

RCA/Ariola International Announces U.K. Management

NEW YORK — J.L. Davies has been appointed Acting Chairman of RCA/Ariola Ltd., the newly formed UK company created by the merger of RCA and Bertelsmann's worldwide record, music publishing and music video operations. The appointment was announced by John K. Mangini, vice president, International

Operations for RCA/Ariola International. Davies assumes the new management role in addition to his primary post as vice president, Europe for RCA/Ariola International.

The present management of RCA Records and Arista Records in the UK will report to Davies.

United Kingdom

LONDON — Madonna has proven a phenomenal success on both sides of the Atlantic — she has now broken more records, earning herself a place in pop history.

Her current chart-topping single "Into The Groove" is the highest debuting single — at number four — by any female singer; she is also the first female performer in the UK to place three records simultaneously in the Top 50 since Ruby Murray achieved the same feat in 1955.

"Into The Groove" is also proving to be one of the fastest selling singles in WEA's history — WEA operations director Phil Murphy says, "It's our fastest selling record of the last five years; the entire Madonna catalogue seems to be exploding." He also claims that he has had to employ temporary staff at the distribution center to cope with the demand and handle the excess orders.

MCA's Dan Hartman was recently in the UK to recut a video at the London Hard Rock Cafe. This is to coincide with the rerelease of the single "I Can Dream About You," and due to popular DJ support Hartman's biggest hit, "Instant Replay," will be available on the B-side. The original video was taken from the movie *Streets of Fire*, but the new one will be specifically for UK use.

Hartman is taking time off from the studio where he is completing his forthcoming album. He has also been working on a number of soundtracks — he has a track on the Chevy Chase movie, *Fletch*, a track on the new John Travolta movie, *Perfect*, and a track on *Rocky 4* to be sung by James Brown.

Elton John is to prove his zest for live performance again — he will embark on a new UK tour this November, coinciding with the release of his next album, which is, as yet, untitled. The tour begins in Dublin's RDS Stadium and includes eight days at Wembley over the Christmas holiday.

Dexy's Midnight Runners are back — they'll release their new album titled "Don't Stand Me Down" next month on Phonogram.

The recording was done by the main Dexys nucleus of Kevin Rowland, Billy Adams and Helen O'Hara, supplemented by a host of other musicians. The 12 piece Dexys are currently rehearsing for some live shows. There is as yet, no plans to release a single.

Chrissy Iley

Argentina

BUENOS AIRES — The new albums by pop-folk artist Victor Heredia and folk quartet Zupay are the main releases of PolyGram at the moment. Heredia, as we reported before, has been appearing at the Luna Park Stadium, and additional dates have been added due to the fan response. Heredia recently signed a new contract with the label and will be launched in several other Latin American countries. Zupay has recorded "love songs" from contemporary Latin American composers and will be appearing at the Presidente Alvear theatre in downtown Buenos Aires to unveil this music.

RCA hosted a party to introduce new-coming chanteuse Silvia Pacheco, whose first LP is being released by the company. Pacheco sings Latin American songs, a field that has developed strongly in the recent past. The company is also busy with the launching of the new albums by Jairo and top lark Valeria Lynch.

CBS is preparing the release of the new album by Piero, and has had very interesting advance sales with the latest Julio Iglesias effort, which is expected to become one of the top items of the year. The company is also marketing an album in tie with radio station Rock and Pop, the latest local FM sensation, with songs by artists high in the charts in other countries but not always well known here.

EMI promotion manager Roberto Piaz reports strong hopes for the upcoming Raphael album, recorded in Spain with songs especially composed for him by Jose Luis Perales, another big name in that country. Raphael has sold many thousands of records in the past, and has returned to activity in Spain with a show that filled a soccer stadium in Madrid.



A FLASH IN THE STUDIO — Geffen recording artists Quarterflash have completed recording their new album, "Back Into Blue," with producer Steve Levine, best known for his work with the Culture Club. This marks the first time Quarterflash have joined forces with Levine. The album, due out September 9, was recorded at Studio Miraval in the South of France. Pictured (l-r) at Studio Miraval: (front row) Steve Levine; Quarterflash lead singer Rindy Ross; group's guitarist/songwriter Marv Ross. (Back row) bassist Rich Gooch and drummer Brian David Willis.

Interdisc artist Facundo Cabral appeared as guest of honor at the "Cordialmente" talk show emceed by Juan Carlos Mareco at 1:00 PM on ATC, the TV channel that is aired by satellite to the entire country. Cabral is preparing an international tour that will probably include an appearance at Carnegie Hall in New York for the Spanish-speaking community in that city.

Sicamericana's Alejandro Selasco reports that there are continued sales for Miguel Mateos and his rock and roll group Zas after the successful Luna Park stints two weeks ago. His album "Rockas Vivas" is running very well, and the artist has been requested by several cities for personal appearances during September and October.

Miguel Smirnoff

Japan

TOKYO — CIC-Victor Video Co., Ltd., will release 15 titles of video softwares from the USA in September 1985. The main titles of this series are *China Town* and *Spartacus*, along with *90125 Live/Yes* and *Hachertorian Ballet*.

Alpha Record Co., Ltd. will have a new label starting September 25, 1985. Ac-

cording to the company, this label is named Edge. The first release of this label will be "Poison Pop," a debut album which will be on the market September 25, 1985.

A bronze statue of Elvis Presley will be established in Tokyo on Jan. 8, 1986 in commemoration of his 50th birthday. An inauguration ceremony held by the Association to Construct The Statue of Elvis Presley was held on August 16, 1985.

The Information System Committee of the JPRO (Japan Phonograph Record Association) has adopted a universal record code which is indispensable for carrying out POS-System. According to the JPRO, an outline of the universal code is: All sound recordings manufactured by the manufacturers affiliated with JPRO and sold on the market will be marked by bar code or OCR-B-Font. However, all sound recordings in this country which will be released after Oct. 1, 1985 will be marked gradually. Total records or pre-recorded tapes which will be released after April 1, 1986 will be covered by the POS-System completely. An item code is made up by 13 figures which will be composed of two figures of state code, five figures each of both manufacturers and items, and one figure of check digit.

Kozo Otsuka

INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLERS

Argentina

- TOP TEN 45s**
- 1 Do They Know It's Christmas? — Band Aid — PolyGram
 - 2 Los Muchachos De Hoy — Luis Miguel — EMI
 - 3 Small Town Boy — Bronski Beat — PolyGram
 - 4 No More Lonely Nights — Paul McCartney — EMI
 - 5 Material Girl — Madonna — WEA
 - 6 Cuatro Estrofas — Alejandro Lerner — Interdisc
 - 7 Chicas De Rock 'n' Roll — John Fogerty — WEA
 - 8 Self Control — Laura Branigan — WEA
 - 9 Diario De Una Mujer — Mari Trini — Music Hall
 - 10 Papa De Domingo — Candela — Music Hall

- TOP TEN LPs**
- 1 Rockas Vivas — Miguel Mateos — Music Hall
 - 2 Argentina Es — Various Artists — RCA
 - 3 USA For Africa — Various Artists — CBS
 - 4 FM USA VOL. 4 — Various Artists — Music Hall
 - 5 Flebre De Amor — Luis Miguel — EMI
 - 6 Conclerto — Alejandro Lerner — EMI
 - 7 Valotte — Julian Lennon — RCA
 - 8 17 Hot Winners — Various Artists — EMI
 - 9 Liena Tu Cabeza De Rock — Various Artists — CBS
 - 10 Al Fin Solos — Dyango — EMI

—Prensario

Japan

- Top Ten 45s**
- 1 Anatao Motto Shirakute — Hiroko Yakushimaru — Toshiba EMI
 - 2 Oretachino Rockabilly Night — Checkers — CBS Sony
 - 3 MaJo — Kyoko Koizumi — Victor
 - 4 Tsubasa No Oreta Angel — Ayumi Nakamura — Humming Bird
 - 5 Kanashimi Ni Sayonara — Anzenchitay — Kitty
 - 6 Sand Belge Sabakue — Akina Nakamori — Warner Pioneer
 - 7 Salor Fukuo Nugasanalde — Onyanko Club — Canyon
 - 8 Natsuzakari Honojigumi — Toshiba & Naoko — Canyon
 - 9 Bye Bye My Love — Southern All Stars — Victor
 - 10 Soshun Monogatari — Tomoyo Harada — CBS Sony

- TOP 10 LPs**
- 1 Yokohama 20 Sayi (Hatachi) Mae — Eikichi Yazawa — Warner Pioneer
 - 2 Greatest Hits Volume 1 & 2 — Billy Joel — CBS Sony
 - 3 Back Streets of Tokyo — Of Course — Fan House
 - 4 D404ME — Akina Nakamori — Warner Pioneer
 - 5 Yumejuwa — Hiroko Yakushimaru — Toshiba EMI
 - 6 Another Mother — Kiyotaka Sugiyama & Omega Tribe — Vap
 - 7 Be True — Ayumi Kakamura — Hamming Bird
 - 8 Traumatic — Kyokutotanteyidan — Masayoshi Takanaka
 - 9 Into The Groove — Madonna — Warner Pioneer
 - 10 Summer In Tears — Masahiko Kondo — CBS Sony

—Cash Box of Japan

United Kingdom

- TOP TEN 45s**
- 1 Into The Groove — Madonna — Geffen
 - 2 Running Up That Hill — Kate Bush — EMI
 - 3 Drive — The Cars — Elektra
 - 4 I Got You Babe — UB40 with Chrissie Hynde — DEP International
 - 5 Holiday — Madonna — Sire
 - 6 Say I'm Your Number One — Princess — Supreme
 - 7 Tarzan Boy — Baltimore — Columbia
 - 8 White Wedding — Billy Idol — Chrysalis
 - 9 Money For Nothing — Dire Straits — Vertigo
 - 10 Alone Without You — King — CBS

- TOP TEN LPs**
- 1 Now That's What I Call Music 5 — Various — EMI/Virgin
 - 2 Like A Virgin — Madonna — Sire
 - 3 Brothers In Arms — Dire Straits — Vertigo
 - 4 Be Yourself Tonight — Eurhythms — RCA
 - 5 Born In The USA — Bruce Springsteen — CBS
 - 6 Rum, Sodomy And The Lash — The Pogues — Stiff
 - 7 Songs From The Big Chair — Tears For Fears — Mercury
 - 8 No Jacket Required — Phil Collins — Virgin
 - 9 The Unforgettable Fire — U2 — Island
 - 10 Madonna — Madonna — Sire

—Melody Maker