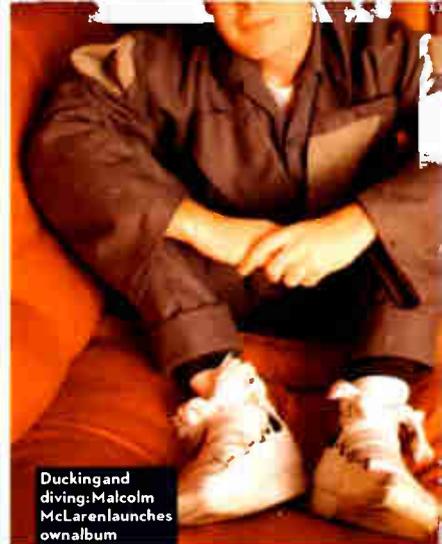


Pete Farndon: bass player's wife found him dead in bath



Ducking and diving: Malcolm McLaren launches own album

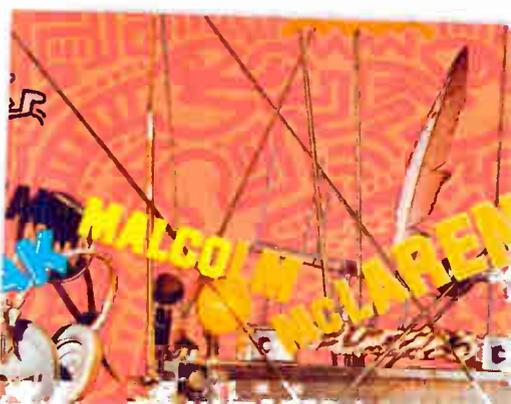
"Magical instincts"

NME MAY 21 Manager Malcolm McLaren turns artists...

MALCOLM MCLAREN HAS his debut album *Duck Rock* released by Charisma on May 27, featuring 12 tracks inspired by musical cultures from around the world – places as diverse as Botswana, the Peruvian Andes, Cuba, Tennessee and the South Bronx.

Charisma say the LP is distinctly not a conventional collection of songs, but an attempt to get closer to the pop sensibility by taking the listeners on an adventure to other cultures. And to complement this aim, the album package contains dance routines to follow, according to the appropriate track. All the material was written by McLaren and Trevor Horn, with the latter also producing.

As for the LP's title, McLaren issued a statement explaining (and the lack of punctuation is his): "A Duck Rocker is what might be applied to someone who takes their dancing seriously to the point of reviving their magical instincts customising their lifestyles that show tradition never dies only the business do – if you see what he means."



"We're all really upset"

MM APR 23 RIP... Pete Farndon, the second member of The Pretenders to die.

THE PRETENDERS SUFFERED a second tragedy within a year when their former bass player Pete Farndon was found dead from a suspected heroin overdose at his London home last Thursday.

Less than a year ago, Farndon was sacked by the group on the same day their lead guitarist, James Honeyman-Scott, died from drug-related causes.

Police from Notting Hill station rushed to Farndon's home in Oxford Gardens, West London, after an alert from Farndon's wife. The couple had left home separately that morning and when she returned at around 8pm, she found his body in the bath.

At the time of his death, Farndon, a founder member of The Pretenders, was said to be happy and optimistic about the band he was in the process of forming with ex-Clash drummer Topper Headon.

Recently, they had been rehearsing at Hammersmith Studios with guitarist Henri Padovani, former Blockheads keyboardist

A spokesman for Notting Hill police said this week: "Peter Farndon was found in the bath, believed to have taken an overdose of heroin. There will be an inquest, although we don't have a date yet. We certified death by calling our own doctor because the musician's local doctor wasn't available. We believe no one had seen Peter Farndon all day."

Neither Chrissie Hynde, who formed The Pretenders with Farndon, nor drummer Martin Chambers, now the only surviving members of the original lineup, was available for comment at the time of going to press, but *MM* did speak to the group's manager, Dave Hill.

"We're all really upset," he said. "He hadn't been with us for 10 months, and I'd only seen him two or three times since then, but we'd heard he was very excited about his new band."

Nick Pedgriff, solicitor for Farndon's new group, said: "I can only confirm r w found dead on