

Pans For TV & Radio Regulation

by David Stansfield

Rome - Proposals to regularise TV and radio laws will be brought before the parliamentary senate this month, said Oscar Mammì, Italy's Minister Of Post And Telecommunications.

Some of the main issues for TV are *Spazio Zero* (whereby no single company may control both a private TV company and a daily newspaper - see Music & Media 41); RAI President Enrico Man-

ca's proposal that RAI should act as a TV news agency for small and local private stations; and the problems of cable TV.

New laws for private radio stations will also be proposed (see Music & Media 44). One important question will be the need for a clear distinction between commercial and community stations. ■

SPOTLIGHT

Grazia Di Michele - A Latin Lover

by David Stansfield

Grazia Di Michele calls her music soft, melodic and very latin. A self-confessed romantic, she describes every song on her new WEA album, *Amore E Uno Pericolo* (Love Is A Danger) as a little part of complete love.

She spent a year working on the 11-song album with long-time friend and producer, Lucio Fabbrì. It was also the first record to be made at Fabbrì's new 48-track studio, Metropolitan, in Milan. Fabbrì made full use of his studio's technological sophistication but still retained an acoustic sound. This was important for Di Michele because she wanted a sound that would be simple to reproduce live in concert.

All the lyrics are written by Di Michele and her sister Joanna. But musicians Riccardo Giagni, E. Finardi and Marco Luberti



also share credits on some tracks.

No single will be lifted from the album but WEA has backed a promotional video for the song *Il Segreto* and has undertaken a massive poster and TV advertising campaign.

Di Michele has just begun a 15-date Italian concert tour and will also perform in Switzerland. She has never played concert dates outside those countries but would love to. With her talent and charm she would be bound to steal hearts. ■

PLAYLIST REPORT

RAI - Italy
Most played records as compiled from RAI Stereo Due.

1. **Yello** - Tied Up
2. **E. Avitabile & Bambaataa** - Street Happiness
3. **Five Young Camille** - She Does It For Me
4. **Boy Meets Girl** - Waiting For A Star
5. **Fuzz** - The Day Will Be
6. **Fabrizio Cosentino** - 10/10/20/20
7. **Alessandro Bonai** - (?)
8. **Wick Remond** - I Love You (LP)
9. **Elvis Bege & Howard** - Howards (LP)
10. **Various** - La Capanna Di Teo (LP)
11. **Unreadable** - Everything Good Is Bad
12. **Robbie Nevil** - A Place Like This
13. **Belen Thomas** - Hit
14. **Al Jarreau** - San Antonio (LP)
15. **Paolo Conte** - Live (LP)
16. **Tash And Betty** - Teen Of Joy (LP)
17. **Hue & Cry** - Remedy (LP)
18. **Excuse Club** - Walk With Me (LP)
19. **Grazia Di Michele** - Amore E Un Pericolo
20. **Ricki Glasco** - Ha Quindici Soli

HOT BREAKOUTS
National hits bound to explode

- 1 Fans**
Milan Milan (Five CGD)
- Charlie**
Sexy Scusa (EMI)
- Giorgio Faletti**
Tette A Lampadina (DDD)
- Gino Latino**
Welcome (Ibiza CBS)

Live Acts On Radio Roma

Rome - Italian' independent groups now have the chance to perform live on private station Radio Roma. The new show, 'Studio Live', is broadcast every Tuesday from 21.00 to 23.00 hours and will run until the end of March.

Groups from all over Italy will be featured including The Gang, P.U.B., Vegetable Man, Fasten Belt, Okkai Pears and

Brat. A studio debate with guest musicians and music critics concludes each programme.

Artistic co-ordinator and presenter, Pietro D'Ottavio, says Radio Roma is the only Italian station to present groups from all around, and Station Director, Alessandro Malatesta, feels the media often only concentrate on the big stars. ■

Deejay Rap Goes Gold

The rap compilation *Deejay Rap* devised by PolyGram Records and the Deejay gang has gone gold after one week on the market - making it the first true commercial success for international rap music in Italy.

And Deejay Group's Claudio Cecchetto and Jovanotti have been jointly named European Personality of 1988, a prize given by the Ministry Of Tourism and Entertainment to those who have successfully exported Italian style across the continent.

On the social side, Jovanotti has recently released the single *Sex, No Drugs And Rock'n Roll*. All profits from sales will go to the Don Pietro Gelmini Drug

Treatment Community. Jovanotti: "I am not riding the moralist wave. I am using it. I am firmly against the use of any drug. My message for those who have never tried it is, do not. Simply refuse. Do not even start."

The single is his sixth in 1988 to score high in the charts, and his official biography 'Yo Brothers And Sisters' is edging up among the best-sellers.

But Deejay is far from complacent. Preparations for the launch of the daily TV show, 'Deejay Television', are under way; Jovanotti is preparing the San Remo Festival and a new album - despite currently doing his military service. ■

Avitabile Joins Bambaataa

Neapolitan singer Enzo Avitabile and US Afrika Bambaataa have released a joint single on the EMI-distributed Costa Est label. *Street Happiness*, the A-side, was recorded in New York. Lyrics were written by Avitabile and Bambaataa.

The single also features a medley with *Na Na Na Hey Hey Goodbye*. *Be Bop A Lula* and

Hold On I'm Coming. With Avitabile's *Wanted* on the B-side, it has been released on 7" and 12" disco mix.

Luana Nori of Costa Est confirmed that all major Italian radio stations and discos have been sent the record, and that Afrika Bambaataa will join Enzo Avitabile in Italy this month for a series of TV promotional appearances. ■



Forever Gold - Franco Reali, MD BMG Italia (right) presents Luca Carboni with a gold record for the sale of 100,000 copies of his 'Forever' album.

Fazer Buys M&T Productions

Heelsinki - Finland's leading record and music industry enterprise Oy Musikkii Fazer AB has bought production company M&T Tuontuoto Oy from brothers Matti and Teppo Ruohonen.

Fazer Music also has a changed ownership, with the addition of shareholders Oy Karl

the hit duo Matti & Teppo, whose records have sold around 700,000 units locally. The deal covers both past product and current acts.

There will be no changes in personnel as a result of the buyout. ■

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Mikaal Rickfors
Vingar (Little Big Apple)

Werner & Werner
Juliankinen Hair Firm (Little Big Apple)

Sha Boom
R.O.C.K. (WEA)

Thomas Helmig Og SOS Fenger
Når Sneen Falder (Genlyd)



Samantha's *Sonet Touch* - Samantha Fox was presented with a special award for sales of over 250,000 LP/MPCCDs of her first two albums, *Touch Me* and *Samantha Fox* during a recent Sony management meeting in Oslo. Pictured with Bert Meyer, *Five European Operations* (fourth from left) are *Sonet* executives from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland.

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

SPOTLIGHT

Azucar Moreno - Crossing Borders

by Marya Meyer

Azucar Moreno, the duo formed by sisters Encarna and Antonio Salazar, are a sign of the Spanish times. Gypsies with deep flamenco roots, they have grown to produce a new hybrid of flamenco and modern dance music.

Their brand of futuristic flamenco has the potential to cross all borders and has already been released by CBS in England, France, Benelux, Germany, Scandinavia, Italy, Greece, Switzerland and Austria.

Azucar Moreno (Brown Sugar's) European album, *Mix In Spain*, is not only a dance mix, but also a blend of



cultures, styles, and raw talent in attractive packaging - a hot export. Singles already off the album include *Dejado Del Olivo* on 12".

The duo come from a long line of performing artists - they achieved fame with their brothers' trio flamenco act, Los Changuitos, with EMI. Now they have moved out on their own, with CBS.

It is hard for a gypsy woman to break the mould and do something as daring as the Salazar sisters have done. They combine outspoken views on women's rights with a considerable talent. ■

SPOTLIGHT

Platinum In Portugal

by Luis Pinheiro De Almeida

Lisbon - Pink Floyd's live album *The Delicate Sound Of Thunder* took this year's only Portuguese double-platinum disc for sales of over 80,000 copies. The annual awards were made in December by Portugal's recording industry body, UNEVA.

National singles to go platinum were *A Mina Castina* by Xutos & Pontapes and Marco Paulo's *Joana* for sales over 60,000. Albums to break the 40,000 platinum mark were *A Terra, O Mar E O Ceu* by Nuno da Camara Pereira and Rui Veloso's *Live Album*.

The Portuguese band Trovante won two of the three gold discs awarded this year to national acts, for their albums *Terra Firme* and *Live At Campo Pequeno*. The third was won by the children's group Ministers for their Christmas album *E Alimento*. Each sold over 20,000 copies.

International albums to go platinum for sales of over 40,000 included the *Elvis Presley Box*, and Presley's *Legend Lives On*, Michael Jackson's *Bad*, and Joe Dassin's *Best Of*.

Miss B Haven Signs To Warner Int.

Copenhagen - Danish all-female band Miss B Haven have recently signed to Warner International, and are working on a self-titled album for international release later this year.

The band, who have already released two albums on its Magice, have been successful in Denmark for a couple of years. This summer they were a main attraction at a Danish-French cultural meeting in France.

Their new international exposure comes as no surprise to the girls: "This is what we've worked for, and what we have been expecting," says Miss B Haven's Lise Cable. ■

Gold awards for album sales of over 20,000 went to Bruce Springsteen's *Tunnel Of Love*, Cure's *Kiss Me Kiss Me Kiss Me*, Madonna's *You Can Dance*, Tina Turner's *Live In Europe*, Sting's *Nothing Like The Sun*, U2's *Rattle And Hum*, Dire Straits' *Money For Nothing* and Tracy Chapman's first album.

PLAYLIST REPORT

SEB - Spain
The 20 best played records in Spain from Cuarenta Principales, covering the major Spanish stations.

1. **La Decada Prodigiosa** - Voz Y Sonoridad
2. **Gloria Madaleno** - Working In Green Change
3. **Robby McFerrin** - Don't Worry, Be Happy
4. **Robbie Williams** - Happy New Year
5. **El Norte** - I Love To Love
6. **Eros Ramazzotti** - Nails In My Heart
7. **Los Bemboleros** - Hey! Hey! Hey!
8. **Duncan Dhu** - Al Car La Noche
9. **Arango** - Una Noche Mas
10. **Berrio Ochoberu** - Vela O Cangajo
11. **Roy Laid** - I Love You
12. **Los Inhamaneros** - Que Dices Heren (Bert)
13. **Dire Straits** - Sultans Of Swing
14. **Bangles** - In Your Arms
15. **Jose Carlos Valenciano** - De Lunas
16. **Victor Manuel** - Como Los Monjes
17. **Victor Manuel** - Sin Palabras Hoy
18. **Bros** - I Love You Nothing
19. **Womack & Womack** - Teardrops
20. **Janet Jackson** - Control