knowledge and idiosyncratic reviewing style.

"No-one has ever got close to him in terms of respect as a journalist," says Pete Tong. "He was drawing on such a wealth of knowledge that even if you didn't agree with him, you had to respect his opinion."

Hamilton's funeral takes place at 1.30pm tomorrow (Tuesday), 25 at St Wilfrid's Church, Scrooby, Notts. His wife, Sally, requests family flowers only. Donations can be sent to the Dance Aid Trust, c/o WE Pinder & Son, 19, Thorne Road, Barrow, Doncaster DN10 6QL. ● See RM for "Hanny" tributes

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Miller Freeman Entertainment - publisher of Music Week - has struck a long-term deal to be exclusive magazine sponsor of London Music Week. One result of the agreement is that MW's Creative & Design Awards - held for the first time this year - will take place during London Music Week, and there will be an exhibition of the winning work at the Business Design Centre in north London. Pictured outside the centre are, from left, BDC managing director Andrew Morris, MW editor-in-chief Steve Redmond, London Music Week show director Chris Hughes and Miller Freeman Entertainment publishing director Andrew Brain.



Bomb wrecks Manchester trade

The music industry is still counting the cost of the IRA bomb in Manchester on June 15 that has left retailers and club owners facing thousands of pounds worth of losses.

Music retailers were the worst hit, with a dozen record shops damaged by the blast at 11.20am on Saturday morning. Two HMV stores, Virgin Megastore, Our Price and around eight others were forced to close for the weekend, with six stores still closed as MW went to press. At least five stores may need to be completely rebuilt.

HMV operations director Wilf Walsh says the multiple has been unable to

make a full assessment of its two stores on Market Street as the area is still cordoned off by police, but its smaller store, which is close to Corporation Street, where the bomb went off, sustained considerable structural damage.

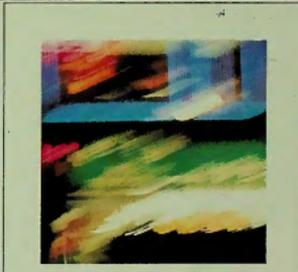
"We think the smaller store has been virtually destroyed. It's going to be a demolition job," says Walsh. The larger HMV store received only superficial damage, but Walsh says it will not be able to resume trading for at least two weeks.

"It's difficult to assess the overall cost to us yet, but it's such a big music city, it will probably cost the industry

millions of pounds," says Walsh. The Virgin Megastore, also on Market Street, had its windows blown in and a number of staff were hit by flying glass. Our Price on Piccadilly reopened for business on Tuesday, after replacing glass in the back of the store, but the Megastore is still closed.

The UK's largest Boots store, which has a substantial music department, and the Now concession within Debenhams, both within the Arndale Centre, are still closed, as are indie retailers Goldmine, Music Junction, Piccadilly Records and Decoy.

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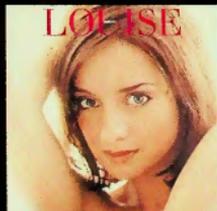
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Carlton axes plans to build full-price roster

Carlton Home Entertainment has abandoned its move into signing acts in order to refocus on its core business – budget music and video.

The company, which has suffered badly from the loss of exclusive deals with PolyGram, Sony and Disney, has been investing in the superbudget market and in signing artists such as Gary Wilmut and Elkie Brooks to build a full-price catalogue.

But managing director Gerry Donohoe says only the former strategy had been a total success. A&R director John Howard and strategic affairs manager Debi Peddie have been made redundant, but existing signings will not be abandoned.

"Superbudget and budget has done phenomenal business for us and the Carlton TV catalogue has enabled us to do well in the video market," he says. "But we have not had the success that we would like in full-price. We're going to concentrate on what we've got at."

Vivian Ellis – the man who spread a lot of happiness – dies, aged 91

Vivian Ellis, one of the most celebrated composers this century and president of PRS, died last Wednesday (19), aged 91.

The prolific Ellis, one of the last links with the golden age of Twenties musicals and a double recipient of an Ivor Novello award for services to British music, wrote more than 500 works, including Spread A Little Happiness and I'm On A Seesaw.

The composer, who was awarded a CBE in 1984, is probably best remembered for his musicals *Bless The Bride* and *Mr Cinders*, which is currently enjoying success in Canada. Andrew Lloyd Webber is a great admirer of Ellis' work and named a bar in London's Adelphi Theatre in his honour.

Lyricalist and musician Don

Black, a longstanding friend, is greatly saddened by his death. He says, "He was a man of great integrity and taste and one of the landmark composers from an era when craft and wit was everything. There will never be another like him."

Andrew Potter, chairman of PRS, the body Ellis joined in 1926 and became president of in 1983, says, "It is difficult to express the degree to which PRS will miss Vivian. He never failed to bring dignity, as well as the sharpest of wit, to our meetings and celebrations."

PRS chief executive John Hutchinson says, "I unfortunately only had a very short time in which to enjoy knowing Vivian, but I am very much aware of how much he cared about PRS."

Take That pair get set to launch solo works

by Mike Pattenden and Paul Gorman

The solo careers of two former members of Take That are taking shape, with Gary Barlow's debut solo album for RCA nearing completion and Robbie Williams expected to announce a new record in this week.

Barlow, whose first solo single is due out on July 8, has spoken in detail for the first time about his album *Open Road*, which is set for a September release (see Talent, p26/27).

Hugh Goldsmith, managing director of the UK record company RCA, says the album will have a lengthy lifespan. He says, "Our marketing campaign on this album will run well into autumn 1997 and I'd like to think that is when the album will be peaking. When you have songs of this quality, you don't need gimmicks like pop-up CDs, so the

marketing can be quite straightforward and based purely around the songs."

Black and white photos in last month's *Arena* revealed a lean, cool-looking Barlow and the theme continues in the Sophie Muller-directed promo for the Forever Love single, shot in LA, as well as his monochrome sleeve.

Meanwhile, Barlow's former Take That colleague Williams is expected to sign to Chrysalis Records immediately after midnight on Wednesday (June 26), when the singer is released from his RCA contract.

"Robbie is signing with Chrysalis," confirms an RCA spokesman. Chrysalis declined to comment.

Williams signed to RCA as a Take That member exactly five years ago, but entered into a legal dispute a year ago when he abruptly left the group.

In March, the dispute was settled

hours before a costly High Court case was due to start. RCA's parent, BMG announced Williams would remain signed to the company for the foreseeable future, but the singer is believed to have been in talks with other labels for several months, represented by his manager, Tim Abbas, the former Creation Records marketing director. Chrysalis is believed to have beaten Virgin to sign the artist.

At a press conference to be held in the early hours of Thursday morning at London's Royal Lancaster Hotel, Williams is expected to announce the imminent release of his first single.

He is working on a contemporary pop/rock album to be released towards the end of this year and has collaborated with songwriters such as Desmond Child, the US composer who has written tracks for Bon Jovi and Aerosmith.

IMF and Aura unveil distribution proposal

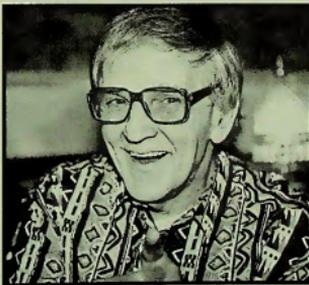
The IMF and artists' association Aura have published detailed proposals on how to split the extra public performance income which artists will earn when the UK implements the EC Rental Rights Directive.

IMF chairman and Aura co-founder John Glover says the proposals, which have taken a year to formulate, have received a positive reaction from PPL and that Norwegian collection society Gramo is already planning to adopt them.

The Aura system is based on distributing income according to the earnings of each individual track on a recording. It proposes a three-tier distribution system, starting with a 50/50 split of the income from each track between performers and copyright owners.

The second tier will divide the performers' share – again in two equal parts – between contracted artists (whose names appear on the recording contract) and non-contracted artists. The third tier will split the non-contracted artists' share between featured non-contracted performers (such as the saxophone session player on Gerry Rafferty's *Baker Street*) and non-featured, non-contracted performers.

PR agreed last year to split the revenue it receives from the broadcast of records and videos equally between record companies and artists.



Veteran DJ Alan "Fluff" Freeman, now with Virgin Radio, has been named as this year's recipient of the Music Industry Trusts' Award. The award will be presented at the new-look Trusts' Dinner on October 14 at London's Grosvenor House Hotel. Awards committee chairman David Munns says, "I am delighted Fluff will be honoured for his many years as a broadcaster and for the help and encouragement he has given to so many artists over the years." Tickets for the dinner are available from the BPL. See Nordoff Virgin profile, p8

Earl's Court in £5m revamp

West London venue Earl's Court is investing £5m in improving its facilities for live events. A redesign of the Old Brompton Road entrance is already under way and a three-year redevelopment of the north wing is due for completion in September. Meanwhile, the hearing on the seating collapse at Earl's Court during a Pink Floyd gig in November 1994 begins today (Monday).

Camden to host second festival

Camden Council is following last year's successful Camden Live festival with the Camden Mix from October 25 to November 2. The festival will include concerts, seminars, workshops and educational programmes around the north London borough, including The Roundhouse, which will close as a music venue after the event.

Metropolis hit by blaze

A fire gutted Studio E at The Metropolis complex in west London last weekend (Sunday 16), just a month after Gary Barlow's producer Chris Porter finished mixing the artist's album there. The other 10 studios within the complex were not damaged. An electrical fault is believed to have caused the fire.

White Room returns for third series

The White Room returns for a third six-week series on July 19. Waldemar Januszczak, who left Channel 4 at the beginning of the month after seven years at the station, will remain as commissioning editor of the show until his contract expires in August. Channel 4 has appointed a new arts commissioning editor, former Late Show producer Janey Walker, who may take responsibility for some music commissioning.

Chop Em Out loses dismissal case

Mastering company Chop Em Out has been ordered to pay its former operations manager Lesley Ann Baynes £5,200 plus costs after an independent tribunal ruled she was unfairly dismissed. The company sacked Baynes last December, claiming she missed work because she was suffering from a hangover, although she obtained a doctor's certificate for it. Baynes is now making marketing demand at Masterpiece Mastering. Chop Em Out declined to comment on the case.

Tring suffers profits fall

Tring International's chief executive Phil Robinson has blamed difficulties in securing direct deals with key retail groups for a fall in pre-tax profits from £5.8m to £3.0m for the year to the end of March. But he says the company continues to see growth in non-traditional outlets and in export sales, which he says now account for more than 60% of the group's £28.6m turnover (up 12% on 1995's £25.5m).

Britannia Row

Contrary to the impression given by a story in our studios special last week, Britannia Row Studios is flourishing in its new premises in Wandsworth Bridge Road in Fulham, west London. The company has no connection with either the old Britannia Row Studios in Islington, north London or the PA company Britannia Row Productions of Wandsworth, south London.

Fugees go platinum

Fugees' chart-topping *Killing Me Softly* has been certified platinum by the BPI. Three silver sales awards were made last week, for Neil Diamond's *Tennessee Moon* album and two singles, *Celine Dion's Because You Loved Me* and Manchester United's *Move Move Move* (Red Tribe).

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COMMENT

Retailers at risk

Many of those affected by last Saturday's bomb in Manchester are only now coming to terms with the effect it has had on their business. Some music retailers in the city still haven't been able to get their shops to assess the damage.

But despite the devastation to the city centre, it's clear that it could have been a whole lot worse. Many hundreds of people could have been killed if they had not been so swiftly evacuated.

It's a reminder – though it's a terrible thought – that staff in record shops are potential terrorist targets, something those in record companies luckily never have to worry about.

Retailers have always argued that their role puts them at the frontline of the industry. The IRA's reckless bombing campaign means they are now effectively at the front line of a war.

Mourning RM's genial giant

It was only after I had worked with James Hamilton for a good few years that I ventured to call him "Hammy" to his face, and then I think I must have had one too many. No doubt about it – RM's most enduring contributor was a formidable character, deep of voice, enigmatic in stature and frankly headmasterish in manner.

I think it is true to say that everyone who worked at *Music Week* and *RM* was just a little bit scarred of this big man with his fascination for bpm's and a style of reviewing records previously unknown to journalism. A year ago, though, he turned to play a set for us at an office party. As things turned out, it was one of his last sets and I think we were all struck by his incredible warmth, sense of humour and – above all – love for playing records. It hasn't really sunk in that he will never write for *Record Mirror* again. He will be greatly missed.

Selina Webb

PAUL'S QUIRKS

EMI build bridges on the road

The recent EMI Channel roadshows, fronted by Richard Grafton, gave many independents their first real chance to preview new product from a major music company. This type of presentation is quite common for national account buyers from the multiples such as HMV or Virgin, but it certainly makes a change for the small independent dealer to be shown the whole story before deciding how much to commit to each new album.

It also served to highlight the shortcomings of some of the other major distributors whose sales presentations are often made without music, album sleeves or complete marketing plans. In some cases, dealers are even expected to commit to large quantities of unseen new releases over the telephone with no safety net if the plot goes pear-shaped.

If you add to this the fact that many albums are now advertised on TV without dealers receiving any advance notice from the respective labels, then you begin to see how sales presentations have deteriorated for the indies over the past few years.

Hopefully, EMI will be encouraged by the excellent turnout of dealers at its roadshows and will continue its development of the Channel network as it is one of the few major initiatives set up to work solely with the independent dealer.

Personally, I have great admiration for all those from EMI who turned up in Manchester and were prepared to take any questions from an audience who, a few years ago, savaged their management team and distribution manager mercilessly. That time, EMI went back to the drawing board, took stock of the situation and solved problems. After the latest Channel meetings, I am sure that every problem highlighted will be treated as seriously and we should all feel the benefit in the near future.

Paul Quirk's column is a personal view

NEWS

Elvis Costello is embarking on a hectic July schedule to promote his new Warner Bros album *All This Useless Beauty*. As well as the two shows announced at London's Roundhouse on July 6 and 7, he is to play the Shepherd's Bush Empire every Friday night in the month, as well as shows at the Liverpool Royal Court on July 20 and the Glasgow Barrowlands on July 21. Costello is also planning to release four singles in July. The first, due for release on July 8, features album cut Little Adams backed by an out-take from the album called *Almost Ideal Eyes* and two exclusive live tracks. Costello has also recorded a *Later With Jools Holland* special which celebrates his career in music and features Costello performing with the Attractions, The Brodsky Quartet and a mini orchestra. The show will be broadcast on BBC2 later this year, before being released on longbox



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Music retailing boasts bumper surge in profits

by Robert Ashton

Retailing is one of the star performers of the music business, according to Cliff Dane's latest report analysing the industry.

The fourth UK Record Industry Annual Survey, which examines the financial performance of 160 companies, shows the retail sector recording an aggregate profit increase of 57%, well above the industry average of 20%.

The retail sample includes key specialists such as Virgin/Our Price, HMV and Andy's Records, although there are no figures for non-specialist operations such as WH Smith, Woolworths and Muzia. Dane says, "The figures point to a sector which has shown quite substantial growth in the latter part of the period under review, but where operating profit margins remain low."

The other significant gain comes from major record companies, which show an overall 24% increase in profits with PolyGram, Virgin and BMG all demonstrating significant increases. The figures highlight Virgin as the most profitable record company with operating profit at £31.7m, ahead of PolyGram at £13.5m and BMG at £11.4m.

Dane says, "The pace of growth is levelling off after coming out of recession, but the sector is still doing very well."

TOP PERFORMERS

Company	Profit margin	Operating profits
Virgin Records	22.2%	£31.7m
EMI Music/Services	16.1%	£15.3m
Thorn EMI Home Electronics (JaeL. HMV)	4.3%	£15.1m
Virgin Retail	3.5%	£14.4m
PolyGram Record Operations	6.8%	£13.8m
Britannia Music	10.2%	£13.0m
BMG Records	13.4%	£11.4m
Our Price	3.9%	£10.6m
Warner Music	9.5%	£10.6m
Entertainment UK	2.1%	£6.7m

Industry sector profitability

Sector	Total operating profit	% change
Retailers	£42.5m	+67%
Major labels	£84.2m	+24%
Wholesalers, distributors & exporters	£13.4m	+24%
Manufacturers	£10.8m	+7%
Independent labels	£3.5m	-76%
Overall	£153.8m	+20%

Source: The UK Record Industry Annual Survey 1996. (The figures used are taken from companies' latest filed accounts as Companies House up to June 7 1996).

However, some major-linked small companies continue to show losses. "Some of these will eventually turn around with the way the market is

going, but if they don't, I guess they may get dropped. They can't make losses forever," says Dane. A bright spot is Creation, which posted its first significant profit of £540,000 in its accounts for the year to July 1995, and Dane expects that to be boosted when huge sales from Oasis this year are registered.

Dane says poor figures for the independent sector, which shows an overall profit of only £2.5m, were heavily influenced by the performance of Carlton Home Entertainment (formerly Pickwick) in its last results posted in July 1995. It contributed more than £5m of the sector's £12.5m decline. "The indie sector was distorted by the experience of Carlton, which is in the middle of re-structuring," he says.

Dane's study also includes some revealing statistics about the people who run the music business. From a sample of 359 directors, Dane says 92% are men, although the 29 women listed include four of the youngest five directors. The average age of directors is 45, with just four under 30 and 76% living in London or south east England.

● The UK Record Industry Survey 1996 costs £425 from Media Research Publishing, Lister House, 117 Milton Road, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 2UX.

Brit acts show their class at IAAM

Anyone doubting the relevance of sending a UK delegation to the annual International Association of African-America Music convention held in Washington DC last week should have attended the Sunday brunch that kicked off the last day, writes Alex Scott.

After the speeches had finished, 112, a hot teenage male quartet signed up to Aristar's Bad Boy imprint, got together for their breakfast table for an impromptu a cappella gospel performance. It was slick, harmony-laden and pure Boyz II Men.

Not to be outdone, Truce, Big Life's female trio, strode up to the stage and belted out their own number. Where 112 were all polish, the Brits were a little rougher at the edges – and all the better for it. Indeed, that was the message sent out by the UK artists and execu-

tives in attendance: we're here, we're different, but we've got class.

The UK delegation included artists (Truce, Kreuz, Omar, Nu Colours), producers and label executives (RCA's Kenny Hoole, Wildcard's Colin Barlow, EMI's Trevor Nelson and Diesel's Phil Nugent), publishers (EMI Music's Guy Moot) and some who were all that and more (Jazzie B and street soul veteran Rick Clarke).

Leading the posse was Jackie Davidson, whose constant stream of telephone messages ensured people were where they were meant to be (most of the time).

At the emerging artists' showcase on the first night, Kreuz and Truce more than held their own. "It was a good opportunity to represent the UK and be appreciated by people who are our mentors, as

well as giving some support to our own industry," says Nia from Truce.

And more was to come at the gala show the next night, where Nu Colours and Omar performed alongside US acts Solo, 112, The Roots, La-Key* and Philly queen Jean Carré.

Ultimately, this was just the start of what will hopefully be a closer relationship. "If we're really going to make British R&B work in the US, it's down to record companies like us going to see them and show them what we have got," says their A&R director Colin Barlow. "It was really important for a group like Nu Colours to see how the professionals do it. We don't yet have that level of experience in the UK. Over there, every act's stagecraft and vocals are flawless."

Industry counts cost of Manchester bomb

by Catherine Eade

Retailers bore the brunt of the bomb which hit Manchester on June 15, but other music industry-related companies in the city also report substantial damage and disruption.

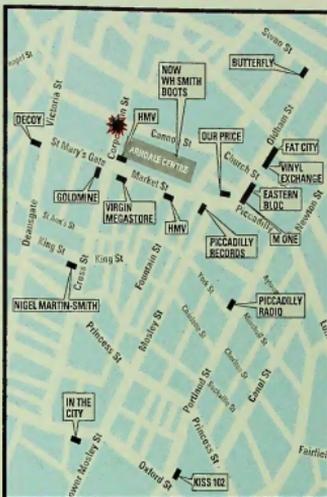
The office of manager Nigel Martin-Smith on South King Street had its reception window blown in, and Manchester's Piccadilly Radio was forced to temporarily stop broadcasting its two services.

Piccadilly's staff were evacuated when the presence of another bomb was suspected by police later on Saturday. The station used emergency tapes and then broadcast via its sister station Red Rose Rock in Preston until Sunday morning, when staff were allowed back into the building. Steve Collins, deputy programme director for Key 103, says there was a community feeling in the city. "A lot of people called in to see if we were OK, and the staff here all pulled together to keep a broadcast going out. In the end, we were only off air for an hour altogether." Dance station Kiss 102, which is also based in the centre of Manchester, continued broadcasting throughout Saturday.

Programme controller Mike Gray says, "The whole building shook, but it wasn't damaged. We were broadcasting regular bulletins, as well as a guide to which venues and clubs were open."

But retailers remain in the worst casualties of the blast. As well as HMV, Virgin Our Price, WH Smith, Boots and Now, indie retailers based in the centre of the city are still waiting to assess the extent of the damage.

Goldmine Records, which is situated just yards from Corporation Street, was still out of bounds as MW went to press, and Decoy Records on Deansgate is still boarded up after losing all its windows. Manager Mike Chadwick estimates he has lost at least £20,000 in trade, but is



thankful he is insured for the damage. "After the last bomb (in 1992), I decided to get fully insured, but I think a lot of other retailers probably haven't. You don't expect this sort of thing to ever happen," he says, adding that customers and suppliers have been phoning to check that people are alright.

A cluster of record shops on Oldham Street were among the estimated 400 businesses in Manchester that were affected in some way. Mike Dobson, manager of M One Records was one of many people hospitalized. He needed stitches after being hit by glass, although he says the shop itself escaped damage.

Eastern Bloc assistant manager Mark McKinley says all the windows

were blown in and two staff waited in the shop with a pregnant woman injured by the blast until the ambulance came. "We reopened on Tuesday but it would have been a big Saturday for us with the number of tourists around," says McKinley.

Even shops that were not damaged reported losses in terms of falling trade. Expansion's Des Johnson says his shop was unscathed apart from the ceiling flexing and dropping dust.

"God knows how much this is going to cost us. Losing Saturday was not good," he says. Butterfly Records and Powercuts were among other indies reporting a drop in trade. "The feeling in Manchester is, we've got nowhere to buy records," says ITC's Nick Needs.

CIN chart director Catharina Pusey says there was little effect on chart data. "It's not caused Millward Brown any problems because it's been a quiet week generally, which would minimize the effect," she says.

SoccerCity, Manchester City Council's festival of art and sport, running between June 8-30, was disrupted by the bomb, with Pureness's street concert on Saturday night postponed until last weekend. A deserted city centre on Saturday night meant the club scene in Manchester was seriously affected. The Hacienda, The Boardwalk, the Manto Cafe Bar, Home, South, and a number of other clubs and live venues shut their doors on Saturday night. The Hacienda's John Drapo says the Saturday night losses for his club alone would probably be in the region of £25,000, while Heaven, based in the Corn Exchange, was completely destroyed.

NEWSFILE

Mandela to join Prince's Trust concert

Nelson Mandela, The Queen and the Prince of Wales are to attend a Prince's Trust concert at London's Royal Albert Hall on July 11 uniting British and South African performers and musicians. Two Nations Celebrate, which will raise funds for disadvantaged young people in South Africa, will feature performances from Hugh Masekela and Ladysmith Black Mambazo as well as Quincy Jones conducting Phil Collins' Big Band.

BMG Ireland opts for direct distribution

BMG Ireland will be shipping stock direct to Irish dealers as of today (24) from its BMG Distribution centre in West Bromwich and no longer through Sony Music Ireland. Managing director Freddie Middleton says the move to direct distribution reflects the growth of BMG Ireland.

Dealer fined after selling bootlegs

A Chesterfield record shop owner has been fined after being caught selling bootleg stock from the town's Record Box store by trading standards officers and investigators from the BPI's anti-piracy unit. Roy Christopher Smith was fined £1,000, ordered to pay £500 costs and his stock of 367 bootleg CDs was confiscated after his appearance at Chesterfield magistrates court. The shop has now closed down.

Industry meets DTI over German tax

The music industry is meeting top officials at the Inland Revenue and Department Of Trade & Industry in a bid to pressurise the German authorities into re-examining their much-criticised live tax regime. Representatives of the live music steering committees are hoping the July 9 meeting will endorse a sliding scale tax regime to reduce the 30% tax on groups touring Germany, imposed from the beginning of the year.

Carleen set for Byrd tribute concert

Carleen Anderson is the first artist to be confirmed for an acoustic tribute concert for her stepfather, Bobby Byrd, who played with James Brown and the Famous Flames. The event, which takes place at the outdoor theatre in London's Regent Park on July 23, aims to raise money for Byrd, who is suffering from cancer.

De Takats moves up at Gut A&R

Fran de Takats is being promoted from A&R manager to head of A&R at Gut Records following the success of the label's artists Space, currently in the singles chart with Female Of The Species, and her work with Sarah Cracknell. Olivier Behrand and Guy Bolland are also being taken on permanently as A&R scouts at the label.

Epos pricing

The Epos system due to be launched by ICL in July is priced from £39 per week, not per month as stated in last week's issue.

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Seeking new blood to support the industry's favourite charity

In the summer of 1994, singer and songwriter Frankie Miller suffered a catastrophic brain haemorrhage. He lay in a coma for months. That Christmas he regained consciousness, but was paralysed down his right side and unable to speak. And yet there was a glimmer of hope. When close friend Graham Lyle placed a guitar in his hands something connected and Miller slowly picked out a faltering chord sequence.

For his wife Annette, that was a turning point. Doctors had told her to prepare for the worst - Miller wouldn't live, let alone walk. But she saw that spark and didn't let go.

In January 1995, Miller started Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy sessions, initially in hospital and later at the charity's north London centre. Annette noticed an immediate effect. "Without Nordoff Robbins, Frankie would be a lost soul. It's his lifeline," she says.

In the week of the 21st Silver Clef awards lunch, Miller's story is a pertinent reminder of what Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy is all about. That rhythm and melody can reach into a shattered life says more about the power of music than all the platinum-selling albums in the world.

No-one could doubt the value of the work of the centre (see breakout) and certainly the music industry has been unstinting in providing time and money for the past 20 years. Of the £1m raised every year, at least 500,000 come from music-related companies. However, there are fears that industry support for its 'favourite charity' may not be so forthcoming in the future.

Such concern stems partly from the compassion fatigue syndrome which affects all charities in an age of increasingly high-profile bonanzas such as Live Aid and Red Nose Day. But in addition, there is a feeling that younger industry executives have not grasped the ethos behind Nordoff Robbins or why they should continue the traditional relationship.

"I realise there are plenty of people out there who don't know anything about us and there is a danger that the new generations regard us as very establishment," admits Sam Alder, EG Records chairman and Nordoff Robbins treasurer.

Put bluntly, Nordoff Robbins, with its ageing committee and slight edge of old boy network, lacks the razzle-dazzle of a Live Aid or a War Child.

While Alder says Nordoff Robbins is not losing money to newcomers such as War Child, he does acknowledge the need to attract younger benefactors, particularly as this charity demands a long-term commitment. Funding of £1m is needed year-in, year-out if the centre is to remain open. "We never take the music industry for granted," says Alder. "Our fundraising goes back to zero every year."

Mark Hutton, sales and marketing director at Virgin Records, has supported Nordoff Robbins for many years, but he says his junior staff probably don't know much about the charity's activities. He suggests more accessibility could put that right.

"A lot of the fundraising is directed towards flashy dinner and executive-driven activities so that's where the question mark is," he says.

The philosophy of Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy extends far beyond the walls of its north London HQ. During the past few years, the charity has contributed time and money to various projects around the world including new therapy units in Germany and Scotland and fledgling initiatives in Australia, South Africa and Japan through its newly-formed International Trust.

In addition, overseas students train at the London centre and many eventually return to their own countries where they extend and develop the work as qualified therapists. The charity also funds outreach work at a range of locations such as the London Lighthouses for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS.

Such developments represent a natural progression from the early days of Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy which was devised by the late concert pianist Dr Paul Nordoff and British education teacher Dr Clive Robbins. The two created a way of using musical improvisation to communicate with children isolated by their physical and emotional disabilities.

In the mid-Seventies, the redoubtable music therapist Sybil Beresford-Perse galvanised the music industry to support the technique with the help of promoter Andrew Miller, insurance broker Weiss Robertson and EG Records chairman Sam Alder, who remains stalwarts of the fundraising committee as chairman, vice chairman and treasurer respectively.

The first Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy centre opened in north London 18 years ago. By 1990, the centre had outgrown these premises and moved to a converted power station close to the original site, paid for with the £2m raised by the Knebworth festival of 1989. The centre currently treats 205 people (177 children and 28 adults) and trains professional musicians on its post-graduate City University masters degree in Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy.

In 1990, Pauline Etkin took over as director of the centre after Beresford-Perse's

Clearly, these glittery events succeed - the Silver Clef lunch brings in around £350,000 a year and is the charity's biggest single earner - but for how much longer? David Munns, senior vice president of pop marketing for PolyGram International, who has just taken over as chairman of the Music Industry Trusts Dinner, is a clear advocate of accessibility and education to garner future support. "Both the Brit Trust and Nordoff Robbins are underused in our community, but these are the industry's bedrock charities," he says. "We've adopted them and we can't give up. We need to get younger people interested."

To this end, Munns has opened this year's awards show to all sectors of the music business, halved ticket prices and is increasing attendance. He expects to raise £200,000, to be split between Nordoff Robbins and the Brit Trust, and plans to draw attention to both charities with displays, short films and written material. "We need to spread the word by showing people what happens at the centre and tell them exactly where their money goes," he says.

Richard Shipman, managing director

NORDOFF ROBBINS



PAULINE ETKIN, DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH LONDON NORDOFF ROBBINS MUSIC THERAPY CENTRE (ABOVE) AND (RIGHT) THERAPISTS WORKING WITH

retirement. It was a hard sell to follow, but it's a tribute to Etkin's skills that she is beginning to carve out a profile in the music industry on her own right.

Etkin, who joined the first centre in 1986, says the treatment does not profess to be a cure. Sessions tend to be one to one and the therapist generally works from the piano which combines rhythm, melody and harmony with a wide range of pitch and volume. "Therapy might just be a means for a very disabled child to find an inner smile, but we would regard that as a success," she says.

Fundraising for Nordoff Robbins grows more than £1m a year. In terms of expenditure, the cost of running the centre is around £750,000, of which two-thirds is spent entirely on the salaries of the pianists and teachers. The balance is the running costs of the centre.

Raising that sort of money every year isn't taken for granted - as Alder puts it, "We're landing on a sixpence every year" - and, although funds are an target for 1996, Etkin says keeping the centre open requires

of Richman Management and one of the founders of the Nordoff Robbins Nineties Committee, a sub-committee of the main fundraising body is exactly the sort of new blood the charity needs. At 37, he is around 20 years younger than most members of the main committee and his energy and enthusiasm are getting results.

In May the Nineties Committee organised a six-a-side football match at Mile End Stadium in east London featuring members of high-profile bands including Blur, Oasis, Pulp and Gene. Other youth-friendly events initiated by the committee include a pop quiz (worth £10,000 a year) and the Women of the Year dinner which raised £5,000 at last year's inaugural event.

Shipman believes appealing to the industry's altruism is not enough in the Nineties and that young people are more concerned with their jobs and their immediate environment rather than the feelgood factor that comes from charity donations.

His method, therefore, is to draw people in through self-interest. His plan to open a showcase night at a London club - the charity gets ticket sales, the



mammoth fundraising efforts and continued industry support.

"We are desperately dependent on the music industry to contribute towards improving the quality of life for people in need," she says. "To those who don't know much about us, I'd say come to an open evening and see for yourself how music can heal."

record companies gain exposure for their acts - illustrates the point.

"We can't expect a bottomless well of compassion," he says. "The music industry's value to us is immense and why shouldn't they get publicity as well as a good night out?"

However it is achieved, the money is still desperately needed. The charity's goal is to increase its endowment fund from £2m to £10m by the millennium. "That will make us increasingly independent of annual fundraising which, admittedly, isn't a sexy thing to raise money for," says Alder. He knows it will take more than the "putting back into the industry" cliché to prompt such large-scale donations, but is confident. "We've always been here. We're the most consistent and it's such an obvious good cause," he says.

Today, Frankie Miller can walk and is slowly recovering his speech. He has even tried singing. His long-term prognosis is difficult to assess, but the improvements are there for all to see.

If you have any doubts at all about what Nordoff Robbins can actually achieve, ask his wife Annette.

Paul McGeilley

Dave Matthews Band



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Prices edge up as big names free the customer satisfied

Despite the proliferation of summer sales customary during the quiet release period, *MV's* latest pricing survey indicates CD prices have stabilized at a significantly higher level than last year and show a slight increase on three months ago.

The current average for a single CD chart artist album is \$13.33, four pence more than the last survey in March and £1.22 more than the survey 15 months ago. The price of back catalogue albums has also risen across the board, with a current average of \$13.85, 13p more than in March.

The overall rise can be partly attributed to the annual increase in dealer prices, but the feeling among retailers that consumers are quite happy to pay more than £12.99 for an album is still firmly in evidence. The tag of £12.99 is still the most common across the nine stores surveyed this time, but the number of albums priced at £13.99 has risen dramatically since March, and the £9.99 price point — once so widespread in non-traditional music retailers such as Woolworths and WH Smiths — has now completely disappeared. Only one chart artist album in the survey, Fugees' *The Score*, is priced (by WH Smiths) at £9.99 — and that is due to a promotion by the label rather than a price-cutting policy by the retailer.

The most expensive chart artist albums in Now, the concession within department stores nationwide, which carries an average price of £13.59 for chart artist albums — 7% more than Smiths, the cheapest for artist albums.

Smiths has displayed the most noticeable change since the March survey. The retailer's average price is 6% lower than the £13.51 average recorded in the spring, falling to £12.71, largely because of its most popular price point of £11.99. The second cheapest store for chart artist albums, Tower, with an average price of £13.05, also bucks the trend with prices 4% lower than in March. All the other stores surveyed display slightly increased prices.

HMV's head of rock and pop Jonathan Rees says April rises in dealer price from £3.40 for a single CD artist album to around £8.60 or £8.70 forced many retailers to raise their prices on certain lines. But, as he points out, the dealer price increases have not resulted in a correspondingly substantial price rise for the consumer. "We can still be competitive in many cases, despite dealer price rises, because of the strong range of releases over the past few months," says Rees. "People don't have a problem paying £12.99 for a new George Michael. Everything But The Girl or Def Leppard across these days. The strength of product softens the blow of the price increases."

Now's marketing manager Frank Daniels agrees. "George Michael's album was the biggest CD release of the year and no one, except ASD, went below £12.99, which shows a more sensible approach all round," he says. "It is quick to do a survey on the average price for chart CDs."

"Consumers are quite happy to pay £13.99 for a CD album these days,"



ASH

FUGEES

WHAT PRICE MUSIC IN THE HIGH STREET?

Title/Artist	Smiths	Woolworths	Music Town	Junction	MVC	HMV	Virgin	Our Price	Now
TOP 25 ARTIST ALBUMS									
187 TIL I DIE: Bryan Adams	12.99	13.99	13.49	12.99	12.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99
JAGGED: P!nk/Alain Morissette	11.99	12.99	13.49	12.49	12.99	13.49	12.99	12.99	12.99
OLDER: George Michael	12.99	13.99	13.49	12.99	12.99	13.99	13.49	13.99	13.99
THE SCORE: Fugees	9.99	13.49	12.99	12.99	12.99	13.99	13.49	13.49	12.99
FALLING... YOU: Def Leppard	12.99	13.49	13.49	12.99	12.99	13.49	13.49	13.49	12.99
MOSELEY... Ocean Colour Scene	11.99	12.49	12.99	12.49	12.99	13.49	12.99	12.99	12.99
DREAMLAND: Robert Miles	12.99	12.99	13.49	12.49	12.99	13.99	13.49	13.49	13.99
LOAD: Metallica	12.99	12.99	13.99	12.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99
OCEAN DRIVE: Lighthouse Family	11.99	12.99	13.49	12.99	12.99	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.99
MORNING GLORY?: Oasis	11.99	12.49	12.99	12.49	12.99	12.99	12.99	12.99	12.99
WILDEST DREAMS: Tina Turner	12.99	13.49	13.49	12.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99
HITS: Mike & Mechanics	12.99	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.49
PEACE AT LAST: Blue Nile	11.99	n/a	13.49	12.99	12.99	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.99
1977: Ash	12.99	11.99	12.99	14.99	12.99	12.99	12.49	12.49	12.99
BIZARRE FRUIT II: M People	13.99	14.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	13.99
HITS: Take That	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	14.49	14.49	14.49	13.99
DESTINY: Gloria Estefan	12.99	13.99	13.49	11.99	12.99	13.99	13.49	13.49	12.99
WALKING WOUNDED: EBTG	12.99	13.99	13.49	12.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	12.99
EVERYTHING... Manic Street Preachers	11.99	12.49	13.49	11.99	12.99	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.99
STANLEY ROAD: Paul Weller	12.99	12.99	13.49	10.99	12.99	11.99	12.99	12.99	12.99
THESE DAYS: Bon Jovi	12.99	14.99	13.49	12.99	13.99	14.49	13.99	13.99	13.99
GOLDEN HEART: Mark Knopfler	12.99	13.49	13.49	12.99	13.99	n/a	12.99	13.99	13.99
GABRIELLE: Gabrielle	11.99	13.49	13.49	12.99	13.49	13.49	13.49	13.49	12.99
MERCURY FALLING: Sting	13.49	12.99	13.49	12.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99
FATHFUL: Garbage	13.49	13.99	13.99	12.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99	13.99
AVERAGE PRICE:	12.71	13.42	13.49	13.05	13.31	13.45	13.49	13.43	13.59
AVERAGE OVERALL PRICE FOR A CHART ARTIST CD									13.33
TOP 10 DOUBLE CD COMPILATIONS									
NEW HITS 96 2	10.99	15.49	15.99	14.99	15.99	14.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
MIXZONE	14.99	15.49	15.99	17.49	15.99	16.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
BEST SWING... EVER	14.99	15.49	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
IN THE MIX 96 2	14.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	12.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
TRUERTH	14.99	14.99	15.99	17.99	15.99	16.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
BEST ACID JAZZ	n/a	15.99	15.99	14.99	15.99	14.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
PURE JAZZ MOODS	14.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	14.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
VIVALDI SUPERPOP	14.99	15.49	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
RAP FLAVAS	14.99	n/a	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
MASSIVE DANCE MIX 96	14.99	15.49	15.99	15.99	n/a	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.99
AVERAGE PRICE:	14.54	15.71	15.99	16.19	15.76	15.65	15.89	15.99	15.99
AVERAGE OVERALL PRICE FOR A DOUBLE COMPILATION CD									15.75
CATALOGUE									
ABBEY ROAD: Beatles	15.99	15.99	15.99	15.49	15.49	15.99	15.99	15.99	14.99
DEBUT: Björk	13.99	14.99	15.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99
MODERN LIFE... Blur	9.99	6.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99
GREATEST HITS: Eurythmics	15.99	14.99	15.99	11.99	15.49	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99
DARK MADON: Fish/Fish	13.99	15.99	15.99	15.49	15.49	15.99	12.99	16.49	14.99
AUTOMATIC... REM	15.99	14.99	15.99	14.99	14.99	14.49	14.99	14.99	14.99
STARS: Simply Red	15.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99	14.99
MEAT IS MURDER: Smiths	n/a	9.99	10.49	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	n/a
BORN IN THE USA: Springsteen	14.99	11.99	13.99	14.49	14.99	14.99	14.49	14.99	13.99
WILD WOOD: Paul Weller	15.99	14.99	15.99	13.99	14.99	14.99	12.99	13.99	14.99
AVERAGE PRICE:	14.78	13.92	14.54	13.44	14.41	14.29	13.64	12.94	13.32
AVERAGE OVERALL PRICE FOR A CATALOGUE CD									13.85

says Darranjo. "I don't think we're out of line with our pricing, we're still very competitive. If you offer people the right environment and the right range of products, they'll buy, but not if they think they're being ripped off."

Retailers fears that BMO's decision

to put a 29.10, higher than average, dealer price on its Take That Greatest Hits album would lead to a round of similar price increases having so far proved unsuccessful and, despite most music retailers pricing the album at £13.99, others are not afraid to give it a

tag of £14.99 while Tower is enjoying healthy sales for its album at £15.99.

Back in March, the cheapest chart artist album were to be found in Tracks in Stockton-On-Tees, which boasted an average price of £12.87. "This time, the indie surveyed is in line with Virgin and Our Price, the second most expensive for double CD compilations and back catalogue."

"We've had to up our prices to cope with the dealer rises," says Helen Smith of Stratford-On-Avon's Music Junction. "People still come in and say price for certain things are too expensive, but we have to increase them when there are rises across the board." The shop has begun distributing £1.99 leaflets to regular customers to take the sting out of paying £1.99 for a double CD compilation, adds Smith.

The survey may show an overall uptick in CD prices, but the most common price, £12.99, is still well below what consumers say they are prepared to pay for CDs according to widespread research carried out by the North Glasgow College. Its recent Cultural Trends survey (MW, June 22) revealed that the average maximum price consumers would pay for an album to be purchased was £15.63.

Manager Records' Piccadilly store, Tower Records' Lyttelton says, "We certainly haven't had any adverse comments from customers about paying £12.99 for an album. The only thing we do get complaints about are back catalogue prices where people aren't paying £14.99 and £15.49 for albums that have been out for 25 years."

"Most stores are running campaigns to draw in shoppers. HMV's sale is substantial, with selected CDs such as The Happy Mondays' Bummed, the Cream Of Underground House series and Jimmy Nail's back catalogue for £9.99, as well as a Sony campaign pricing albums at £7.99. Virgin's Two For £20 includes current favourites such as the Transpotting soundtrack, Black Grape's debut It's Great... and Radiohead's The Bends."

"Our Prices — which continues to ally itself to its sister Virgin in pricing policy — also has a Two For £20 or One For £10.99 CD campaign, taking in the latest albums from Lethbridge and Supergrass, and back catalogue from Marc Streiten Preacher, The Beatles and Crowded House."

Singles continue to show extreme price fluctuations across the stores surveyed, ranging from 99p to £3.99 and £4.99 for CDs. Cassettes seem more settled at an average price of £2.99, but vinyl, although not included in fewer and fewer outlets, ranges from 99p for a seven-inch single to £4.99 for a 12-inch.

Fluctuation in CD album pricing across the stores seems to have lessened, however, with the biggest differences in prices being in the New Hits 96 compilation, which Smiths prices at £10.99, compared with £15.99 in the majority of outlets.

As HMV's Rees sums it up, "Pricing is fairly uniform across all the major music retailers, because everyone is working within the same constraints."

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"We're certainly swamped with football albums and The Beautiful Game is currently holding up well for us. However, I can't see this week's Best Footie Anthems In The World Ever doing very much. It's a very varied compilation and it's difficult to tell what market it's aimed at. The Beautiful Game was neatly targeted at indie fans via the music press and this has helped to give it mileage in a store like ours. We've had healthy sales this week, driven by House Collection Volume 4, Doggy, Stranglelove and Placebo. Next week should be even better with a new album from Neil Young, a Cream Live compilation and Beach Boys boxed set. Beck's forthcoming album also promises to be hot as we've done a roaring trade on the current single. Another one we're looking forward to is Zion Train's Grow Together. They've gigged quite a bit round here and now have a substantial following."

ON THE ROAD

NICK CLARKE, Fullforce rep for the South Coast

"The Black Grape single is flying out this week. It's about the only single that's really doing anything. We've got the ITV music for Euro '96 but it's not exactly setting the world alight, though Bob Wilson did give it a plug, which has helped a little bit. Overall, it's very quiet in the shops because it has been so hot. The Fugees single is still going well, as is the Doggy album. We've got Divine Comedy, which is going well, and the Upside Down single, which should keep their profile up, ready for an album. Heavy Weather, which is on Pukka, one of our in-house labels, is popular, particularly in the dance stores. We've got a new Ash single next week and that's going to be pretty massive. Me and tractors don't get on at the moment. There I was flying past, overtaking a tractor last week and it decided to turn right without indicating and took the front of my car off, so I'm in a hire car at present!"

IN THE SHOPS THIS WEEK

NEW RELEASES

As the summer compilation market reached saturation point, retailers gave the thumbs up to newcomers Big Hit Mix, Summer Vibes and Movie Killers for maintaining interest. As expected, House Collection Volumes 4 and 5 did brisk business from the minute it hit the racks and Doggy nudged up stronger sales than many had anticipated. Hot singles included Queen, Strika, Black Grape, Everything But The Girl and Beck.

PRE-RELEASE ENQUIRIES

Singles - Electronic, Underworld, Belinda Carlisle; Albums - Cream, James Taylor Quartet, Beck, Louise, De La Soul, Crowded House, Dana Bryant, Joey Beltram, Zion Train, Neil Young

ADDITIONAL FORMATS

Bush limited-edition double CD album, Duran seven-inch picture disc, Bon Jovi limited-edition double CD album, House Collection Volume 4 in collector's box

IN-STORE

Windows - House Collection Volume 4, Crowded House, Louise, Ash, Reel 2 Reel, Jethro Tull, Mariah Carey, Renaissance 3, In-store - Beck, Longpig, Dave Matthews Band, Crowded House, Louise, Reel 2 Reel, Cream, Tammy Rogers, Patsy Cline, Electronic, Code Red, Quentin & Ash, Eagles

MULTIPLE CAMPAIGNS



Single - Reel 2 Reel: Windows - PolyGram Monster Sale, House Collection Volume 4; In-store and press ads - Cream, Longpig, Crowded House, Tammy Rogers, Dave Matthews Band, Harry Connick Jr.; Radio ads - Reel 2 Reel (national IIR)



Singles - Reel 2 Reel, Zeo, Quentin & Ash, Kula Shaker, Ash, Code Red, Electronic; In-store - Crowded House, Louise, action film promotion with videos at £7.99, classic film promotion with videos at £4.99 or live for £20, mid-price CD promotion with CDs at £5.99 or two for £10 and cassettes at £3.99 or three for £10



In-store - buy two mid-price cassettes and save 5p, Bryan Adams, Crowded House, Gloria Estefan, Jazz Moods, Beautiful Game, Vival Europeo, Gulliver's Travels, House Of Eliot, Panda, Born To Be Wild, VH-1, Outer Limit, 100 Years Of Cinema promotion with three videos for the price of two



Windows - BBC Classics, Palladio; In-store - five Naxos CDs for £20, Meredith Monk and Hidedog Von Bingen for £12.99, label of the month campaign for Warner Classics, Linx classical and jazz CDs at £9.99



Windows - Crowded House, Renaissance 3, Ash, Louise, Neil Young; In-store - Patsy Cline, Beck, Electronic, Mrs. Marcella Eagles; Press ads - Nightmares On Wax, Generation X, Kiss, Marcella Detroit



Singles - Electronic, Ash, Quentin & Ash, Reel 2 Reel; Albums - Crowded House, Louisa; In-store - Louise, Patsy Cline, Mariah Carey, Summer Sale; TV ads - Crowded House



In-store - Baby Fox, Compulsion, Dearly Beheaded, Fear Factory, Cradle (limited edition vinyl), Dog Eat Dog pre-awareness campaign



Singles - Fugees, Mariah Carey, Easy Red, Lightning Seeds, Black Grape; Albums - Crowded House, Louise, Doggy, Celine Dion, Robert Miles, Big Hit Mix, Mix Zone, Best Of Acid Jazz; Video - X Files



Singles - Ash, Electronic, Kula Shaker, Reel 2 Reel; Albums - Beck, Dearly Beheaded, Kat Møt; The Who; Windows - Crowded House, Fresh CDs promotion, Metallica, Gloria Estefan, Bryan Adams, Robert Miles, Mariah Carey, Neil Young, Doggy, Louise, House Collection Volume 4; In-store - Fresh CDs promotion, multi-buy promotion, Crowded House, House Collection Volume 4, Cream Live 2



Windows - Crowded House, Carlton Classics, BMS Sale, Tim Booth, Mariah Carey, Louise, Jethro Tull; In-store - Tower 10th birthday promotion; Press ads - Nigel Kennedy, Crowded House, T in the Park, Chage & Aska, Star Trek



Megaplay singles - Reel 2 Reel, Nightmares On Wax, Essential album - Mike & Rich; Windows and in-store - two CDs for £20, Crowded House, Euro '96, Renaissance 3, Louise, Longpigs, Doggy, Cream Live 2, Neil Young, Electronic, Ash, Virgin Classics promotion, Paul Weller back catalogue discounts



Single - Ash, Album - Crowded House; Windows - Mariah Carey, The Smurfs; In-store - Crowded House, Mariah Carey



Singles - Ash, Reel 2 Reel; Album - Louise; In-store - selected CDs from £2.99 and cassettes for £1.99

The above information, compiled by *Music Week* on Thursday, is based on contributions from Andy's Records (Bolton), Badlands Records (Cheltenham), Bailey's Records (Birmingham), HMV (Peterborough), Tower (Piscadaway), Music Mania (Glasgow), Our Price (Huntingdon), Soundcheck (Taunton), Virgin (Maidenhead) and Wood (Isington). If you would like to contribute call Karen Faux on 0181-543 4830.

EXPOSURE

TELEVISION

29.6.96
Scratchy & Co featuring Ash, ITV: 9.25-11.30am
Young Musicians '96 - Eurovision Young Musicians, featuring UK violinist Rafal Payne, BBC 2: 1.10-3pm
Alanis Morissette Alive, MTV: 6.30-7pm
Sounds Of The Sixties with The Grateful Dead, The Who, Pink Floyd and Jimi Hendrix, VH-1: 10.10-10.30pm
Saturday Live featuring appearances by Belinda Carlisle and Sleeper, ITV: 10.05-11.25pm
Orbital Live, MTV: 1-2am

30.6.96
Fully Booked features Belinda Carlisle, BBC 2: 10am-noon
1.7.96
GMTV features Cathy Dennis, ITV: 6.9-6.25am
Tim Turner - What's Love Live Concert, Channel 4: 10.50-11.50pm
2.7.96
GMTV with Belinda Carlisle, ITV: 6.9-6.25am
5.7.96
MTV's Party Zone with Joey Beltram, MTV: 11pm-1am
Beat Specials featuring Tricky and Spearhead, Channel Four: 3-4am

29.6.96
John Peel with sessions from D'Crize and Philastines Jr, Radio One: 5-7pm
Jethro Tull In Concert, on last year's world tour, Radio Two: 6.03-7pm
Jacques Loussier, in concert at London's Royal Festival Hall, Radio Two: 7.30-9.30pm
Music Live - Simply Red at Old Trafford, Radio One: 9-11pm
30.6.96
Big Hit Japan, presented by Mark Lamarr and featuring DJ Krush, in concert at London's John Peel featuring The Fleming Stars, Radio One: 8-10pm

1.7.96
Jazz Notes: tribute to Louis Armstrong, Radio Three: 12.30-1am
3.7.96
Folk On Two featuring Joni Mitchell and June Tabor, Radio Two: 7.03-8pm
4.7.96
I Write The Songs: lyricist Don Black talks to Kate Bush, Roger Whittaker and Anthony Newley, Radio Two: 10.03-10.30pm
5.7.96
Royal Opera Verdi Festival - Giovanna D'Arco, featuring soprano June Anderson, Radio Three: 7.25-10.20pm

RADIO

Electronic

When Johnny Marr and Bernard Sumner got together in 1988 to form Electronic some wondered whether two leading elements from the two biggest independent bands of the Eighties could integrate enough to establish a new sound. "Getting Away With It" dispelled any doubts.

The subsequent album, including its three hit singles ("Getting Away With It" was followed by "Get The Message" and "Feel Every Beat") became an all-time favourite. Looking through press cuttings from the time, the euphoria that greeted the release of the album proved that the fervent anticipation of the project was not unrewarded. "Electroni" was, and is, a masterpiece, as Melody Maker put it, "one of the greatest albums of all time".

Now almost four years later, June 24th sees them release a brand new single, "Forbidden City" was written by Johnny and Bernard with Karl Bartos (Kraftwerk) and is one of 13 new tracks that feature on the album "Raise The Pressure" which will be released on July 8th. A peerless collection, it surpasses the first album in every respect.

The Campaign

- **Radio:**
Radio One playlist for Forbidden City three weeks upfront of release.
Massive regional radio support.
- **TV:**
Forthcoming exclusives to be confirmed.
- **Press features and editorial:**
NME cover + Melody Maker + Bash Blues Bash cover + The Face + The Independent on Sunday + The Sunday Times + Die + GQ + Vibe + Select + Q + Smash Hits single and album of the fortnight.
- **Advertising:**
Covering all major music, style and tastemaker publications as well as national daily and weekly papers.
- **National street poster campaign** for both single and album.
- **Retail campaign** including 'single of the week' packages in every major multiple retailer and nationwide window displays as well as major in-store display campaigns for Raise The Pressure.



Forbidden city
single released 24th June



Raise the pressure
album released 8th July



<http://www.wbr.com/electronic>



AD FOCUS

ARTIST/TITLE	LABEL	RELEASE DATE	MEDIA	CAMPAIGN
HORACE BROWN Horace Brown	Polydor	June 24	TV	The album will be advertised in the specialist R&B press including <i>Echoes and Blues & Soul</i> .
RUSNANNE CASH Ten Song Demo	Parlophone	June 24	TV	There will be advertising in <i>Mojito</i> and <i>Country Music International</i> to promote this album.
CROWDED HOUSE Recurring Dreams - The Very Best Of	Parlophone	June 24	TV, CD	There will be extensive Channel Four and ITV advertising through to August. Radio ads will run on Virgin and there will be local press ads in conjunction with independent retailers.
ECHO SYSTEM Headland	Deviant	June 24	TV	The release will be advertised in <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
EFFECTIVE FORCE Back And To The Left MEB' MO' Just Like You	Deviant	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
LDST BOYS Legal Drug Money LOUISE Naked	MCA	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
NO DOUBT Tragic Kingdom	MCA	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
SEX PISTOLS Never Mind The Bollocks	Virgin	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
THE WHO Quadrophenia	Polydor	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
NEL YOUNG AND CRAZY HORSE Broken Arrow	WEA	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
ZION TRAIN Grow Together	China	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Berlin - Unwrapped	Volume	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Copulation Explosion Vol 16	Volume	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Horizont	PolyGram TV	out now	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS House Collection Volume 4	Fantasia Music	out now	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS The Italian House Collection	Firm Music	out now	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Kiss In The Mix	PolyGram TV	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Masterscuts Classic Balearic Vol 1	Beechwood Music	out now	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Max Bass	Breakdown Records	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Max Vibe	Volume	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Mescalery 2	Volume	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Mundo Afrika	Sony Concept TV/ PolyGram TV	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS The Smurfs Go Pop	EMI TV	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS The Soul Selection	Hubbub records	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS 80s Soul Weekender 2	Dino	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS 100% Summer Mix 96	Teistar	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS Summer Vibes	Volume	June 24	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .
VARIOUS This Is House	Beechwood Music	July 1	TV	Press ads will run in selected music titles including <i>NME</i> , <i>Melody Maker</i> , <i>The Wire</i> , <i>Vox</i> , <i>Muzik</i> and <i>Jokey Slot</i> .

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TV RADIO PRESS POSTERS

CAMPAIGNS OF THE WEEK

COMPILATION



Meridianand VH-1 for three weeks and radio advertised on Capital, Kiss and Heart. Unusually for Dino, there will be press ads in *Mojito*, *Q*, *Maxim*, *Blues & Soul* with HMV, *Time Out* with Virgin, *Loaded* with Our Price, *Echoes*, *9-5* and *The Guardian*. A poster campaign will run on London Underground sites and the release will also feature on an HMV poster campaign. In-store, the release will be supported by Virgin, Our Price, HMV and selected independents.

VARIOUS - 80s SOUL WEEKENDER 2

Record label: Dino
Media agency: MCS
Media executive: Justin Lucas
Product manager: Andy Heath
Creative concept: Mario Warner/John Freeze

The second 80s Soul Weekender volume, due out next Monday, will be TV advertised on Channel Four, Anglia,

ZION TRAIN - GROW TOGETHER

Record label: China
Media agency: Sold Out
Media executive: Max Kinnings
Product managers: Simon Morgan and Jonathan Bunney
Creative concept: Jonathan Bunney

China Records is promoting Zion Train's new album with the aim of extending the band's fanbase to more mainstream audiences. The release, due out next Monday, will be heavily promoted in-store through Virgin, Our Price, Andy's, MVM, HMV, Sam Goody's and Pinnacle independent retailers. Press ads will run in *NME* with Andy's, *Melody Maker* with Virgin, *Select* with HMV, *Big Issue*, *Eternity*, *Internet*, *CD-Rom Today* and various fanzines. The album is an Our Price recommended release and will feature on MVC listening posts.

ARTIST



THE OFFICIAL UK CHARTS



The Fugees' Killing Me Softly continues to achieve beady sales. Its fourth week in the shops saw an 18% erosion in support, but with a further 163,000 sales continues to lead by a massive margin, although the continued success of the England football team in Euro 96 has given the former chart-topper **Three Lions** a huge boost. Sales of the **Baddiel & Skinner & Lightning Seeds** disc made an impressive 69% week-on-week climb last week, lifting the single 4-2, although it still trails the Fugees by a ratio of nearly 2:1. Both records help Sony maintain its impressive feat of having four singles in the top five to a quiet week in which the leading few singles are simply shuffled around.

The England euphoria also helps **England's Irie, Black Grape's** collaboration with **Joe Strummer** and **Keith Allen**, to become the week's highest debuting single at number six, while there are two other newcomers to the **Top 10. Everything But The Girl** make it three **Top 10** hits in a row for the first time in their career, debuting at number eight with **Wrong**, while **Queen** return their 46th hit in total and their 24th **Top 10** single with **Let Me Live**. The only group to have more hits is **Status Quo**, while the only act to have more **Top 10** hits is **The Beatles**.

Previously number one for a fortnight at the beginning of May, **Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill** returns to the summit, even though its week-on-week sales are down 12%. **Morissette** takes advantage of a quiet week for new releases and an unusually large 49% decline in sales of fellow Canadian **Bryan Adams' 1871 I Die**, which debuted at number one last week. **Morissette's** album is a year old in three weeks, and managed to coordinate its climb back to the top with its millionth UK sale.

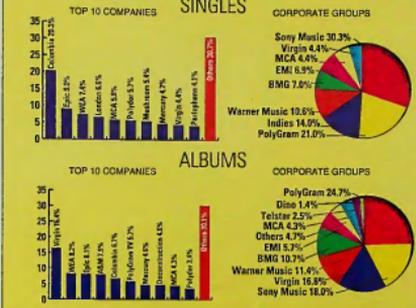
The lack of new product: this week means that **Ocean Colour Scene** move 6-2 with **Mossley Shales** even though its week-on-week sales show a 6% decline.

The death of big selling individual artist albums isn't compensated for in the compilation sector either – the top selling multi-artist package, **Now Hits 96**, is only the eighth best seller overall, a very low placing for the top cassette in the combined chart.

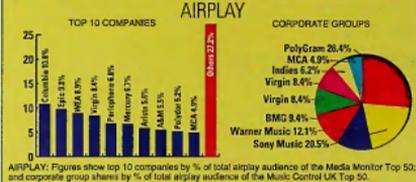
Of this week's new albums, the highest debut comes from **Dodgy**, whose **Free Peaco** SWEV album enters at number seven, proving that while they're not yet in the **Blair/Oasis/Pulp** league, they are making impressive and regular improvements in their album chart form. Their 1993 debut, **The Dodgy Album**, peaked at number 75, while 1994's **Homegrown** climbed



AT-A-GLANCE WEEKLY MARKET SHARE



SINGLES: Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales of the Top 75; and corporate group shares by % of total sales of the Top 75. **ALBUMS:** Figures show top 10 companies by % of total sales of the combined Top 75; and corporate group shares by % of total sales of the combined Top 75.



AIRPLAY: Figures show top 10 companies by % of total airplay audience of the Media Monitor Top 50; and corporate group shares by % of total airplay audience of the Music Control UK Top 50.

to number 28. Reunited with producer **Tommy LiPuma**, who helmed some of his biggest hits, **George Benson** returns to the album chart at number 61 with **That's Right**, his first album for jazz label GRP. It's 53 year old Benson's first success with new material since 1989's **Tenderly**. Benson isn't the only American to have success here with a new album ahead of it charting alongside – R&B singer **Toni Braxton's** **Secrets** debuts at number 54. That may sound low compared to the number four peak of her self-titled 1994 album, but **Secrets** hasn't actually been released here yet, and

wins its debut on the strength of import sales alone. Expect to see it make a mighty debut in America next week.

The death of **Ella Fitzgerald** has had a significant impact on her back catalogue, with massive increases in sales across the entire range, although primarily on the two Verve compilations that brought her back into the charts latterly. 1994's **Essential Ella**, released earlier this year, returns at number 93. The recordings on the two albums are drawn from Ella's golden period between 1954 and 1963.

Alan Jones



The all-conquering **Fugees** add the airplay crown to their sales title, as **Killing Me Softly** increases both plays and audience for the 12th straight week. Although other records have had a higher audience, the total of 1823 plays attained by **Killing Me Softly** last week is the highest by any record since **Music Control** increased its panel of reporting stations at the beginning of the year, and a massive 433 more than any other disc last week.

While the **Fugees' success** this week was predictable (it has been the number one grower on several occasions in recent weeks) the shock decline of **Gary Barlow's** debut solo single **Forever Love** is somewhat unexpected. The single moved 110-24 last week, but now dips to number 37. It's not all bad news – its plays are up from 356 to 490 – but its audience is down 19% as some of the bigger stations are already cutting back their support. **Radio One** for example gave it only a dozen plays last week, four fewer than the week before, while the record also slipped down the **Capital** playlist.

The airplay chart, like the sales chart, is strangely becalmed this week with only a handful of newcomers to the **Top 50**, all but one of which were already in the **Top 100**. The only genuinely new record to reach the **Top 50** this week is New Zealand act **OMC's How Bizarre**, which debuts at number 41. It does so primarily because of 10 plays from **Radio One** on high audience shows, these providing some 95% of its total audience.

Atlantic 252 receives significant support for records prior to their release, but is quite smitten by **Belinda Carlisle's** **In Too Deep**, which it spun 24 times last week. Its support was instrumental in Carlisle climbing 71-32 nationally with her first single for **Chrysalis**.

Radio programmers are getting carried away by England's **Euro 96** success as much as record buyers, and the **Three Lions** single by **Baddiel & Skinner & Lightning Seeds** rebounds 8-3 on airplay having previously peaked at number five. **Gabrielle's** former airplay chart topper **Give Me A Little More Time** has been on the chart longer than any current hit – 23 weeks – but is rapidly losing strength, having moved 14-21-30 while her latest offering **Forget About The World** has climbed 33-23-21-15. The record actually increased its airplay by 50% from 602 plays to 903 with a 32% hike in audience.

Finally spotlight to **Alanis Morissette**, whose **Ironic** should have been 25th as joint number one on **Atlantic 252's** chart last week, with 50 plays. It somehow disappeared from the printed chart and it's still Atlantic's most played record.

Alan Jones.

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TOP 75 SINGLES

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Rank	Label	Title	Artist	Producer	Writer
1	Columbia	KILLING ME SOFTLY ★	Travis	Travis	Travis
2	Columbia	MY HEROES (THE OFFICIAL SON OF THE ENGLAND FOOTBALL TEAM)	East River Pipe	East River Pipe	East River Pipe
3	Mushroom	MYSTERIOUS GIRL ○	Madonna	Madonna	Madonna
4	Columbia	ALWAYS BE MY BABY	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
5	Capitol	BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME ○	Sheryl Crow	Sheryl Crow	Sheryl Crow
6	Capitol	ENGLAND'S IRIE	East River Pipe	East River Pipe	East River Pipe
7	Capitol	DON'T STOP MOVIN'	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
8	Parlophone	WRONG	Queen	Queen	Queen
9	Parlophone	LET ME LIVE	Queen	Queen	Queen
10	MCA	THE DAY WE SAUGHT THE TRAIN	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
11	Capitol	NOBODY KNOWS	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
12	East West	WE'RE IN LOVE	Sheryl Crow	Sheryl Crow	Sheryl Crow
13	Capitol	BLURRED	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
14	Selena	SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND	Selena	Selena	Selena
15	Mercury	MAKE IT WITH YOU	George Strait	George Strait	George Strait
16	Virgin	THAT GIRL	Sheryl Crow	Sheryl Crow	Sheryl Crow
17	Island	THERE'S NOTHING I WON'T DO ○	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
18	Capitol	FEMALE OF THE SPECIES	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
19	Capitol	NEVER FOUND A LOVE LIKE THIS BEFORE	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
20	MCA	THEYDAM FROM MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
21	Capitol	NAKED	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
22	Jive	THANK YOU FOR IT'S FRIDAY	Kid Rock	Kid Rock	Kid Rock
23	A&M	STAND UP	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
24	Mercury	DOH AHH...JUST A LITTLE BIT ○	George Strait	George Strait	George Strait
25	Capitol	INSTINCT	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
26	MCA	SHE SAID	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
27	Capitol	INSPIRATION	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
28	Capitol	FABLE	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
29	Capitol	NO SURRENDER	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
30	Capitol	RED LIGHT - GREEN LIGHT EP	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
31	Capitol	MINT CAR	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
32	Capitol	OCEAN DRIVE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
33	Capitol	FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
34	Capitol	FASTLOVE ○	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
35	Capitol	WHERE IT'S AT	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
36	Capitol	PURPLE HEART	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
37	Capitol	LONDON TONIGHT/EAT MY GAIL	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet

Rank	Label	Title	Artist	Producer	Writer
38	Capitol	COULD IT BE FOREVER	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
39	Capitol	KEEP ON, KEEP ON	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
40	Capitol	RETURN OF THE MACK ★	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
41	Jive	GET DOWN (YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME)	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
42	Capitol	I BELIEVE	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
43	Capitol	CECILIA ○	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
44	Capitol	5 O'CLOCK	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
45	Capitol	ONE TO JOY (FROM BEEHIVE'S MYCHA MONTANO '91)	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
46	Capitol	A BETTER MAN	Janet Jack	Janet Jack	Janet Jack
47	Capitol	THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
48	Capitol	WITH WITHOUT PITY	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
49	Capitol	ON SILENT WINGS	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
50	Capitol	I CAN DRIVE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
51	Capitol	BAD MAN	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
52	Capitol	IN A ROOM	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
53	Capitol	LIVE AT 17 FRIED	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
54	Capitol	SCANDALOUS	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
55	Capitol	STAKES IS HIGH	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
56	Capitol	WE CAN'T TURN AROUND	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
57	Capitol	BOND	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
58	Capitol	WHAT'S UP WITH THAT	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
59	Capitol	CAN HELP IT	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
60	Capitol	ON YA WAY	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
61	Capitol	THE GUY'S MISTAKE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
62	Capitol	INDIA	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
63	Capitol	TWISTED	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
64	Capitol	FIRESTARTER	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
65	Capitol	MOVE MOVE MOVE (THE RED TIE)	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
66	Capitol	A DESIGN FOR LIFE ○	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
67	Capitol	THE X FILES	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
68	Capitol	DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
69	Capitol	THAT'S AMORE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
70	Capitol	CLUB BIZARRE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
71	Capitol	REACH	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
72	Capitol	SUMMER HOLIDAY MEDLEY	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
73	Capitol	THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US ○	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
74	Capitol	KEEP ON JUMPIN'	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet
75	Capitol	YOUR SMILE	Blackstreet	Blackstreet	Blackstreet

TITLES A-Z

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TOP 75 ALBUMS

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The Week	Last Week	Title Artist (Producer)	Label/CD (Distributor) Cash/Vinyl
1	45	JAGGED LITTLE PILL ★ 3 Weeks Alays Morissette (Morissette/Salfaro)	MCA MCD 60008 (BMG) MCC 60008 (BMG)
2	1	MOSELEY SHOALS ● Cocaine Color Scene (Sly/Colson Color Scene)	MCA MCD 60008 (BMG) MCC 60008 (BMG)
3	1	18 TIL I DIE ● Bryan Adams (Adams/Lange)	ASAP 545692Z (F) 5453145495511
4	14	THE SCORE ● Fogies (Patterson/Pharo)	Columbia 603549Z (F) 4035494835949
5	6	OLDER * 2 George Michael (Michael)	Virgin VCD 2802Z (E) VCD 2802A/2802
5	15	FALLING INTO YOU * Eros (Eros/Novos/Novos/Waloff/Forster/Berman/Sala/Novos)	EMI 4829329Z (F) 4829329Z (F)
7	NEW	FREE PACE SWEET Ocean Drive (Lomas)	ASAP 540732Z (F) 5407345405771
8	17	OCCEAN DRIVE ● Lighthouse Family (Feden)	Wild Card 540732Z (F) 52378474
9	7	DREAMLAND Robert Miles (Miles)	Deconstruction 742312126Z (BMG) 7423129126A/7423129126B
10	38	(WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY ★ 3 Weeks Oasis (Morris/Gallagher)	CRED 1893CDE (R) 1893CDE (R)
11	8	LOAD ● Metallica (Rock/Henfield/Ulfrich)	Vertigo 532612Z (F) 53261845226191
12	17	WALKING WOODS ● The Roots (The Roots)	Virgin VCD 2802Z (E) 5261845226191
13	17	1977 ● Ash (Miles/Jacob)	Infectious INFECT 400C (R) INFECT 400C/INFECT 40LP
14	11	WILDEST DREAMS ● The Temptations (Temptations)	IMPACT 229123Z (2291) IMPACT 229123Z (2291)
15	82	BIZARRE FRUIT/BIZARRE FRUIT II ★★ M People (M People)	Deconstruction 742312126Z (BMG) 7423129126A/7423129126B
16	13	GREATEST HITS * 2 Tina Turner (Turner)	RCA 7423135586Z (R) 7423135586Z (R)
17	5	EVERYTHING'S CHANGING ● Meric Street Preachers (Hedges/Hedges)	EMI 483032Z (F) 4830349830331
18	15	HITS & THE MECHANICS (Neu/Rutherford)	Virgin VCD 2787Z (E) VCD 2787A/1
19	37	LIFE * 4 Simply Red (Levine/Hucknall)	East West 06312069Z (V) 06312069A/06312069B
20	14	PEACE AT LAST Blue Nile (Blue Nile)	Warner Bros 83042564Z (F) 830425649A/830425649B
21	4	GABRIELLE Gabrielle (The Bollerhouse Boys)	Go Beat 828782Z (F) 828784498281Z
22	5	STANLEY ROAD * 3 Paul Weller (Weller/Weller)	Go!Discs 828615Z (F) 828619492861F
23	4	THESE DAYS * 2 Bon Jovi (Collins/Bon Jovi/Sambora)	Mercury 528428Z (F) 52842849528428A
24	3	DESTINY Olivia Estelan (Estelan/Ju/Gerentes/Santos/Casas/Droval/Estelan)	EMI 483932Z (F) 483932Z (F)
25	35	DAYDREAM ● Marilyn Carey (Kane/Estelan/Carey/Vanoni)	Columbia 481367Z (F) 4813674913671

26	24	GARBAGE * Garbage (Garbage)	Mushroom D31450 (BMG) C150/121450
27	30	THE HEIR LOOL ● Sleater-Kinney (Lampson/Simkin)	Indolent/CDC SLEP20Z (F) SLEP20Z (F)
28	25	DEFINITELY MAYBE * 4 Oasis (Oasis/Cox)	Creation 159V (F) CREED 1893CDE (R)
29	30	ALL CHANGE * Cast (Lange)	Polygram 523012Z (F) 523012A/5230121
30	16	MERCURY FALLING ● Sleater-Kinney (Lampson/Simkin)	ASAP 540682Z (F) 54068545068481
31	8	TO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ● The Cranberries (The Cranberries)	Virgin DCD 8048Z (F) ICT 8048L/518048
32	20	BROTHERS IN ARMS * 12 Dixie Straits (Krug/Lof/Darman)	Vertigo 514889Z (F) V514891/251489A
33	34	DIFFERENT CLASS * 3 Pulp (Thomas)	Virgin DCD 8941Z (F) ICT 8041L/518048
34	12	THE BENDS * Radiohead (Lennie)	Parlophone CD935 (R) TPTCS 329Z/323Z (F)
35	12	GOLD HEART ● Mark Knopfler (Knopfler/Amaly)	Vertigo 514732Z (F) 514732A/4
36	NEW	KEITH SWIFT Keith Sweat (Sweat/Variouso)	Elektra 755961772Z (V) 7559617017475961701
37	24	MELLOW COLLIE AND THE INFINITE SAINNESS ● Smashing Pumpkins (Food/Moody/Corgan)	Capitol 060410Z (F) HUTDMC 30C
38	4	ELEGANT SLUMMING * 3 M People (M People)	RCA 742311678Z (R) 742311678A/742311678B1
39	7	WORDS Tony Rich Project (Rich)	Faface 730002822Z (F) 730002822A/4
40	NEW	PLACEBO Placebo (Wood)	Elevator Music CDOLR 10Z (F) MFLP50R 2L/PLP50R 2
41	34	THE COLOUR OF MY LOVE * 5 Celine Dion (Laurin/Dion)	EMI 47442Z (SM) 5259617017475961701
42	44	SAID AND DONE * 2 Boyzone (Hedges)	Polygram 527861Z (F) 527861A/2
43	NEW	SPITFIREACHER Dead Can Dance (Perry/Gerard)	4AD CACD 8700MCDZ (F) CACD 8700A/8700B
44	NEW	LOVE AND OTHER DEMONS Stranglers (Corkett/Stranglers)	Foxtrot FFOODD 15Z (F) FOODT15 (F)
45	10	THE PRESIDENTS OF THE USA ● The Presidents of the United States of America (Bruff/Andrews)	Columbia 60302Z (SM) 000754 CDX/000754 CDX
46	30	AT THE END OF THE CLICHE Cox (Cox/Blank)	Ultimate 000754Z (F) 000754 CDX/000754 CDX
47	4	HISTORY-PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, BOOK 1 Michael Jackson (Laur/Lavelle/Jackson/Zetser/Janet)	41429024Z (F) 414290249024
48	28	PARANOID & SUNBURST Slunk Anarcosis (Massey)	One Little Indian PPL 55L (F) TFLP 550Z (F)
49	13	SECOND TOUGHEST IN THE INFANTS ● Underwood (Underwood)	Jay's (The Jay's/IMD)
50	15	EXPECTING TO FLY ● The Bluebelles (Glynn)	Sagefor Quality/AM BLEEPED 04 (F) BLEPUCD 04 (F)
51	4	FAIRWEATHER JOHNSON ● Hair & The Johnson (Johnston)	Airside 7567888Z (F) 7567888Z (F)

52	58	LEFTISM ● Leftfield (Leftfield)	Hard Handed/Columbia/HANDCD 2 (SM) HANDCD 2/HANDLP 2
53	NEW	AQUALUNG Jethro Tull (Anderson/Elis)	Chryslis CDs 2004A (E) ZCHR 1004/ICR 1004
54	NEW	SECRETS Tom Braxton (Braxton/Variouso)	LaFace 73002802 (IMP) 73002802A/4
55	51	RELISH ● Jon Gibson (Chertoff)	Blue Griffin 526692Z (F) 526692A/4
56	RE	IT'S GREAT WHEN YOU STRAGGLE... YEAR ● Black Grape (Sheffer/Jay/Hyler)	Radiance/RCA 612789Z (SM) RCA 612789A/612789B
57	32	TENNESSEE MOON ● Columbia 487392Z (SM)	487392Z (SM)
58	50	DOWN ON THE UPSIDE Soundgarden (Soundgarden/Kasper)	ASAP 540732Z (F) 5407345405771
59	38	SLANG ● Del Lppard (Woodroffe/Del Lppard)	Bluebird Griffin 52682Z (F) 52682A/4
60	57	SIXTEEN STONE Bush (Lange/Winstanley/Bush)	Atlantic 65492532Z (F) 65492532A/4/65492532B1
61	NEW	THAT'S RIGHT George Benson (L'Puma/Bush/Petersman/Roy)	GRP GRP 8824Z (IMP) GRP 8824A/4
62	NEW	THE ROAD TO ENSENADA Lyle Lovett (Lovett/Williams)	MCA MCD 11409 (IMP) MCC 11409Z (F)
63	64	SO FAR SO GOOD * 3 Bryan Adams (Adams/Clearmont/Lange/Salfaro/Novos)	ASAP 540157Z (F) 540157A/4
64	48	PALM HONEY ● Radiohead (Stade/Kidney)	Parlophone CD 9151Z (F) TPTCS 3280Z/3280Z (F)
65	RE	THE BEST OF VAN MORRISON ● Van Morrison (Various)	Polygram 841970Z (F) 841970A/8419701
66	53	RETURN OF THE MACK ● Mick Ronson (Ronson/Carter/Blackburn/Young)	WEA 020014582Z (F) 020014582A/020014582B1
67	NEW	KAFKA Nigel Kennedy (Botz/Kennedy)	EMI CDMD 105Z (F) CDMD 105Z (F)
68	NEW	HOME RUN Hardhouse (Hardhouse/Planchard)	Hardhouse HPHD 913Z (IMP) HIMC 913A/913B/913C
69	120	THE COMMITMENTS (OST) * 3 The Commitments (Bohannon/Klein/Farmer)	MCA MCD 10286 (IMP) MCC 10286A/10286B
70	85	125 MILES * 10th Anniversary Concert Carole King (A&M)	For: High Road CD 91Z (F) ENCORE CD 91Z
71	47	THE GREAT ESCAPE * 3 Blur (Stuart)	Foxtrot FFOODD 14Z (F) FOODT14 (F)
72	30	THE VERY BEST OF... * 4 Eagles (Szybel/Krebs/Johns)	Elektra 95482372Z (F) 95482372A/4
73	12	IN SIDES ● David (Hartnick)	Internal Traffic 10Z (F) TRML01Z/10Z (F)
74	RE	GOLD - GREATEST HITS * 3 Asha (Anderson/Sylvester/Anderson)	Polygram 517007Z (F) 517007A/5170071
75	RE	REBETS & ARIAS Dubois Alpha/Reps (Cherugi/Leble to supply only)	EMI Classics CD 55611Z (F) 55611Z (F)

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TOP COMPILATIONS

The Week	Last Week	Title Artist	Label/CD (Distributor) Cash/Vinyl
1	1	NEW HITS 96 * Warner esp Global TV/Sony TV/RADC 36/RADC 36 (BMG)	Warner esp Global TV/Sony TV/RADC 36/RADC 36 (BMG)
2	NEW	FANTAZIA PRESENT THE HOUSE COLLECTION 4 Fantazia FHC 4CD/UPFR 4MCD/4LP 4LP (SM/SM)	Fantazia FHC 4CD/UPFR 4MCD/4LP 4LP (SM/SM)
3	2	MIX ZONE Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4	PolyGram TV 53582Z (F) 531032A/4
4	3	THE BEST SWING...EVER! Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4	Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4
5	4	IN THE MIX 96 - 2 Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4	Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4
6	NEW	THE BEST FOOTIE ANTHEMS IN THE WORLD...EVER! Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4	Virgin VTD CD 86VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4
7	18	TRAINSPOTTING (OST) EMI Premier CD/EMC 3739Z/EMC 3739Z (F) 531032A/4	EMI Premier CD/EMC 3739Z/EMC 3739Z (F) 531032A/4
8	NEW	SUMMER VYBES PolyGram TV 53584Z (F) 531032A/4	PolyGram TV 53584Z (F) 531032A/4
9	NEW	MOVIE KILLERS Telstar VTD CD 283Z (BMG) STAC 283A/4	Telstar VTD CD 283Z (BMG) STAC 283A/4

10	5	SPIRITS OF NATURE Virgin VTD CD 81VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4	Virgin VTD CD 81VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4
11	2	PURE JAZZ MOODS - COOL JAZZ FOR A SUMMER Dino DINO CD 126/DINO CD 126 (F)	DINO DINO CD 126/DINO CD 126 (F)
12	7	TRUEBIRT ● PolyGram TV 53479Z/53579A/4 (F)	PolyGram TV 53479Z/53579A/4 (F)
13	13	THE BEAUTIFUL GAME ● RCA 742313028Z (F) 742313028A/4	RCA 742313028Z (F) 742313028A/4
14	10	VIVALI EUROPOP Warner esp 563126Z/563126A/563126B/4 (W)	Warner esp 563126Z/563126A/563126B/4 (W)
15	3	BEST OF ACID JAZZ Global Television RADC 33/RADC 33 (BMG)	Global Television RADC 33/RADC 33 (BMG)
16	NEW	THE BIG HIT MIX Virgin VTD CD 81VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4	Virgin VTD CD 81VTD08Z (F) 531032A/4
17	12	MASSIVE DANCE MIX 96 Telstar VTD CD 283Z (BMG) STAC 283A/4	Telstar VTD CD 283Z (BMG) STAC 283A/4
18	NEW	CAFE LATINO Telstar VTD CD 284Z (BMG) STAC 284A/4	Telstar VTD CD 284Z (BMG) STAC 284A/4
19	11	RAP FLAVAS Columbia SONVTV 19CD/SONVTV 19MCD (SM)	Columbia SONVTV 19CD/SONVTV 19MCD (SM)
20	6	SWING MIX 96 Telstar VTD CD 283Z (BMG) STAC 283A/4	Telstar VTD CD 283Z (BMG) STAC 283A/4

ARTISTS A-Z

ABBA	74	KNOXFLER, Mark	58
ADAMS, Bryan	31	LEFTFIELD	52
ALAGUNA, Barbara/Anita	1	LEFTFIELD FAMILY	63
ALICE	75	LORETTA LYNN	62
ASH	13	M PEOPLE	58, 58
BENSON, George	61	MAD STREET PREACHERS	77
BLACK GRACE	68	METALLICA	11
BLUE NILES	20	MICHAEL SCHENNER	19
BULETTONES, The	19	RISE AND THE MECHANICS	18
BUNZ	31	MILES, Robert	1
BLUZY	27	MORSETT, Alison	1
BOYCE	42	MORRISON, Van	66
BRAXTON, Toni	54	MORRISON, Van	66
BURN	69	MURPHY, Noel	1
CAREY, Mariah	25	OASIS	10, 28
CAST	29	OCEAN COLOR SCENE	2
CAT RECORDINGS, The	79	OLDFATHER	73
CDK, Gail	48	OSBORNE, Joan	55
CHERRIES, The	31	PACIFIC	47
DEAD CAN DANCE	41	PRESENTS OF THE UNITED STATES	45
DEE LEPPARD	52	OF AMERICA, The	45
DIAMOND, Bob	57	PALP	33
DIXIE STRAITS	12	RAJA TRIPS PRODUCTIONS	36, 64
DOGGY	74	REDFIELD	36, 64
EDGEMAN, Geoff	77	ROCK ON! PRODUCTIONS	58
EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL...	12	SMOOTH	19
FLYERS	4	STAC	30
GABRIELLE	21	STRANGEWAYS	30
GARBAGE	28	SWING, Keith	30
GARDNER, John	88	TAKE THAT	1
HOUSTE & THE BLOWHORN	61	THE ANIMALS	1
HACKER, Michael	47	UNDERWORLD	1
JETHRO TULL	53	WELLS, Paul	12

AIRPLAY PROFILE

STATION OF THE WEEK

COUNTRY 1035
London's Country 1035 has been performing a delicate balancing act since it came on air 20 months ago. With its mixture of established country acts and new country performers, it has carved a significant niche in the capital. The last Rajar survey saw listeners fall from 306,000 to 250,000, but both reach and listening share remain steady on 3% and 0.7% in its 186mm transmission area. Programme director Phil Miles describes the output as "easy listening with attitude".

He adds, "We operate what is lovingly referred to as a spectrum country format, which is a mix of older, more traditional country music from the likes of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson, mixed with new country – such as Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks and Mary Chapin Carpenter – and stuff in the middle from the likes of The Eagles and KD Lang.

"That's the basis of the vast majority of our musical output. It's roughly 50% older material and 50% new country. We're nurturing the new country on the back of the familiarity of the old stuff. In addition, there is roughly 25% of country-influenced crossover which would encompass things like The Doobie Brothers, Van Morrison, even things like Fleetwood Mac, the sort of stuff people in London are familiar with."

Miles agrees there is a misconception about country music, that it is all about people crying into their beer and singing about dead dogs. But Country 1035 gets over that by majoring on the music itself, rather

COUNTRY 1035

COUNTRY 1035 TOP 10

Track	Play
1 My Maria Brooks & Dums (Arista)	
2 Tennessee Moon Neil Diamond (Columbia)	
3 Heads Carolina, Tails California Jo Dee Messina (Columbia)	
4 It Matters To Me Faith Hill/Warner Bros	
5 You Keep Me Hangin' On Reba McEntire (MCA)	
6 Blue Clear Sky George Strait (MCA)	
7 Til They Ain't Backen (Arista)	
8 You Kiss My Love Shania Twain (Mercury)	
9 Heaven Help My Heart Wynonna (Outlaw)	

The top 10 shown here is a snapshot of the station's current output and is in no particular order other than the genre. Last Christmas, for example, its advertising campaign took the form of a commercial for a compilation album and featured the hooks of some familiar tracks. "We promote the station on the quality of the music, not the pigeon-hole that it's put in," he says. "We're in for a long game here and a lot of it's going to be word of mouth."

"We co-promote all the big country acts when they come into London and when we did Travis' Trill recently at the Shepherd's Bush Empire, for example, the guys in Nashville were surprised we sold out two nights in a row."

TRACK OF THE WEEK

BRYAN ADAMS: THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU
Almost five years after his record-breaking retail chart run, Bryan Adams has proved his huge popularity on UK radio once again.

While this up-tempo track has been unable to match the sales of his ballads, it has landed him with a high retail debut and yet another sustained run in the airplay listings.

The Canadian rocker was back on the nation's airwaves a month before the single's release, even winning early support on the usually-cautious Atlantic 252, and the single speedily won a place in the Airplay Top 20 with 632 plays.

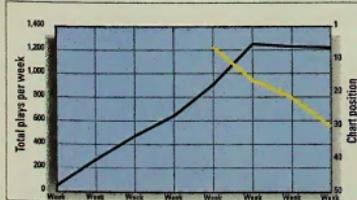
Asked by Adams' appearance on the National Lottery TV show, that figure was slightly beaten in the week of releases when it made the Airplay Top 10, along with Top 10 placings on Atlantic and Capital. It then reached Radio One's Top 10 following a debut at number six in the sales chart. Against a swift decline of the single at retail, radio's enthusiasm remained high to get up a number one debut for the parent album 18 1/2 Dile.



Adams' senior director of promotions Julian Spear says, "The support was universal. We always felt it was a very easy record to programme. It's very easy. It's extremely commercial and the result was Bryan's highest debuting rock single ever in the UK."

"From the point of view of the record dropping, you always know when you've got a bit of a rocker you're going to drop faster than when you've got a ballad. But radio doesn't say it's now dropping so we're going to stop playing it. If the record feels good and sounds good, people will stay with it."

Paul Williams



RADIO 1

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Rank	Title/Artist Label	No. of plays	TW
1	1 KILLING ME SOFTLY Rufus (Ruffhouse/Columbia)	1521	1657
2	2 NOBODY KNOWS Easy Rich Project (Africa/World Circuit)	1423	1288
3	3 OCEAN DRIVE Lighthouse Family (Wax/Car/Polygram)	1248	1177
4	4 MAKE IT WITH YOU Lou Loma (Mercury)	828	1080
5	5 ALWAYS BE MY BABY Meshell Noyce (Columbia)	813	1054
6	6 FASTFLOWE George Michael (A&M)	814	1207
7	7 MYSTERIOUS GUY Peter Andre Feat. Bubble Bay (Mushroom)	751	993
8	8 THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU Bryan Adams (A&M)	1083	989
9	9 BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME Catena Doo (Epic)	970	966
10	10 THREE LIONS Buddie & Skinner & Lightning Seeds (Epic)	771	831
11	11 RETURN OF THE MACK Mark Morrison (WEA)	949	857
12	12 NAKED Louise (Dot Avenue/EMI)	838	849
13	13 FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD Gabrielle (Go Beat)	841	809
14	14 WRONG Everything But The Girl (Polygram)	483	798
15	15 IRONIC Alanis Morissette (Mercury/Warner Bros)	787	721
16	16 THE DAY WE CAUGHT THE TRAIN Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)	895	720
17	17 WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER Simply Red (G & W)	579	644
18	18 INSTINCT Crowded House (Capitol/Perthoform)	245	628
19	19 CECILIA Suggs (WEA)	580	504
20	20 FOREVER LOVE Gary Barlow (RCA)	336	477
21	21 CHARLIE'S MAN Blur (Polygram/Phonogram)	389	454
22	22 OH A BETTER MAN Brian Kennedy (RCA)	257	453
23	23 IN TOO DEEP Melissa Carrillo (Chrysalis)	251	452
24	24 DON'T STOP MOVIN' U2 (Jive/Jay/Interscope/Warner)	441	200
25	25 REACH Ozzy Osbourne (Mercury)	363	413
26	26 ON SILENT WINGS The Turner (Polygram)	528	403
27	27 DON'T LOOK BACK IN ANGER Oasis (Creation)	459	396
28	28 GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME Gabrielle (Go Beat)	450	388
29	29 HEAVEN KNOWS Squeeze (A&M)	426	387
30	30 IN A ROOM Diddy (A&M)	435	380

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VIRGIN

Rank	Title/Artist Label	No. of plays	TW
1	1 NOBODY KNOWS Easy Rich Project (Africa/World)	33	23
2	2 THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU Bryan Adams (A&M)	29	21
3	3 IRONIC Alanis Morissette (Mercury/Warner Bros)	29	29
4	4 THREE LIONS Buddie & Skinner & Lightning Seeds (Epic)	18	28
5	5 A DESIGN FOR LIFE Music Street Producers (A&M)	31	28
6	6 FASTFLOWE George Michael (A&M)	20	24
7	7 IN A ROOM Diddy (A&M)	23	23
8	8 FEMALE OF THE SPECIES Space (Epic)	21	23
9	9 THE DAY WE CAUGHT THE TRAIN Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)	23	22
10	10 ALL I AM A WOMAN I GOT TO HEAVEN (Mercury)	21	21

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ATLANTIC 252

Rank	Title/Artist Label	No. of plays	TW
1	1 IRONIC Alanis Morissette (Mercury/Warner Bros)	62	62
2	2 THREE LIONS Buddie & Skinner & Lightning Seeds (Epic)	32	50
3	3 SOMETHING CHANGED Pulp (Interscope)	34	50
4	4 KILLING ME SOFTLY Rufus (Ruffhouse/Columbia)	36	49
5	5 OCEAN DRIVE Lighthouse Family (Wax/Car/Polygram)	44	45
6	6 CECILIA Suggs (WEA)	62	42
7	7 OCEAN DRIVE Lighthouse Family (Wax/Car/Polygram)	34	40
8	8 A DESIGN FOR LIFE Music Street Producers (A&M)	61	38
9	9 FASTFLOWE George Michael (A&M)	59	38
10	10 THERE'S NOTHING I WON'T DO Jive (Decca/Polygram)	40	38



TOP 50 AIRPLAY HITS

29 JUNE 1996



Pos	Last	Weeks on chart	Title	Artist	Label	Total plays	Plays +/-	Total audience	Audience +/-
1	2	6	KILLING ME SOFTLY	Fugees	Ruffhouse/Columbia	1625	+2	68.85	+12
2	3	4	OCEAN DRIVE	Lighthouse Family	Wild Card/Polydor	1268	-6	56.71	-4
3	5	5	THREE LIONS	Baddiel & Skinner & Lightning Seeds	Epic	1049	+23	56.03	+32
4	6	7	ALWAYS BE MY BABY	Mariah Carey	Columbia	1207	+25	54.17	+21
5	1	12	FASTLOVE	George Michael	AE/Virgin	1173	-17	49.31	-25
6	7	10	MYSTERIOUS GIRL	Peter Andre Feat. Bubbler Ranx	Mushroom	1057	+30	49.09	+14
7	19	31	MAKE IT WITH YOU	Let Loose	Mercury	1125	-19	45.89	+74
8	4	18	NOBODY KNOWS	Tony Rich Project	LaFace/Arista	1392	-11	45.47	-25
9	5	14	THE DAY WE CAUGHT THE TRAIN	Ocean Colour Scene	MCA	783	+16	42.49	+5
10	16	23	WRONG	Everything But The Girl	Virgin	882	+52	38.52	+25
11	5	6	THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU	Bryan Adams	A&M	1109	-9	37.02	-30
12	17	44	DON'T STOP MOVIN'	Livin' Joy	Undiscovered/MCA	570	+29	36.72	+25
13	12	11	BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME	Celine Dion	Epic	1003	n/c	35.58	-2
14	29	44	WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER	Simply Red	East West	713	+16	34.76	+33
15	21	23	FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD	Gabrielle	Go Beat	903	+50	33.46	+36
16	22	43	SURPRISE	Bizarre Inc	Some Bizarre/Mercury	384	+28	33.45	+61
17	19	12	IN A ROOM	Dodgy	A&M	467	-13	31.22	-24
18	15	15	NAKED	Louise	1st Avenue/EMI	692	-9	30.89	-6
HIGHEST CLIMBER									
MOST ADDED									
19	42	47	INSTINCT	Crowded House	Capitol/Parlophone	714	+129	29.29	+87
20	34	32	FEMALE OF THE SPECIES	Space	Gut	384	-18	29.26	-16
21	11	18	RETURN OF THE MACK	Mark Morrison	WEA	946	-7	29.09	-26
22	44	36	FORBIDDEN CITY	Electronic	Parlophone	281	+38	28.84	+92
23	28	30	I BELIEVE	Booth And The Bad Angel	Fontana/Mercury	408	+51	27.85	+29
24	18	17	IRONIC	Alanis Morissette	Maverick/Warner Bros.	844	-8	25.64	-9
25	25	19	SHE SAID	Longpigs	Mother/Polydor	111	+141	23.87	+22
26	41	41	A BETTER MAN	Brian Kennedy	RCA	491	+85	23.20	+39
27	28	28	MINT CAR	The Cure	Fiction/Polydor	173	+40	22.42	+4
28	27	13	THERE'S NOTHING I WON'T DO	JX	Hooj Choons/freedom	391	-13	22.18	-5
29	37	44	THAT GIRL	Max Priest Feat. Shaggy	Virgin	382	+29	22.12	+22
30	27	44	BLURRED	Pianman	3 Beat/freedom	279	+1	21.93	-12
31	28	22	I CAN DRIVE	Shakespears Sister	London	100	-52	21.93	-7
32	17	142	IN TOO DEEP	Belinda Carlisle	Chrysalis	466	+93	20.82	+156
33	48	112	WHERE LOVE LIVES	Alison Limerick	Arista	281	+27	20.82	+56
34	48	35	THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY	R Kelly	Jive	274	+48	20.10	+18
35	12	24	THEME FROM MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE	Adam Clayton & Larry Mullen	Mother/Polydor	384	-20	19.65	-73
36	47	209	TATTA	Kula Shaker	Columbia	58	+93	19.35	+46
37	34	118	FOREVER LOVE	Gary Barlow	RCA	430	+38	18.96	-24
38	41	28	SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND	Divine Comedy	Setanta	54	+125	18.44	+28
39	21	22	GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME	Gabrielle	Go Beat	421	-17	17.08	-22
40	54	15	ON SILENT WINGS	Tina Turner	Parlophone	458	-20	16.71	-18
BIGGEST INCREASE IN PLAYS									
BIGGEST INCREASE IN AUDIENCE									
41	28	9	HOW BIZARRE	DMC	Polydor	49	+4500	16.41	+32714
42	33	28	CECILIA	Suggs	WEA	562	-18	15.44	-55
43	38	43	ENGLAND'S IRIE	Black Grape Feat. Joe Strummer & Keith Allen	Radioactive/MCA	54	+46	14.86	-21
44	39	12	A DESIGN FOR LIFE	Manic Street Preachers	Epic	297	-35	14.59	-38
45	35	44	PURPLE HEATHER	Rod Stewart With The Scottish Euro '96 Squad	Warner Bros	206	+23	14.38	-34
46	48	39	CHARLEMS MAN	Blur	Food/Parlophone	506	-12	13.27	+1
47	41	33	OH YEAH	Ash	Infectious	47	+31	12.31	+63
48	39	27	REACH	Gloria Estefan	Epic	461	-29	12.19	-73
49	60	164	JAZZ IT UP	Reel 2 Reel	Positiva/EMI	136	+100	11.62	+65
50	66	103	TOWN WITHOUT PITY	Res D'Almeida	Bianco Y Negro/Warner Bros	207	+34	11.61	+30

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TOP 10 GROWERS

Pos.	Title/Artist (Label)	Total plays	Increase in no. of plays
1	INSTINCT Crowded House (Capitol/Parlophone)	714	402
2	FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD Gabrielle (Go Beat)	903	301
3	WRONG Everything But The Girl (Virgin)	882	301
4	MYSTERIOUS GIRL Peter Andre Feat. Bubbler Ranx (Mushroom)	1057	247
5	ALWAYS BE MY BABY Mariah Carey (Columbia)	1207	243
6	IN TOO DEEP Belinda Carlisle (Chrysalis)	466	234
7	A BETTER MAN Brian Kennedy (RCA)	491	225
8	THREE LIONS Baddiel & Skinner & Lightning Seeds (Epic)	1049	194
9	MAKE IT WITH YOU Let Loose (Mercury)	1125	181
10	INSENSITIVE Jane Anderson (A&M)	308	173

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TOP 10 MOST ADDED

Pos.	Title/Artist (Label)	Total audience	Increase in audience	As % of total
1	INSTINCT Crowded House (Capitol/Parlophone)	61	42	7
2	A BETTER MAN Brian Kennedy (RCA)	58	34	5
3	IN TOO DEEP Belinda Carlisle (Chrysalis)	41	27	5
4	SURPRISE Bizarre Inc (Some Bizarre/Mercury)	41	20	5
5	HOW BIZARRE DMC (Polydor)	12	8	5
6	WRONG Everything But The Girl (Virgin)	61	50	4
7	CHANGE THE WORLD Eric Clapton (WEA International)	9	4	4
8	BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S Audrey Hepburn (MCA)	20	11	3
9	SHE SAID Longpigs (Mother/Polydor)	49	7	3
10	HOW I WANNA BE LOVED Dana Dawson (EMI)	21	14	2

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THE OFFICIAL CHARTS - 29 JUNE

music week

AS USED BY



SINGLES

1 KILLING ME SOFTLY

1	KILLING ME SOFTLY Fugees	Columbia
2	THREE LIPS (THE ORIGINAL SONS OF THE BEACH AND BOB DYLAN) feat. Sistar & Lightning Bolt	Epic
3	MYSTERIOUS GIRL Peter Andre featuring Bubbler Banx	Mushroom
4	ALWAYS BE MY BABY Mariah Carey	Columbia
5	BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME Celine Dion	Epic
6	ENGLAND'S FIRE Black Grape feat. Joe Strummer and Keith Allen	Redemptive
7	DON'T STOP MOVIN' Livin' Joy	Undiscovered/MCA
8	WRONG Everything But The Girl	Virgin
9	LET ME LIVE Queen	Parlophone
10	THE DAY WE CAUGHT THE TRAIN Ocean Colour Scene	MCA
11	NOBODY KNOWS Tony Rich Project	Laface/Atsisa
12	WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER Simply Red	East West
13	BLURRED Phenomena	3 Beat/freesound
14	SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND Divine Comedy	Sarantia
15	MAKE IT WITH YOU Let Loose	Mercury
16	THAT GIRL Maxi Priest featuring Shaggy	Virgin
17	THERE'S NOTHING I WON'T DO JX	Hooji Choons/freesound
18	FEMALE OF THE SPECIES Space	Gut
19	NEVER FOUND A LOVE LIKE THIS BEFORE Upsida Down	World
20	THEME FROM MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE Adam Clayton & Larry Mullen	Motown
21	NAKED Louise	1st Avenue/EMI
22	THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY R Kelly	Jive
23	STAND UP Love Tribe	A&M/PM
24	GOV'N' MIND JUST A LITTLE BIT Sina Q.	Fonema/SONA

ALBUMS

1 JAGGED LITTLE PILL

2	JAGGED LITTLE PILL Alice In Chains	Maverick/Reprise
3	MUSELEY SHOALS Ocean Colour Scene	MCA
4	18 TIL I DIE Bryan Adams	A&M
5	THE SCORE Fugees	Columbia
6	OLDER George Michael	Virgin
7	FALLING INTO YOU Celine Dion	Epic
8	FREE PEACE SWEET DODGY	A&M
9	OCEAN DRIVE Lighthouse Family	Wild Card/Polydor
10	DREAMLAND Robert Miles	Deconstruction
11	(WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY? Oasis	Creation
12	LOAD Metallica	Vertigo
13	WALKING WOUNDED Everything But The Girl	Virgin
14	1977 Ash	Infectious
15	WILDEST DREAMS Tina Turner	Parlophone
16	BIZARRE FRUITZABRE FRUIT II M People	Deconstruction/RCA
17	GREATEST HITS Take That	RCA
18	EVERYTHING MUST GO Manic Street Preachers	Epic
19	HITS Mike & The Mechanics	Virgin
20	LIFE Simply Red	East West
21	PEACE AT LAST Blue Nile	Wamer Bros
22	GABRIELLE Gabrielle	Go Beat
23	STANLEY DAVIS Paul Weller	Gold/Discs
24	THESE DAYS Ben Jovi	Mercury



James Hamilton dies



James Hamilton, for many years the UK's most authoritative dance music journalist, has died of the age of 53. Hamilton had been diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the colon last year and died on June 17 of his home in Blyth, Northhamshire.

With the saturation coverage that dance music now gets in the media it is easy to forget the importance of James Hamilton's *Record Mirror* dance columns. Hamilton started working for *Record Mirror* in 1964, writing about US soul and dub under the penname Dr Soul.

Hamilton's glory period, however, really began in earnest in 1975 with the advent of James Hamilton's

Disco Page. It was within these weekly pages that Hamilton pioneered many of the features still present in today's *RM* and copied by every other dance-based publication. Subsequently, these innovations included a club chart calculated on returns from disco and club DJs, as well as *Hot Vinyl* reviews of import and promotional records. In 1979 Hamilton also introduced another innovation by giving beats per minute (bpm) calculations of record tempos, thus helping working DJs catch up with the new American innovation of mixing and blending records together. Hamilton delivered his last *BP*M column to *RM* three weeks ago.

However, what made Hamilton's column the dance music bible right through *Record Mirror's* emergence as a part of *Music Week* in April

1991 was Hamilton's impeccable taste and unique style of record reviewing which interspersed tips for records with an idiosyncratic use of adjectives. Hamilton's "jockey, stuttering, it had driven, throbbing 120-130bpm" style of writing was loved throughout the industry and unique in getting his meaning across. "No one has ever got close to him in terms of respect as he had authority was that because he'd been around for so long, he was drawing on such a wealth of knowledge that even if you didn't agree with what he said you had to respect his opinion," says Pete Tong.

Hamilton's own career as a DJ started in 1962 with one of his first jobs being the resident DJ in the Krazy Wives' Knightsbridge club. In 1965 Hamilton was resident of legendary mod mecca the

Some club in Soho, for its Saturday club nights, and over the next decade he split his time between the UK and US.

These transatlantic connections included befriending The Beatles on their first tour to the US and being instrumental in arranging James Brown's first trip to the UK. In 1983 Hamilton became one of the first mobile DJs, playing both soul and more commercial sets.

In 1979 Hamilton began his highly influential residency at Gulliver's Club in London's West End, alongside Graham Gold, which was to run until 1987. During this period Hamilton also began his legendary New Year's Eve mix shows on Capital Radio, where he, and mix partner Les Adams of LA Mix, would mix every imaginable form of popular music in a

continuous mix, taking listeners from the old year into the new. The mix show moved to Radio One for its last appearance two years ago and would find its way around the world on tape. Hamilton continued to DJ at one-off events and his expertise at playing Salsas and Serevilles music was such that Bruce Springsteen flew Hamilton out to Oslo to DJ at his end of four party last year.

Ultimately, Hamilton's legacy will be his own enthusiasm and expertise about music which, through his DJing, writing and larger-than-life personality, inspired and informed all those who came into contact with him. His influence was vital in helping to build the UK dance industry, an industry that will sorely miss his presence. ● **Forewell Doctor Soul, p.3**

GRAHAM GOLD, DJing partner of Gulliver's — "He was the most respected journalist in the dance world. Not in the early days you looked at his chart and you wondered if you didn't have the records in it. When I first started doing chart returns in the Seventies I trembled every time I rang him up because you didn't know the type of reaction you'd get from him. Then one day the *Boyz II Men* single ran me up because, even though I'd never met him, on the strength of my returns James had recommended me to them. When I started at Capital he gave me one of his 'Honourary cards', he always gave me good press and was basically instrumental in making things happen for me."

LES ADAMS, friend and mixing partner on Hamilton's legendary New Year's Eve mix shows — "James had this amazing ability to be able to hear a

record released this week and think, "Right that will mix perfectly with some old rock'n'roll record". You'd then dig the record out and miraculously they would go together perfectly. He was a very critical person to work with and a complete perfectionist. Even with the 'gold as broadcast' forms we'd have to fill out for the shows he was brutal about even getting the timing exactly right for them."

PETE TONG, Radio One — "As well as his expertise on music, James was a real funder. I remember when we used to do the weekendender circuit, he'd drag us all off down these winding country lanes to some incredible restaurant that he'd know in the area. You'd get there, him bumping his head going into the room because he was so large and the owners would always know him and the food would always be incredible

good. This would happen all over the country." **TONY PRINCE, DIMC** — "James was a pioneering bebopbe of dance music. His passion for it drove him to become the greatest dance music journalist we ever knew. On a personal level, James helped us establish DIMC and his support for the Technics World DJ Championship put the event on the map. He was a firm foundation for dance music and a friend who left us far too soon."

ROBBIE VINCENT, DJ — "In terms of that group of pioneering black music DJs in the Seventies he was always our biggest critic but our best friend as well. It always respected his views and always respected him for not letting us bully him. Because he worked so hard he always knew exactly what was going on and I, like everyone, will miss him a lot."

club chart

JUMPIN' Todd Terry
Martha Wash & Jocelyn Brown

cool cuts:

LE VOIE LE SOLEIL
Subliminal Cuts

18 CARE LATINO
19 RAP FLAMES
20 SWINGING M.M.S.

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"VICIOUS CIRCLES"

TODD TERRY

FEATURING MARTHA WASH & JOCELYN BROWN

KEEP ON JUMPIN'

MIXES BY CARL COX,
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REMIXES BY MASTERS AT WORK,
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Club: Kingsize of The Complex, 1-5 Parkfield Street, Islington, London N1. Every Saturday.

Capacity /PA/ special features: 770/50K/4 floors, chill out lounge, 3 bars. **Door policy:** "Cool as fuck," - Matt Universe.

Music policy: Deep and tribal house, trip hop, old school hip hop and uneasy listening. **DJs:** Marshall Jefferson, Alan Jinx, Claudio Coccoluto, Paul Oakenfold, Danny Ramping.

Spinning: The Afro Queens 'This Could Be The Night', The Truth Voodoo (The Collingy), DJ Tonka 'Phunky', Johnny Violatus 'New York In The Mix'. **DJ's view:** "Northern style clubbing in the heart of London with an array of different sounds that electricity a well up for it crowd," - Alan Jinx.

Industry view: "Where else can you play on Playstations, watch films and hear your favourite DJs play? A completely social place," - Colette Lewis, Phuture Trox.

Ticket price: £10 members and NUS, £12 non-members, £7 after 2.30am.

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Columbia gets streetwise

In the US what's known as 'street promotion' has become a vital ingredient in backing the success of rap and R&B artists. Targeting the fringes of the media, underground publications and DJ street promotion departments utilise this influential network to work records on the streets - often months before their release.

In the UK, Columbia Records has quietly been using similar methods for some time, most notably on its current success, Fugees (pictured), and is now formalising this method with the formation of the Columbia Street Team. This will include key community radio presenters, street DJs, gig and club promoters and magazine journalists.



"These parts of the media have been pretty much marginalised and frozen out by most record companies. So we want to establish a formal way in which we can get them our

product and also receive feedback on it," says Matthew Ross, Columbia group manager. "The first acts to be worked in this way, aside from Fugees,

will be rapper Nas and R&B crooner Maxwell. However, Ross eventually hopes that this will be extended to all appropriate Columbia and Sony artists. "It's a qualitative rather than quantitative process. We'll be hitting a specific and relatively small audience and trying to create a buzz on these artists. The impact is basically to make a channel for getting directly to our potential consumers without having to rely on the mainstream media," he says.

The Columbia Street Team will be co-ordinated on an out-of-house basis by PR/promotions company Media Village who can be contacted on 0171 432 3224.

on course for success

The Dance Music Business Programme is a course that has run for five years aimed at those wishing to get into the dance world. Run on a bi-monthly basis by the Global Entertainment Group, the course provides a series of seminars headed by a variety of successful figures covering topics ranging from remixing to royalty payments.

Regular speakers at the programme include producer Polo, Patrice's head of star Nick Halkes, Suburban Base MD Dan Donnelly, Ministry Of Sound label manager Lyn Cosgrove, Montrose's head of marketing Eddie Gordon and many others. "Often the speakers are chosen because they will help people after the course has finished. We find they often enjoy it as much as the audience and that's obviously why a lot of them keep coming back," says course organiser Sarah Wright.

Simon Gotte, from MCA publishing, echoes the

sentiments of many of those who wish they had such a course when they were learning the ropes. "All just people here are opportunity to learn from experts rather than spending years finding out through their own efforts and mistakes," he says.

The ultimate proof of the course's worth is the number of attendees who have gone on to forge themselves careers in the dance industry. 2X's Sara Armstrong, Wired Records' Mark Tilcombe, Kickin' Records DJ Warlock and BMG's DJ Swing have all attended the course.

Global Entertainment run six types of training programmes aimed at people both inside and outside the industry. Participants receive a certificate on completion of the course and the programme is officially recognised by the BPI. The next course will be taking place in August and full details are available on 0171 583 0288.

top djs on one

Danny Ramping will be broadcasting his Love Groove Dance Party Live from the Tribal Gathering this Saturday night (29). Radio One has also announced a series of special broadcasts from Ibiza.

Ramping was one of the many DJs who reshuffled their itineraries to make sure of appearing at the festival when the date got moved. "I, along with the rest of the dance community, am thrilled that it's finally got the go-ahead. It also means that I have the chance to broadcast my show from Europe's biggest dance festival," says Ramping. The Love Groove Dance Party Live will be broadcast between 7 and 9pm.



Ramping and Pete Tong will also broadcast shows live from Ibiza this summer. On Friday, July 26, Pete Tong's Essential Selection will be broadcast from the legendary Cole Del Mar between 7 and 10pm and Tong will be joined by the Cole's Jose Padilla for an Ibiza Hot Mix in the show's last half hour. The following night, Saturday, July 27, Danny Ramping will broadcast from Ibiza with various surprise guests between 7 and 9pm. His slot will be followed by a special all-star Essential Mix live from Club Armada between midnight and 1am, featuring Tong, Ramping, Sasha, Jose Padilla and Cream's Andy Carroll.

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2	(5)	KEEP PUSHIN' Boris Dlugosch	Peppermint Jam
3	(2)	PROFESSIONAL WIDOW Tari Amos	Atlantic
4	NEW	LOVE DON'T LIVE Michael Pirctor (Freshened up with hot new DJ Mackintosh mixes)	AM-PM
5	(4)	CANDLES Alex Reace	Island
6	(9)	FIRE UP THE SHOESAW Lionrock	Deconstruction
7	NEW	ELEVATOR SONG Dubstar (Mixed up by Bill & Memphis and D-Slit-D)	Food
8	NEW	DO THAT TO ME Lisa Marie Experience (Re-recorded and re-released for '96)	Positiva
9	NEW	I AM I FEEL Alisha's Attic (With excellent Vasquez mixes)	Mercury
10	(16)	NOBODY'S BUSINESS HzD featuring Billie	Liquid Groove
11	NEW	CANGICA Mighty Dub Katz (Lively follow-up to 'Just Another Groove')	Southern Fried
12	NEW	ALABAMA BLUES St Germain (Back again with a super funky Black Science Orchestra mix)	F Communications
13	NEW	THE POTION Lightfoot (Original and creative jungle EP with remixes from DJ Sitch and Chris)	Echo Drop
14	(11)	MISMOPLASTIC Virtualismo	Stress
15	NEW	GOTTA KEEP PUSHIN' Z Factor (Excellent house groove from Dave Lee)	Z Records
16	NEW	I WAS MADE TO LOVE YOU Lorraine Cole (1988 back with house mixes from Mark and Bill & Memphis)	MCA
17	NEW	DREAMS COME TRUE Angelo Lewis (NY garage with mixes from Angel Moras, Vasquez and Man)	Deconstruction
18	NEW	KEEP HOPE ALIVE Crystal Method (Big underground import gets an overhaul by George Azabzab Miffled General)	Sony
19	NEW	I'M ALIVE Doe Jockoboa (Top notch mixes from Jazz 'N' Groove and Todd Terry)	Mercury
20	NEW	FEEL FREE Rumpus (Long and original house workout)	Skinny Mallinky

A guide to the most essential new club bashes as featured on this "essential selection", with peep logs, broadcast every Friday between 7pm and 10pm. Compiled by DJ Medlock and data collected from leading clubs and the following shows: 10R X 20R (big boomback master), (Sunday), western background (weekend), 23rd precinct (Monday), 3 beat (Wednesday), wrap (Saturday), free (Saturday), Jay Jay (the nightgarden).

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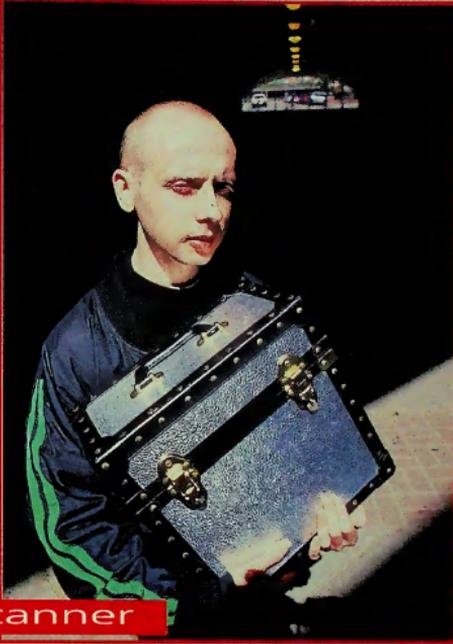
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'thera ep' x103 (axis)

"This label is related to UK in Detroit. This came out about four years ago and it's so hard but with abstract cold noises panning from speaker to speaker, filtering in and out. It's so aggressive and full-on, but so compulsive. Your body has to give in — no choice but to move."

'desire' carl craig/69 (r&s)

"This is absolutely beautiful. It's a forerunner to breakbeats, if you speed it up you can mix it into drum & bass."

'the gospel comes to new guinea' 23 skidoo (fetish)

"I still play this. I like it because it has texture and sampled voices. I'm still interested in jazz freemom and acoustic and this fits in with it today."

'in dark trees' Brian eno (virgin)

"I've always admired his work, it's some of the first stuff I listened to. This piece is very dark and sensual, it gives you a feeling of being in the rainforest. If I'm playing an abstract set I mix it in. People will recognise it because it's played on radio and TV quite often."

'the time has come' u.n.k.l.e. (mo wax)

"This was the first Mo Wax record that really opened my eyes to the label. It was remixed later by Plaid and Portishead. It's a bizarre, overt garage dance record and yet it got to number one in the indie charts!"

'piano phase' steve reich (electra)

"This came out in 1967 when I was three years old, although I actually bought it when I was about 13 or 14. Basically, it's pianos going slightly out of phase with each other — I use it as a bridge between different parts of the set."

'peace nail' squarepusher (worm interface)

"When I first heard this record it stunned me. It's rare to hear something that you listen to with your mouth open! It wouldn't exist without samplers. It's drum and bass meets extreme avant garde."

'untitled' die mondlandung (megso)

"This is a 20 minute record which is very gentle with a recording in German of the moon landing — all the conversations they had — with a drone under the voices. I nearly always use it to open a set with."

'systemisch' oval (mille plateaux)

"This is a German group. Their CDs sound like your CD player's broken and skipping. They use record jumping deliberately. They play with digital media and this record's been so influential. So many records have been influenced by it."

steamin'

tips for the week

- gold's komb (mercury)
- sceler's grapes (epim)
- six summer suns' busy going crazy (white lines)
- rich roose' raminie & clyde (swim)
- b.a.k.l.e. (centric) fantasia (city steam records)
- 'yes we need things' squarepusher (aphex)
- future sound of jazz various (otopop)
- 'no more' sneaker pimps (clean up)
- future paramore ep' override (otopop)
- 'vision of paradise' 2 kilos? (radioactive lamb)

red planet, vols 1-5 (ur)

"This series came out about four years ago. They're still so punchy and very, very exciting in clubs — in any kind of club, even really hard clubs. They're so happy as well. It's important that records give you that sort of feeling."

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BORN: London, 1964. **LIFE BEFORE DJING:** "I worked in a music library for eight years." **FIRST DJ GIG:** "A friend asked me to DJ at a magazine launch party for a mad fanzine about five years ago." **MOST MEMORABLE GIG:** First "The Rumpus Room, London in the summer of '95. It's a very tiny space and it's such a good vibe." **Worst:** "Manchester University last October. It was horrible. Someone asked me if I was playing the keyboards and another asked if I was playing the bongos — this was while I was DJing!" **FAVOURITE CLUBS:** The Rumpus Room, London; The Spiral of the Cyber Café, London. **NEXT THREE GIGS:** Science Fiction, The Fridge, London (June 28); Rumpus Room, London (July 7); O Club, Jazz Bistro (17). **DJ TRADEMARK:** "Live scanning of phone calls during the set — I think this is unique to me — and eclecticism." **LIFE OUTSIDE DJING:** Albums out as Scanner and forthcoming single as Snappy Sid; CD Rom soundtrack "Rehearsal of Memory"; remixer for Compulsion, Obsolete and Noman. Magazine and radio correspondent, visual artist.

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tune of the week

toni braxton: 'you're makin' me high' (la face/arista)

R&B Oh my gosh! The ever-reliable Babyface hooks up with Bryce Wilson of Groove Theory to create a definitive true R&B love ballad for you, because for more. Check the recipe: first 'Till Me'-style beats, Intro/Edie Brickell-ish guitar licks entwined with subtle bass and a floating eastern-sounding moog hook. Toni's effortlessly smooth vocal is featured beautifully with lushly layered backing harmonies. Deliciously impressive mix line-up: soul rapper Foxy Brown. Dang! Saloom Remi (ni Kamzo). Fugees etc.) and Edision Elektrik team up to add an effective dancehall lick that should drop nicely at any discerning reggae dance. Especially as it features vocal fixings from Mod'Oslo. First to check the Babyface mid-tempo acoustically driven ballad 'Let It Flow' too. Pure class. ●●●●● dm



house Completely re-vocalled for these special dance mixes, Toni begs you 'Till a little summer, 'sumthin' for you guys out there... With my honey, my baby, Dave. Yknow... Mr Morales', letting you know the maestro is at the controls. Then she coo's 'Dawki, baby, give it to them...' and he does exactly that. Flanging and phasing percussive drums sweep through the mix with an energetic Giorgio Moroder-style synth, giving way to a familiar sparkling grand piano by Peller 'Sk' Schwart. Classy building strings, and punctuating brass, are driven by those classic drum sounds. The power-packed chorus backing vocals are delivered by Malinda Daniels, Sherina, Chase-Rose and Scher-Jonnel. Manchester's T-Empo provide the UK mixes. The wall of surround sound is the perfect backdrop for her quality R&B vocal which unfortunately suffers occasionally from bad imbricating. Served with generous helpings of piano, soaring strings, soul drums and covetous swell-dipping breakdowns, it's gonna be huge. ●●●●● dm

house

STRIKE 'Inspiration' (Fresh). A follow-up to their hugely successful Top 5 'I Sure Do' from exactly a year ago. Producers Andy Gardner and Matt Connor team with vocalist Victoria Newton to bring us a slice of uplifting transcendental pop house. This 'original' song cleverly flirts with musical resemblances to BT (awakening gated synths); Robert Miles (melancholy, melodic piano); Josh Wink (oscillating 303 synth noise); Opus III (breazy angelic vocals), and even samples a sonic stab from Stikkler's 'Humanoid'. Slack, Atiken & Waterman would be proud. The added bonus of a new, well 'ard Tony De Vit remix of their former chartbuster only increases its value further. ●●●●● dm

DAVID MORALES & THE BAD YARD CLUB featuring **CRYSTAL WATERS** 'In Da Chert' (Manilla/Mercury). This was previously available two years ago on import and has since surfaced on numerous bootlegs. It has been completely overhauled with an od-ib vocal from labelmate Ms Waters. Dave's '1996 Boss' and '1994 Triba Bass' mixes are harder underground dub interpretations of the reggae original (co-produced by Handell Tucker and Sly Dunbar). Highlighted by a hypocritically moody organ riff

over tough def drums, live percussion and a deep bass. All the best elements are cranked together using Wise Budson's Bill Postley on the 'Tol Me radio edit'. Dex and Josephy's big 'n' bassy '96 mix has all your favourite druggy sounds: dark bass, niggling organ, breakdowns, rolling snares, lapped with a car alarm/siren. Rhythm Masters get into skipping fade-ish drums, skipping synths, and just manage to steer away from Reel/Realness. The standard mix is created by Bounce Productions' DJ Meir and J K Whalehouse. They successfully utilise the original's 4 K Kinky-ish fooling over an energetically-pumped, harder rattle and rolling drum track. A soaring string line also whistles below its simplistic kick bassline to die for. As a contrast, a blissed-out 'jungle mix' is provided by Project 1, who encounter waterfalls, panpipes and swarming synth noise along their journey. A strong package from the label that likes to party in a big way. ●●●●● dm

ALISON LIMERICK 'Where Love Lives (mixes)' (Arista). Dancing Divaz remain pretty faithful to the original, adding more slick chords at the mix and re-structuring verses and chorus. Most interesting is Romanthony's slip-edged down remix (chosen from 35 others he did.) that rumbles along

with 'Deep down' hooks, whip-cracking beats and a vocoded 'Sex For Pleasure' voice before breaking into full vocal. Classic Morales & Perfecto mixes complete a perfect packaging of this perennial. ●●●●● jh

LOPEZ 'Empiness/Fucked Up' (Trophy). Hammer house from New York that beats your brain without insulting it too much. This is moodily futuristic house that won't be your number one but may well get you well and truly going. Both sides are very similar but while 'Empiness' is frankly simple and minimal 'Fucked Up' does go in for lots of drum rollin', rovin' analog and so on. Something for both camps. ●●●●● dh

DOMINICA ? (white label). Bit of a mystery this one, but apparently it's to be Dominica's next release on Holland's Outland label so that's plenty to be going on with. If a very decent slice of angry, military stomping house complete with merrier xylophones and vocal touches. Long, intense and pounding there are plenty of places this one will fit in. ●●●●● dh

ORCHESTRA GALACTICA 'The Andromeda Variations/When Worlds Collide' (Galactic Discs). If you're fed of disco-sampling house that sometimes misses the point, and longing for a really good

instrumental disco moment then the A-side of this single, on baby label Galactic Discs, will claim your position. The follow-up to the debut 'Future Homespansers' by Future Homespansers, it swirls and flutters about while a solid bass groove provides the backbone. The B-side 'When Worlds...' is housier and altogether more trancy material of a modern kind even if it does track into a bout of The Avengers' half-way through. Not a note out of place anywhere. ●●●●● dh

GARSAIDI 'Tallah Groove' (Orange Egg). The original of this track, as well as the bonus 'Morhabozzen', is big on lyrics and features Egyptian percussion and instrumentation. If the A-side remixes by Lascelles; however, that will grab dancers with their very bouncing breakdowns. The first one in particular, 'Frank Zotts', will run and run, and, no doubt, feature on more than one chill-out compilation album and would one day have been called a 'Botelec' classic. ●●●●● dh

THE MIGHTY DUB KATZ 'Cangid' (Southern Fried). Hot on the heels of the excellent 'Just Another Groove' comes another surefire crowd-pleaser from slomkin Norman. 'Cangid' is a more inventive effort, effortlessly switching between the new and the old, the moody and the frivolous. Its boomy high-

momentum beats and twisted techno keys build and build, occasionally exploding into a catchy latin-disco break that is guaranteed to get them jumping. ●●●●● db

TODD EDWARDS 'Saved My Life' (FTR). The original mix has already been around the block a few times, but its inventively and deftly applied loops still sound pretty damn fine, plus there are three new mixes to play with. Grant Nelson throws down some big piano lines, funky horns, jazzy vibes and bumping beats behind the infectious vocal snippets. Joey Musaphia goes for a less intense feel on his still seriously pumping version, while DJ Sneak does his usual creative thing with a handful of mod loops. No surprise, just good grooves. ●●●●● db

KINGS OF TOMORROW 'Open Your Mind' (Slip 'N' Slide). A groovy piece of US underground house that opens with a flavoursome wack and bursts into life with chunky distorted rhythms. The best mix is irritatingly short with more space given to a less effective version, so two copies could be handy. The B-side's K.O.T. Anthem is equally strong with its more raving vocal and thunderous breakdowns. ●●●●● jf

DISCO DIRECTION 'Pary Rock' (Dust). A simple but infectious disco-fied house track with looped beats and grooves threaded together into a characteristically workout complete with keyboard and sax riffs and the odd vocal flourish. There's a piece of this style of house around at the moment - if it became the latest evolution of the cut 'n' paste style - but this is more thoughtful than most with better ideas and production. ●●●●● jf

PSYCHEDELIC RESEARCH LAB 'Keep On Climbing' (Shining Path). With a name like this you're probably expecting Go trance but far from it. This is a very cool deep house track which struts along nicely with organ riffs and a swishing rhythm before a big drop and even bigger crescendo unleashes the full glory of the groove. Good in its original mix and even better in its more urgent Fado 2 End mix. It'll sound good at any time of the night. ●●●●● jf

ROB TISSERA 'Kick Up The Volume' (White Label). A striding breakbeat and 303 bassline introduce this unusual house track and, as its swinging rhythm gathers pace, so it also collects scorching samples, more

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36	MARK MORRISON	CRAZY (MARK PICCHIOTTI - INFLUENCE) LUNEE CAMPRELL/CJ STREET MIXES		
37	LOVE TRIB	STAND UP (ALCATRAZ/SHARP) ROGER SANCHEZ/DEWEY B/WILDCILD MIXES		
38	JUDG	OUTRAGEOUS (JULES & SKIMS MIXES)		
39	KEEP PUSHERY	Jules & John Kelly present Six 'N' Sound		
40	THE MUSIC IS MOVING	(TODD VITTAL PAUL RED JERRY MIXES) Faragata		
41	ARE YOU READY FOR LOVE	(H/LU/RHYTHM MASTERS MIXES) Ultra High		
42	KEEP ON PUSHING OUR LOVE	(EMPO/REVEREND JEFFERSON MIXES)		
43	NIGHTWALKERS	featuring John Reid & Aysia Warren		
44	I NEED YOU (NUSHBASEMENT JAXX MIXES)	Nikita Warren		
45	I DON'T CARE	RESISTANCE IS FUTILE (T'V) (Tony Da Vn)		
46	HOUSE OF LOVE	D'Orico		
47	ON YA WAY	(HELICOPTER/LISA MARIE EXPERIENCE/JULES & SKIMS/KLUBHEADS/JOLEY MUSA PHIA MIXES) Helicopter		
48	SEARCHING FOR LOVE	(MR ROY/AURORA B MIXES) Mr Roy featuring Darryl Pandy		
49	HOME	(SERIAL DIVA/ERIC POWELL/SKEE/GET/STILETTO SISTERS/YINGER) YINGER MIXES		
50	PLANET BOOGIE	Out And Pato		
51	DANCE FEVER	EP Propus		
52	STRONGER	(RICHIE FINGERS/LITTLE EAGLE MIXES) Mamba Bangers		
53	FULL MOUTH	FEELING (LOVE TO INFINITY/TONY DE VITRULL MOUNTY MIXES)		
54	ATLANTA	SUNSHINE STATE BOSH MIXES		
55	MAN IN THE MOON	(JADE T VANNELLI/ROBERT MALES MIXES)		
56	ONE TO MANY	HEARTACHES (JUNIOR VASQUEZ/JUNIOR DICKIEY)		
57	UNIVERSE	Cal'yon		
1	TODD TERRY/BENJI CANDELARIO	JUMPIN' (TODD TERRY/RHYTHM MASTERS/ KEN LOU/BENJI CANDELARIO MIXES)	Manifesto	
2	KRUPA I APOLLO	40/ALCATRAZ/NAZARETIC THRUST/SERPENTINA MIXES		
3	WROTH	(TODD TERRY/DEEP DISH/WOOD II SWING MIXES)		
4	BRING ME LOVE	(MARK PICCHIOTTI/MAS MIXES) Andria Mendez		
5	LE VOIE LE SUELI	(FADEWAY OUT WEST/VICTORY & SCRATTOY MIXES)		
6	SURPRISE	(DANCING DVAZ/BEAT FOUNDATION/TODD TERRY/BIZABRE INC MIXES)		
7	IF YOU'RE WRONG	(ROLLO & SISTER BLISS MIXES)/SALVA MEA (ROLLO & SISTER BLISS MIXES) Faithless		
8	THE SEARCH	(ARMAND VAN HELDEN/K-PRESS 2 MIXES) Transcendence		
9	JAZZ IT UP	"MORE" (MORILL/KUM MIXES) Real 2 Real		
10	NIGHT MOVES	(RHYTHM MASTERS/STONEBRIDGE & NICE/BAND OF GYPSIES MIXES)		
11	SHOUT	(PLAY BOYS/MARK PICCHIOTTI MIXES) Sexx		
12	RUNNIN' AWAY	(E-SMOOVE/JULES MARIE EXPERIENCE/TODD EDWARDS/GLENN UNDERGROUND MIXES) Nicole		
13	PRAY FOR LOVE	(DAVID MORALES/LOVE TO INFINITY MIXES) Love to Infinity		
14	U I GOT A FEELING	Scott Project		
15	GIVE YOU	(OPM/STRIKE MIXES) DJ Jamini		
16	HOW I WANNA	BE (LOVE TO EMPO/DANCING DVAZ MIXES) Dama Dawson		

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 - 29 LET THE BIT HIT EM (MOOVERS & SHAKERS MIXES)
 - 30 Shary Jay
 - 31 I'LL TAKE YOU TO LOVE (TODD TERRY/WUSH MIXES) Naked Music NYC
 - 32 I WAS MADE TO LOVE YOU (MARK PICCHOTT/BIFF & MEMPHIS MIXES) Lorraine Cab
 - 33 FLYING BABY/FOR YOURSELF/FLYING HIGH Steaker
 - 34 DREAMS OF LOREN (MIP/TUCKER/MAYWAY MIXES) E.Voice
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- 58 STAY OUT ALL NIGHT D... Love
- 59 EASY TO LOVE (ROLAND RADA/ELLERICAL/CLOCK/APE MIXES) Kyra
- 60 RELEASE YOU SELF Transatlantic Soul
- 61 DREAMTIME (DUVVERSHAKER MIXES) Zee
- 62 BETTER WAY OF LIFE Delectance
- 63 ANGEL'S SYMPHONY IAF
- 64 THE SPIRIT IS JUSTIFIED (Rimo De Vida)
- 65 SET U FREE Planet Soul
- 66 FEEL FREE (RUMPUS (OMD NOUR/ZADER MIXES) Rumpus
- 67 FIND THE BEAT (AQUARIUS MIXES) Aquarius
- 68 AMOUREUSE (MIXES) Illusive featuring Amanda Abbs
- 69 PURE SILK (MBO/JAY-WOR/KO/LIN/TON MIXES) MBo
- 70 MIXES/BLOW/OUT Time Of The Mumph
- 71 DO THAT TO ME (USA MAREE EXPERIENCE/BB CLUB MIXES) The Lisa Marie Experience
- 72 WEST 4 (BEAT FOUNDATION MIXES) Art of Silence
- 73 BIG UP Clay & Dollar
- 74 PEACE OF MIND The Blind
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| 2 | HOW I WANNA BE LOVED | Dana Dawson | EMI | 21 | LUV'D UP | Crush | Telstar |
| 3 | U SURE DO/INSPIRATION | Strike | Fresh | 22 | CHILL OUT | Exodus | Internal Affairs |
| 4 | FACE IT | DJ Dado | Steppin' Out | 23 | MOVE IT UP | J.J. Brothers featuring Asher Senator | Eternal |
| 5 | DON'T STOP MOVIN' | Livin' Joy | Undiscovered/MCA | 24 | SUPERNATURE | Cerrone | Encore |
| 6 | THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL (REMIXES) | Hazell Dean | Carlton | 25 | FABLE | Robert Miles | Deconstruction |
| 7 | FEEL THE FORCE (CAN YOU FEEL THE FORCE) | 12 West featuring The Real Thing & Glen Goldsmith | Big World | 26 | SEARCHING FOR LOVE | Mr Roy featuring Daryl Pandy | Fresh |
| 8 | JAZZ IT UP | Reel 2 Real | Positiva | 27 | GIDDY UP | 2 In A Room | Encore |
| 9 | REAL LOVE | House Of 3D featuring Cie | Cleveland City | 28 | WANNABE | Spice Girls | Virgin |
| 10 | CAN'T HELP IT | Happy Clappers | Coliseum/Shindig/PWL International | 29 | MACARENA | Los Del Rio | RCA |
| 11 | WHERE LOVE LIVES | Alison Limerick | Arista | 30 | MYSTERIOUS GIRL | Peter Andre featuring Bubbler Ranx | Mushroom |
| 12 | SUNSHINE | Umboza | Limbo/Positiva | 31 | KEEP ON PUSHING OUR LOVE | Nightcrawlers featuring John Reid & Alysha Warren | 1st Avenue/Arista |
| 13 | CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU (REMIXES) | Boys Town Gang | Big World | 32 | STOMP! | BG | Epic/Dance Pool |
| 14 | YOU'RE SO VAIN | Chimera | Neoteric | 33 | INDEPENDENT LOVE SONG | Bombers | Steppin' Out/Encore |
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what merchandise are style-conscious clubbers wearing this summer and which companies are putting the clothes on their backs? sarah davis finds out

Clubbing is not just about good music, it is also about looking good. Which is why manufacturers, wholesalers, even the clubs themselves, are capitalising on the lucrative merchandising market.

Music-related clothing and accessories have always been a big business with many bands funding their tours by selling merchandising on gigs. Now club merchandise has taken things a lot further than rock-style logo T-shirts, sweatshirts and baseball caps.

Ministry Of Sound managing director Mark Rodd says there are two levels to clothing merchandising and fashion, with the most popular items being T-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps, puffa jackets and record bags. He says, "The bedroom DJ is a typical merchandise buyer, and is particularly keen on T-shirts and bags with big logos."

To meet the needs of the followers of fashion, meanwhile, the merchandising companies have discovered that product with large logos are not that popular. Many companies have branched out into dresses, skirts, shirts, tops and trousers, all of which are being on target fashionwise and sometimes sport no logo at all (except as the inside tag). Rodd says, "What most people get wrong is that clubbers like to think of themselves as individuals. A big logo says too much about the brand, not about the person. We take inspiration from the 6,000 clubbers who come through the door each week and we've got strong links with the fashion industry. People who design clothes take inspiration from these clubbers. We sell through independent fashion retailers who exhibit at select fashion shows in Paris and Italy."



Whether it is logo gear or high fashion, merchandisers must get it right because the clothes and accessories must reflect the coolest street gear. Impact Merchandising produces items for clubland including Havin It and Havin It Again T-shirts, Suburban Buns, Jungle Fever and for Ibiza magazine. Impact licensing manager Paul Isaac says the target audience are people who wear specialised clothes. "There is no point producing standard T-shirts, you must make clothes that they're willing to wear in the clubs. At the moment it is bubbly dot, shiny fits, tight tops - even guys are wearing skinny fit tops," he says.

The most common procedure for logo merchandising is for companies like Impact or Merchandising Mothers to license the logo and any words from the record label and then pay the label a percentage from sales.

Merchandising Mothers manufactures and distributes merchandise for a number of dance labels including Positive, Mr. Hoq (Choons, Hard Hands, React and the Urwise organisation, Partner Lewis Pennington says, "Rather than each label doing its own merchandising we

take away the whole headache, which lets them get on with selling records. We use distinctive packaging which stops bootlegging, and keep in touch with the shops so they won't buy bootleg product. We also go promo. Items: Positive ordered \$17,000-worth of merchandise to use as promotional items for marketing product in 14 different countries. They buy of cost plus 10% which just covers our costs."

The majority of logo gear is sold through specialist dance record shops and chains such as HMV, Virgin and Tower. Isaac says, "Because the target audience is less fashionable it depends on which product you sell to which retail outlet. People going into HMV aren't going to buy silver T-shirts, so we'd sell less colourful T-shirts there. But in Unlily and other specialist record shops we

He adds "The puffa jackets are embroidered with MC on the front, quite neat, at breast level. Men's denim wear has a discreet logo rather than being big and bold. The early collection, joggers for example, had Mastercuts all down the leg, but we decided to take the club roots. Orders are coming in droves, and our only advertising is to put an insert in each of our releases asking if people are interested in receiving our catalogue. We have a huge database."



Creem Clothing

can sell silver T-shirts and jackets because it is their target audience. People who go to small retail shops to buy house and

garage wear these clothes."

Some labels still go it alone, however. Mastercuts has an extremely successful merchandising range. Senior club manager Lezine Gough says, "We've been quite fortunate. The collection has been out for a year, but because we opted for fluorescent colours again this year we can stand another season with the same catalogue. Green is the most popular colour, and we only sell by mail order. Our range includes jackets, puffa jackets, jeans, dresses and denim jackets."

So what are people dancing in this summer? Bright colours such as lime, turquoise, purple and fluorescent and



metallic gold and silver are high in the fashion stakes. Bessie director Rochelle says, "Club wear is an ever growing area. Girls are going for lighter, very small T-shirts and guys are going for the slim fit. It's not just one T-shirt for both as it used to be. Also popular are mini rucksacks in bright orange and green."

Styles vary depending on the type of club. On the jungle scene, the ruggid look is popular with large prints and bright colours, with lots of reds, greens and yellows. Isaac says, "We produce clothes for labels like V Records and Philly Blunt; mainly puffa jackets, waistcoats and record bags."

Meanwhile, it seems technoheads and ambient lovers are spending their spare cash on falling and topographies - anything weird, futuristic and X-files-influenced. Isaac says, "We produced a boy with a hologram on a techno group. They wanted something for people who go to raves and get off their heads. In a normal state of mind you could look at the bag and see certain images, by the time you love the club you look deeper into the hologram and see dragons and all sorts of images. So the bag is a talking point and not just something to be worn. These are the types of requests we get, something for after the rave."



Supercuts like The Ministry Of Sound, Cream and Club UK have turned club gear into big business using sophisticated merchandising operations and by selling gear at dedicated outlets in the club.

The Ministry Of Sound has been selling clothes for nearly five years and employs six people in its Covent Garden store. It also publishes two mail order catalogues a year, with a print run of 500,000 each, and sells through record shops in more than 20 countries. Cream has a shop, club counter and mail order operation too, and it will open a shop in Ibiza this Saturday (June 29) for the first date of its regular summer jaunt, held this year at KU. Cream uses local designers, especially for girls' clothes.

The internet is about to compete with retail outlets as more and more merchandising companies set up websites. To date, the technology has not been available to order clothing via the net, but the software is just about to come on line. At the moment sites can be accessed and the clothes looked at on screen, but potential customers have been unable to physically buy the product. Merchandising Mothers' clients click on each record company logo on its website to see what is available.

The Ministry Of Sound has a website which receives about 6,000 hits a week. Rodd says, "We've been working for a right technology to become available to link up with the warehouse so people can directly order clothes by credit card and the clothes will be dispatched straight away. In two months' time the technology will be in place and the clothes will be dispatched by a dedicated warehouse team."

The merchandising companies are convinced that summer's garish, citrus colours will give way to muted shades, blues and oranges in the autumn, with hi-tech fashion with an environmental theme filtering through from the designers to the merchandisers. At the forefront of this trend is Veed Garbrandt, clothes designer who also has a shop in London's West End. Veed made unusual record bags that look like a cross between a rucksack and a DJ bag, and which fit around the whole body. They also make Parkas from the club-proof ballistic nylon used by the police and by bin men to protect them from broken glass.

The Ministry is also on the industrial tip. It is now producing US three-quarter length Parka jackets based on those worn by ground staff at JFK. Rodd says they've proved immensely popular. "We went over there to find a good factory to make them because we wanted them to be a good quality," he says.



The fabric for much of the industrial-based merchandise is very hard to get hold of. Rodd says, "We must wait for the MoS to order a quantity so we can add our order to theirs."



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the uk club scene has moved on in leaps and bounds over the past year with the arrival of new venues and specialist nights. sarah davis reports on four of the top clubs

deep underground club nights in London such as Speed at Moss, That's How It is at Bar Rumba and Athletico at the Blue Note have been packing them in and the success of these nights has convinced long-established clubs like The Hacienda, Cream and the Ministry of Sound to open their doors to drum and bass, trip hop, jazz and experimental sounds. This, in turn, has shown clubbers that there is more to clubs than house music.

The support of the big players of the club world is invaluable in bringing new forms of music to a wider audience and, whether die-hard undergrounders like it or not, this gives the more experimental musical forms a chance to cross over.

UK clubbers are spoilt for choice with fine clubs in all areas of the country. Some of the newest and hottest clubs on the same are: Liverpool's Eden, Sheffield's Republic and London's The End, The Complex and Turnmills.

The big night in Liverpool has long been the legendary Cream night at Nation (Widstenholme Square, Liverpool 01603 701 6355) but now there's a Saturday bash at Eden.

going up from the

Regular DJ Rocky says, "People go for the music. Five or six years ago people were out



every night of the week, now they can't afford it, so it's got to be special."

There is American underground grog in the main room hosted by DJs including Rocky & Diesel, Dave Comacho and Roy The Roach. Things get slightly harder and housier downstairs with DJs such as Andrew Weatherall,

Justin Robertson and Judge Jules. The chill-out area is slow and funky with resident John Ryan. Eden is co-owned by Paul Broughton, who plays Eddie Banks in Brookside. He thinks that a good club starts with the building. "We scoured Liverpool and finally found this venue," he says.

"It's a grade two listed building and we've spent a fortune on it."

The venue is on two floors with a capacity of 1,200. There's Eve, which is a bar/bistro and an upstairs club, with the third phase of the club, the old theatre, ready to be launched on July 6.

Broughton says, "We're going to relaunch the whole building. The theatre will be the place to perform. We'll have DJs, a mime artist, troupe artist, acrobats and reflexologists."

"If you want to attract people on an ad hoc basis and they think it's just American grog, they won't be interested in coming, so you need to offer more. We're adaptable, it's the way forward for clubs. Individualism is the key."

In London, The End, a purpose-built, high tech club which holds around 1,000 with two dance floors, is co-owned by Mr C and Laya Paskin.

Based on his own DJing experience, Richard C wanted to open the perfect venue. He says, "It is all about quality control. To often you go into clubs and it is crap sound, lights and toilet facilities. The cold water is turned off and there is not enough toilet paper. We're changing clubbing on an attitude. At The End the attitude of stoff, security

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the role of the dance booking agent is not always an easy one. *rm* asks five companies about their most embarrassing or unforgettable moments. by karen laux

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GARY HOWARD

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"A classic mishap with equipment occurred when we were promoting Ce Ce Peniston's 'Finally' in 1992 at London club The Mikik Bar. The show had been booked by a DJ who shall remain nameless, but who was also the promoter. On arrival I collected the fee from his wife and then requested the mic for Ce Ce to sing in to. "What?" was his response. Glam faces were seen backstage and although the DJ was left with egg on his face, I couldn't but help blame myself. After all, DJs don't use microphones do they?"

"There are always problems the booking agent experiences - from a show being cancelled the day before because the artist is required to do TV, to a promoter failing to send a deposit or offering diamonds instead of cash."

"Then there are also the technical hitches with tour managers kinking on the M1 or crashing cars, DJs supplying the wrong equipment and playing the wrong records before or after the performance."

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accommodation to clean underwear. All the artist has to do is bring themselves, their equipment and their passport. I handle a lot of European bookings which can get tricky when dealing with promoters or tour managers who speak a different language. Sometimes saying one thing means something completely different, but we always reach an understanding in the end."

"My worst night was when we sent DJS Dave Valentine and Eddie Locke on a Friday afternoon flight to the Music Factory in Turkey. Returning from my local watering hole in the evening I turned on the television to be greeted with the newscast 'Plane hijack at Istanbul'. I stayed on the phone all night to Golwick Airport until it was established they were safe."

"I've also had some embarrassing experiences while accompanying bands on tour. At a Carpe Diem (picture) gig in France I managed to fall

over on stage while setting up equipment during a live TV link. Five thousand people screamed with laughter as I was left lying on my back, looking up at a 100ft screen with myself on it. Amazed that the keyboard had stayed upright, I then had to get up, plug in all the leads and get came on, laughed their way through the set and came off neatly crying. And all on live TV."



ALAN BLOOMFIELD
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"Certainly the life of a dance booking agent does not always run smoothly. It can be frustrating when promoters do not comply with the terms of contracts and generally let the artist down by not providing the correct information for a particular gig. This comes



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down to very basic details such as good directions to a venue with back-up information on its soundcheck times, stage arrangements and an explanation of what fees to collect on the night.

"If all sounds pretty obvious but it's amazing how often there can be communication breakdowns which lead to potential disaster. DJs and dance acts can themselves sometimes be an unreliable lot. Inevitably, there are problems with them failing to turn up and the excuses can be extremely unoriginal - from 'I've lost my car keys to the phone had a fault on its right tyre.'

BRIAN DAVIES Upfront Entertainment Agency

"Problems always occur when DJs double book or drop a booking to accept one that is higher paid. Our contracts cover all eventualities which protect the DJ, promoter and venue. "Our worst experience was undoubtedly when a DJ

had been paid 50% of his fee upfront and then failed to appear. Needless to say, the promoter did get his money back.

"For us it is important to listen carefully to the requirements of the DJ and combine this with a detailed knowledge of the venue or club night. This enables us to place the right DJ in the right venue and ensure that the audience which pays is well satisfied. We all know from experience that if the crowd receive a DJ well, a good night is had by all. "Sometimes difficulties arise when a DJ takes his or her time in getting back to us about a booking and this can lead to a promoter being let down by not having sufficient time to advertise the night."

JACOB KENT Sleeping Lions

"So far this year one of the biggest highlights was booking the Vinyl Bandits from New York. It was the first time any UK promoter/agent had booked them for the UK since they parted company with



Strictly Rhythm in February. The venue was the glorious Mow Cop Castle on the south Cheshire border with a bill that included Todd Terry.

"Mention of Todd Terry's name reminds me of an embarrassing moment. One night at an American club I was so impressed by the reaction Terry got from the crowd that I decided to go up to the DJ's box and lay grass on the feet of the master. As I approached him, we both leaned forward to talk and in the process clashed heads. The blow was so heavy that Terry passed out.

"I was subsequently dragged out of the club by security to a police vehicle and arrested. My ordeal ended five hours later at a Beverley Hills police station when I was released with a trumped-up charge of assault (later dropped).

"Since that day I follow a golden rule: never talk to a DJ while he/she is working - regardless of circumstances."



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clubchart
commentary

by alan jones

Todd Terry's 'Jumpr' single is the number one club record for the second week in row. Its support has dipped a negligible 4% from last week's high level, but the collapse of its nearest rivals and the failure of anything new to make a huge impact means it has opened up a gigantic 42% lead over the new number two record -

Apollo 440's 'Krupa'. These two, plus Wink's 'Higher State Of Consciousness' and Andrea Mendez's 'Bring Me Love' are likely to be contesting the leadership next week, with Todd odds-on to still be ahead. 'Jumpr' appears in 72% of the DJ returns used for this week's chart, a huge percentage, and is number one in a fifth of all returns. Meanwhile, the Lisa Marie Experience, who topped the chart earlier this year with their version of 'Jumpin', are back with 'Do That To Me' gaining a tenuous foothold at 71 on the basis of early reaction. This is the song, recorded before 'Jumpin', that samples

Michael Jackson's 'Warrior Be Starlin' Somethin' hit. It was previously unissued awaiting clearance. It's one of five singles in the chart on **Positiva**, the label's biggest presence to date... **MCA** has the highest new entry for the third time in 10 weeks, as **Lovehappy's** 'Message Of Love' debuts at number nine, with especially strong support in the South-east and on the south coast. It's one of a huge raft of remixed hits dominating the chart, and will find it hard to better its original January 1995 club performance, when it stormed to the top of the chart. The CJ Mockintosh and Civilis & Cole mixes from that release are back again, along with new K-Klass mixes, while the Loveland and Satoshi Tomiie and Loveland versions which enlivened the original release are now absent... On the Pop Tip chart, **Strike's** three-week reign at the top is over, as **Bizarre Inc's** 'Surprise' rises to the summit. Much of Strike's support has been garnered from the Tony De Vit mixes of last year's monster hit 'U Sure Do', which will appear alongside **Inspiration** on their new single, and will probably spark another rash of compilations containing 'U Sure Do', which has thus far turned up on more than 40 collections.

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Strictly Underground is undertaking a world tour, the first dates of which will be in Norway at the Oslo Festival on August 24 and 25. DJs confirmed for the event will be **Dr S Gochet**, **Kenny Ken**, **DJ Rap** (pictured), **Cool Hand Flex**, **Mark Ryder**, **A Sides**, **DJ Ivan**, **MC Paranoia** and twice world DMC mixing champion **DJ Reckless**. Following Norway, Strictly Underground will be visiting Australia and Germany... An important tribute night will be taking place this Saturday (29) at the Blue Note, Hoxton Square in memory of **DJ Shirley Willcox**, better known as the soul scene as **Shirl The Pearl**. Shirley died of breast cancer at the age of 31 in March this year and the gig on Saturday will be in aid of the Cancer Research Campaign. The organiser of the event, **DJ Bob Jones**, says "Most of the DJs who will be performing on the night knew her and everyone is working for nothing because she was such a special person." DJs on the night will be **Bob Jones**, **CJ**, **Graham Ellis**, **Bob Jeffries**, **Ivor Jones**, **Eddie Pillier**, **Max Res**, **Daddy Bug**, **Stevie Cee**, **Miss Browning** and **Terry Jones**. Music for the event will cover soul from the Sixties to the Nineties. Tickets for the event are £6 before 11 pm and £8 after, and the night will run until 5am on Sunday morning. Full information 0171 729 8440... **The Self Preservation Society** are looking for male/female singers and rappers to work on two finished products. Send demos to Dave Valentine, 120 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3PJ... **Isabelle** has left **Pop Promotions** where she ran the Propaganda PR outfit and can now be found out in Putney at **Deconstruction Records** where she will heading their press concerns... As mentioned in **Record Mirror** **Rockers FM** are applying for the forthcoming London wide radio license to play reggae. The backers are looking for prospective DJs and presellers who can play reggae, jungle, raggae, roots, dub, etc. Demo tapes should be sent to Tony Williams or Meg James at the British Reggae Industry, 7A Bolham Station Road, London SW12 9SS. All tapes should be marked clearly with a contact telephone number... **AND THE BEAT GOES ON!**



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27	28	DEFINITELY MAYBE	Oasis	Creation
29	29	ALL CHANGE	Cast	Polydor
25	30	MERCURY FALLING	Sting	A&M
26	31	TO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	The Cranberries	Island
22	32	BROTHERS IN ARMS	Dire Straits	Vertigo
31	33	DIFFERENT CLASS	Pulp	Island
35	34	THE BENDS	Radiohead	Parlophone
23	35	GOLDEN HEART	Mark Knopfler	Vertigo
34	36	KEITH SWEAT	Keith Sweat	Elektra
40	37	MELON COLLE AND THE INFINITE SWISSNESS	Smashing Pumpkins	Virgin
37	38	ELEGANT SLUMMING	M People	RCA
41	39	WORDS	Tony Rich Project	LaFace
41	40	PLACEBO	Placebo	Elevator Music

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1	NEW HITS '96	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
2	FANTAZIA PRESENTS THE HOUSE COLLECTION 4	Fantazia	Various Artists	Virgin TV
3	MOJO ZONE	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
4	THE BEST SWING, EVER!	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
5	IN THE MIX '96 - 2	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
6	THE BEST FOOTIE ANTHEMS IN THE WORLD - EVER!	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
7	TRANSPOTTING (OST)	Various Artists	Various Artists	EMI Parlophone
8	SUMMER VIBES	Various Artists	Various Artists	Parlophone TV
9	MOVIE KILLERS	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
10	SPIRITS OF NATURE	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
11	PURE JAZZ MOODS - COOL JAZZ FOR A SUMMER	Various Artists	Various Artists	Decca
12	TRIBEKIT	Various Artists	Various Artists	Parlophone TV
13	THE BEAUTIFUL GAME	Various Artists	Various Artists	RCA
14	VIVAL EUROPOP	Various Artists	Various Artists	Various Artists
15	BEST OF ACID JAZZ	Various Artists	Various Artists	Bobcat Production
16	THE BIG HIT MIX	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
17	MASSIVE DANCE MIX '96	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
18	CARE LATINO	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin
19	RAP FLAVORS	Various Artists	Various Artists	Decca
20	SWING MIX '96	Various Artists	Various Artists	Virgin

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16	26	SHE SAID	Longings	Mercury
17	27	INSPIRATION	Strike	Fresh
22	28	FABLE	Robert Miles	Deconstruction
29	29	NO SURRENDER	Deuce	Love This
30	30	RED LIGHT - GREEN LIGHT EP	The Wildhearts	Round/East West
31	31	MINT CAR	The Cure	Fiction
32	32	OCEAN DRIVE	Lighthouse Family	Wild Card/Polydor
23	33	FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD	Gabriella	Go Beat
24	34	FASTLOVE	George Michael	Virgin
35	35	WHERE IT'S AT	Beck	Geffen
19	36	PURPLE HEATHER	Bad Stewart with The Scottish Em '95 Squad	Various Artists
31	37	LONDON TONIGHT/EAT MY GOAL	Collapsed Lung/Deceptive	Various Artists
38	38	COULD IT BE FOREVER	Gemini	EMI
39	39	KEEP ON, KEEPIN' ON	MC Lyte featuring Xscape	East West
29	40	RETURN OF THE MACK	Mark Morrison	WEA

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2	2 7 YOU'RE MAKIN' ME HIGHLET... (Tara Brabson) (Capitol)		26	42 OLD MAN & ME WHEN I GET... (Hick & The Beach Boys) (Meridian)	
3	3 GIVE ME ONE REASON Tracy Chapman (RCA)		27	43 ONLY YOU 112 (Mer Boy)	
4	4 HOW DO I WANT IT... (Shed-De Laige Truman) (Shed-De)		28	44 IT'S ALL THE WAY LIVE Corrie (Mer Boy)	
5	5 ALWAYS BE MY BABY Sheryl Crowe (Columbia)		29	45 THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US Michael Jackson (Epic)	
6	6 BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME Corina Bice (SAB)		30	46 SITTING UP IN MY ROOM Brandy (Meridian)	
7	7 There's A BEAUTIFUL SOUL Inside Deception (Mer Boy)		31	47 MISSING Everything But The Girl (Atlantic)	
8	8 MACARENA Los Bichos (RCA)		32	48 BLUE Eyes Reunited (Capitol)	
9	9 NOBODY KNOWS The Tems Rich Project (Capitol)		33	49 KEEP ON, KEEP ON MC Lyte feat. Stevie Nicks (Power Grid)	
10	10 IRONIC Azusa Marikate (Meridian)		34	50 TRES DELINQUENTES Delinquent Habits (IMP)	
11	11 YOU'RE THE ONE Only (RCA)		35	51 COUNTING BLUE CARS Gabriela (SAB)	
12	12 WHY I LOVE YOU SO MUCH Monica (RCA)		36	52 FLOOD Jane Di'Caro (Meridian)	
13	13 TUFF LOVE George Michael (Sire/WBAP)		37	53 WONDER Natalie Merchant (Meridian)	
14	14 YOU ME, TEASE ME Cole Trivette Bruce Strain (De Jax)		38	54 COUNT ON ME Whitney Houston (Arista)	
15	15 'C'MON N RIDE IT Only City Ride (Soundboard)		39	55 BE MY LOVER La Bache (RCA)	
16	16 KISSIN' YOU Total (SAB)		40	56 JEALOUSY The Notorious B.I.B. (Mer Boy)	
17	17 INSENSITIVE Joan Arden (SAB)		41	57 1, 2, 3, 4 (SUM'N' NEW) Celtic (Mer Boy)	
18	18 SWEET DREAMS La Bache (RCA)		42	58 YOO! Mariah (Sire)	
19	19 WHO WILL SAVE YOUR SOUL Janet (Mer Boy)		43	59 LUKÉ Luke Smith Jordan (De Jax)	
20	20 FOLLOW YOU DOWNTILL I HEAR... The Go-Bros (Mer Boy)		44	60 THE WORLD I KNOW Collective Soul (Meridian)	
21	21 TWISTER (OST) Various (Mer Boy)		45	61 1979 Smashing Pumpkins (Mer Boy)	
22	22 HAY Crystal D'Arzo (Mer Boy)		46	62 PLEASE DON'T GO Inevitable (RCA)	
23	23 THE EARTH, THE SUN... Color Me Boud (Sire)		47	63 YOUR LOVING ARMS Eric Burdon (Mer Boy)	
24	24 CHILDREN Robert Miles (Mer Boy)		48	64 CLOSER TO FREE The Reddies (Sire)	
25	25 UNTILL IT SLEEPS Michael (Mer Boy)		49	65 JUST A GIRL Nekele (Mer Boy)	

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US ALBUMS

#	Title/Artist	Label	#	Title/Artist	Label
1	1 LOAD Metallica (RCA)		26	26 MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE (OST) Various (Meridian)	
2	2 THE SCORE Eagles (Ruffalo)		27	27 PIECES OF YOU Janet (Meridian)	
3	3 JAGGED LITTLE PILL Alice Merton (Mer Boy)		28	28 ALL EYEZ ON ME 2Pac (Death Row)	
4	4 FALLING INTO YOU Celine Dion (Mer Boy)		29	29 GANGSTAS' PARADISE Coolio (Mer Boy)	
5	5 1 NEW BEGINNING Tracy Chapman (RCA)		30	30 TINY MUSIC... SONGS FROM THE... (Sire/Tony Pina) (Mer Boy)	
6	6 BANANA WIND Jimmy Buffet (Meridian)		31	31 10 THILL I DIE Bryan Adams (SAB)	
7	7 18 9 FURTHER ETERNAL Steve Tracy N Harmony (Meridian)		32	32 HIGH LONESOME SOUND Vibe 68 (Mer Boy)	
8	8 FAIRWEATHER JOHNSON Harris & The Beaches (Mer Boy)		33	33 MISSION TO PLEASE The Viny Brothers (Mer Boy)	
9	9 CRASH-CO Matthew Bond (RCA)		34	34 R KELLY Kelly (Mer Boy)	
10	10 GETTIN' IT (ALBUM NUMBER 10) Tom DeFari (Mer Boy)		35	35 NEW GARBAGE Garbage (Mer Boy)	
11	11 THE NUTTY PROFESSOR (OST) Various (Mer Boy)		36	36 TIGERLILY Nicole Mitchell (Mer Boy)	
12	12 DOWN ON THE UPSIDE Soundgarden (SAB)		37	37 MELLON COLIE & THE INFINTHE... Smashing Pumpkins (Mer Boy)	
13	13 THE WOMAN IN ME Shavaughn (Mer Boy)		38	38 SWEET DREAMS La Bache (RCA)	
14	14 LEGAL DRUG MONEY Can Bays (Mer Boy)		39	39 THE BURNING BACK OF NOTRE DAME (OST) Various (Mer Boy)	
15	15 EVIL EMPIRE Rage Against the Machine (Epic)		40	40 NEW BEGINNING Only (RCA)	
16	16 TRAGIC KINGDOM No Doubt (Capitol)		41	41 TIME MARCHES ON Tracy Lawrence (Mer Boy)	
17	17 BAD HAIR DAY World At Yorkville (Mer Boy)		42	42 TWISTER (OST) Various (Mer Boy)	
18	18 BORDERLINE Aerosmith & Devin (Mer Boy)		43	43 WAITING TO EXHALE (OST) Various (Mer Boy)	
19	19 DAY DREAM Marsh Gray (Mer Boy)		44	44 CRACKED REAR VIEW Harris & The Beaches (Mer Boy)	
20	20 TO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED The Collective (Mer Boy)		45	45 THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION Alan Jackson (Mer Boy)	
21	21 96 (WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY! Oasis (Mer Boy)		46	46 ELCTIC/LAIRYLAND Burl Ives (Mer Boy)	
22	22 18 9 OLDER George Michael (Mer Boy)		47	47 JARS OF CLAY Jane Di'Caro (Mer Boy)	
23	23 DESTINY Gary Clark (Mer Boy)		48	48 THE HELL HAPPENED To Adam Sandler (Mer Boy)	
24	24 26 SIXTEEN STONE Bush (Mer Boy)		49	49 SMELLS LIKE CHILDREN Myke Towers (Mer Boy)	
25	25 38 BLUE CLEAR SKY George Strait (Mer Boy)		50	50 THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRENDKILL Patena (Mer Boy)	

UK WORLD HITS:
The MW guide to the top British performers in key markets (chart position in brackets)

UK WORLD HITS

FRANCE

1	01 BABY COME BACK Witha Art (EMI)
2	02 FASTOVE George Michael (Virgin)
3	03 EVERBODY Wants Me (EMI)
4	04 YOU DON'T FOOL ME Queen (EMI)
5	05 RETURN OF THE MACK Mark Morrison (WEA)

GERMANY

1	01 RETURN OF THE MACK Mark Morrison (WEA)
2	02 FIRESTARTER The Prodigy (GXL)
3	03 INSOXIMA Faithless (Cherry)
4	04 FASTOVE George Michael (Virgin)
5	05 YOU DON'T FOOL ME Queen (Polygram)

NETHERLANDS

1	01 RETURN OF THE MACK Mark Morrison (WEA)
2	02 ONE MORE TRY Kristine W (Zomba)
3	03 FASTOVE George Michael (Virgin)
4	04 THE BURNING BACK OF NOTRE DAME (OST) Various (Mer Boy)
5	05 FIRESTARTER The Prodigy (GXL)

SWEDEN

1	01 OOH AAR... JUST A LITTLE BIT Gina G (WEA)
2	02 RETURN OF THE MACK Mark Morrison (WEA)
3	03 WEAK Shirok Aceasie (Virgin)
4	04 MISSING Everything But The Girl (Mer Boy)

NETWORK CHART

#	Title/Artist	Label	#	Title/Artist	Label
1	1 KILLING ME SOFTLY Eagles (Columbia)		21	24 FORGET ABOUT THE WORLD Guinevere (De Beat)	
2	2 THREE LIONS Butler & Shriver & Lightning Seeds (RCA)		22	25 INSTINCT David Hogue (Capitol)	
3	3 MYSTERIOUS GIRL Peter Andre feat. Billie Ray (Mer Boy)		23	26 THAT GIRL Mike Price feat. Sheena (Virgin)	
4	4 ALWAYS BE MY BABY Sheryl Crowe (Columbia)		24	27 BLURRED Inevitable (RCA)	
5	5 BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME Corina Bice (SAB)		25	28 A BETTER MAN Bran Kennedy (RCA)	
6	6 ENGLAND'S The Beatles feat. Jimi Tenor & Leth Brinsford (Mer Boy)		26	29 FEMALE OF THE SPECIES Space (Mer Boy)	
7	7 DON'T STOP MOVIN' Only City (Mer Boy)		27	30 TIME FROM MISSION IMPOSSIBLE Alan Caplan/Mer Boy	
8	8 WRONG Everything But The Girl (Mer Boy)		28	31 CECILIA Suggs (RCA)	
9	9 LET ME LIVE Sami (Polygram)		29	32 IN A ROOM Only (SAB)	
10	10 THE DAY WE CAUGHT THE TRAIN Queen (Mer Boy)		30	33 IN A ROOM Deep Andrea Corfca (De Jax)	
11	11 NOBODY KNOWS Tony Rich Project (Mer Boy)		31	34 OOH AAR... JUST A LITTLE BIT Gina G (Mer Boy)	
12	12 MAKE IT WITH YOU La Toya Leane (Mer Boy)		32	35 A DESIGN FOR LIFE Mike Stone feat. Producers (Mer Boy)	
13	13 FASTOVE George Michael (Virgin)		33	36 GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME Sabatino (SAB)	
14	14 OCEAN DRIVE Lightface Family (Mer Boy)		34	37 ON SILENT WINGS The Tunes (Mer Boy)	
15	15 WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER Simply Red (Mer Boy)		35	38 FABLE Robert Miles (Mer Boy)	
16	16 THE NEXT DAY (OST) (MUSIC) (Mer Boy)		36	39 I BELIEVE Bush And The Bad Angel (Mer Boy)	
17	17 RETURN OF THE MACK Mark Morrison (WEA)		37	40 THANK YOU TO FRIDAY's Only (Mer Boy)	
18	18 NAKED Louisa (Mer Boy)		38	41 SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND Dean Gately (Mer Boy)	
19	19 IRONIC Azusa Marikate (Mer Boy)		39	42 CHARMLESS MAN Heri (Mer Boy)	
20	20 THERE'S NOTHING I WON'T DO (Mer Boy)		40	43 PUPPLEHEADS/Purple Heart/Gold/Gold/Wine (Mer Boy)	

VIRGIN RADIO CHART

#	Title/Artist	Label	#	Title/Artist	Label
1	1 JAGGED LITTLE PILL Alice Merton (Mer Boy)		21	21 MERCURY FALLING Only (SAB)	
2	2 10 THILL I DIE Bryan Adams (SAB)		22	22 THE IT GIRL Suggs (Mer Boy)	
3	3 OLDER George Michael (Mer Boy)		23	23 GARBAGE Garbage (Mer Boy)	
4	4 MOSELEY SHOALS Queen (Mer Boy)		24	24 DEFINITELY MAYBE Coolio (Mer Boy)	
5	5 OCEAN DRIVE Lightface Family (Mer Boy)		25	25 TO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED The Collective (Mer Boy)	
6	6 (WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY! Oasis (Mer Boy)		26	26 ALL CHANGE Cosc (Mer Boy)	
7	7 FREE PEACE SWEET Dug (SAB)		27	27 DIFFERENT CLASS Pulp (Mer Boy)	
8	8 LOAD Metallica (Mer Boy)		28	28 I Love Sissy Red (Mer Boy)	
9	9 WILDEST DREAMS The Turner (Mer Boy)		29	29 THE BENDS (Mer Boy)	
10	10 HITS New & The Mediacore (Mer Boy)		30	30 ELEGANT SLUMMING M People (Mer Boy)	
11	11 BIZARRE FUTURE/GRUNT 613 Point (Mer Boy)		31	31 MELLON COLIE AND THE INFINTHE... Smashing Pumpkins (Mer Boy)	
12	12 1977 Ash (Mer Boy)		32	32 WORDS Tony Rich Project (Mer Boy)	
13	13 WALKING WOUNDED Everything But The Girl (Mer Boy)		33	33 FAIRWEATHER JOHNSON Harris & The Beaches (Mer Boy)	
14	14 EVERYTHING MUST GO Music Street Producers (Mer Boy)		34	34 HISTORY PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE (OST) Michael Jackson (Mer Boy)	
15	15 PEACE AT LAST Lisa (Mer Boy)		35	35 THE PRESIDENTS OF THE USA (Mer Boy)	
16	16 STANLEY ROAD Peter Water (Mer Boy)		36	36 TUBULAR BELMETS Mike DeFazio (Mer Boy)	
17	17 THESE DAYS Ben J (Mer Boy)		37	37 PARANOID & SUNDAYS South Avenue (Mer Boy)	
18	18 GABRIELLE Debbie (Mer Boy)		38	38 RELISH Jess Osborne (Mer Boy)	
19	19 BROTHERS IN ARMS Dixie Dicks (Mer Boy)		39	39 PARLO HONEY Pauline (Mer Boy)	
20	20 GOLDEN HEART Mark Knopfer (Mer Boy)		40	40 DOWN ON THE UPSIDE Soundgarden (Mer Boy)	

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R&B SINGLES

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label	Cat. No.	(Distributor)
1	1	KILLING ME SOFTLY	Fugees	Columbia	CD-663435 (SM)	
2	2	ALWAYS BE MY BABY	Mariah Carey	Columbia	CD-663435 (SM)	
3	4	NOBODY KNOWS	Tony Rich Project	LaFace/Arista	7421235621 (BMG)	
4	3	THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY	R Kelly	Jive	CJ-JIVE/RCA 395 (BMG)	
5	5	KEEP ON, KEEPIN' ON	MC Lyte featuring Xscape	East West	A 42877 (W)	
6	6	5 O'CLOCK	Nanchalant	MCA	MCA MCST 48011 (BMG)	
7	5	OCEAN DRIVE	Lighthouse Family	Wid Card/Polydor	576181 (F)	
8	7	SCANDALOUS	The Click	Jive	JIVE 283 (BMG)	
9	7	RETURN OF THE MACK	Mark Morrison	WEA	WEA 0467 (W)	
10	8	STAKES IS HIGH	De La Soul	Tommy Boy	730 (RTM/DISC)	
11	8	TWISTED	Keith Sweat	Elektra	EKR 2227 (W)	
12	9	LADY	D'Angelo	Columbia	12C00L 323 (E)	
13	9	DO U KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM	M. Burt featuring Jazmine	Reck	189M02 (SBE)	
14	10	BEFORE YOU WALK OUT OF MY LIFE	Mo'Nique	Roady	7432131041 (BMG)	
15	11	DOIN' IT	LL Cool J	Def Jam/Atlantic	12DE15 (F)	
16	14	YOU'RE THE ONE	SWV	RCA	74213383311	
17	10	ON AND ON	Beverlei Brown	Sidesnap	BEV 101 (NET/SM)	
18	16	I MUST STAND	Ica-T	Virgin	SYND15 (E)	
19	13	WOO-HAH!! GOT YOU ALL IN CHECK	Busta Rhymes	Elektra	EKR 2207 (W)	
20	12	I WILL SURVIVE	Chantay Savage	RCA	7432137881 (BMG)	
21	17	THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US	Michael Jackson	Epic	CD-6629502 (SM)	
22	18	THE GRAVE AND THE CONSTANT	Fun Lovin' Criminals	Chryslis	12CHS 5001 (E)	
23	18	THIS IZ REAL	Shyheim	Neo Tbyte/Virgin	VUST 105 (E)	
24	20	ONE FOR THE MONEY	Horace Brown	Motown	8605231 (F)	
25	21	GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME	Gabriele	Go Beat	GDGX 139 (F)	
26	22	GET ON UP	Jodeci	MCA	MCA MCST 48010 (BMG)	
27	25	PLAYA HATA	Luniz	Virgin	VUST 103 (E)	
28	24	24/7	3T	MJJC	6631992 (SM)	
29	30	CALIFORNIA LOVE	2 Pac featuring Dr Dre	Death Row/Island	12DRW3 (F)	
30	16	I GOT 5 ON IT	Luniz	Neo Tbyte/Virgin	VUST 101 (E)	
31	15	TAKE A LOOK	J'son	Hollywood	5786411 (F)	
32	28	DESIRE	Nu Colours	Wid Card/Polydor	5763821 (F)	
33	32	SPACE COWBOY	Jametroquai	Epic	4277827 (SM)	
34	31	ALL THE THINGS (YOUR MAN WON'T DO)	Joe	Island	12IS 634 (F)	
35	29	MISS PARKER	Benz	RCA	CD-7432137292 (BMG)	
36	27	HAPPY	Pauline Henry	Sony	S2 CD-8633092 (SM)	
37	34	THE WORLD IS A GHETTO	Geto Boys featuring Pae	Virgin	VUST 104 (E)	
38	30	YOU'RE MAKIN' ME HIGH	Toni Braxton	LaFace	73008241611 (Impart)	
39	27	...TIL THE COPS COME KNOCKIN'	Maxwell	Columbia	8631796 (SM)	
40	40	TWENTY FOREPLAY	Jamet Jackson	A&M	CD-5815112 (F)	

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DANCE SINGLES

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label	Cat. No.	(Distributor)
1	1	STAND UP	Love Tribe	AMP	PM 5616271 (F)	
2	2	INSPIRATION	Strike	Fresh	FRSHST 45 (SM/SM)	
3	1	ON YA WAY	Helicopter	Systematic	SYXK 27 (F)	
4	3	INDICA	Moving Melodies	Hooj	Choons H00J 44 (RTM/DISC)	
5	5	5 O'CLOCK	Nanchalant	MCA	MCA MCST 48011 (BMG)	
6	6	STAKES IS HIGH	De La Soul	Tommy Boy	730 (RTM/DISC)	
7	7	BAD MAN	Sister Bliss	Junk Dog	JDOG12 21 (DMWS/SM)	
8	3	BLURRED	Pannoman	Threaded	TABX 243 (F)	
9	2	DON'T STOP MOVIN'	Ultr' Joy	Undiscovered	MCA MCST 40041 (BMG)	
10	10	KEEP ON, KEEPIN' ON	MC Lyte featuring Xscape	East West	A 42877 (W)	
11	11	I SEE YOU DANCING	Mood II Swing	Groove On	GO48 (Impart)	
12	12	LOVE CAN'T TURN AROUND	Heavy Weather	Pukka	12PUKAA 6 (TRIC/BMG)	
13	13	BRUTE FORCE	Roni Size	Fat Cycle	FCY 009 (SBE)	
14	4	BRAND NEW DAY	Minds Of Men	Perfecto	PERF 121T (W)	
15	19	NO ONE'S DRIVING	Dave Clarke	Rush/Deconstruction	7432138018 (BMG)	
16	15	THEME FROM MISSING: IMPOSSIBLE	Adam Clayton & Larry Mulien	Motown	12MUM 15 (F)	
17	27	WE ARE ONE EP	DJQ	Fiber	FIL 006 (F)	
18	18	ON AND ON	Beverlei Brown	Sidesnap	BEV 101 (NET/SM)	
19	6	TWISTED	Keith Sweat	Elektra	EKR 2227 (W)	
20	5	CAN'T HELP IT	Happy Clappers	Columbia	PWL 2024 004T (W)	
21	20	(I WANT YOU TO) FEEL	DJ Tonka	Force Inc.	FRM 145 (SBE)	
22	22	SCANDALOUS	The Click	Jive	JIVE 283 (BMG)	
23	23	CHORD MEMORY	Ian Pooley	Force Inc.	FRM 102 (SBE)	
24	27	DOIN' IT	LL Cool J	Def Jam/Atlantic	12DE15 (F)	
25	25	CLUB BIZARRE	U96	Urban	5781051 (F)	
26	26	DO WITHOUT	Retrakt	Cleveland City	CLE 13038 (SM/SM)	
27	28	MAGNET	Klubheads	Blue	BLUE102 (E)	
28	28	THIS IZ REAL	Shyheim	Neo Tbyte/Virgin	VUST 105 (E)	
29	29	WOO-HAH!! GOT YOU ALL IN CHECK	Busta Rhymes	Elektra	EKR 2207 (W)	
30	11	THANK YOU/NATIVE LOVE	Wild Women Of Wopce	Shocking Vinyl	SHV1001 (BRP/F)	

DANCE ALBUMS

This	Last	Title	Artist	Label	Cat. No.	(Distributor)
1	1	FANTAZIA PRESENT THE HOUSE COLLECTION 4	Various	Fantazia	FRIC 12/FIC/AMC/DW/SM	
2	2	KEITH SWEAT	Keith Sweat	Elektra	2559517071/2559617074 (W)	
3	1	THE SCORE	Fugees	Columbia	4835491/4835494 (SM)	
4	4	SECRETS	Tom Branton	LaFace	720082004 (Impart)	
5	2	MY HEART DROPPED	Japan	LaFace/Arista	7300826251/7300826254 (BMG)	
6	6	FLUX TRAX 02	Various	Exp	EXP LP 003/EXP/AMC 003 (RTM/DISC)	
7	7	LOVE, PUSSYCATS & CARWRECKS	Funk! Porcizi	Ninja Tune	2EN 236 (W)	
8	8	THE TUTTY PROFESSOR (OST)	Various	Def Jam/Atlantic	CD-5318112 (F)	
9	4	THE HIDDEN CAMERA	Prozet	Science	SBOT 1 (E)	
10	3	DREAMLAND	Robert Miles	Deconstruction	7432132121/7432132124 (BMG)	

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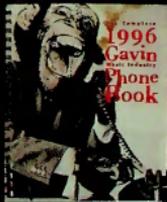
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SINGLES

TERRORVIBES: Bad Actress (EMI)
COVEGASD: (VHS). More sterling and
 enthusiastic pop metal antics from
 the duo Wright and the boys, taken from
 the lauded third album *Regular Urban*.
 Survivors. □□□
LOVE TO INFLUENCE: *Pray For Love* (Mushroom
 01213). Fall-on soul from the renowned
 remixers, which is up to the highest
 standards set by their club chart
 toppers *Keep Love Together* and
Someday. □□□□
SUPER DELUXE: *She Came On Luminous*
LUXURY CD. Seattle sensitive-types make
 their UK debut with an ambitious
 suite of indie pop, US style. It lacks that
 essential 'zing' factor. □□□
DMB: *Fate (Dedicated) DBH001.* This
 Liverpool quintet shows their Eighties
 US hardcore influences on this single.
 Help from John Peel could raise its
 profile considerably. □□□□
MUNDY: *To You I Bestow (Epic MUNDV10).*
 A brilliant second single from the
 long-haired young Irish singer-songwriter.
 It might be a key and foil but his
 soulful delivery and passionate vocals
 point to great things. □□□□
FRUIT: *What Is Fruit? (One Little Indian*
1027P7CD). Kitchens Of Distinction
 frontman Patrick Fitzgerald poses solo
 and much more poppy with this odd
 little single. □□□□
THE SUPERNATURALS: *Smile (Fool CD000*
78). Food has come up trumps again
 with Glasgow's Supernaturals, whose debut
 single is immediately catchy, but also
 capable of warming its way further into
 your emotions after each play. □□□□
LEWIS TAYLOR: *Lucky Island (C0640).* This
 debut is a thoroughly accomplished
 affair with the white Londoner making
 an excellent fist of black R&B. □□□□
68 DOLLS: *Happy Shopper (Indelnet DOLLS*
0550CD). No pop rock nor the
 most orthodox of the new breed of
 Welsh bands. It's not bad, but the Dolls
 have some way to go to catch up on the
 Super Furrys or Gorky's. □□□
INSTELLA: *The Past (Somebody Loves You)*
(Planet X172 110A). A beautifully
 crafted, wistful sound for summer. It
 could take off if radio fancies something
 lazy, hazy and hooky. □□□□
THE LEVELLERS: *Exodus Live EP (China*
W002CD82). Trailing the double live
 album and video set, the Levellers fuse
 the Clash, Led Zeppelin and radical folk
 in their inimitable rough style. □□□□
ARCHIVE: *So Few Words (Island ARK0001).*
 The debut from this south London four-
 piece mixes hip hop vocals over an
 atmospheric classical soundtrack backing.
 Atmospheric and interesting. □□□□
RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS: *My Friends (WEA*
W037CD). The rockers whose recent
 album *One Hot Minute* reached
 number two excel at finely-crafted
 ballads, and this is no exception. □□□□
GARY BARLOW: *Forever Love (RCA 74231*



NO.4. DISPLAYING DIVERSITY

36782). Barlow's undisputed writing
 skills are evident on this wistful ballad
 which builds to a dramatic climax. A
 surefire number one. □□□□
TWISTER: *The Clay (Riotan RRSD 110).* On
 stage, Twister's frontman raves it up
 like a cross between Jarvis and Iggy,
 and this deceptively pleasant-sounding
 song is definitely in the former's
 territory. Worth investigating. □□□
DAMAGE: *Anything (Big Life BLD129).* The
 British male R&B livensome come up
 with a perfectly respectable bump
 and grinder. A fine debut. □□□□
PSYCLONE RANGERS: *Beatin' On The Bat*
PL0 (World Domination WD0036-2).
 The latest EP from Pennsylvania's finest
 garage band is a cracking stomp
 through the murkier side of American
 rock. □□□□
MICE: *Dear Sir (Permanent Records CDS*
PER33). Truly emerging from the
 shadow of All About Eve, Julianne
 Rann sounds right at home on this
 hook-laden Britpop cracker. □□□□
AMOS: *Come Away (More Protein PRCD01).*
 Frenzied stuff which will be dynamite
 on the dancefloors but may struggle to
 make a sales impact. □□□
UMBROZA: *Sunshine (Poptone 7243 82390).*
 Samples of Bombolux up-front beats
 and seasonal sentiments combine to
 give Umbroza a great chance of
 repeating last year's top 20 success
 with *Cry India*. □□□□
GINRAGE: *3 Steps (Rampant RAM901CD).*
 GinRage's skintny glam/pop debut single
 is led down by a ball of ambition and
 irritating monkey vocals. □□□□
FIREBITE: *Kiloin (American 7431 3555-77).*
 Muscular, bass-heavy hardcore from
 America's latest signees. Promising
 rather than impressive. □□□□
THE BLUNTED BOY WONDER: *Times Square*
(NovaMute NoMe47). The respected NY
 producer Steve Stall goes on a monstet
 techno excursion and delivers some
 sparkling tracks. □□□□
TONEY T. COVEY (M&O Records MAGC66).
 An infectious ragga vocal with an up-



INSTELLA: WISTFUL SOUND FOR SUMMER

beat Europop backing makes this a
 summer single you can see crashing
 into the Top 40. □□□□
NIGHTCRAWLERS: *Keep On Pushing Our*
Love (Arista 7423139042). A mainstream
 pop hit between Alysha Warren and
 vocalist John Reid should see
 them safely into the Top 40. □□□□
SINEAD LOHAN: *Come Let Me Out*
(Grapevine CDGP 5208). Another delicate
 but forceful single from the Irish
 singer-songwriter's debut album. A
 solid touring schedule should help win
 converts. □□□□

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

ALISHA'S ATTIC: *I Am I Feel (Mercury*
**AATCD1). This brilliant pop song marks
 the debut of the Dagenham duo of
 sisters and should launch them as one
 of the nation's finest pop hopes. Simply
 irresistible. □□□□**

ALBUMS

THE MOOG COOKBOOK: *The Moog Cookbook*
(Realtime 725142). The duo behind this
 collection of hilarious Moog covers,
 including *Wearry's* Buddy Holly and
 the wondrous version of Green Day's
Basket Case, are clearly having a
 laugh. So will you. □□□□
SPOOKY: *Found Sound (Genre GENRCD001).*
 Clanky, experimental, ambient techno.
 Spooky have their fans and this will
 more, but omitting the marvellous
Stereo track was a mistake. □□□□
NOA: *Calling (Geffen GED 2965).*
 Delightfully mixing her Israeli roots
 with the sass of her adopted New York,
 Noa displays sufficient diversity to
 attract interest across all bases. □□□
MAX PRIEST: *Man With The Fun (VUSMC*
**110). A limp pop reggae album, but
 the soul-processed single *That Girl* makes
 it all worthwhile. □□□□
THE EGG: *Albums (ZEN01CD).* Riding on
 a reputation built on fine performances
 at last summer's festivals, The Egg's
 debut album delivers shimmering**

lovers of trancey acid jazz. □□□
AMANDA MARSHALL: *Amanda Marshall (Epic*
EP431212). The Canadian songstress
 comes over like a rockier Sheryl Crow,
 but with less charm. Big in north
 Europe but will find it difficult to match
 that success here. □□□□
JAKE SLAZGER: *Don't Let Gravy Beat*
Ja? (Warp CD42). The sort of weird
 electronic noodlings you'd expect from
 the ubiquitous techno kid. Fans will
 love it, but it won't win converts. □□□
VARIOUS: *Platinum Beats & Metalheads*
824783-2. Despite featuring classics like
 Alex Reece's *Pulp Fiction*, this collection
 suggests the once-pioneering label is
 showing signs of fatigue. □□□□
VARIOUS: *Sounds & Pressure Volume 2*
(Pressure Sounds 10). A varied, flawless
 second sampler from the On-U Sound
 imprint that reiterates how well roots
 fans are being served by its reissues.
 Lee Perry and Prince Far I stand out
 among excellent company. □□□□
THE GREENGARDENS: *Get the Buzz*
(Alopecia WGLP09). A fine debut by
 Portsmouth's notorious organ-fueled
 garage/surf outfit—great riffs and fine
 B-movie lyrics. □□□□
THE DEATY TOZERS: *Face To The Wall*
(Mammoth MRO 142). No longer "just a
 brass band" after adding brass and
 vocals, this premier New Orleans R&B-
 soaked outfit will delight jazz, funk and
 dance fans simultaneously. □□□□
VARIOUS: *One Voice (EM France*
PRMCD07). The likes of Boy George,
 Marianne Faithfull and Michael
 Hutchence take on the songs of Japan's
 15m-selling lite-pop/rock duo Chage &
 Aska, whose sugary melodies adapt
 well to Western pop styles. □□□□
OBVIOUS: *Popular Favorites (Crypt CR065).*
 The US garage-punkers kick ass on a
 frenzied series of originals and great
 obscure tunes such as *Brownie McGhee's*
1956 knockout *Christina*. □□□□
VARIOUS: *Where Blues Meets Rock Volume*
2 (Proogue dist. Pinacote 70921). A fine
 collection of 13 tracks by new and
 established Proogue signings such as
 Rev Brown, Jan James, Walter Trout
 and Pat Travers. □□□□
RIP MASTERS: *Don't Treat On Me (Moose*
**MSECD 018). Retro country from the
 pianist and songwriter, who has echoes
 of Jerry Lee Lewis rockabilly in his
 delivery. □□□□**

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

EDDI READER: *Candyfloss & Medicine (WEA*
06301512-2). An intimate and hugely
 appealing album from Reader, whose
 voice sounds all the better for the
 restraint with which she delivers many
 of these musically complex,
 atmospheric songs. □□□□
 This week's reviewers: Piers Alder,
 Michael Arnold, Sarah Davis, Catherine
 Eade, Lee Finlay, Lee Fisher, Rob Katz,
 Duncan Holland, Ian Nicolson, Paul
 Vaughan and Selina Webb

ALAN JONES TALKING MUSIC

With a hat-trick of hit singles under her belt
 since leaving Eternal, Louise now releases her
 debut solo album, *Naked*. Like the singles, it is
 a sophisticated blend of solid R&B-based
 material and sweet ballads. She has a
 pleasant if not particularly distinctive voice
 and copes admirably with the songs here,
 including at least three more potential
 hits... **Crowded House's** very public demise will
 be rued by many. Their melodic, understated
 songs have won them a considerable
 following and should result in excellent sales
 of *Recurring Dream—The Very Best Of*
Crowded House, which includes all their
 better-known songs such as *Weather With*

You, *Four Seasons In One Day* and *Don't*
Dream It's Over. Mainman Neil Finn is a skilled
 songsmith, who acknowledges his debt to The
 Beatles, and his colleagues are sympathetic
 and gifted interpreters of his tunes. A sublime
 listening experience, enhanced, initially at
 least, by a bonus 15-track live album... **The**
Brothers Johnson made some memorable
 soul/jazz/funk in the latter half of the
 Seventies, and are the subject of *Ain't We*
Funkin' Now, a long-overdue compilation from
 the Connoisseur Collection. It includes their
 commercial highlights *Stomp and Light Up The*
Night, both co-penned by Britain's Rod
 Temperton, as well as the earlier and frankly

superior *I'll Be*
Good To You and
 the sublime
Strawberry Letter 23. Not one to make much of
 a ripple, but enjoyable listening nevertheless... **Captain Jack** is a ludicrous creation, already
 fearfully popular on the continent. The first
 Captain Jack single to escape into the UK is a
 self-titled effort combining a banging techno
 backing track with some deep-throated
 singing/rapping. The good captain reffs old
 dance instructions in a frenetic manner which
 recalls "sounding off" in the style of the US
 military drill. A bit of a novelty, but one that
 shouldn't be underestimated

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GARY BARLOW

AIMING HIGH WITH HIS FIRST SOLO PROJECT

There's a confident and there's the confident. When Gary Barlow says he's "fairly confident" about his upcoming debut solo album, it's clear what level of success he has become used to.

"I'm hoping to sell 10m copies," he says.

Now that *Music Week* has exclusively heard four tracks from *Open Road*, which is due in September, we can reveal that confidence is justified. The songs display his growing maturity as a composer, but they remain catchy enough to ensure he doesn't lose his Take That fans.

Speaking to Barlow—polite and communicative to the point of garrulousness—was all his fresh start, it is clear that it was always intended he should pursue a solo career.

"Nigel Martin-Smith originally built a band around me and the others were aware of that from the start. I'd always been a solo artist, although I was only playing clubs, and I loved the freedom.

"Then I joined a band and I decided that was what I wanted because it was such a laugh. The whole band thing flowered over 12 months and what was possibly going to last for a couple of singles or an album took on a life of its own."

Events took over but Take That's run came to end, hastened by the departure of Robbie Williams and the desire of the other members to take some time off.

Martin-Smith pointed out that the way the boy band market stood, if the boys were out of the spotlight for any length of time, it could result in oblivion.

At this point, everyone—and Barlow maintains it was a collective decision—decided to call it a day while they were still at the top.

For Barlow, the band's break-up almost meant he could revert to type. Having begun to feel the constraints of the teen format more and more acutely, he seized the initiative.

"Some artists would immediately opt to spend three months doing demos in Monsarrat," says Nick Raymonde, who originally signed Take That to their RCA deal and now A&R's Barlow. "Not Gary. He chose to get straight down to it. London. He couldn't wait."

Barlow entered Metropolis studios in April, just two months after the band's farewell Amsterdam gig.

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Together with producer Chris Porter, he has spent the past three months honing his debut solo album, aided by a fierce inner resolve and around 43 songs which he already had banked, although he maintains he never deliberately held any back from the band. "No, but there were often eight or nine songs put to one side because they

were too grown up. Back For Good was originally set aside because I wanted a 32-piece string section. Now, I don't have to worry about that."

In fact, Barlow has a free rein on the project, selecting everything from musician to songs and arrangements. He shares co-production credits with Porter, who worked on some tracks on

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the last Take That album *Nobody Else*.

Barlow says, "He's one of the few producers to take notice of the demos I've made. I hate working with producers usually because, in the past, they've all had a strong opinion about the record and, usually, it's been the wrong one."

The person with the strongest opinion this time is clearly Barlow himself. He communicates a powerful sense of self-possession and rigid focus on his future.

"I'm not taking advice of anyone with this record," he says daffily. "I've taken charge of everything. They're probably wondering where this character has come from, but I think what I'm delivering sounds successful."

His freedom is even likely to result in a spin-off club project, a cover of the Roachford hit *Cuddly Toy*, which he is planning to work on with Mark Piccolotti, whose previous credits include work with Madonna.

It all sounds a long way from the authoritarian control reputedly wielded by Martin-Smith over Take That, although Barlow says such stories are exaggerated.

"Nigel earned this reputation as a Swedish manager, but the credit should go to the band because we were the ones to take the music to a different domain and make the shows different. Nigel was only ever involved with the creative side of the band in the early days and now he's definitely only the administrator of my career, because it's quite obvious to me where I've got to go now," he explains.

That might sound like friction but Martin-Smith is happy to underplay his role then and now.

"I was instrumental in bringing the band together but, once they started to have hits, it was very much a case of everyone in Take That having a say. Now this is very much Gary's solo album and he has been involved in every part of it."

Raymonde agrees, "He's so focused you never have to worry about anything being not quite right because, since you've ever had time to mention it, he's thought of it."

"He's consumed with it, which is great. It makes my job really easy." The first finished tracks from the album suggest Barlow is right to pursue his vision so intently.

Three songs—Always, Today I Lost You and the title track *Open Road*—demonstrate an unfettered songwriting talent, towering melodies and rich

arrangements all matched with some powerful and beautifully phrased singing.

But what is even more impressive is the fact that none of the songs sound like Take That material.

Barlow has, at a stroke, managed to create his own sound, which while utterly commercial and marketable, has a distinctly mature stamp. One track, Always, is potentially massive. It starts as a slow catchy ballad, but builds into a huge dramatic, swirling affair with the refrain, "I'll always be in love with you", destined to bounce around the minds of music lovers everywhere.

The title track, *Open Road*, is another big song which really summons up a widescreen image and again marks Barlow's mastery of more grown-up music. Today I Lost You is more uptempo with a snappy upfront guitar sound that will surprise Take That aficionados without alienating them.

"I have really had to work to get this album right, but I am quietly confident with these songs," says Barlow.

"I'm going for quite an honest sound on the album. By that I mean organic, quite acoustically oriented.

Everything on the LP has been played live, we've not used computers or anything like that. If I do a vocal, it should be as high on the track as possible because I can sing, you know." This point is underscored by the lead single *Forever Love*, an all-stops-out ballad which builds steadily over piano and vocal to a big climax.

"In a way it gives you quite a bad impression of how the album will sound because it's quite upbeat and rhythmic," says Barlow. "It was a safe choice, but the songwriting is such a leap from what I was doing that it will help bring people slowly to where I am now."

Forever Love has a number one record all over it, a position it could

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well maintain for weeks as carefully selected TV appearances, beginning with the National Lottery BBC1 show, kick in during the life of the single. And one of the song's main strengths as a single is in showing the impressive range and emotion of Barlow's voice.

Some observers have made much of Barlow being the new George Michael and, while there are obvious parallels to the point that Barlow admits to possessing every Wham! record ever released, *Forever Love* has much more in common with Elton John.

"That's fair to say. George's songs aren't as musical as Elton's," Barlow says. "You can tell with his songs that a musician has written them whereas



George's are far more like a four-chord groove which he sings over. With Elton, I know someone very musical has written the songs and that's the way I tend to do things."

In fact, Barlow and John are well acquainted. "Elton has been the only star who has ever offered me decent advice," says Barlow.

"I've known him since quite early on. I've played him some of the songs from the new album, which he has said

Artist: Gary Barlow Project; album label: RCA; Studio: Metropolis; production: cd-producers

One to WATCH

SUEDE

They've been making a noise that's worth listening to since their debut, but Suede seem set to back bigger and better this year. The single *Trash* hit the charts in July. It's hip-hop with a twist. Richard Dicks has come into his own as a guitarist and Suede is sure to create a star moment.

SUN

GUITAR POP WITH ADDED SPARK

They're young, they're loud and have little experience in the music world, but London's Sun could well be one of the surprise smashes of the summer.

They're part of Polydor's exciting new roster, which also boasts such promising hopefuls as Manchester's Dant Jankins and Limerick's The Driven - acts who should follow in the hit-making wake of such indie style acts as Cast and Shed Seven.

Their debut single (out on July 29) is a fine blast of guitar pop with gloriously tight harmonies making them sound like a punk Beach Boys.

Their live set is sparky, with the guitar noise orchestrated to bring the most out of the harmonies and, at times, they're redolent of wacky US new wave acts.

It's not a comparison either band or their A&R are too bothered about, but both parties are eager to stress that the band has its own sound and identity.

Sun were signed to Polydor by senior A&R Paul Adam after hearing two demos and seeing an early gig. He was initially unimpressed. "The first demo was just OK, but when the manager came back with a second tape there was a song on it that just blew me away," he says. "I really wondered what the catch was, whether they had three heads or couldn't cut it live, but when I saw them play I was convinced."

That song is Lava, which is scheduled to be the band's second single. Before that comes the debut EP led by There Will Never Be Another Me. It is a startlingly impressive blast of guitar-driven pop with glorious harmonies, but Adam says Polydor isn't putting too much emphasis on the track bringing immediate success.

He says, "It's basically a set-up release, something to get the band noticed. All the tracks are good but they have another three or four songs lined up which are far more impressive."

The songwriting force in the band is frontman/guitarist James Broad, a gangly 24-year-old, who could turn out to be one of the UK's better post-Britpop betts. And he's convinced his outfit have more to offer than most of



the swathe of acts currently fighting for recognition.

He says, "After meeting all the A&Rs, we were all hoping that Polydor would put in an offer and we were delighted when they did. But we also felt that the label didn't have really huge acts and could therefore pay more attention to us. It seemed to work for Cast and Shed Seven."

The band have already toured the UK in support of Whipping Boy and Strangelove.

Broad says, "We set a little tone to see how well we were doing. If people stood in front of the stage and stayed there - even if it was only 12 or 15 people - we knew we were having some kind of effect."

Generally, the response on the road was good, but Adam is being cautious about Sun's immediate prospects.

He says, "I sign bands I think are great, but you can never tell what the future holds. But I really believe there's a big market for Sun because the songs are so strong. It's always dangerous to make predictions, but I think the band have a potentially massive single in Lava."

It all seems set up for the band and, if fortune favours them, we could all be making big hit music. Leo Finley

LEWIS TAYLOR

A SUBTLE TAKE ON R&B

R&B singer Lewis Taylor is a unique creature indeed. Not only is he an unashamedly die-hard Yes fan with enough inactive fuel to successfully re-interpret classic soul music, but he was also talented enough to become the first artist to ever be signed by Island on the strength of a demo sent through the post.

David Gilmore, the A&R responsible for signing Taylor, recalls: "He sent in this battered tape with five tracks on it. We did some demos with him and then signed a development deal around three years ago and left him to find his own sound."

As it turns out, Taylor's sound runs roughly parallel to American soul singer D'Angelo's reinvention of late Sixties/early Seventies soul.

While D'Angelo instills Marvin Gaye's moodier moments with hip hop attitude and beats, Taylor's re-interpretations come from some rather surprising sources. "While I was making the album I was listening to Tangerine Dream, Tim Buckley, Scott Walker's 'Til and Miles Davis' 'Bitches Brew,'" says Taylor.

Like his inspirations, Taylor's take on R&B is more subtle and evocative than contemporary swing's one-track bump and grind. "I'm very, very



Artist Lewis Taylor

interested in atmospherics," explains Taylor. "I tend to conjure up an atmosphere that carries back to some experience I might have had or some other piece of music I've heard. I tend to work on that quite extensively, trying to get the atmospheres I hear in my head down on tape."

For someone who once played guitar for the reformed proto-metal The Edgar Broughton Band, Taylor's decision to make an R&B album might be a bit surprising. But, as he says,

BIM SHERMAN

ROOTS FOR THE NEW GENERATION

After 15 years with On-U Sound, you have to take founder Adrian Sherwood seriously when he stakes his reputation on an album of quality he reckons turns up one or twice in a lifetime. "It's one that sounds completely unlike anything you've ever heard before," he says.

And his faith in the project is such that he's farmed it out to Mantra managing director John Empson, thus lending the whole weight of the Beggar's Banquet marketing and promotional expertise to a project earmarked as one of this summer's three priority releases on the label.

But this is no hot, newly-found artist - it is **Jim Sherman**, one of the key figures in reggae over the past two

decades. However, his new album, *Miracle*, marks the transformation of one of Jamaica's most respected roots reggae singers. It is an acoustic, string-backed album of classic songs, full of lush, ethereal textures and intricate percussive touches.

Recorded in London and Bombay, *Miracle* is roots reborn for a new generation; mellow, accessible and laid-back. With the right breaks and the right replay it has all the potential of a true crossover record for the summer of 1996.

Or as Empson puts it, "I heard it one and loved it. It's timeless, it's got crossover appeal. It's a natural."

To Sherman, now resident in London, *Miracle* is the perfect

Act: Sun Project EP Label: Polydor Songwriter: Broad Publisher: EMI Music Studio: Maison Rouge Producer: Ballhouse Boys Released: July 29

NEW SIGNINGS

ARTIST	MUSICAL STYLE	SIGNED TO	MANAGEMENT	TYPE OF DEAL	SIGNED BY
FEELINE	female-fronted alternative pop band	CHRYSALIS	Dave Harper	albums	Gordon Biggins
MARK GARDNER	The Ride frontman's new solo project	WARNER CHAPPELL	Tim Prior	worldwide publishing	A&R department
LOVE TRIBE	Chicago house with uplifting vocals	A&M	E Smooth	worldwide publishing	Ruth Rothwell
ANDREW MCKAY	film and TV composer	MCA MUSIC	none	worldwide publishing	Barbara Zamojska/Wali Morrison - "We've found a special pop classical composer."
QATTARA	epic house duo from London	SKINNY MALINKY	self-managed	singles plus option deal	Big C - "Following the successful first single on Steel Fish records, here comes the follow up."
THE RAH BAND	commercial funky disco-house trio from Sussex	SKINNY MALINKY	self-managed	two singles plus option	Skinny Malinky A&R team - "A return to form for the Eighties funk heroes."
PETE 'SHAKER' BONES	pumping house and underground techno	XL RECORDINGS	self-managed	three singles and two albums	Ruth Rothwell
SUN	exciting guitar-driven pop	EMI MUSIC	Alastair Cunningham	worldwide publishing	Simon Harris - "They reminded me of The Beach Boys and The Runagames."
THREE COLOURS RED	hard rock quartet with indie edge	CREATION	Terry Thomas	albums deal	David Bagwell - "They're the most exciting band I've seen in ages."
WILSON	guitar-based four-piece from Ashton-under-Lyme	FICTION SONGS	Mike Raven	worldwide exclusive publishing	Kate Dale - "Their manager said 'I can't get their tunes out of my head. He was absolutely right.'"

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One to WATCH

LODESTAR
 Ultratop's Boston have split into two and this new act featuring four male members have taken a giant leap from the dance, toward sounds of rock. The debut single, Another Day, has early 80s feel, an intriguingly heavy rock track which ought well for their album. **Rebeck Adams**



Project: album Label: Island Songwriter: Taylor Studio: home Producer: Taylor Publisher: Crystals Music Released: July 22

"R&B is something I've always come back to - I wanted that to be the main language on the album.

"No matter how many Killing Joke albums I bought to try to rebel, I always ended up picking up a Sam Cooke record in the end."

Taylor's choice has been vindicated as his spacy soul music has been getting some remarkable responses.

"Leo Ware, who produced a couple of Marvin Gaye's albums, heard it and just freaked," says Gilmore. "There

hasn't been any label hype behind it. We just did a private pressing of about 500 copies and sent it out to people without a press release or photo. They've just been getting back in touch with us."

The buzz circulating among the R&B cognoscenti is the result of a radical change of direction in Taylor's music since he originally signed to Island.

"What we initially had was a generic R&B album," says Taylor. "There was nothing with any identity; there wasn't

anything particularly unique about it. Then I came upon this song called Lucky. That was the first time I realised I had something of my own here. So I said, 'This is the first song I've done that feels like my music, why don't we scrap everything else and make a statement of intent rather than a bit of this and a bit of that.' Let's make an album that says, 'this is Lewis Taylor'."

The eponymous debut album appears in early August, preceded by

unique sound and fits in with what I'm doing on the label. I was committed from day one."

With the transfer came the resources for a final flurry of remixes. Empson says, "We had the time to get the plan right. We'd seen the potential in the remix ideas and had to gradually make sure we had everything else together."

"Bin told me he would like it to be remembered as something he was involved in 10 years time, his legacy."

Now the heat seems to have turned on at just the right time for everyone involved - a good omen is the fact that Sherwood has just scored a Top 20 hit under the On-U Sound moniker with Primal Scream and Irvine Welsh.

Now, Steve Osbourne's highly commercial remix of the first single, Solid As A Rock, is about to hit the summer airwaves and Mantra can start looking for a genuine crossover hit. So will a Miracle happen?

Sherman certainly hopes so. "The time is right. The roots and the belief is coming back. And I'm ready, willing... and waiting."

John Sheridan

the single Lucky (out on July 8), which has the cocky, self-assured feel of an immediate classic, built around a popping bassline, a Joe Meek sample, a simple piano riff, bristling guitar licks and warm strings.

Explaining how Lucky evolved, Taylor says, "I had that bass riff going around in my head for a while. I was listening to Tangerine Dream and Marvin Gaye's Trouble Man and it must have sunk in somehow. I just started to muck about with this riff. I had it for about a year and, one day, I went back to it because I was losing faith in the album I was making at the time. It was an accident like all the best songs."

Taylor plays all the instruments (all of which are live except for the strings and drums) and creates all the music in his own north London home studio.

Working in solitude has enabled him to develop a unique working process. "Once I have a backing track together, I stand at the mic and sing rather than writing lyrics down," he says.

"I tend to sing and whatever comes out comes out. It's a sub-conscious form of writing rather than sitting down and matching this chord to that chord. It's almost improvisational, but it's composition."

Despite his obvious instrumental and production skills, Taylor's voice is the most noticeable aspect of Lucky.

As Gilmore says, "His voice is very undressing. It's extremely sexy and I haven't heard a voice like this in a long time, especially from the UK."

Peter Shapiro

distillation of a unique vocal sound he has perfected over two decades in Jamaica, New York and London, but one which has never reached beyond the ears of the reggae connoisseurs.

Yet the story of the transformation dates back more than four years.

Sherman says, "It began with an acoustic track I videotaped with guitarist Skip McDonald, which was popular everywhere. Then Adrian came in with some great ideas and started putting the resources together to record some more."

By the end of last summer, tapes of the fledgling album were ready for circulation, backed by Sherwood's conviction that Sherman's talent deserved a wider audience.

Although a long-time admirer, Sherwood felt that Bin had never had enough finances to make a good record himself. "Miracle is a truly superb record, which everyone loved immediately. But familiarity breeds contempt and I felt it needed the resources of a bigger company," he says. Empson adds, "The album has a



Artist: Bin Sherman Project: album Label: Mantra Writers: Vincent, West, various Publisher: Island Music/Various Studios: various Producers: Sherwood, McDonald, Singh Released: out now

STEVE LAMACQ ON A&R

Sometimes the time lag between writing this column and you getting to read it can throw up some problems. I'm scribbling this on Thursday morning in a hotel in Belfast, but between now and *Music Week* emerging on Monday, the **Sex Pistols** circus will have hit Finsbury Park with who knows what consequences. **Blur** and **Black Grape** will have played in Dublin and the London gig circuit will have seen another 200 bands come and go, desperate for attention. The whole world of rock 'n' roll might have changed... Actually, thinking about it, if 1996 has been about anything so far, it's been about a desire for change and progression - the hope that Britpop and jungle will be the start of something rather than the culmination of British music over the past 10 years... As ever,

people want to know what the Next Big Thing is going to be, not least the kids in Belfast where the Evening Session has been broadcasting from as part of Music Live on tour. The passion for pop here is incredible, particularly among the teen crew who hopefully are all out forming bands as we speak. It's made a nice change, getting A&R source material from them, rather than some bods in the industry. A quick survey of the young audience after the *Lush/Joyrider* show at Queens University puts new Irish hopes **Cuckoo** right up there with a chance... Other bands being mentioned include **Tunic**, who've already established themselves on John Peel's show, and **Baby Shaker**. Their second track, *She's Gotta Habit*, is full of classic, gritty Belfast guitar, built into a new

wavish pop song, complete with a good deal of slightly cringeworthy hook... Then there's the 29-track tape on offer from **Funksmith** called, for no apparent reason, *Pink*, which has got some pretty exciting stuff on it. They start like pre-Joy Division *Warsaw* were before turning into a mournful, hardcore *Tindersticks* (not a great comparison, but there's a woman trying to clean my room!). They also employ Public Enemy beats and weird cut-ups of speech. All very roughly recorded and raw, but full of ideas. It's not the Pistols, but it's good for a change...

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It has taken one-and-a-half years to build, but the wraps have finally come off Virgilia's new west wing at Kensal House in west London. After years spent cooped up with number crunchers from accounts, personnel and information technology, the hep cats in A&R breathed a collective sigh of relief (just joshing, we know you double entry boys swing) when the suits moved into the new building to keep **MI Paul Conroy** company in his new office there. Conroy and office managers **Gila Slope** and **Fran Banfield** kept the party bubbling.

Much fun and games at the **Alisha's Attic** showcase on Thursday where the booze flowed like there was no tomorrow. But Mercury boss **Howard Berman** was having a tough time of it. Twice he went to the bar to get drinks for guests and twice was heard to say, "I'm paying for this party and I'm the only person getting warm beer" ...He's coming back and he's available - former PolyGram chairman turned professor **Maurice Oberstein** tells us he's moving back to the UK in the spring, and he'd be interested in a (suitably challenging) new role... **Dave Balfe** meanwhile, now head of A&R at Columbia, is on the lookout for people with ears... **Sare** a thought for **EMI UK's** top brass, who missed England's finest moment (so far?) last Tuesday, by spending the entire England vs Netherlands match in a presentation at EMI's international MDS' conference in the Algarve although, tantalisingly, they could hear snatches of the commentary through the wall... The man with a most appropriate surname for an England supporter, **Bob England** of Hurricane Entertainments, popped up on the box the other day to relate

his "where were you in '66?" story for **We Won The Cup**. Bob told how he missed the England v Germany final because he had to drive his family to their holiday camp. "When we finally got there, there was one tiny 14-inch portable in the ballroom and about 400 blokes around it. I listened to it on the radio"... Congratulations to **Columbia** for the **Fugees'** now legendary cover, which has now become the most played track on UK radio since Music Control's airplay records began... Official recognition is growing for **War Child**. **Jim Kennedy**, who has worked tirelessly, and often in dangerous conditions, as the charity's field director in Mostar, received an MBE in the Queen's latest bout of gong-

Naked is name of the new album. But if Louise's legion of fans were disappointed that the external singer didn't strip off to celebrate a sneak preview of her waxing, they hid it well. Around 4,500 price winners from a Smash Hits and nationwide **Our Price** in-store competition lifted up last week to press the flesh at the retailer's King's Road, Edinburgh and Bristol branches.



giving... That **Eddie Merckx** of the magazine publishing world, **MW** publisher **Andrew Brain**, would like to thank all those who helped him raise **£1,585 for the British Heart Foundation** by sponsoring him on the London to Brighton bike ride last week... **Go** goes all round to **White Room** producer/production person **Leigh Chapman** who has just presented remixer **hubbie Ben** with a bouncing **8lb 7oz male sprog, Sam**... And to **Island A&R** director **Nick Angel** and his wife **Karen**, whose latest project is **6lb 1oz baby girl, Eydie Maureen Isabella**.....



Garbage, Ash, Crisley, Mushroom can't move for hitmakers at the moment. And here's another one. Antipodean rocker **Peter Anderson** has racked up more than 200,000 sales of **Mysterious Girl** since its re-release earlier this month. Not being one to pass up the opportunity of marking such an occasion, big cheese **Korda Marshall** whipped out the silver disc for an impromptu presentation outside the label's Chelsea HQ. Pictured (from left) are **Claire Powell** and **Sue Harris** from Blitz Management, **Andre Marshall** and head of international marketing **Nina Frykberg**.

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