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Cover: The Music Source, owned by producer Jim Wolfe, is located in Seattle. The 24track facility, designed by Herb Chaudiere, features MCI console and machines, and keyboards by Kurzwei!, Emulator, Oberheim, Yamaha, and Moog all located in the control room and MIDI linked by an Apple Macintosh computer. Cover photo: Jim Fagiolo

Whether for cutting quick song demos or for scoring to picture, owning a home recording studio is a dream shared by many. George Petersen solicits advice from retailers on Equipping Home Studios in the under-\$10,000 range (page 35) and correspondent Dan Daley examines quitarist/producer Larry Carlton's Rm 335, his 24-track home facility (page 28).





The spotlight falls on Northwest Recording this month, with studio listings beginning on page 128. Linda Jacobson checks the current state of San Francisco Bay Area Radio (page 50), while Linda Johnson's in-depth report on the healthy Northwest Recording Scene begins on page 114. Pictured at left is Sun Valley Audio, in Sun Valley, Idaho.

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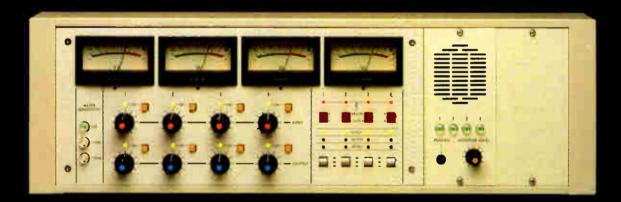
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NAMM Winter Market Educates Dealers

The annual National Association of Music Merchants Winter Market, which draws over 20,000 music and audio retailers to exhibits by several hundred musical instrument manufacturers and suppliers, is being held January 17 through 19 at the Anaheim, CA, Convention Center. A number of seminars are also being offered to the NAMM dealer members for their professional development and technical updating. Creative consultant Glen Ingles will host "Ads That Work—A Study of Today's Advertising, What Works Best and Why, sponsored by the Music Distributors Association. Speaking for the National Piano Manufacturers Association, neurologist Dr. Frank Wilson will lead a discussion on the relationship between the brain and an individual's capacity to play a musical instrument. Passport Designs' Chris Albano will offer an overview of current products and customers, future technologies, distribution channels and potential customers for "MIDI and Music Software—Where are the Markets?" Other seminars currently planned will explore financial management for music businesses and trademark and copyright protection. For more information, contact NAMM at (619) 438-8001

TV Technology Demo Program

The Association of Maximum Service Telecasters and the National Association of Broadcasters are considering the joint sponsorship of a series of demonstrations of advanced television systems to highlight the terrestrial performance of such recent innovations as an improved NTSC system, an enhanced 525-line scanning system, and high definition television. The goal of the demonstrations would be to showcase potential improvements in television service to the public, Congress and the FCC; as well as to make the needs of local broadcasters known to the broadcast equipment manufacturers. For further information contact Greg DePriest at (202) 347-5412 or Tom Keller at (202) 429-5346.

Consumer Audio Study Released

The Electronics Industries Association's Consumer Electronics Group has released a 254-page study of the pur-

chase behavior, attitudes, listening habits and audio equipment ownership of 1,600 consumers identified as recent purchasers of home, car or portable audio products. Prepared by the firms of Burke Marketing Research and Market Facts, Inc., under the direction of the Consumer Group's Marketing Services Audio Committee, the study is available to non-members for \$750. Inquiries should be directed to EIA/Consumer Electronics Group, 2001 Eye St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, (202) 457-4919.

Television/Broadcast Market Surveys

Two television industry market surveys have recently been developed to quantify the professional broadcast equipment purchasing situation and the market's financial health. The first, a twopart study by the National Association of Broadcasters, consists of a Financial Report on typical television stations' revenues and expenses for many different station types in various market and revenue categories; and a Market Analysis on 1984 revenue and expenses in 97 geographic markets. The NAB's Station Services Department [phone (800) 368-5644] is offering the two volumes to non-members at \$80 for the Financial Report and \$300 for the Market Analysis.

Another survey, a census of in-place equipment at television broadcast stations, is being conducted by the independent research firms of Douglas I. Sheer & Associates and DC&A Market Research. Called the "Broadcast Equipment Marketplace," this survey intends to pinpoint actual ownership of in-place audio, video and ancillary equipment by type, brand, model and vintage. Additionally, issues such as plan-to-buy, format preferences, purchasing policies, features and specifications sought, and media and promotional influences will be studied. The BEM survey, conducted in cooperation with several corporate sponsors, is targeted for completion prior to the April NAB convention. For more information on this study, call (212) 532-5511

Performance Summit Conference

Performance Magazine, the weekly trade publication for the live entertainment industry, will be hosting their sixth annual Summit Conference of the concert touring industry January 23 through 25 at the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort in Miami Beach. The Summit will include 12 panel sessions ranging from the changing roles of promoters and facility managers to the importance of showcase clubs as training camps for upand-coming talent. Also on tap will be a trade show with exhibit booths, artist showcases and a televised awards show recognizing those acts and businesses that have excelled on the touring front, as voted on by touring industry acts, personal managers, booking agents, facility managers, showcase club operators and production companies. For more information, call (800) 433-5569.

Neve Acquired by Siemens

Rupert Neve Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of Neve Electronics Holdings Limited, has announced that Neve Electronics' parent, Energy Services & Electronics, now part of Brammer plc, has reached an agreement with Siemens A.G. Austria and Siemens Limited in the United Kingdom for the transfer of control to them of Neve Electronics Holdings Limited (Neve Audio). It was announced last year that Neve Audio would be sold following the purchase of Neve Audio's parent by Brammer plc.

Concerning the acquisition, Laci Nester-Smith, Neve Audio's Group Managing Director explained that "the removal of the uncertainty about our future ownership will be welcomed by our customers, employees and suppliers alike. The individual product and market positions of Siemens and Neve Audio complement each other well. As a result, the world audio market will get a more comprehensive service from this combined group and it is Siemens' intention to build up the Neve business." Siemens is committed to the further development of Neve's technology in both the analog and digital fields and significant R & D programs are planned.

1986 AES Show Dates

The 1986 conventions of the Audio Engineering Society will be held March 4–7 in Montreaux, Switzerland, and November 13–16 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. For more information, contact the Society, (212) 661-8528.

INDUSTRY NOTES

Bruce Jackson, fresh off the road as chief engineer for the recent Springsteen tour, has formed Apogee Electronics Corporation, at 2201 Marine St., Santa Monica, CA 90405, ph. (213) 450-8888, to import and distribute professional audio products...Kevin Kent, former director of sales and marketing at Linn Electronics, has launched K-Muse Inc., a high tech musical instrument design and marketing company at 18653 Ventura Blvd., Suite 359, Tarzana, CA 91356, ph. (818) 703-1562 ...Tom Irby has been appointed operations manager at Valley People, Inc., in Nashville, TN, responsible for overseeing all aspects of the company's daily activities... proposals are being solicited for the New Music Chicago Spring Festival '86, April 14-20. For information: NMC Festival Committee, 410 S. Michigan, Suite 618, Chicago, IL 60605; (312) 427-4049...the professional video division of JVC Company of America has hired Ray Connelly as district sales manager...At Soundcraft's Santa Monica, CA, headquarters, Kris Jackson has been appointed technical engineer for the upper range of consoles. Dan Burns has been added to the quality control department and Debbie Bodell has been named parts coordinator...Dee Farr has been named new Akai national product manager for keyboard products and training clinics... James Rouse has been appointed technical sales representative in Los Angeles and Orange County for the Magnetic Tape Division of Agfa-Gevaert, Inc...Crown International has added Herman Mack to the staff of their Prototype Engineering Group...Hugh T. Landy has been appointed vice president of special markets at ElectroSound, Inc...The Harris Corporation of Melbourne, FL, has acquired product rights, inventories and equipment of ADDA Corporation, a Los Gatos, CA, pro-

ducer of television-studio systems...Sony's Professional Audio Division has appointed New York City's Martin Audio Video Corporation to handle the complete Sony digital audio product line and Westec Audio Video Ltd. to handle consoles, mixers, microphones and analog tape recorders...Richard F. Colburn has been appointed marketing services manager at Nakamichi USA...FM Acoustics USA have moved their office to P.O. Box 854, Benicia, CA, 94510, ph. (707) 745-4444...ICM Video of Oklahoma City, OK, announced the addition of an exclusive western sales representative, Mike Schueder to cover California. Nevada and Arizona...J.L. Cooper Electronics, Inc. has announced that Steve Cunningham has joined the company as sales and marketing manager...Robert A. Slutske and John P. Ahrens have joined Montage Computer Corp. as director of marketing and sales manager, western region, respectively...Darmstedter Associates, Electro-Acoustic Marketing, Wilson Audio Sales, Bencsik Associates, RM Associates, Dobbs Stanford Corporation, YoreCo, Northshore Marketing and Radon Associates have been appointed product line sales representatives for Nashville's US Audio Inc...Richard Evans and Jack Perricone have been appointed to the faculty of the Berklee College of Music...Jonathan Vesey Smith has joined Movielab Video, Inc. as staff editor...Mycomp Technologies Corporation has announced that Harvey Ray has been named eastern sales representative for their microprocessor-based machine control components and signal distribution product lines...Jay Iredell has been named vice president and director of mobile services at E.J. Stewart, Inc. in suburban Philadelphia ... At Capron Lighting and Sound Inc., in Needham, MA, Howard Resnick has been named to the position of director of marketing and communications and Bill Quevy has been appointed as project manager...Marvin H. Squire has been appointed executive vice president/director of marketing at Soundcraftsmen, Inc., in Santa Ana, CA... EXR Corporation of Brighton, MI, has appointed Sye Mitchell, of Woodland Hills, CA, to be their new sales representative in the Southern California territory...

Audio Intervisual Design, the L.A.-based designers and installers of custom systems for the video and film industries, recently staged a new product preview at Capitol Records' Hollywood recording studios.



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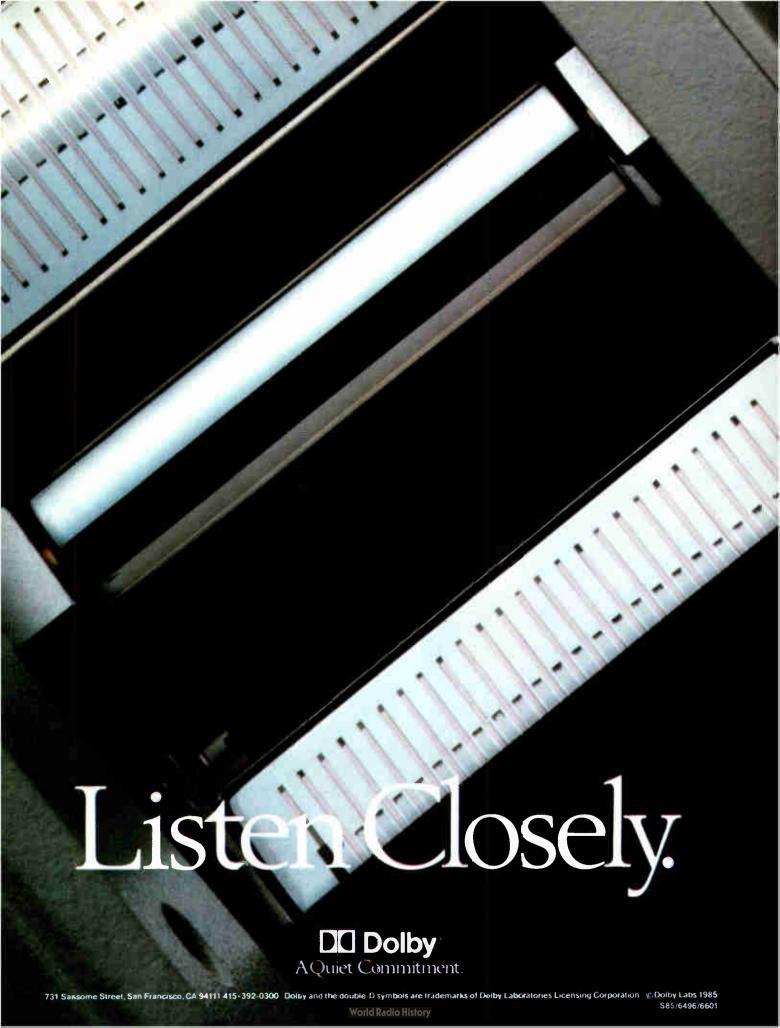
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Mushroom Studios in Vancouver has announced the availability of a wide spectrum of services based on the E-mu Systems Emulator II and Apple Macintosh. This complete computer music system, owned and operated by Bradley Doyle, is now located at Mushroom... Starlight Studio in Richmond, CA had Ronnie Montrose producing tracks with technorockers Teluride; Ken Kessie mixing Modern Rocketry for Megatone Records; and Maureen Droney behind the board for guitarist/songwriter Mico Weaver...Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead has been working at Russian Hill Recording in San Francisco as a sound designer creating sound effects for CBS's Twilight Zone series. Sam Lehmer has been engineering. Also, Rob Wasserman (formerly bassist with the David Grisman Quartet) has been working on an LP project and has cut tracks recently with Aaron Neville, Rickie Lee Jones, Stephane Grapelli, Dan Hicks, Cheryl Bentyne (Manhattan Transfer), with more to come. The concept is solo bass/solo?-meaning voice or another instrument...Danny Deardorff finished up his new LP of original material with Bruce Calder at Steve Lawson Productions in Seattle... John Schreiner, former keyboard player for Donna Summer, has produced two projects at the Music Source in Seattle: one for Casey Treat's Christian Faith Center, and another for Cherylin Mitchell, vocalist. Dave Raynor and Rick Fisher were at the board... Powerhouse Recording Studio in Las Vegas has impressed Los Angeles producer Lou Medel enough to choose Powerhouse for two of his new projects: Darkus Speed, a single female artist aimed at the Top 40 market; and a midwestern group, Panic, geared more to the rock side... Working at Studio C in San Francisco recently were Chevron USA, with two films for posting and final mix, Mill Valley Animation with a slew of Seabert the Seal shows, Copeland-Griggs' Going International and more...

NORTH CENTRAL

At *United Sound Systems Recording* in Detroit, gospel recording artists *The Winans* completed their latest album for QWest Records in Studio B with *Win Kutz* and *Tony Ray* engineering... The group *Slave* recorded their latest single, "Jazzy Lady" b/w "Don't Waste My Time," at *Refraze Recording Studio* in Dayton. Engineering was by *Gary King* and *Mark A. Fraze*... At *Studio A*, Dearborn Heights, MI, *Adrian Silas* cut rhythm tracks on a self-produced jazz project; and former keyboardist for Dreamboy, *Jeff Bass*, worked on tracks for

an upcoming album with Eric Morgeson engineering... Many of the jazz greats in the Midwest were in Jewel Recording Studios in Cincinnati working on a Christmas album for radio station WVXU. Cal Collins, Lou Lausche, Dee Felice, Jimmy McGary, Cliff Lash, Rick Bankemper, and Frank Vincent were joined by vocalists Ruby Wright, Mary Ellen Tanner, Ron Stewart, Marian Spellman, Larry Kinley and Rob Reider. The sessions were engineered by Ir. Bennett and Rusty York. Producer was Larry Ashcraft...Chuck Mangione worked on his new album at Sound Summit Studio in Lake Geneva, WI. Butch Stewart produced with John Patterson engineering and Jim Bartz assisting... At Sparrow Sound Design in Chicago, singer/songwriter/ guitarist Ken Krause ("Colorado Kenny") completed ten original songs for his debut album on F.R.O.G.G. records. The album was produced by bassist John Magnan...

SOUTHEAST

A compilation album commemorating the 1985 Atlanta Jazz Festival has been in the works at Crescendo Recorders in that city with Gary Ham doing the remix using the new Mitsubishi Digital mastering system. Entitled Jazz Flavors at the Atlanta Jazz Festival. the project is being produced by Mark Johnson for the Phoenix Arts Society and Fat Cat Records. The album features performances by the Tom Grose Band, Dave Ferguson, Elgin Wells, The B Team, Carol Veto, The Ojeda Penn Experience, Ricky Keller, and Glen Wisenbak er...At the Soundshop in Nashville, producer Bud Logan and engineer Rick McCollister have been cutting tracks on John Conlee for CBS Records... Grand Central Studio in Nashville played host to Poco's new cuts last month with John Mills engineering; Mickey Basil was back in the studio with producers Tom Woodard and Pat Patrick for his new jazz project as well. Kent Madison was at the helm... Anita Pointer and Paul Worley have been in Nashville's OmniSound doing overdubs on a project they are producing on John Ritter for RCA Records. Ed Seay was the engineer. Bill Whittington was the back-up engineer... At J.B.S. Studio in Atlanta, Rod Smarr from Dr. Hook produced locals Randall & C.C. with Brad Jones engineering. Also, Kodak Harrison & Contraband cut tracks for their second album on an independent label with Donal Jones producing and engineering ... Activity at Polymusic Studios Inc., Birmingham, AL, included Michael Panepento and Davy Moire mixing and mastering final tracks on Jan Hunter, Assault, Daughter Judy, Scotti, and Randy Hunter, for Pandem

Records. All tracks were mastered with Randy Kling at DiscMastering in Nashville, Panepento and Moire producing, Andy Bray assisting ... At Bias Recording Company, Washington, D.C., Flying Fish recording artists Sweet Honey in the Rock recorded two albums, Feel Somethin' Drawin' Me On and The Other Side, which were produced by Bernice Johnson-Reagon and engineered by Rico Petruccelli ...Let's Active completed its second album for I.R.S. Records, yet untitled, at band leader Mitch Easter's Drive In Studio in Winston-Salem, NC. Co-producers were Easter and Don Dixon, who shared the engineering tasks as well. The LP is slated to hit the racks in February, 1986...

SOUTHERN CAL.

The Truck Mobile Recording Facility of Glendale, CA, completed work for The Dick Cavett Show on the USA Network. The Truck provided mobile audio facilities and related equipment at various Southern California locations for the New York-based show...Joe Sample was in at Craig Harris Music in Studio City using the newly upgraded Synclavier to produce tracks for his Crusaders album project. Also, Craig Harris processed sounds for Amazing Stories and The Twilight Zone... Merrell Fankhauser, the cosmic rocker from Maui, Hawaii, has landed back in Southern California to begin work on his forthcoming LP. Joining him in the D-Town/Platinum Sound Recording Studios will be guitarist John Cippolina, Peter Noone (former lead singer of Herman's Hermits), and songwriter/singer Billy Foster, of Rod Stewart fame... Producer Jimmie Haskell and engineer Lee R. Miller were at Conway Recorders and Can-Am Recorders (both in L.A.) mixing for an album and live cable television concert special called, Ricky Nelson and Fats Domino Live at the Universal Amphitheatre. The concert was recently recorded by the Green-Crowe 48-track audio and seven camera video remote truck at Universal's 6000 seat facility. Don Warsham was behind the board. The concert was the first videotaped appearance by Fats Domino in many years...Producer Tom Alexander was in Skip Saylor Recording in LA recording an LP on artist Cindy Perez for Castle Records. Skip Saylor was behind the board with Tom McCauley assisting...Enigma Records metal artist Thor and his guitarist Steve Price have begun production on a new LP by popular New York metal outfit Battalion. They are producing the band at Kingdom Studio in Long Island, NY, where artists such as Blue Oyster Cult, Aldo Nova, and Joan Jett have recently recorded...At Group IV Recording in Holly-

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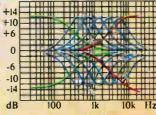
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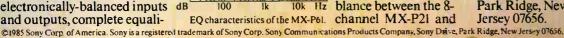
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wood, composer Ouincy Jones and music supervisor Tom Bahler recorded the underscore for the film The Color Purple, with engineer Dennis Sands, assisted by Andy D'Addario for Color Purple/Moonsong Productions ...Island Records artist Danny Wilde completed overdubs for his new album with producer/engineer Peter Coleman, with assistance from Robert J. Corti at MCA Whitney Studio in Glendale...MCA acts Ready For The World and New Edition were in overdubbing and mixing new tracks with Louil Silas, Jr. producing and Taavi Mote engineering. Stephanie Mills, also on MCA worked on an album there with Ron Kersey producing and Hill Swimmer and Taavi Mote engineering. Assisting on all three projects were Toni Greene, Fred Howard and Sabrina Buchanek...At Music Box Recording Studio in Hollywood, saxophonist Ernie Fields and friends recorded "We're With You South Africa," with Steve Williams engineering...Former Wall of Voodoo lead singer Stan Ridgway completed his first solo album for I.R.S. Records at The Lighthouse in North Hollywood and in his own J.C. Studios in Hollywood. Producing and engineering were Ridgway himself, Hugh Jones, Lewis Vandenberg and Joe Chicarelli. Ridgway has been working on the LP for three years. It is scheduled for a March, 1986, release...At Commercial Sound Studios in Honolulu, artist Jake Hoopai and producer/ engineer Larry McCracken completed tracks on the title song of Hoopai's upcoming album project, Hawaiian Moonlight...Activity at Master Control in Burbank included Latoya Jackson's upcoming album with producers Gary Geotzman and Mike Piccirillo for Private Eye Records. Mark Wolfson was at the board with assistants Ron Corbett and Dan Nebenzal...

NORTHEAST

Chuck Hammer/Guitarchitecture have been been scoring and mixing at Sync Sound, NYC, a film called Energy Odyssey for the New Jersey Dept. of Energy. At the SSL console was Ken Hahn...Producer Rick Derringer was in NYC's Quadrasonic Sound Systems working on several of the cuts that he is producing for the Wrestling Album on Epic Records. The album consists of various wrestlers singing songs, including Junk Yard Dog singing "Grab Them Cakes" and Hillbilly Jim singing "Don't Go Messin' with a Country Boy," etc. Engineer was Tom Edmonds, assisted by Tom Gonzalez ...Lothar Segler produced and engineered the debut album of Movieland for RCA Records. Co-producing with Lothar were Hank Medress and Richard Lewis. Carol Martino assisted...At 39th Street Music, Patty La-Belle layed down tracks with Ashford & Simpson producing, Tim Cox engineering, and John Paul Cavanaugh assisting. Ashford & Simpson were also in doing demos with Cox engineering...At Giant Sound in NYC, Steve Winwood was in recording with Russ Titelman producing. Also, Chemistry did some recording with Stephan Galfas producing... At

Inner Ear Recording in NYC, composer Wendy Blackstone finished scoring a new film by director Nick Tanis called In The Dark. Production was handled by Tanis & Co. Engineers on the date were Steve Vavagiakis and Matt Schotenfeld...Adams Morgan Day, an annual community event in Washington D.C. that attracts hundreds of thousands of people each year, now has its own theme song. The song was written by Vicky Troy and Charles Ragusa and sung by Vicky Troy. Lion & Fox Recording, a 24-track recording studio in D.C., was chosen to record and mix the song...At The Sound Cottage, Port Jefferson Station, NY, songwriter Bob Barta worked on a composition called "The Real Thing," recorded with the Yamaha CX5M Music Computer MIDI-synched with the Roland TR707 Digital Drum Computer ...Long View Farm in North Brookfield, MA, has seen WAAF's Bob Rivers of "Just a Big Ego" fame producing an ad for Mt. Snow ski area in Vermont, utilizing Long View's MIDI setup. Brian Silva was on keyboards and Cliff Goodwin was guitarist and production assistant...Important Records' artists, the Dancing Hoods, mixed down their LP, 12 Jealous Roses, at Tiki Studios in Glen Cove, NY. Engineering was by Mark Gaide ... Mingus Dynasty cut tracks with producer Susan Mingus at Reel Platinum Studios in Lodi, NJ. Also, Steve Wyche was in doing his latest 12-inch rap record...At Greene Street Recording, NYC, Phil Jones and Kurtis Blow produced a tribute to Martin Luther King featuring artists such as The Fat Boys, Run/DMC, New Edition, Stacy Lattisaw, Teena Marie, Stephanie Mills and Eddie Murphy. Dave Harrington did the engineering, with Dave Stillman assisting... The Nobels were in at Sound Heights in Brooklyn recording two tunes penned by Wendell Nobel. Mixing has been completed by producers Hector Quinones and Vince Traina. Traina engineered, assisted by Shuan James and Frank Cardello . . .

SOUTHWEST

Artist Lynn Daye recorded a mini-album, My Creator, at Precision Audio in Dallas, done entirely with Precision Audio's MIDI system... Jodie Lyons and Lanelle Stevenson were in Dallas Sound Lab's studio A cutting audio tracks to go with their new book Principles of Pop Singing, with DSL's Rusty Smith at the console and Lyons arranging, conducting, and producing...Joy White, known for her jingle work in Nashville, recorded back-up music for an upcoming Star Search presentation at Planet Dallas Studios. Also, songwriter and performer Dave Guinn re-recorded album cuts previously recorded in Nashville...Fletch Wiley and Dennis Worley of Star Song were at Rivendell Recorders in Pasadena, TX, mixing a Steve and Annie Chapman choral musical about the family. Bob Bennett helped to put the finishing touches on the project by adding some vocal overdubs...Sumet-Bernet Sound Studios' giant "Studio A" hosted the 200 voice Together project (a gathering of world-famous Gospel artists) produced by Grammy Award

winner Lanny Wolfe. The project, engineered by David Booth, Bob Singleton, and Tom Adler was designed to raise money for African relief... Midcom, Inc. in Dallas recently recorded the world premiere of Benjamin Lee's Symphony No. 4 entitled, "Memorial Candles." The project utilized Midcom's mobile recording facility and was engineered by Midcom's Mike Simpson with assistance by Jeff Jones. Producer on the project was Ara Guzelimian ... Studio Southwest in Dallas was used by producer Jake Pittman to complete albums for Christian recording artists Marsha Andrews and Wanda Landrum. Landrum, of Dallas, was also the subject of a recent 700 Club TV segment, shot at Studio Southwest...

STUDIO NEWS

Soundwave Recording Studios in NYC have acquired the new Studer A820 digital controlled analog master recorder with the latest mastering standards, 1/4-inch and 1/2-inch tape at 30ips ... Glen Glenn Sound of LA, one of the largest film and television post-production houses in the country, has just taken delivery on their 14th Otari MTR-90 multi-channel recorder...Dallas-based Goodnight Audio upgraded its control room-replacing an MCI 528 with a Neve 8128 recording console, featuring Necam 96 automation... Mokan Productions Ltd., Kansas City's newest state-ofthe-art audio recording facility, has completed expansion. The latest addition to complement the existing \$500,000 facility is designed primarily for broadcast and industrial commercial production... SynHarmonic Productions. Orlando, FL, a 16-track synthesizer-oriented studio, recently completed construction on a 10' x 12' vocal booth which will complement the live-sounding Studio A. Recent additions to the equipment list include a Lexicon PCM60. 360 Systems MIDI-Bass, Ludwig drum set, and a second set of JBL monitors for re-miking synths in the live room... Master Control in Burbank, CA, has added a pair of Pultec MEQ-5 mid-range EQs, a pair of EQH-2 program EQs, and a Hi/Lo filter to their existing collection of Pultecs... Image Recording Studios in Hollywood, CA, have opened their new "Studio B." The new room is a fully equipped 24-track studio featuring a Trident Series 80-B console and an MCI 24-track machine. In addition, plenty of outboard and video gear is available ... Studio A in Dearborn, MI, has moved into a 4,000 sq. ft. facility designed by John M. Storyk Associates of New York City. With a 700 sq. ft. control room, 800 sq. ft. studio, two isolation rooms, and three live chambers; it is the newest recording studio in the Detroit area. Wiring and installation of equipment was coordinated by Pat Schneider Productions of Jackson, MI...OTR Studios in Belmont, CA. has expanded to 24 tracks with the addition of an Otari MTR 90-II with Autolocator, purchased from Sound Genesis of San Francisco. Other recent purchases include the Lexicon 224XL digital reverb and latest software update, AMS Digital Reverb, and DX7, TX7 synthesizers.



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AUDIO · APPLICATIONS

by Ken C. Pohlmann

People go to an Audio Engineering Society Convention for many reasons, some of which I could discuss in these pages, and others I'd rather not. But after the exhibits have been dismantled and sent on their way to the next show, after the new control room plans drawn on a cocktail napkin have been converted to vellum, after all those completely unfamiliar business cards have been discarded, at least one piece of tangible history remains—the technical papers. And while even the presentations themselves might have passed into

the nether world of blurry slides, the preprints remain as documentation of the work, to surface later in the *Journal*, or at least stay on paper as footprints in the evolution of audio.

As a former papers chairman, I can attest to the challenges of assembling a dozen or so enthusiastic sessions chairmen, and uncovering 70 or so well-intentioned papers. Of course, those tribulations pale in comparison to the task of securing the preprints themselves; when you're finished, the collected 50 have become incredibly precious indeed. Judging from the quality of this year's preprints, I can state that papers

the effect of auditory masking, the noise and distortion components near the fundamental are ignored. Finally, typical human hearing and environmental masking effects are considered to establish the effective hearing acuity; the noise and distortion spectrum of an audibly perfect system would lie below this threshold. This objective test is subjectively quantified by artificially reducing output noise and distortion to determine the threshold of audibility. When applied to an adaptive delta modulation system, and two PCM systems, the tests were in agreement. Four conclusions were drawn: degradation could be pinpointed in a PCM system, pre- and postemphasis is effective in reducing noise in a digitally companded system, dither is useful, particularly if it is removed from the output signal, and linearity at low levels is important for a conversion

"On the Signal Format for the Improved Professional Use 2-Channel Digital Audio Recorder" (preprint #2270) was authored by Yoshinobu Ishida, Ken Onishi, Kazuhiro Sugiyama, Tetsuya Yamaguchi, and Tohoru Tanaka of Mitsubishi Electric Company. Citing recent advances in error protection methods, LSI chips, magnetic tape and heads, tape-cut and electronic editing, etc., the authors have re-evaluated stationary head signal format requirements. The basic "PD" parameters include: 12 total tracks with eight digital audio tracks, two analog tracks, one time code track, and one auxiliary digital track, 1/4-inch tape width, 7.5 and 15 ips speed, RSC-IV error correction code, 2/4 modulation, 44.1/48 kHz sampling, and 16-bit linear quantization. The same block configuration is used for either tape speed; total frame length is 360 bits, with 16 synchronization bits, 8 bits for control, 320 bits for digital audio signal or C2 check code, and 16 bits for C2 check code. A 16-track on half-inch tape and 32-track on one-inch tape "PD" format was also introduced in a joint announce-

"Thin Film Head for Multi-Track Tape Recorders" (preprint #2287), authored by Shigeyoshi Imakoshi, Hideo Suyama, Tetsuo Sekiya, and Yoshikazu Tsuchiya of Sony Corporation, describes the characteristics of the read and write heads for a 48 channel digital audio recorder with half-inch tape. The write head is designed so that coils are wrapped five times in two spiral layers around the

ment by Mitsubishi, Otari, and AEG.

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CONVENTION PAPERS

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chairman Daniel Queen persevered mightily. The subject matter ranged from perception to polymer piezo film, the authors were both old and new to the Society, both domestic and foreign, from companies large and small. Since a comprehensive summary of all the preprints would require a year's worth of columns, I can only single out a few for honorable mention. Let's consider the cutting edge in digital audio technology, as exemplified by a selected few preprints from the 79th Convention.

"Assessing the Low Level Sound Quality of Digital Audio Systems" was the title of a paper presented by Louis Fielder of Dolby Laboratories (Preprint #2268). The problem of establishing a set of performance levels to guarantee audibly satisfactory sonics has still not been tackled by the digital audio community. The author proposes a worse-case technique of applying sinewave signals to digital audio systems, then using the critical band concept to divide the output signal to study the audibility of low level noise and distortion due to conversion nonlinearities. Low level sinewaves are used as input because harmonics would otherwise provide auditory masking of distortion. The output is analyzed in 24 bands; to account for



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"Digital Audio Sampling Frequency Converter Employing New Digital Signal Processors" was the paper presented by Yasushi Katsumata and Osamu Hamada of Sony Corporation (Preprint #2272). The authors have developed a sampling frequency converter capable of transcoding any stereo digital audio signals between 30 kHz and 50 kHz.

with up to 24 bit words. Two new audio DSPs are used in a four stage signal processing architecture; they are used in the first oversampling stage, and in the remaining three stages of oversampling, FIR, and linear interpolation. The two DSPs are a processor chip with 28-bit ALU, microprogram sequencer, and peripheral interface, and a 16-bit x 32-bit multiplier chip. These chips are further described in preprint #2269 entitled "Digital Signal Processor LSIs Suitable for Digital Audio Equipment." Sampling frequency conversion using an arbitrary ratio is achieved by using a combination of interpolation and decimation. The magnitude of interpolation is much greater than in fixed ratio converters; a 27 times interpolator is designed with a multi-stage FIR filter. The first FIR stage doubles the sampling rate. as does the second, the third FIR stage performs interpolation and decimation: the sampling rate is effectively increased to 32 times the original rate, then reduced to the output rate; in practice only two sample points immediately beside the output sample point are computed. The fourth stage uses linear interpolation to compute the output sample from the two previous samples. The prototype uses three A4-size boards, and has AES/EBU format I/O.

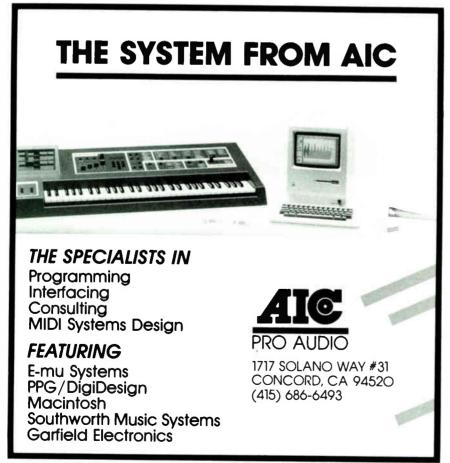
"One-Chip Digital Signal Processing

Large-Scale Integrated Circuit for the Compact Disc Player" (preprint #2288) was authored by a team of Matsushita engineers. A single LSI chip for CD players has been developed with the following functions: EFM demodulation. synchronization of EFM and signal detection, subcode demodulation, CRC decoding, CIRC decoding, error concealment with interpolation, and spindle motor servo control. The chip also features a new (triple) error correction algorithm and new Galois field architecture to achieve an uncorrectable probability of 10-19. The CMOS LSI contains approximately 40,000 transistor gates in an 84 pin flat package. The new chip replaces previous designs using three digital chips, and incorporates the motor servo control as previously accomplished by an analog chip. The internal state of the LSI is controllable by an external system microcomputer through an on-board interface. The improved degree of integration increases function. performance, and reduces power consumption and cost.

'Óver-Sampling Filter for a Digital Audio Use" (preprint #2289) was authored by a team of Matsushita engineers. This paper describes another LSI chip designed for CD and other digital audio applications. This oversampling filter CMOS chip is a 95 tap FIR type digital filter with passband ripple of ±0.01 dB and stopband attenuation of -85 dB. It has the additional ability to attenuate digital audio signals with a multiplier. A two-times oversampling algorithm is utilized. Computer simulation showed that a coefficient length of 17 bits would be optimal. One output sample is obtained after 24 multiplications. The number of transistors on the chip is approximately 29,000; multiplier, ROM, RAM and PLA are all included on the 42 pin

flat package chip.

Four-Channel Digital Mixer/Equalizer for Mastering" (preprint #2292) was authored by Toshinori Mori, Takashi Matsushige, Yasuo Sato, and Yukimitsu Sakurai of Victor Company of Japan (JVC). This paper describes the development of a digital audio mixer/equalizer with four input and two output channels, designed primarily for digital audio mastering applications. The mixer can be connected to a compressor/limiter. and the AES/EBU interface. DSPs using LSI technology are used for reliability and cost effectiveness. The PCM signal first passes through a 0 to 20 dB attenuator to prevent overflow, passes through the pre-emphasis/de-emphasis equalizer with a time constant of 50 microseconds/15 microseconds, then passes to a 4-band equalizer. Each equalizer consists of seven DSPs (PD77P20) to maintain 16-bit accuracy, a 32 bit PCM signal is transmitted serially between each DSP. The attenuator/mixer module



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ting, and digital mixing.

"Digital Tape Transfer Console" (preprint #2276) was authored by Paul Lidbetter of Neve Electronic Laboratories; it describes a two channel transfer console for use in CD mastering. This console is specifically designed with two serial input and two serial output ports interfaced to the Sony 1610, pre-emphasis and de-emphasis filters, 4-band semiparametric equalizers, second order high and low pass filters, dynamic range control including limiter, compressor, expander, and noise gate, and level con-

trol. The console also features switchable sampling rate and snapshot memory. Each module (equalization, filters, level, etc.) contains a single 8048 microcontroller communicating on a 22-bit parallel bus. The system controller is based on the NEC BP-0186 single board computer. Three such DTC consoles are under construction for Sterling Sound, New York, Masterdisk, New York, and Disc Mastering, Nashville.

"A Technical View of a Totally Digital Audio Mixing Console" (preprint #2277) was also authored by Paul Lidbetter; it provides technical details of some of the 25,000 integrated circuits which comprise the already-famous 48 channel Neve DSP console. A sampling frequency of 48 kHz, and 16-bit quantiza-

tion is used; the stop band is set at 20 kHz. Because of an operation rate of 60 MHz, each audio processor can perform two filters, equalizers, and dynamic range controllers in each sample period of 20.83 microseconds; the 4-band equalizer alone executes 34 software instructions for every sample. Mixing might require 128 multiply accumulates every sample period. The duplex fiber optic cable link operates at 24.576 MHz (NRZ) with complete error detection, correction, and frame synchronization. Four 16-bit microcomputers are used in the main processing rack, in addition to approximately 100 single chip microprocessors in the console and fader modules. All processors share 512Kbyte of data base memory, and a further 64Kbyte of firmware. All programs are written in PLM86; approximately 350Kbytes of code presently reside in the console main processors alone.

"Development of an Erasable Magneto-Optical Digital Audio Recorder" (preprint #2296) was authored by A. Kurahashi, K. Hasegawa, Y. Mori, T. Kogure, and M. Fukai of Matsushita Electric; it describes an erasable magneticoptical disc (MOD) compatible with the Compact Disc, using the Kerr Effect to control the polarization angle of laser light beams. Like magnetic recording, magnetic-optical recording relies on inversion of the magnetized direction of perpendicular recording media under the influence of a magnetic field to digitally record the data. However, with MOD the required power of magnetization is about one-tenth that of ordinary magnetic recording; in addition high density is possible because only a spot of magnetic material heated to its Curie temperature by a focused laser beam has its magnetic orientation altered by the magnetic field. The recorded signal is also read with a laser beam; its angle of polarization detects the orientation of the recorded spot and results in a difference in light intensity. The disc uses an amorphous thin film magnetic material; it is pre-grooved with one pre-recorded address sector block on each track. The information signal can be recorded over the address sector by superposition. The medium could support over 108 successive erasures and recordings. The prototype has a recording time of 60 minutes, however, future plans call for a lowered linear velocity, and a recording time of 75 minutes. Because of a common optical block. the CD and MOD would have read compatibility.

Preprints may be obtained from the Audio Engineering Society, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10165. Cost is \$2.50 each for members, and \$3.00 each for non-members; a complete set of 50 preprints from the 79th Convention may be ordered for \$50.00.

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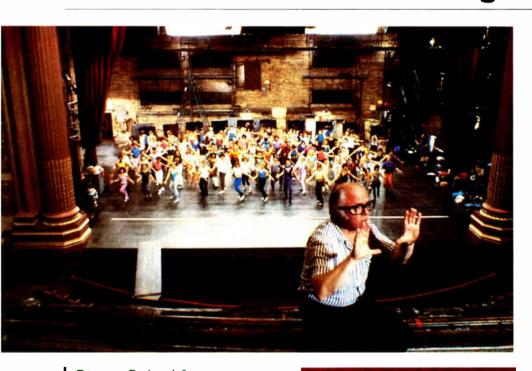
by the name of Chris Newman was changing planes at the Los Angeles airport returning from a shoot in India, when he was paged over the PA system. The operator instructed him to call

Haskell Wexler. Recalls New-

man, "I called expecting this to be some kind of fantasy TO THE SCREE

come true. Wexler said, 'I heard a lot of things about you. I'm doing a movie in Chicago; it's called Concrete Jungle. Are you interested?' As he was saying, 'Are you interested?', I was overlapping him and saying, 'Yes, I'm interested.' I would have done it for nothing. It was a feature film. It was Haskell Wexler, who was a hero to me."

An Interview with Sound Designer Chris Newman



Director Richard Attenborough presides over his actors at the Hellinger Theatre in New York.

by Nicholas Pasquariello

The picture, later retitled, Medium Cool, was Newman's first theatrical feature job, and proved to be one of the more successful experiments in the newly-invented genre of "docu-dramas." Medium Cool indeed marks the point at which Newman made an enormously successful transition from documentary sound recordist to theatrical feature film recordist. In 16 years, he has supervised the location and studio sound recording of 28 feature films under directors the caliber of Coppola, Forman (three pictures), Friedkin (two pictures), Ashby, Passer, Pakula (three

pictures), and Attenborough, His peers have publicly acknowledged his achievements as an audio craftsman by awarding him two Academy Awards for Best Sound (for The Exorcist and Amadeus).

In the late 1950s, Newman used recording merely as a means to support himself while making short films. (By his own admission, he is largely selftaught in his profession.) By the early '60s, he found himself so successful at recording work that he abandoned filmmaking entirely to devote himself to audio work. There followed television and documentary recording jobs such as Brimstone: the Amish Horse (for Disney) and an independently produced documentary on Ravi Shankar, filmed in India. When Newman returned from making this film, he met Wexler.

This interview covers the making of the film, A Chorus Line, directed by Richard Attenborough (best known for the film Ghandi). Largely because of cost (and somewhat unconventionally), A Chorus Line was shot in a theater the Mark Hellinger in midtown Manhattan. As a result of this fact alone, Newman was faced with many interesting (often unique) sound recording situations.

Mix: Would you describe some of the problems you had to solve because you were shooting in a theater instead of on a soundstage?

Newman: Mostly problems associated with background noise. The stage was such that there were skylights up above. which were almost impossible to seal up; and noise comes in in any case. There were many shots in the script that called for the street doors on the side of the stage to be open.



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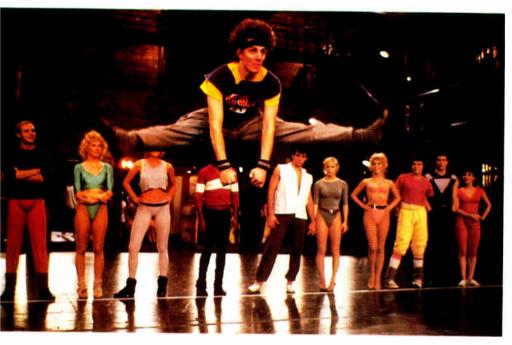
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Fortunately the cameraman only required a light effect out there. And [director, Richard] Attenborough never really saw people making elaborate entrances from the street. So they built a little house out onto the sidewalk—they got permission from New York City

situation where there aren't jarring changes of background from cut to cut and scene to scene. And the easiest way to do that is not to have any background noise to begin with. We could have elected to wire people with radio mikes to cut down the background sub-

Young hopefuls strive for The Big Time



—with double insulated walls; stuff like that. And there were lights inside that house. But the truth of the matter is that no matter how well you construct something like that, there's a point of diminishing returns. And you cannot shut out the noise if there's a lot of noise. It varies from day to day. Wednesdays are the worst because they're matinee days [the Hellinger Theater is located in the theater district of Manhattan]. And you could tell, if you listen in the background, what day it was shot on.

Mix: That didn't go into the picture, though?

Newman: Well, mostly we were able to either fit lines in from closer takes, and some stuff was looped. It wasn't perfect, and we knew going into it that it wasn't going to be like a soundstage. But the tracks that we produced, I thought were pretty good, quite good, as a matter of fact. If we had been on a soundstage it would have been much easier and, probably, other kinds of problems would have arisen. But certainly the one enormous advantage you have working on a soundstage is that you never have any serious background [noise] problems. You might have all kinds of other problems but you don't have background noise.

And that's one of the big problems in mixing a feature film: you try to set up a

stantially. But most of these kids are dancers. Most were wearing very tight outfits, leotards of one kind or another. In most cases, they segued from speaking into dancing. And I thought, considering that there were 16 principals plus Michael Douglas, that it was absolutely the wrong way to go in terms of a technique. I thought about it for a long time.

Mix: Why was it the wrong way to go? Newman: Because it's too inhibiting. If you're shooting on a set, one of the considerations is money and time. One of the things that I get paid for, in addition to making a good sound track, is to execute my work pretty quickly. And, if I'm up there constantly fiddling, adjusting, fixing, specing out faulty noise, moving a transmitter because the camera sees it on somebody twirling around—as the boom man (two boom men, in this case) also is—that's a waste of time.

It unsettles the artist. It makes everybody very nervous and it's a negative way to go. If the people were wearing conventional costumes, then it would have been a very serious consideration. And we did use radios occasionally, when we had to.

Mix: So you used boom mikes entirely? Newman: Yes. We used Sennheiser shotguns, for the most part. We used an extra long boom made for television work, which is big and cumbersome, and always in the way, but will permit you to make a big reach, a 16-foot reach. I had two very good boom men: Vito Ilardi and Arthur Bloom, who are both first boom men. I also had a terrific playback operator by the name of Neil Fallon.

When you do a job like this, more so than a lot of other jobs, you really need to have very skilled people helping you because there are so many elements going on. We did constantly playback/live, playback/live; segueing in and out; music cue after music cue; changing cues, making splices and edits in the tape as we went. And, unless you really have good people, like this fellow, Fallon, or the boom people, you can't do a good job. You look like a total fool.

Mix: Would you describe how you did the playback/live?

Newman: A song would be sung on stage and then there would be a stop. The actor would speak and it would be recorded live, then the music would continue. In some cases, we ducked the playback, meaning we just took it out for those two seconds, and then brought it back in again.

Mix: Was there live music on the stage while the singing was going on?

Newman: No, unlike other movies that I've done—for example, Fame or Amadeus—there was no singing recorded live. There were lots of discussions about doing some songs live, but ultimately the decision was tempered by the fact that things would only be done live if the respective actors or actresses could not lip sync well.

Mix: So, what was recorded in the theater?

Newman: Only the dialogue.

Mix: No dancing either?

Newman: Dancing, that's a whole other story. What we did was, while the production was shooting and when some less important things were going on. I went with my crew to another theater with John Bloom, the editor, and Jonathan Bates, who's their supervising sound editor, from England. We showed some of the cast people a video copy of various parts of the first and second edited reels of the picture. And they, in fact, did Foleys. We used a wireless headphone system. We played Q-tracks for them right from the cut sections. And we recorded their Foleys in stereo at this other theater. Those Foleys will be used in the picture.

Mix: What was on the video copy they were looking at?

Newman: They could see themselves dancing.

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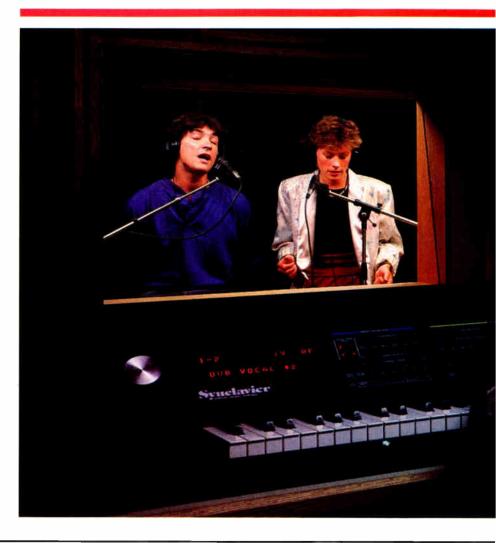
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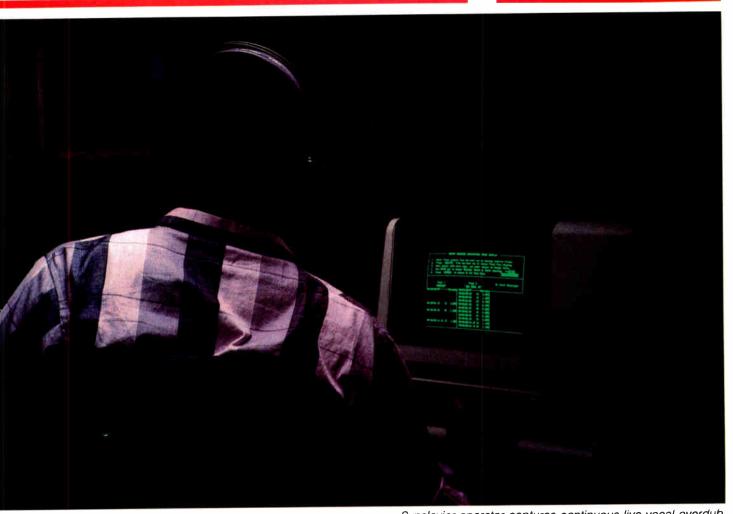
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Mix: So they did Foley to their own dancing?

Newman: Yes, exactly. And even they had trouble remembering their routines! So, if we had brought new people in to do the routines it would have been that much more difficult. And we were lucky enough to find a theater where the acoustics were very similar to the theater we were shooting in.

Mix: Have you recorded in theaters before?

Newman: Yes, but never an entire picture, I'm happy to say. I hope never to do another picture in a theater because it's very tricky and difficult. The noise problems are such that people look at you and say: "What could you possibly be hearing? We don't hear any noise." They always say that to soundmen, anyway, because everyone knows that soundmen are totally crazed. Well, the truth of the matter is that the noise is there and you don't hear it. It's not like going outside or being in a noisy apartment. What's maddening about the theater is that you can never tell where the noise is coming from! It's a huge space. And, for example, the air conditioner would go on in an adjacent building to cool off a restaurant, and you absolutely go nuts.

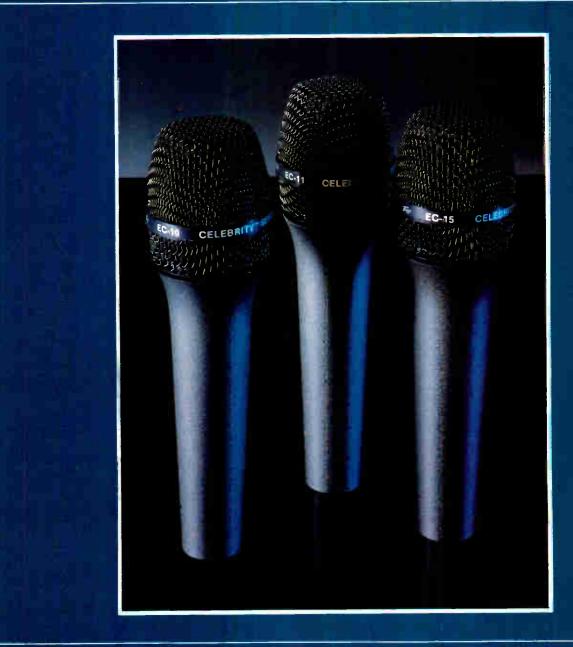
Mix: How many of these problems did you anticipate?

Newman: I predicted the noise. My feeling was that we would get away with it and we did in all but ten percent of the cases. In most situations, in addition to having the directional microphones and people who know how to handle them, we always had actors who were projecting with a fair amount of voice. They were playing from the stage to Zack, who sits at some distance from the stage. And we could rely on that.

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Mix: You say there was no music played in the background while the acting was going on...

Newman: That's not entirely true. What happened was—I don't know if you're familiar with some of the songs in Chorus Line—but with some of them there are kind of "vamps" or musical interludes that go on while there are soliloquies. In some cases it's necessary for the actors to hear the tempo to get back into tempo or into key when they begin to sing. But, for the most part, since we wanted to try to preserve the dialogue of the soliloquies in between, we would either take the playback down to an almost inaudible level and hope that their voices would drown it out, which it did in some cases and it didn't in others; or you'd take it out completely. Mike Tronick, the music editor, would count off stage or wave his hand off stage. Then he would direct the playback operator to bring the playback back in as close to the beginning of the playback cue as possible so we could keep as much dialogue as possible. The way I see it, my job is to preserve as much of the live dialogue as I possibly can.

In some cases we would use something called a "thumper," which is basically a digital metronome that, if keyed by a variety of things on the playback track, will keep the tempo of the music and will produce a very, very low frequency thump on the stage. I went out and I bought some sub-woofers which were mounted on the edge of the stage. It's very upsetting for some people to listen to—it sounds like a heartbeat. What happens is you hear the music, the music goes off, then you hear: "Boomp, boomp, boomp." In some cases, dialogue was going on and people were dancing to the tempo of the thump. So we had to give the dancers something on the stage [to dance to] because we saw their legs moving and it's very, very, very hard to fake that kind of dancing unless they have something to motivate them. On the other hand, you don't want to screw up the dialogue totally by having to loop a three-page scene of dialogue. And if you start to use little ear pieces for the dancers, you're talking about 16 ear pieces and people running around putting them in, taking them out, putting spirit gum on them so they don't fall out when the dancers turn around.

Mix: So the purpose of the thumper is to motivate the dancers?

Newman: Yes, and to keep them in tempo. Then—and this is all quite hypothetical—in the post-production, if you put the music back in on top of the thump, the thump becomes part of the rhythm track of music.

Mix: You don't hear it?

Newman: You hear it as part of the music so you don't know what it is. Suppose, for example, there was a solitary bassist on the stage and he was playing a very low note in tempo and the dancers were cueing off that low note. Or suppose there was a kick drum and he was just going: "thump, thump, thump," keeping time for them. Sup-

The list below contains all of Chris Newman's theatrical motion picture sound recording credits, thus far released. A single asterisk (*) indicates Academy Award nominations for Best Sound, a double asterisk (**), an American Academy Award, and a triple asterisk (***), a British Academy Award. The name following date of release is that of the director.

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Beat Street (1984) Stan Latham Amadeus ** (1984) Milos Forman A Chorus Line (1985) Richard Attenborough pose, when the thing is in fact mixed, you bring in either a piano or a rhythm section. The minute you bring any kind of music back in, you obliterate the thump. The thump becomes part of the musical elements.

Mix: It doesn't interfere?

Newman: There were times when it worked and times when it didn't work. Most of the time it worked. We only used it three or four times. From the reports that I get, it seemed to work very well. I think it's just another technique for shooting dialogue with music going on.

Mix: How would you decide when to use the thump and when not to?

Newman: We made educated guesses. The criteria was: could we hear it and how loud was it in comparison to the dialogue? And in a couple of cases, since I was making 2-track recordings because I always work with a stereo Nagra, I was able to take a direct feed from the playback track and feed the playback in on another track and listen to the dialogue rehearsal and listen to the playback to see if I could hear any thump. If I didn't hear any thump or if it was way down under their voices, then we assumed it would work. And it did.

And the other criterion was whether the dancer could keep time to it. See, one of the problems of the thumper is that the attack of the thump on a big stage is not very sharp. It's not like a click track. It doesn't have the bite that the leading edge of the click has. It's very dull. And the only way to make it sharper is to raise the frequency. But the higher the frequency the more audible it is; also you have to make it louder. So somewhere there's a compromise between how high you make it and how loud you make it. Between Jeffrey Hornaday and Mike Tronick, and all of us working with the dancers and rehearsing them, we were able to get them to be sharp enough in the background, so that they in fact were dancing in tempo and a dialogue was going on in the foreground.

Mix: What's the frequency range? Newman: From about 25 Hz to about 400 Hz.

Mix: What was the approach to the pre-production planning on *Chorus Line*?

Newman: It consisted of discussing with Sir Richard, the music people, and Jeffrey Hornaday, things such as: we are going to do this dialogue live, we are going to do this dialogue to playback; we are going to do this line to playback. We are going to try to use the thumper here. We are going to try to use earpieces on "Hello 12," because people have

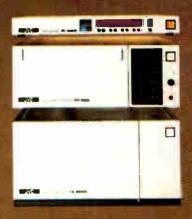
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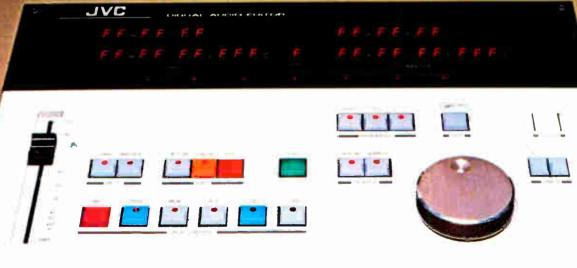
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Carlton at the console of Rm 335.

Larry Carlton's Rm 335

by Dan Daley

First, you cross an anonymous bridge spanning the Hollywood Freeway. A sharp left turn and an even sharper right lead you onto a winding, semi-surfaced road that eventually gives way to dirt as it ascends a steep hill overlooking West Hollywood. Ruts grooved into the grassy side of the plateau show evidence of some serious dirt bike action. You reach the crest—still in second gear—and are confronted by a crossroads. Just before you flip a coin to figure out which way to go, a woman and two kids pull up next to you in a station wagon. You give her the address you're searching for and she responds, "Sure I know where that is. I live there.

So you follow Mrs. Larry Carlton, little Katy Lou, and Travis James up to a house set on the edge of the hill and surrounded by olive trees and hedges. She leads you through the house and points you down the stairs to the basement where Larry Carlton sits amidst the homey environs of Rm 335, a sophisticated recording studio featuring, among other things, perhaps the friendliest dog on the West Coast.

After the pooch finishes with his sloppy greeting, Larry himself welcomes you into the studio, where he has been working on his own records and those of other artists for eight years now. Under one roof is the Carlton family home, the studio, and the offices of Larry's personal manager, Charlie Lico. But the pervading ambience here is familial, not corporate. Devotion to his family has brought the business and recording mountain to Mohammed, so to speak.

The appellation "Rm 335" should not be a mystery to devotees of Carlton's guitar wizardry; the Gibson 335 guitar is still his trademark. (Mike McGuire of Valley Arts Guitars is his current luthier of choice, and his best friend to boot, though.) And the raison d'etre for the studio is two-fold, according to its creator. "I started doing record dates in 1970," says the Torrence, California, native. "I was one of the tortunate musicians who got very, very busy very quickly, which always leads to the potential to burn out." After a pause, he adds, "Well. I burned out.

"By 1975 I was already thinking that I had reached a peak financially and artistically. I knew that I eventually wanted to get into record production, and that was the first reason for building the room. The other reason was that I wasn't happy with the guitar sounds other people were getting on me when I did dates. So I thought if I had my own place I could make my guitar sound like I wanted it to. In order to have control over my sound and over entire projection.

ects, it made sense that I needed my own place to do it."

The recording area is a former recreation room which once housed ping pong and pool tables. In their stead are a rack of synthesizers, a funky baby grand and an isolation booth. "[The isolation booth] was originally designed for drums," explains Carlton. "It has a 2-foot trap behind it and a 2-foot trapping above it." But the booth proved too confining for drums, and a wall was later knocked down on one side of the room and a larger, open area for drums was constructed. The iso booth now is used for vocals and acoustic guitars.

The adjacent control room is about three-guarters the size of the recording room, separated from it by sliding double glass doors. An MCI Series 500 console (28x32x55, automated) is positioned so that the engineer has to look to his left to view the live action.

"We're constantly tweaking things, given the amount of space we have to work with," says Carlton. "The thing we continue to upgrade is the equipment."

Like any other studio, Rm 335 had an evolution all its own. But since Carlton began construction in 1977—prior to the big explosion in home recording technology—he went for a professional approach in terms of hardware.

"I started with a Quantum console—8 in, 4 out," he says. "It was Quantum's first small console. And I bought a used 16-track machine, an Ampex M-1100." With a patch bay built by a friend, he could monitor 16 channels, but record on only four at a time. "I started with no outboard EQ, just the treble and bass that's on the console. I started out writing jingles. Never placed any, but it was the start of my diversification."

In time, Carlton's vision exceeded the equipment's capabilities. "When we started to get more serious," he recalls, "I got George Augspurger and Howard Weiss involved. George built Studio D at Village for Fleetwood Mac and did work for A&M and Motown. We were on a limited budget and decided to put 70 percent of the money into the control room," (acquiring their current MCI console purchased from the Osmond's studio).

Getting into full swing in 1978, Rm 335 had three albums to its credit by the end of that year. (All of Carlton's solo albums have been recorded there.) The MCI transformerless 24-track machine was added, along with some additional outboard gear, Tannoy M1000 monitors and a room tuning.



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Space is the big consideration at Rm 335, though; there's just not a whole lot of it, and Carlton tried various innovations to get the most out of what there was to work with. But, he acknowledges, "That wasn't as fruitful as it could and should have been because during the first several years down here. I did all the engineering." And after a pause and a wry smile, he adds, "And I'm not an engineer. I had never engineered anything in my life before I started making records down here. And the records show it. There's some phenomenal music on my first few albums, but if the sound had been as good as the music was. I think it would have been a much better package."

Working with an assistant, Carlton would get all the sounds, set levels and EQ, run the machine, and play on the date. Beginning with the Friends album, he brought in Michael Verdick to mix, "because I thought it was the best album I ever made and I knew I wasn't capable of presenting it the way it needed to be," he recalls.

Since then, Carlton has used others to engineer for him. Rik Pekkonen, a freelancer who began his career at Wally Heider's in the late '60s and more recently has worked with Joe Jackson and Womack & Womack (and drawing

a nomination in 1985 for a *Mix* TEC Award for Engineer of the Year), is at the board for Carlton's new solo project. He echoes the inherent spatial limitations of the facility, but finds them to be more of a challenge than a hindrance.

"You have to make a lot of acoustical compensations because the room has very low ceilings," he points out. "You're not going to get John Bonham drum sounds in here. And on this particular album where Larry's playing acoustic guitar and we have a set of drums in a tight environment, it's very tough to get separation that is usable. The way we do it is to close off the booth with the acoustic in it, judiciously choose our mics and go for it that way.

"In this particular environment, we have to close-mic a lot and we have to use that technique to its fullest because the room just doesn't help you out too much."

The original patch bay is still in the control room, and Pekkonen acknowledges that, "it needs a little help now and then, but what patch bay doesn't?" He adds that he has encountered some acoustical problems in the control room, but that those are being resolved. "We've just added some Sonex baffling to the ceiling because we had wooden treatment (in the area near the monitors)

and it wasn't working; we were getting a little too much midrange splattering all around. Then we had to retune the speakers with white (noise). It's not a big control room," he sums up, "but all in all it works out guite well."

335 is a room with a view, but while everyone enjoys the fresh air, there is a humidity and dust problem, especially annoying when you have so many acoustic instruments. "We always have to leave the air on," says Carlton. "We never let it get below 70 degrees."

Carlton hasn't limited the studio to his exclusive use. Recently, he produced tracks on records by Bill Withers and Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, and the score to the movie, Against All Odds, at the studio, which he did with Michael Columbier. Virtually all the work was done in Carlton's basement studio; only the mix was done elsewhere (at Record Plant with its synclock equipment). Carlton also has a penchant for live strings, and for those he will also head out for bigger spaces, but otherwise he feels he is completely self-contained in Rm 335.

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nice about the place is that it's so comfortable," says Pekkonen. "When you get here, Katy Lou and Travis James meet you at the door. Musicians who come here really don't feel like they're in a studio atmosphere."

"One thing I can say about the studio being in the house," says Carlton, "is that I haven't run into one artist that has worked here that isn't comfortable from the minute they walk in. There's nothing pretentious about the room, but it still sounds wonderful. And since the vibe is so relaxed, I think the artist really responds."

The sessions with Gatlin illustrate the snug and intimate ambience of the studio. "Gatlin came into town and said, 'Let's just see what happens,' " recalls Carlton. "He said he wanted to do something different. He flew in with no songs; just a couple of lyric ideas and an acoustic guitar. We sat in the room and traded ideas and the tune was finished—with a vocal—within 20 minutes. He got his lyrics together right here, sang it, and that became the vocal on the record, a song called, 'Can't Stay Away From Her Fire,' from his *Smile* album.

"I produced three tracks on that record down here. Barry Gibb and I coproduced one tune, so half of that was done in Miami and half here. But it was a very creative feeling. As a matter of fact, I was driving back to meet Larry at the studio one day, and on the way I came up with a section of a song. I started playing it for him, he started singing and just like that, we had a song."

That anecdote underscores the point that Rm 335 is not simply a recording studio, but an artist's studio—a technologically advanced version of someone's living room where creativity occurs unhampered by clocks and other worldly intrusions. "It's always here," says Carlton, "and having the abundance of equipment, the quality of sound, the working knowledge and the 24-hour access is wonderful. I come down here to write (for my new record) and I set up a drum machine, patch everything in, decide what kind of a mood I want, and usually within an hour I've got a song well under way. Everything I have so far for this record I wrote down here. I keep everything ready for when I get an idea."

But does it ever get too close to home? "I haven't had a problem with (that)," he responds. "I'm not a workaholic. When the studio was new, I used to spend a lot of time down here. It was an amazing toy. But then it settled down to becoming what it is: a tool to make music with. The studio doesn't own me; I own the studio."

According to Carlton, what makes Rm 335 more than the sum of its parts

are the people who create there. "A lot of players I've worked with the majority of my career—Jeff Porcaro, David Paich, and so many others—we all started together down here in this little room."

He recalls an incident from the recording of the *Friends* LP, when he decided to go into another L.A. studio to try for a more sonically perfect album. After the first session, everyone wanted to get into the control room and listen to the take. "Jeff (Porcaro) came up to me and said, 'Carlton, I don't care what it sounds like in there. We gotta go to your place to make your music and kiss your kids goodnight.'

"That's the whole thing—they come to my house and we make music in this intimate little room and the kids come down and say goodnight. Everyone here is family. And it shows in the music. How do you get that in another studio?"

Studio Equipment: MCI Series 500 console w/automation, MCI transformerless 24-track, Ampex ATR 102 2-track (½-inch and ¼-inch), H&H, Macintosh, BGW and Crown power amps.

Monitors: Tannoy M 1000, JBL 4311, Auratone and Visonik David 9000. Outboard: API 550 equalizers, EMT 140 echo chambers, MXR digital echo, UREI limiters (LA 2A and 1176), Kepex II noise gates (4), Lexicon Prime Time (2), DeltaLab DL-2 w/Memory Module delay, Eventide 949 harmonizer, DeltaLab Super Time Line Delay.

Microphones: Neumann U-67 and U-64 (tube) and U-47 (FET), AKG 414, 451 and C-24 Stereotube and assorted dynamic and condenser mics.

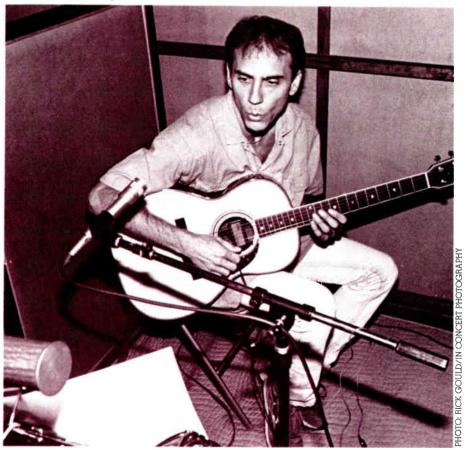
Musical Equipment: DMX and LinnDrum computers, Dr. Click, Yamaha DX-7 (2), Roland Jupiter 8 and Juno 106, MiniMoog, Yamaha CP-80, Fender Rhodes (Eddy modified), Gretsch drums, various guitar and bass amps.

In keeping with the intimate atmosphere around Rm 335, Carlton says he is "very selective" about making the studio available to outside clients. "I allow friends to use it," at a variable rate. Since the studio is part of the house, he is understandably protective of his family's privacy. "I would be open to letting people use the studio," he says, "but only if they had a record deal. In other words, I don't want bands coming in to do demos. I want it to be... professional...to keep it on a certain level."

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EQUIPPING THE HOME STUDIO: A Forum

by George Petersen

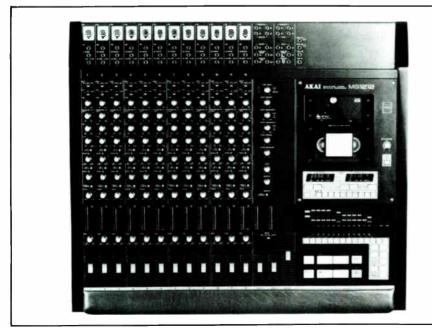
The look and performance of the home recording studio has changed considerably over the past decade. Today's advancements in both electronic instruments and recording technology allow the home recordist to create some amazing sounds for a comparatively modest investment. In fact, the effect of imperfect room acoustics (one of the major drawbacks of the home recording environment) has been all but completely eliminated via the emergence of direct input recording, drum machines, sampling devices, near-field monitoring, and the proliferation of inexpensive, yet good sounding digital reverbs. Another point which cannot be ignored is the advent of MIDI communications, offering not only an almost unlimited number of tracks, but also control over performance parameters and effects devices, note-by-note editing, and SMPTE synchronization capability.

Today, home studios come in as many

forms as there are musical styles. From a 4-track cassette/mixer pulled out during impromptu jam sessions to a full-blown 24-track facility, a home recording package can be assembled to fit nearly anyone's budget. We asked a number of retailers around the country for their recommendations about equipping under-\$10,000 studios. Some outlined specific packages they recently assembled, while others gave more general guidelines for selecting a system.

We chose the under-\$10,000 budget for three reasons: this is less than what even the least expensive 16-track setup would cost; this amount is approximately the borderline figure between the costs of a part-time "hobby" facility and the lower end commercial studios; and there is a substantial amount of reader interest in this area. Since the selection of keyboards, MIDI gear and other instruments is a matter of personal choice and individual needs, the dealers we gueried were not asked to specify musical equipment, but instead focused on recording necessities.

Akai MG1212 12-track cassette recorder/mixer



John Sugnet, Bananas at Large, San Rafael, California

"The Akai MG1212s are really popular and we've sold lots of those—both Sean Hopper and Chris Hayes of Huey Lewis & The News have bought them to do song demos. It retails for \$7,000, leaving you with \$3,000 to spend on a 2-track, monitors, outboard gear, etc. The new Fostex equipment is useful both for song demos and people doing video, because all their stuff is SMPTE-ready—they've brought out synchronizers [Models 4030 and 4035] and an autolocator [Model 4050] with a wonderful SMPTE-to-MIDI interface.

A good console to go with the Fostex 80[8-track] is their Model 450, which would cost under \$3,000 with the recorder. It has eight inputs, but you can fudge it to give 12 in. It's got a lot of nice features-individual phantom power, sweepable low and mid band EO, with fixed highs—so if you're not doing a lot of sequencing and synth playing during the mix to the 2-track, the board would be fine. If you need more inputs and want to go upscale a bit, good choices are the Ramsa 8118, or for some thing really small and portable, the Hill Multimix. It's a rackmount 12-input board with four switchable subgroups that could be used to give 16 inputs. An intermediary step would be a Ramsa 8112, which is basically the same as the 8118, but with 12 inputs. It also works well as a sound reinforcement board.

"It used to be that if you didn't have JBL or E-V monitors, people wouldn't take you seriously—now there are a bunch of inexpensive monitors from TOA and Fostex that are very good. There are a lot of near-field monitors in the \$500 to \$1,000 per pair range that work well in the home situation. For amplifiers, the Peavey DECA 700s, Crown 150s and 300s, and the new

QSC models are popular.

The Roland SRV-2000 [MIDI Digital Reverbl is one of our hottest itemswe've found that if you work with it enough, it can sound like a Lexicon PCM60, yet you can do more with it. The PCM60 has fewer possibilities, but is easy to use and sells well. There are a lot of good values in digital delays—the new Boss series of half-racks have RCA jacks, sound good, and are specifically oriented at the Portastudio through Fostex 8-track market. Another company I particularly like for straightahead outboard gear is Symetrix—very well made, and a good value: their 522 limiter/expander/ducker/gate is really neat. The Rane ME40 ²/₃ octave graphic EQ is a nice piece, and the Furman PQ-3 is a good, yet inexpensive parametric.

"With a microphone budget of \$700 to \$800, you can get a couple of really good mics and some less expensive ones. For a good single mic, I'd recom-



Fostex Model 80: 8 tracks on 1/4-inch tape

mend an E-V RE20, a Sony C-48 or an AKG 414EB. There are lots of good mics for the home studio: Audio-Technical dynamics, Sennheiser 421s. The ECM condenser mics from Peavey are very good for acoustic guitar, and I also tell people to look at the new TOA mics, particularly the condensers. They're just now beginning to come into the country and are a good value.

There are always hidden expenses in equipping a studio that you often forget, such as cabling—Hosa from Los Angeles makes very good multi-track snakes that are inexpensive; direct boxes—there are good ones made by Audio Envelope, Roland and Countryman; and headphones. Accessories are also useful: Roland makes a box called the Multijack—an adapter with mini, RCA, and 1/4-inch jacks; headphone extension ca bles and boxes; short interface cables and adapters; head demagnetizers you've got to demagnetize, even if you don't set-up. If people are interested in learning how to do their own set-ups, LofTech makes the TS-1 test set which comes with a pretty complete manual on how to do most tests.

Craig Fennessy, CSE Audio, Rochester, New York

"In the past year-and-a-half, we've seen a big thrust in the area of keyboardists' home studios, with a lot of clients getting into the Tascam 8-track series. We're suggesting the Tascam series because we feel you get a little better fidelity out of the half-inch format. A lot of these people are also doing film work, so SMPTE also comes into the picture, and we've had a lot of interest in the new Fostex system: it's broken the price barrier, along with the SMPL System: you can get into synchronization for about \$1,500.

The small digital reverbs are a big plus, with big sounds for small dollars. The \$1,500 units are very popular and the ART series of smaller ones in the \$800 range are also popular in the home studio. A lot of studios are going with a good package of noise gating, like the [USAudio] Gatex gates. The Orban EQ and some of the Orban effects are also really big with our clientsthe response we get is that they're very musical sounding. Of course what you EQ is based on what you're hearing, and we're a big supporter of the new Tannoy NFM-8 near-field monitors, as well as the 10Bs, which are a little larger.

"We've been selling Amek consoles for four years, and I feel it's one of the best sounding consoles on the market. They've got boards in the \$100,000 range, but their TAC Scorpion line has mid-priced consoles in many configurations – 16x8x2, 24x16—that fit into al most any situation. One nice thing about

it is that the EQ is so musical—it has the Amek EQ—and the sonic clarity and transparency of the board is just like their big ones.

"One of our clients has over \$100,000 invested in his home set-up, with a Synclavier, a Linn 9000—everything in his facility is digital. He's cut out the analog process, and now he's in the final stages of getting a good digital 2-track. He started in his home, and it just grew and grew. He's now scoring for national accounts like TWA. The potential is there."

Gary Gand, Gand Music, Northfield, Illinois

There are a couple of ways to approach this, depending on how the customer will use the studio. You can put together a nice studio for \$10,000. I recommend sticking with a half-inch recorder—one of the Tascam machines or an Otari machine—because the wide track format gives better isolation and signal-to-noise ratio. The Akai MG1212 also sells well, and you could probably put together a \$10,000 studio with one. The Tascam Studio 8, with eight tracks on 1/4-inch tape, could be used for a nice \$6,000 studio with good monitors, power amp, reverb and mic. Often a customer will come in here and get that, along with a drum machine and a sampling synth, like the Ensoniq Mirage, and wind up spending \$10,000.

'I suggest investing in a good digital reverb and a good recording microphone: a person doing home recording is usually doing a lot of overdubs, and won't have to worry about owning a lot of microphones. When people listen to your recordings, in addition to the song itself, they listen to the quality of the vocal sound and the quality of the reverb, even if they're not conscious of it. We recommend spending at least \$400 to \$500 for a good vocal mic, and \$1,500 to get a nice digital reverb. The Lexicon PCM60 and the new Roland [SRV-2000] units are nice. A good reverb makes a big difference on a home studio tape.

"There are a couple of different ways you can go with consoles. Tascam has always had good things in various sizes: their new 300 series is very nice. Sound-tracs from England are coming on strong with their T-Series. It has an interesting approach: it's a modular mixer you can buy in a 16x4 format, and then get expander modules to make it 20x4, or submaster modules to make it 16x8 or 20x8.

"Monitors are usually the last thing a customer looks at for a home studio and JBL is the way to go when monitoring. They now own UREI, and you'd really have to carve on your \$10,000 studio budget to fit them in, but their Model 809s are physically small like a 4411, but have Time Align co-ax speakers with excellent imaging."



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Tascam Studio 8, an 8-track recorder/mixer



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Frank Offenstein, Filament Pro Audio, San Dimas, California

"In the \$10,000 range, you'd probably be looking at the Fostex 8-track or the Akai MG1212. Consoles in that package might be a Fostex console, a Hill Multimix or a Studiomaster 16x4x2. The hottest console we have in that price range is the Allen & Heath CMC-24, with the built-in microprocessor: we're selling the most of those right now and the customers are real happy with them.

"For monitors in that price range, customers usually go for the small two-way E-Vs, JBLs, Fostex, or TOAs. The TOAs are a really good sounding speaker, and are very cost-effective. They don't have the track record that the E-Vs and JBLs have, as industry standards, but they're starting to catch on.

Digital reverbs are very hot now, like

the ART, Alesis, and the Ursa Major digitals. The DeltaLab CompuEffectron, 1030 and 1024 digital delays are popular, and in compressor/limiters, we get most of our requests for the Valley People units, the Symetrix 522s and the dbx 166s."

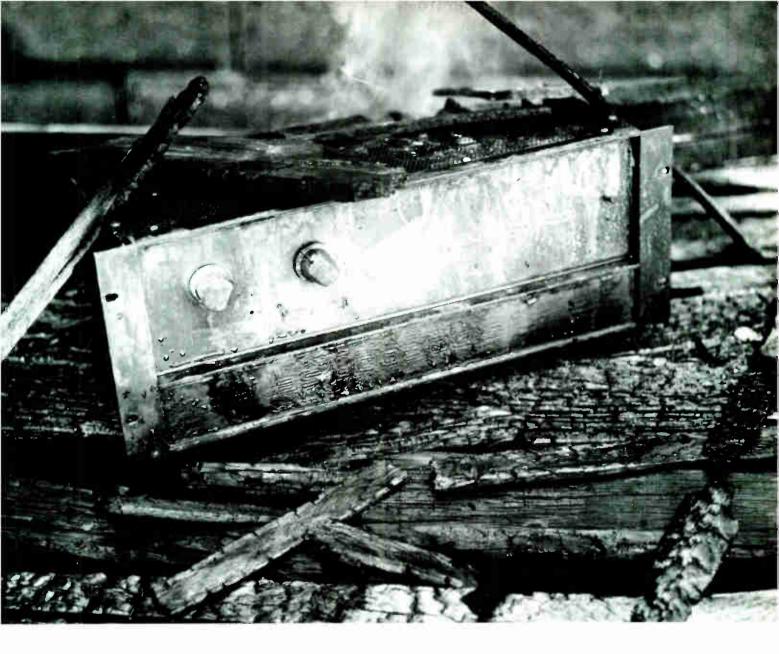
Richard Avery, Midcom, Irving, Texas

'\$10,000 is really squeezing it to the bare minimum, because we primarily deal with the upper end of the audio spectrum, but you could get a good start towards a nice 8-track studio for that amount. For the recorder, we'd recommend an Otari 5050 Mk III-8: an Otari 5050B-2 2-track; Ramsa 8112 console; and ART 01 digital reverb. Then you would be right around \$10,000, which is at list prices. I'm sure that if somebody came in with \$10,000, we could squeeze in a couple more items. This is really the bare minimum, but it's a studio you wouldn't outgrow in a year. If you had a bit more money, you might want to go with a console in the Soundcraft line—the 200B or the 600, which would give you the capability of going to 16 tracks eventually.

"After a digital reverb, a nice option would be a dbx 900 or Valley People card frame to which they could add noise gates, Gain Brains, noise reduction, parametrics, comp/limiters, etc. There is a cost savings in the card racks, since all the components share the same power supply; another advantage is using only three rack spaces for what is essentially nine pieces of gear. For a single microphone to go with this system, I would choose an AKG 414. It lists for \$795, but it's hard to beat."

Rob Grubb, New World Audio, San Diego, California

"Here's a hot little system for the home: the Tascam Studio 8 ¹/₄-inch 8-track, Lexicon PCM70, dbx 166 compressor/limiter, Aphex Type-C Aural Exciter, Neumann U89 with power supply, E-V Sentry 100A monitors, Hafler P225 amp,



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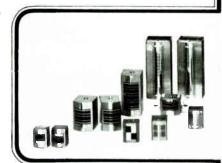
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'Other possibilities with this might be a Tascam Model 38 8-track with a Tascam 512 or 520 console—you might have to cut back a bit on the outboard gear, but it would otherwise be the same. Tascam also has the Model 48 8-track, which would probably fit in there; and the Otari 8-track would be nice, but then you'd be looking at half your budget for a tape machine."

Ed Alves, Showcase Audio, San Jose, California

Tascam has a full line that fits into just about any budget under \$10,000. They've also got the Studio 8, an all-inone 8-track with mixer that would be a good basis for putting together a studio in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range. The Akai MG1212 also sells well—it's a lot of tracks for the money. You can get that for under \$7,000 and still have \$3,000 left for everything else in a \$10,000 studio package.

The three main pieces of outboard gear to consider are a digital reverb, a digital delay, and a compressor/limiter. Yamaha and Roland delays and reverbs are good. We sell a lot of dbx limiters it's a name people trust and are familiar with, but the Yamaha GC2020 compressor/limiter also fits into the low-end home recording situation.

'We get a lot of people walking in who say they plan to use their home stereo speakers for monitoring, and educating them gets to be a challenge. I always suggest getting some good nearfield monitors, and we sell a lot of JBL and Fostex.

Elliot Rubison, Thoroughbred Music, Tampa, Florida

"I've got two 8-track studio packages that are popular here: one has a Tascam Model 32 2-track, Tascam M30 console, E-V Sentry monitors, Hafler amp, dbx 160x, Roland SRV-2000, AKG 414 mic, Audio-Technica ATM31 mic, Symetrix SE-400 stereo parametric, and an eight channel multi-track snake. The other package has a Fostex 80, Fostex 20 2-track, Fostex 450 mixer, Hafler amp, JBL 4312s, Lexicon PCM60, Sennheiser 421 mic, Shure SM81 condenser mic, Symetrix SE-400 stereo parametric, and an eight channel snake.

A lot of people don't realize they can't use their stereo speakers: they need good studio monitors with a flatter response. Another problem is using sound reinforcement power amps with

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get by going direct to two-track.

Of course all of this MIDIfied recording requires lots of inputs in mixdown, so Steve selected a Soundcraft 2400 longframe console which gives him 52 equalized line inputs in mixdown. After considering a number of 24-track

recorders Steve settled on a new Soundcraft SCM-761 Mark III machine because of the ease of interface. The prewired Soundcraft interface cables made getting the studio up and running a snap and the extra sync head output provided an additional cue mix as well as a great controller for gates Dollars for dBs it's a great machine.

Brent Hurtig, Bananas Technical Sales director, oversaw every phase of Steve's upgrade. He provided the basic information needed for product selection, recommended MIDI software & hardware that would enhance Steve's recording setup, and flew up to Lake Tahoe to assure that the final installation went smoothly.



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Jim Hovey, Victor's Pro Audio, Ridgewood, New Jersey

"Our average sale is a bit more than \$10,000: we sell quite a few studios in the \$12,000 range. For \$10,000, I'd recommend an Otari Mk III-8: it's a real workhorse and once it goes out the door, the only other time I see the customer again is for tape—it's super-dependable. A board that really fits into that price range is the Soundcraft 200B, and someone on a tight budget could short-load it. Since it's a modular board, you could start with 12 inputs and expand into it. It's a great little board—a super-clean, no frills board.

"Another thing to look into would be one of the incredibly-priced reverbs out now—possibly squeezing the Lexicon PCM70 into a studio of that caliber—it's a fantastic effects processor. After getting a good reverb, most people start getting some good gates—Kepex or Drawmers—but it depends on the needs of the studio. Once they have the bas-



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ics, they may go to a Lexicon PCM95 delay, an Orban parametric, or an Aphex Aural Exciter. I also recommend getting one good mic: the AKG C414, or a Neumann TLM170, U87 or U89.

"A large percentage of the \$10,000 studios are bypassing the 2-track stage and mastering directly to cassettes, or are borrowing a Tascam 32 or Otari 5050B from other friends who have home studios. I'm fond of the 5050B, but I sell more of the Mark III-2s—people like the overbridge format, but the other nice feature is it's easier to lock up for SMPTE work. For the extra \$500 the MkIII costs, three to one customers are choosing it.

"The other end of the \$10,000 studio market is the customer that wants to fill his walls with signal processing, and for them the Fostex systems are really popular, going with the Fostex 80 and 20, and the Ramsa 8210A—a board I've had real good luck with. Then they could afford a digital delay, digital reverb, a couple of good mikes and some external sequencing."

John Wise, Wise Music, Florissant, Missouri

'Basically, the \$10,000 and under studio is the market we primarily sell to. In that range, Tascam is pretty much the way to go, although the Akai MG1212 is making a lot of headway, because you've got 12 tracks, noise supression, and computer busing built-in: it's a nice package. It's possible with the MG1212, a set of good monitors, and some rack gear, to put together a very decent, respectable studio for ten grand. The Fostex gear goes mainly to the under-\$6,000 studios, although their monitors are even going to studios in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. I strongly recommend their monitoring gear.

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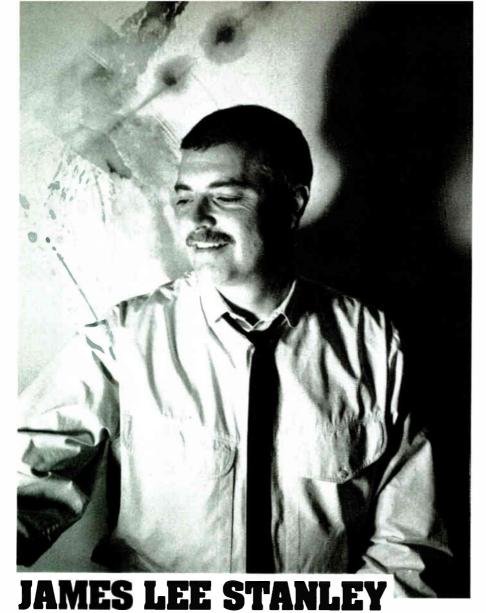
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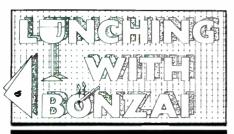


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Racing the Moon



by Mr. Bonzai

James Lee Stanley is a hardcore romantic. His life is his art, and his heart is his burden. For 15 years he's pushed it in Hollywood dives, he's lugged it to college concerts in Tucson and Milwaukee, he's opened up his chest to monstrous crowds as the "opener" on major national tours.

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Bonzai: Did you always have a career in music in mind?

Stanley: Well, I started out early—performed while I was still in high school and had a recording contract when I was 14 with Frank Guida, who worked with Gary U.S. Bonds. I even started a 200 seat club in Virginia so I could get out of school early to work in "show business" Then I joined the Air Force and became a Chinese linguist. After that I started feeling that maybe I should stay at home and write music rather than go out on the road and suck the eggs. Living a life out of a suitcase can be rough and I don't see where being famous is any damn good anyway. Having money is more fun than being a celebrity.

But I make my living from performing. I have a Toyota with a guarter of a million miles on it from driving back and forth across the country. I stay with friends from Seattle to Miami and peddle my records wherever I go. I just got back from a three-date mini-tour and sold out my entire back seat warehouse at the first stop. I'm more pleased with this record than any before, and I'm real pleased that it's selling so well.

Bonzai: How have your records changed since your first album in '72? Stanley: It's been cyclical. My first album was very acoustic and the lyrics were more cerebral than the following. You have to understand that when I first signed a deal, the company told me to make the music I wanted and it was their job to find an audience. This made perfect sense to me but when I gave them the record, they said, "Where's the hit?" I felt like I missed a chapter in the book. From that point I tried to make more commercial albums—music that was "instantly accessible."

I like to think that I make intelligent music. If you listen for awhile you'll notice the patterns, the textures—and once I've got you, you won't go away. In this culture, an artist rarely has the opportunity to be listened to in depth. People listen for a few seconds and if they get it-terrific! If not, they want something else. You have to listen to a symphony 500 times to really get it. When I started, I expected people to listen to my first album the way they listened to Beatles albums. I made what I thought was an interesting record where there was a tambourine one time in a song—stuff like that. Time passed. the records evolved and I tried to make sure I could go on to make more records.

By the time I got to this live album I had come full circle. It's an album of me being me and I didn't really care if strangers would like it. I've been touring for 15 years and I have a pretty loyal audience. They have been asking for a record that was me, that had my comedy, and didn't have all that "stuff" on it.

Bonzai: Did you have a person in mind when you were making this record?

Stanley: Yes, to be honest with you, I had myself in mind. A record of me doing what I do best. None of my records have really done this, and not many people are making records like this. It used to be common—when I was growing up I had records from groups like The Limelighters and The Kingston Trio. They would play their music and talk to the audience. In popular music today, I can only think of one artist who really works with his audience—Bruce Springsteen, and even he has become stylized.

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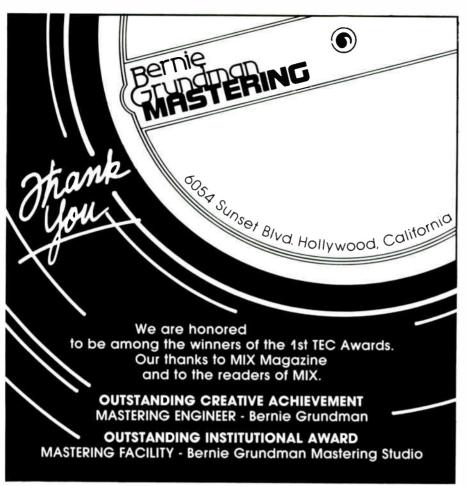
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Bonzai: That's inevitable when you're relating to 80,000 people.

Stanley: I guess you're right—a problem I haven't yet had to face. I enjoy talking to the audience and telling them how I got the song. And I'm delighted when they have fun with my archeology. I originally started rapping because I was in groups that had to tune onstage and I was compelled to overcome the boredom with entertainment. They laughed but I never thought of myself as a comedian. It's the music that interests me, but I just played Chicago and one of the biggest stations in the Midwest requested a copy of my album so they could play the comedy. What can I say?

Bonzai: You say guite a lot—at least a third of this record is "spoken word." How 'bout the songs—why did you choose this material?

Stanley: All the songs on the album are songs I love to sing. I wrote all but two of them, and I've been doing the Stephen Bishop song for 12 years. I just surrendered to myself, instead of to an anonymous producer, or label or radio station.

Bonzai: Why the short haircut?

Stanley: I had my head shaved because my hair was thinning. It got to the point where I couldn't pass my reflection in a window without checking to see if I could see my skull. I just said to myself, "C'mon—it's not your brain that's falling out, it's just your hair." I walked into a barber shop and asked for the close clippers. They wanted to give me a style job but I said I didn't want to talk about nice hair—I want to talk about little black dots.

Bonzai: What essence of your parents is in you?

Stanley: My mother is completely musical. She loved to sing and would actually do musicals for us at breakfast—"And now the pancakes!" Her father had a band and I remember trying to play along with him when I was about three years old. My father, on the other hand, reads a lot and writes a lot of poetry. He won my mother during the war with the beautiful letters he wrote. My father is a poet and my mother is a singer—I never thought about it before, but there you are.

Bonzai: What was your first record experience?

Stanley: Frank Sinatra. I grew up in a house in Philadelphia with four generations of Italians. Frank's voice was "bel canto."

Bonzai: Why do you play the guitar? Stanley: Because it's mobile. When I

was growing up, everyone was playing the accordion and I didn't want to be bowlegged.

Bonzai: Who taught you to play? Stanley: I guess I taught myself by playing along with records, but my Uncle Dick played the ukulele and taught me some chords. My grandfather played jazz guitar and I learned finger-picking from Milt Chapman, a bass player in a folk group. My upbringing was a mixture of Frank Sinatra, light jazz, and folk music. I never got Elvis and I still don't.

Bonzai: Who are some of your musical heroes?

Stanley: Dave Brubeck, The Beatles, Steely Dan, Little Feat—lately I like Phil Collins...

Bonzai: Who is your favorite human being?

Stanley: My sister, Pamela. She's just the most talented, loving person I know. She's younger than me but is older in a lot of ways.

Bonzai: Do you believe in magic? Stanley: (laughs) In a young girl's heart? Yes, I believe in it a lot.

Bonzai: Who is the most amazing artist you've worked with?

Stanley: Ricky Scaggs. I'm not a bluegrass fan but I did a show in Santa Cruz with Emmylou Harris and Rickie was accompanying her. I was playing a Steely Dan song that took me forever to figure out—the relationship between the melody and the progression was a mystery at first—and Ricky came out with a fiddle and just sat in and played his ass off. I remember him saying with a down home drawl, "Hey, that's a good tune."

Bonzai: Do you have any advice for musicians about the music business? Stanley: Play what you believe in and not in what you think they believe in.

Bonzai: Do you know any good business tricks?

Stanley: Carefully plan your album so that you go in with a reasonable amount of money to spend. When you finish, double that amount and sell it for that price. If the record company can't sell it, at least you've made a record and you're making a living. Actually, you should probably triple the figure and then come down to double the cost.

I can't believe what this record cost, though. This is my big artistic statement but I didn't plan on spending so much. I thought that I would reach a karmic state of grace by going for the highest quality and not expecting any recompense. We'll see...

If you want to make an anonymous hit record aiming for the radio, go right ahead. But if you want to be an artist, you have to make music for a long time—at least long enough to find your voice. And you have to be true to that voice. Some people with this approach are still with us—Van Morrison is still doing it, and Bruce Springsteen isn't doing so badly.

Bonzai: When did you discover your "voice"?

Stanley: When I put together my Eclipse album from material that was no longer available from my first three RCA albums. I discovered that I had a compo-

sitional and performance identity that was cohesive and consistent.

Bonzai: What is your most powerful tool of expression?

Stanley: There are two palettes for me to work with. I don't feel that I am a master of the guitar, but that I am a really good player. I think my most powerful tool is my voice.

Bonzai: What is the most important question that you can ask yourself? Stanley: Could I be doing this a year from now, or five years from now, and be happy...?

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Bonzai: Do you have an image of what you were in the past?

Stanley: I don't seem to be preoccupied with questions of prior existence or purpose. That question is perplexing to consider. For example, if I am in Cleveland waiting for a plane that's six hours late, I will enjoy the situation. I'll talk to people, I'll take a cab downtown and have a meal. Whatever I am doing in the present is enjoyable to me.

Bonzai: I think the truest test is waiting in line at the post office.

Stanley: Well, you can always enjoy the assortment of people who gather there, or you can experience the incredible energy-zapper. I wish that my summers would go as slowly as time at the post office. I think they must give the clerks a special test and their energy must be below a certain level. If the world runs at 78 RPMs, the post office is running at 16. If the Catholics want to know where purgatory is, send them to the Hollywood station on Wilcox. I spent some time there the other day mailing out 150 records that were ordered in advance

To think that many people ordered an imaginary record astounds me. I just

sent out a letter to my mailing list when I was months away from having a record and the response was startling. It was terrific—it filled me with purpose.

Bonzai: Can you explain gentleness? Stanley: There's a French word, "doucement," that describes for me the way you can make the guitar ring. A lot of musicians aggressively attack the guitar, but there is a special way of barely touching the strings and the notes just ring...

Bonzai: If we had 25 hours in a day, how would you spend that extra hour? Stanley: If I had an extra hour, I hope I would use it for making love...

Bonzai: What is the most dangerous situation you've ever found yourself in? Stanley: I was walking down the street at three o'clock in the morning somewhere north of Kittyhawk, North Carolina, with a friend of mine. I had just played the Folk Room-a-Go-Go—no shit. It was 1963, and the headlining act was a juke box. Would you like to talk about paying dues?

Anyhow, we had driven from the gig in one of those old VWs that didn't have a gas gauge—you had to flip a lever with your foot to turn on the reserve tank. We had already done that, so we were definitely in trouble. We also probably had the only marijuana on the East Coast at the time. It was very dark, overcast, and no moon. We didn't know where we were, so we sputtered to a stop and pushed the car off the road into what we thought was a secluded little glade. There were three of us, and we left Milton, who taught me how to finger-pick, in the car. He fell asleep with a shoebox of dope in his lap.

We took off walking down the road and a car passed us, whipped down a sidestreet and reappeared. I turned to Richard and suggested we might be in trouble. The good ol' boys were coming. The car pulled up beside us, the doors flew open and out came such a collection of thundernecks—these guys couldn't land a role in *Deliverence* because they were too scary. These were genetic fuck-ups from generations back—they should have drained the gene pool.

They jumped towards us and I turned toward Richard but he was already a mile-and-a-half down the road. I just said to them, "Let's discuss this like rational adults. I have no axe to grind with you people." They stopped and one of them said, "huh—what?" I did a solid ten minutes on them and when I got to

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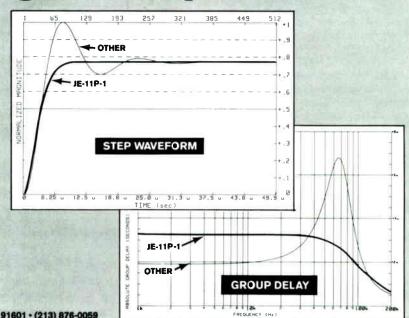
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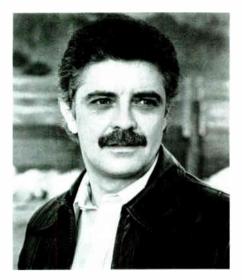
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Bonzai: Thinking back again to the early days—what did you think when you discovered puberty?

Stanley: When I was 14 I was introduced to the world of sex. Up until that time I had straight A's in school—an older woman of 16 showed me those gates, and it took five years and ten high schools to graduate. All the blood ran to my pants. I remember she was wearing a wraparound skirt and we went to the drive-in. She drove. It was the most wonderful 12 seconds of my life—actually, I'm bragging—it was only 11 seconds.

Bonzai: What old saying do you hate the most?

Stanley: "You can't have your cake and eat it, too." What good is the cake if you can't eat it, too?

Bonzai: You awake in the morning—there is a beautiful view. What do you see?

Stanley: The person I love—that's the view I like the best. All the others come after that.

Bonzai: Is there anything from your childhood that is still with you?

Stanley: Is there anything from our childhood that isn't still with us?

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THE CHANGING FACE OF BAY AREA RADIO

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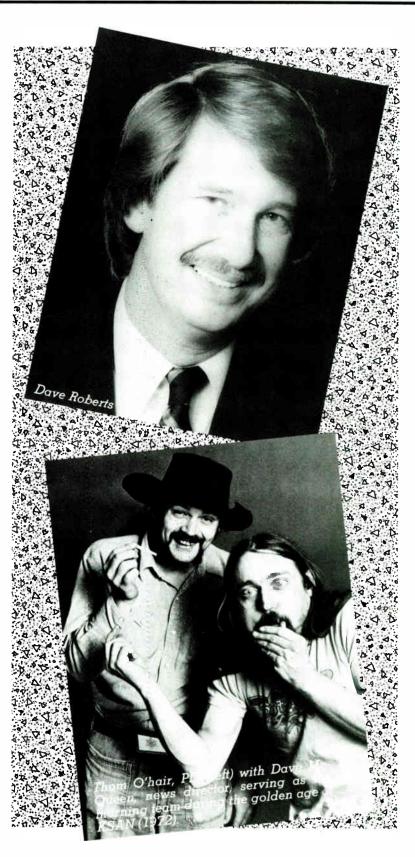
Twist and turn, turn and twist—the radio dial, that is. Drive around the San Francisco Bay Area, and you can't go ten miles or twist that dial a quarterinch without hearing the Starship declaring "We built this city on rock and roll!" Radio here is indication of that statement's truth. San Francisco residents have their choice of five-count em, five—solid rock radio stations: the Rocker (KRQR), the Camel (KMEL), Kfog (KFOG). They used to have the Quake (KQAK), but that collapsed a few months .ago, and the City (KKCY) rose in its place. There's progressive rock originating from the local college campuses: KUSF, KALX, and KFJC. Then there's the soft rock and pop rock stations, not to mention all the contemporary music stations that don't transmit from San Fran; there's one in San Rafael, and three in San Jose. From San Francisco, you can hear them all, as long as Twin Peaks, Russian and Nob Hills, and Pacific Heights aren't in the way.

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The following paragraphs contain the views of three leaders in Bay Area radio, each representing a different faction of the business. As you'll see, they voice strong—and sometimes opposing—feelings about how contemporary music is treated on Bay Area airwaves.

Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts, who's equipped with a PhD in communication research, has worn a few hats in the radio business. He's been both a PD (program director) and DJ in AOR (album oriented rock), AC (adult contemporary), and CHR (contemporary hit radio/top 40). He's sat in several times for Casey Kasem on American Top 40. Since 1980, Dave's hosted the RKO network's Hot Ones, an interview show with top artists, and he was the program director of San Francisco's KRQR, from 1982 until 1984. Now Roberts is in business for himself, work-





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ing as a radio research consultant.

"What you really need in order to make a success of a radio station is a mass audience. A PD knows what kind of sound he wants from his station based on what he knows about his format and audience. The music industry can say, 'That's ridiculous, who are you to say something doesn't belong on the radio station?' But the PD is on the front line, along with the music director, of making the radio station a mass appeal product.

"The mass audience is unsophisticated. I don't mean that negatively. In the kind of research I do, we actually interview people who listen to KRQR, KFOG, and the City—this type of research, instead of the ratings, is qualitative as opposed to quantitive. Most people don't name more than three of their favorite artists, and they're always in the top ten. So they're not going to miss new acts [if they're not played].

"We're in the fourth or fifth largest market where a PD is going to say, 'Since I'm in a major market and since this is a highly competitive situation, I'm going to watch smaller markets where they're more willing to take a chance,' and that's exactly what a Gavin Report is for, or Radio & Records.

'Radio used to be a mass appeal thing; there were very few radio stations. With the onslaught of television in the '50s, radio had to do as magazines did. Radio was like Look or Life magazine, offering many things to many different people. What happened to Look and Life is what happened to radio. Look and Life went away, but the magazine business has never been healthier—because it said, 'We'll do Field and Stream and sell lots of products.' The magazines became specialized and they reached a target audience. Radio did the same thing. Everyone became narrowcasters, as opposed to broadcasters.

"We used to talk about 'progressive rock,' which was only found on the FM band. That takes you back to the days of KPPC-FM in Pasadena, and the early days of KSAN. Back in those days, only on FM could you get away with playing no commercials and an entire album, because the FM band had not been popularized yet. Then, as we moved into the '70s and '80s, we had greater competition. The FM band became popularized and we had many more radio stations. There was a need to become even more specialized. We had CHR and AC, and then we had AOR. We had stations representing country, top 40, AC, album rock, which is now splitting off. All these are on the FM band, competing for an audience.

"If you're in a major market, like the Bay Area, you've got more competition, so you can't afford to take a lot of chances. When we signed on at KRQR in 1982, we carved out our niche—straight-ahead rock and roll; we weren't going to play a lot of the pop cuts which the only other major rock station at that time, KMEL, was playing. So when Romeo Void or Bonnie Hayes & the Wild Combo, or even, at first, Flock of Seagulls, came out, we said we weren't going to play this, this is not what our audience expects when they come to us.

"You know for a fact that your audience is coming to you for a familiar, consistent product. And when we say familiar, there's a whole range of variance there. If they're too familiar, all you would hear is Journey, Foreigner, Boston, Kansas, Huey. So what you do is add texture to your radio station by adding cuts from the roots of rock, or ones that were three cuts in on an album from ten years ago.

'The Rocker has a weekly show called the 'Best of the Clubs,' and a local act can get exposure on that. People who are interested in hearing some new stuff will go there. Keep in mind that a quasijazz group or world-beat group with an African beat, something totally esoteric, won't get on that show. Those world-beat groups would like to get on that show, because they want to become mass appeal, but once they become mass appeal they're no longer cultish and hip. And the people who are into cultish groups will move onto another one.

"Four or five years ago, Huey Lewis couldn't get arrested on most Bay Area radio stations. It took awhile for him to catch on. For years you couldn't find that garage-band, early rock-type sound on the radio. At KRQR, we were among the first to play Huey's second album, long before he became mass appeal, but that's because he was known in this market. He paid his club dues, and we felt comfortable featuring him. He had good promotion, perseverence, and played some good opening shows.

"There's always a very vocal force in any marketplace, particularly here because so much music has been born here, that says good music is not being heard. I challenge that because it is getting heard, where that small core can hear it, on college stations that are able to be adventuresome.

"If we all said, 'I'm sorry, I've got to play this because it's good music and I'm not going to go with the flow,' if every PD did that, every station would sound the same, and unfamiliar, and there would be no value to 'making it.' There's got to be those finicky outlets that only play mass appeal within a certain range, because they define success."

Thom O'hair

Thom O'hair, one of San Francisco radio's true mavericks, programmed the pioneer FM rock station, KSAN, from

1970 to 1974. Today, KSAN is a country music station which collected a 3.2 in the last *Radio & Records* Ratings Report. Compare that to the number one station, news and personality radio station KGO, which scored a 7.8. The only rock station that came in higher than KSAN was the Camel (coincidentally, O'hair also programmed KMEL's startup), with a 3.4.

Today, Thom is the marketing director of Rip'n Read, a feature published five days a week, written in radio script format, that goes out to stations all over

the country.

The success of KSAN in the early '70s led to the birth of countless new FM stations that played cuts from rock albums, as opposed to hit singles. But free-form radio, where the DJ was the person who defined the station's existence, became a lost art. Money, not music, was what mattered. Says Thom, "Radio is like real estate today. People are buying stations for 60 or 70 G, then turning around and selling them for six-digit sums.

"It used to be the music that gave a station its identity. Now, the morning personality is the cornerstone. Commercial-free radio is an old warhorse. There just isn't anything going on like it used to be. Look what happened to the Quake; it tried to play new, exciting stuff, includ-

ing local bands, but their morning signon, the talk show, the part that gets people listening, had negativity as its foundation."

When Thom was the PD at KSAN, "local acts could get airplay, yes, but there were musical qualifications. The road was not without its circuitous routes. But compared to anything else today, as well as then, it was wide open. In fact, in 1972 or '73, the Pointer Sisters cut a demo tape, the one that got them noticed by David Rubinson, in our production studio at KSAN. Then we did a 'Texas' weekend where the Pointer Sisters got to jam and they did scat-singing that made everyone in the room go 'Whoa! This is serious!'

"Today San Francisco is media chauvinist to the max. There was a point back in the time of the old KSAN where everything happened at once, everything blossomed, not only with the radio, but the groups, the record companies, the ballroom presentations and festivals, etcetera. San Francisco is probably recognized as a center of the FM revolution, sharing that co-existence with New York and Cleveland. But today, the San Francisco sound, or the San Francisco media experience, is like the prodigal son. Everybody's sitting around the family dinner table waiting for him to come back."

Of AOR radio in the Bay Area, Thom

says: "If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and looks like a duck, it better well be a duck. And they're walking like a duck with some of the music they're playing, and they're quacking like a duck with some of the people that they have on the air and some of what they're allowed to say, and they're looking like a duck by constantly referring back to KSAN either with the music imprints, or with the interviews...but they're not a duck, they're a chicken. What keeps them from being a duck is media and regional chauvinism. The people who were listening to that experience back in the KSAN days recognize that it's not a duck. They're aware of the manipulation that's going on, that this is a yuppified thing.

These days, Thom is enthusiastic about the concept of non-format pirate radio. That, and college radio. He names KUSF as one of the rare examples of exciting, experimental, modern-day radio.

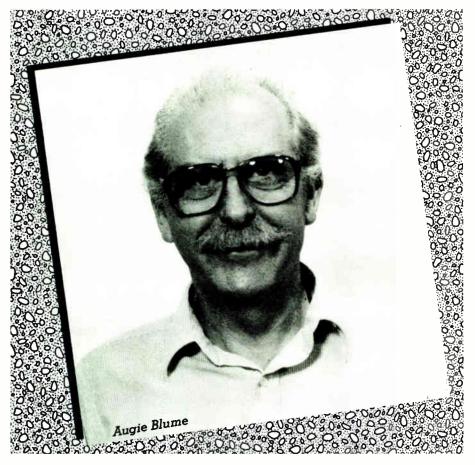
Augie Blume

Augie Blume, of Augie Blume & Associates, deals with promotion and marketing for independent artists and small record companies. The company recently published the 1985 California Music Directory, Northern California edition, and is preparing for the Southern California edition's release. Augie now main-



tains a wide variety of music businessrelated databases on computer.

"I track 4,400 stations, all that would be considered musically meaningful," he says. "If someone called me up and ple were a lot more accessible. In many cases, you'd walk in, identify yourself, and go right on back into the studio. While another record was playing, the DJ would cue up the record you were



said, 'I need a list of all the top 40/CHR stations that report to *Radio & Records*,' I could slice them out immediately. I keep track of changes in call letters, formats, music or program directors. I have a database of record company execs, promoters, distributors, and self-employed A&R people. Also, as a consultant, I help singer/songwriters focus on reality, giving them evaluation and guidance.

"For 26 years I've done record promotion on the regional and national level. I went to work for RCA in 1959; I did regional record promotion in the Baltimore/Washington/Virginia area. As a promoter, my priorities were servicing the market and going on the road, driving from radio station to radio station.

"At that time they didn't have what they call 'format specialists.' There were no specific album-oriented stations or promoters in the sense there are today. There was a helter-skelter of pop formats with slightly varying focuses. Individual announcers had the freedom to pick their own music within the format of the station, and they were not so nearly formatted as they are now. Radio peo-

pushing, and if he thought it had something going for it, it would be the next tune up. Most of the radio people at the time were really into music. Today, too many radio people see a record in terms of its potential to be entertainment business, as opposed to a song or musical form.

"In 1962, RCA transferred me to the Chicago region, where I was working the entire upper Midwest. In '68 I was transferred to NY, where I became the head of national promotion. At times, there were too many releases to work on, some of them of inferior guality, but nonetheless we had to promote them to give the company, and the artist, an opportunity to get some feedback.

"In '70 I left RCA to come out to California and work with Jefferson Airplane; I was in charge of national promotion. Then in 1973, I left to form our promotion company. We've had every major label for an account, and also worked for smaller labels. If we didn't think we could truly get behind the record, or if it didn't have some chance out there, we would try to convey that to the record company.

"I'm working myself out of the promotional field, because record promotion today is a far cry from what it used to be. There are some unsavory elements in the business, mostly in the independent record promotion area. Sleazoids. There are some unsavory elements in the record industry, and there are some unsavory elements in radio. And it takes three to tango...not everyone is unethical, but this has changed the way records get played.

"A lot of pop/rock-oriented radio programming is conceived by answering the question, 'What can we sell? Who's our target audience?' Station managers and owners go above the program director. They see the audience as stupid sheep, and that's one of the big problems radio faces. Stations play four, five, six tunes with no announcements in between, no names of songs or artists, and the DJ isn't allowed to say anything. So who's playing the song? This must affect record sales.

"At most commercial radio stations, 60 percent of what they play are oldies, hits of the past, plus what are called recurrents, hits of the recent past. Forty percent, or less, is current music. There's a lot of good music that never gets a chance for airplay. There's an old cartoon that shows a bird sitting on a branch, and the bird is saying "What if all the tunes in the forest came from the top 10 birds?"

Essentially, the major market commercial stations, stations that report to the trade publications, and the smaller markets, look to the major labels. There are six major corporations—CBS, Warner-Electra-Atlantic, Capitol/EMI, MCA (which covers Motown), RCA (which now encompasses Arista and A&M). and Polygram/Mercury—all of whom manufacture, distribute, and promote about 100 labels. The commercially oriented radio stations look to these 100 labels for their product, because they know that those six corporations will push those records they're releasing on a national level. So the commercial stations are not as open as they could or should be to locally produced or regionally oriented product.

"The radio industry and the record industry have a symbiotic relationship; it's you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. What the record company wants is radio stations that will add their record to their playlist and then report it to the trades, making it a hit before it even sells in the stores. If the major companies have something that appears to be commercially successful, the radio station that plays that record is going to get the advertising time buy from the store that carries that record, or they'll get the time buy from the local promoter when the band comes into town to

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play. The radio stations are being spoonfed music."

There are exceptions to every rule, and in this case Blume names one: San Francisco's Howie Klein, a KUSF DJ, local producer, and founder of 415 Records, the label that introduced America to Romeo Void, Translator and Wire Train. Klein, says Augie, is a "very bright guy, a real street-oriented person who hit the clubs and found artists with commercial and artistic value, started a record label, then went with his music to the larger commercial stations. None of them would give him the time of day. So he had to concentrate on different areas: having working bands, which is the best possible promotion, and college radio, which was very supportive of him and his music, and he worked the press. I heard that he had sold 40,000 records in the greater Bay Area in roughly one-and-a-half years. So Columbia Records became aware of him, and worked out a distribution deal with him. Because of his distribution arrangement, his records became acceptable by the standards of major market stations.

'I think radio has gotten caught in a narrow way of perceiving the audience and perceiving music. In the good old/ bad old days, there were programmers who flew by the seat of their pants and were willing to take chances. Not anymore. General job paranoia, fear of losing your job prevents this. I think also the growth of 'super programmers/consultants' hurt the station programmers. These are the people who graduated out of successfully programming radio stations, set up their own consultancies. and wound up usurping a good deal of the power from the local programmers. because the owner or station manager thought here was the person with the halo around their head. I think that's been unhealthy for radio; too many programmers are creative people without the opportunity to be creative.

'I'm not trying to paint a bleak picture, just realistic. Because our radio market is also blessed. We have a lot of wonderful, wide-open college radio stations with bright people who are really into the music. It's all music to me, all those market names cooked up to describe it are really a shame. College radio isn't forced into playing the same games that commercial stations have to, and is very supportive of local acts that aren't on major labels, because college stations are not up against Arbitron and the other ratings services. Programmers know that if the numbers go up, they may get a raise or even get to keep their job. But if the numbers go down, watch out. That pressure isn't on college radio, so there's greater freedom.

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Features include: punch-in rehearse mode, optional RS-422 serial interface, 99 memories (with ten single-button store/search points), repeat looping, head and tail guard points, adjustable preroll and review, three user-defined functions, two event relays, footswitch punch-in, hours/minutes/seconds/frames calculator, and a non-volatile memory. Pricing is estimated at \$1,300 for the standard tachometer-reading model and \$2,000 for the SMPTE code reading version, and upgrade kits for the tacho model will be available.

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DeWolfe CD Music Library

DeWolfe Music Library, Inc., of New York City, has begun releasing its large resource of production music in the Compact Disc format. The initial offering, now available, is a six disk set with a diverse collection of sounds: "Mirage," which is upbeat and high-tech; "Renoir," warm and relaxed; "Night Cruisin'," funky jazz/rock; "Constellation," with rich orchestration; "New Images," electronic; and "Cuts for Commercials," with a variety of 80 spot-length pieces. The "Six Pack" described here is priced at \$99, plus licensing fees, and 12 more disks are expected to be released in the next year.

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BASF Studio Master 911

Introduced to the U.S. market for the first time at the AES Show and now available, BASF Studio Master 911 is a high-quality ferric formulation that is compatible with the most popular products used in American recording studios. BASF will offer 2-inch tape in 2,500- and 5,000-foot lengths; one-inch tape in 2,500-foot reels and hubs; half-inch in 3,280-foot and quarter-inch tapes in both 2,500- and 3,280-foot lengths.

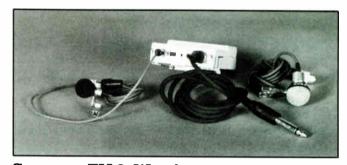
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SKE Rack'N Roller

The Rack'N Roller from S K Enterprises (Austin, TX) is an equipment mounting console designed for both in-home and on-location applications. A canted, six-space effects rack is suspended over an angled recorder console for optimum viewing and operation. Preset electronics such as noise reduction units can be placed in the lower section of the console. The Rack'N Roller is available in both single and double rack configurations. The double rack console, combined with optional Road Package, is ideal for transporting two recorders in live multi-track and/or 2-track situations.

Custom designs are available, including patch bay or power wiring, single-point grounding network, multipin snake system, and filler panels. Also available is a road package consisting of latched covers and heavy duty locking casters. The Rack'N Roller single rack is priced at \$425, and the double rack model is priced at \$625. Dealer inquiries are invited.

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Samson TH-1 Wireless

Operating in the 174-199 MHz VHF range, the TH-1 from Samson Music Products (Hempstead, NY) is a belt pack transmitter designed for instrument/lavalier wireless applications. The TH-1 features both an on/off power switch and a mute switch that leaves the RF carrier on while cancelling the audio signal; internal or external wire antenna; 300 foot operating range; an Hirosi lockable six-pin audio input connector; and audio input level trimpot with LED overload indicator for optimum input level matching. The TH-1 can be utilized with either Samson's broadcast or concert series VHF receivers.

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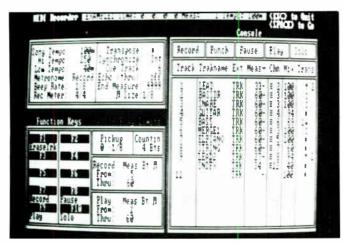
Wendeljr

Unveiled at the AES Show in New York, and expected to be available in the first quarter of this year, Wendeljr is a scaled-down, yet non-compromised version of the renowned Wendel drum computer developed by engineer Roger Nichols. Wendeljr is a single rack space unit offering two channels of digital sample playback, and sounds can be triggered from a variety of sources, with a trigger response accuracy of 50 microseconds. Drum samples are stored on interchangeable ROM cartridges, with 16 bit quantization and a sampling rate of 50 kHz. All of Wendeljr's sound

samples are recorded without the use of any processing, equalization or compression. Besides the usual percussion sounds, other samples will be available, as will a custom loading service.

A single unit could be used to provide several sounds (i.e. snare and kick during basic tracks or overdubbing), or a number of Wendeljrs could be used simultaneously to cover an entire drum kit in a live situation. Wendel Labs expects the Wendeljr to be priced at \$995.

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Sight and Sound MIDI Ensemble

Sight & Sound Music Software, Inc. of New Berlin, Wisconsin, have released MIDI EnsembleTM, the first in a series of powerful software programs for the IBM-PC and compatible computers. MIDI Ensemble consists of three main program modules: Recorder, Event Editor, and Phrase Editor. The recorder module allows the recording and overdubbing of up to 255 tracks of MIDI information, and includes automated punch in/out, autolocate, programmable metronome, transpose, elapsed time measurement (real-time or frames), track solo/muting, as well as interfaces to external controllers. The Event Editor enables the user to insert, delete, or change notes in any track, and a special screen display simplifies the precise editing of pitch, start time, duration, and key strike velocity of any note. The phrase editor permits the user to move, copy, delete, combine and modify entire segments of any length.

Other features include a built-in text/graphics editor for saving notes or diagrams with each song file and a "system setup" module for tailoring the program to the type of computer being used. The MIDI Ensemble software is priced at \$495.

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ART DR1 Digital Reverb

The DR1 from Applied Research & Technology, Rochester, NY, is a high-definition, 16-bit digital reverberation system, that includes five plate, five room, two effect, one re-

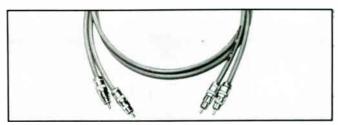
verse, one gated, one DDL, and five hall algorithms that define room parameters. Also featured are 30 factory presets, 100 user presets, a 14 kHz bandwidth, MIDI control, 1/4-inch balanced stereo inputs, true stereo or mono outputs, and a full function remote control. The ART DR1 is priced at \$1,295

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Cooper Apple IIc to MIDI

J.L. Cooper Electronics, of West Los Angeles, has introduced a retrofit interface for linking the Roland MPU-401 MIDI Processing Unit to the Apple IIc computer. The retrofit may be easily installed by any qualified computer or synth tech, and plugs into the microprocessor socket with no soldering required. After installation, a short cable exits from the left side of the IIc and plugs directly into the MPU. The retrofit is priced at \$139, and versions of Roland's MUSE sequencer and Laubach Software's DX-Pro are available for the Apple IIc.

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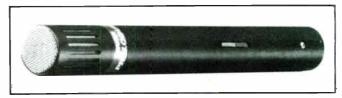


Entre LC-OFC Cables

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The Entre' ELC-120 is a one meter cable with solderless, RCA-type gold-plated Bansei connectors made of solid brass. Other available interconnects have phone or XLR-type connectors for instrument or microphone applications. The Entre' line is distributed in the U.S. by Analog Excellence of Los Angeles.

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Shure Prologue Condenser Mic

The Shure 16L-LC is a low impedance, unidirectional, battery powered electret condenser microphone designed for home multi-track recording and sound reinforcement applications. The 16L-LC, priced at \$98, is the top model in the company's Prologue line and features include: a balanced 600 ohm output with XLR connector; recessed on/off switch; swivel stand adapter; storage bag; and internal powering via one "AA" penlight cell, so phantom power is not required.

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The Emulator II and the Macintosh running the Sound Designer software.

The Emulator II/Macintosh/Sound Designer System: A Low Cost Computer Music Environment

by Larry Oppenheimer

"Yow! I am having fun!" —Zippy the Pinhead

At a recent mixing session for The Twilight Zone TV series, a rich pastiche of sounds billowed from the monitors, enveloping everyone in the room. The lush, eerie soundtrack strikingly illustrated the skillful application of modern synthesizers. Except that the sounds were not synthesized. Virtually all had started out as actual acoustic events which had been recorded and then processed through any number of digital whiz-bang boxes until they were scarcely distinguishable from synthesized sounds, except in the complexity and subtle variations that are so difficult to synthesize. In fact, the vast majority of them were the result of sampling the sound into an E-mu Systems Emulator 2 and then playing it back through the Grateful Dead's overstuffed rack of digital goodies (most used were the Eventide SP-2016, Lexicon 224XL, and Quantec QRS). Unfortunately, creating a new sound often called for rerouting the effects, which required diving into the arcane spaghetti that was the patch bay. A guestion presented itself: Wouldn't life be much easier if this plug-and-pull game could be eliminated, along with the repeated conversions from analog to digital and back again, by rolling everything together into one easy-touse box?

In a grossly simplified way, this is the essence of the computer music worksta-

tion concept. A true workstation might perform digital recording, playback, editing, analysis, resynthesis, and processing of sounds, in addition to the ability to do digital synthesis of several kinds and then arrange everything into the desired compositional form. Furthermore, a workstation might include facilities for interactive real-time performance. Several of these functions might be simultaneously available. Best of all, this entire machine would be designed to be used by one person.

At the time of this writing there are no fully-realized computer music workstations, but several projects are under development in both the academic and commercial worlds and a few machines that have been commercially available for several years, notably the Synclavier and the Fairlight CMI, are expanding their capabilities in this direction. The reason for the scarcity of such instruments is partly technological—a suitable hardware architecture and the massive amounts of software required dictate a long r&d time—but the biggest problem so far has been the cost to the buyer of a device with high quality performance in all of the above-mentioned areas. Starting in the vicinity of \$30,000 or so and going up from there (as high as you want to go), powerful machines of this sort are out of reach of most composers and musicians. However, as technology develops ever faster, prices have continued to fall, making possible the realization of a comparatively low-priced computer music system capable of some limited set of workstation functions. This

important waystation on the road of musical instrument evolution is where we are today, and the system described here represents a landmark from which we can look back at our Minimoogs and Revox A77s (both still in wide use) and look ahead at SoundDroid, Compusonics' DSP-2000, Lexicon's RD-1 project, and other workstations not yet arrived, and bless our bit streams that such great fun and swell toys should come along in our time.

The beginning of 1984 saw the introduction of the Emulator 2, E-mu's second generation sampling instrument, and the advent of the Apple Macintosh computer as a viable tool for a variety of tasks. Both of these machines represented significant advances in their respective areas, both from a price/performance standpoint and for their user interfaces (ease of use). More recently, a software package, called Sound Designer, from a small company called Digidesign became available which takes these two fine instruments and teams them together to create the most powerful computer music system available for under \$15,000. Actually, Sound Designer wrings every last ounce of performance from the £2 and the Mac, yielding some features that can't even be found on far more expensive systems. There are limitations in this system to be sure, but in the face of comparison to the other choices it is ludicrous to say that this system is not a powerful tool and a good value.

This is not a review, per se, of the E2/Mac/Sound Designer system. If

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what you are looking for is an evaluation and a detailed listing of features and tests, there are a number of such pieces already in print to which you should refer. Instead, what is presented here is a perspective on this system in the context of its implications as a guasiworkstation.

The Emulator 2

The original Emulator was one of the first sampling instruments to hit the market after the Fairlight, and, being only a fraction the price of the Fairlight, quickly reached prominence in the musical world. This success allowed E-mu to gain valuable experience and feedback from users, then return to the lab to create a successor. Although the E2 was announced well before it was actually delivered, when it arrived it did what E-mu had promised it would.

In essence, the E2 is a specialized digital recording and playback device, which also includes some digital editing and analog processing facilities. A sound that has been successfully recorded, edited, and processed can be assigned in a sophisticated fashion to a portion of an organ keyboard and played, with the aid of several real-time controllers to add expression. All sound material may

be stored onto floppy or hard disk in raw or finished form, then recalled and edited at any time. The E2 also carries an onboard 8-track sequencer for compositional work, and interfaces easily to MIDI, SMPTE, and RS-422.

The Apple Macintosh

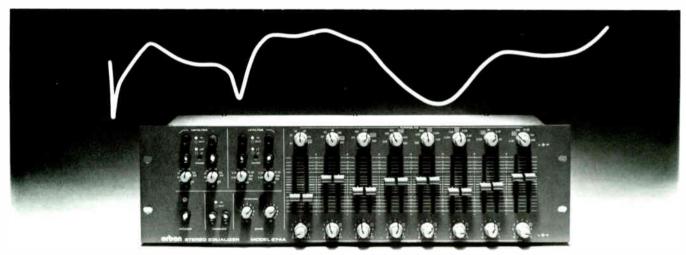
Originally released in 1983, the Apple Macintosh was slow to catch on because of a lack of available software. Slow disk drive access and limited onboard memory (128kbytes) also restricted the Mac's usefulness. Since that time these stumbling blocks have been remedied by several developments. First, software developers finally started delivering larger numbers of programs to the point that a considerable library is now available. Second, Apple released a 512k version (known as the "Fat Mac") and third party developers subsequently concocted memory expansions for the Mac going up to 4Mbytes. Finally, General Computer created the "Hyperdrive," an internal hard disk drive for the Mac which directly accesses the computer's buses, thereby drastically increasing speed of operation and on-line storage.

The computer's main strength lies in the way that users work with it. Taking some ideas (and engineers) from Xerox's

Palo Alto Research Center, Apple created an environment for the user which effectively eliminates the need to type in commands and all the attendant problems of that approach: having to remember the commands and the proper syntax for entering them, the time involved in command entry, and, most of all, the distraction from the work at hand that occurs when one is forced to think about using the computer instead of being able to just do it. All of this is achieved through the use of a graphically-oriented screen display in which files can be simply viewed and manipulated as icons, and a small input device, called a "mouse," which allows commands to be chosen from menus and files selected in an intuitive manner.

Sound Designer

Sound Designer runs on the Macintosh (it requires at least 512k of memory and two disk drives, but operates optimally with a Hyperdrive) and communicates with the E2 by connecting the enclosed cable from the modem or printer port of the Mac to the E2's RS-422 port. Sound files and control information are exchanged at high speed (500kbaud), allowing instant auditioning of work in progress. The program



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has two sides to it: one that emulates the Emulator's front panel functions, allowing the E2 to be programmed from the Mac's superior user interface; and one that acts on the sound data received from the E2 or creates new data to transmit to it.

The front panel emulator is useful because the E2 has many functions, but a limited facility for displaying information or receiving input from the user. With Sound Designer, many parameters are represented graphically at the same time and can be manipulated by simply pointing with the mouse to the parameter in question and moving it to the desired value. As of this writing, several functions of the E2, including the sequencer, are not part of the Sound Designer emulation.

The more significant part of the program, however, is obviously the "Waveform Display" mode. In this mode, the waveform of a sound file received from the E2 may be viewed on the screen at any resolution, edited, mixed or merged with other sounds, digitally filtered, gain normalized, analyzed and resynthesized (resynthesis was still under development at the time of this writing). Additionally, sounds may be digitally synthesized and then transmitted to the E2 to be played.

OK, now we have a basic picture of the components of this system. Let's look at how they fit together to provide a workstation-like environment. Keep in mind that this system is designed to perform a specialized set of functions. In comparison to a fully realized workstation this system is quite restricted, but for the job that it is intended to do it is unsurpassed.

Digital Recording

The E2 acts as the recording device in the system. Incoming signals from the analog domain are converted to digital at a sampling rate of about 27.7 kHz. The data is encoded in a companded 8-bit format to save on the expense of the converters and the extra memory that higher resolution entails. The memory in the E2 will hold a total of 17 seconds of sound and can be partitioned into smaller chunks to allow up to 99 sounds to be held in memory at once. Obviously, the more sounds in memory at once the less length you have for each sound.

In terms of present digital recording systems, 17 seconds is a pitifully short amount of time. The E2, however, is designed to perform a specific application of digital recording known as sampling. The nature of sampling (recording sounds to be played back on an organ keyboard or triggered) does not often call for minutes of sound. The same thought applies to the sampling rate and converter resolution. In the context of sampling, the fidelity of the E2 is consid-

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ered excellent, even though it would pale in comparison to a professional system like a Sony or Mitsubishi PCM recorder. The E2 LCD display gives a PPM-like display to set the proper recording level, and indicates after recording whether the sample was successfully captured without clipping or not, displaying the number of clipped samples if needed. Further, sampling can be initiated by simply pressing a button, or by setting a threshold which must be exceeded for sampling to begin. This is a very handy feature when sampling from a noisy source.

Editing

Once recorded, a sound may be edited in the E2 by moving the start and end read pointers to truncate the beginning or end of the sound file. This truncation may be permanent (the excised portions are erased, freeing memory) or not (only the pointer information is stored). The sound can also be looped, a vital editing function in this application, which allows samples of a finite length to be sustained indefinitely by repeating a selected portion of the sound over and over. Start and end points for the loop can also be set.

One unfortunate aspect of the E2's operating system is that sounds are described in terms of the actual number of

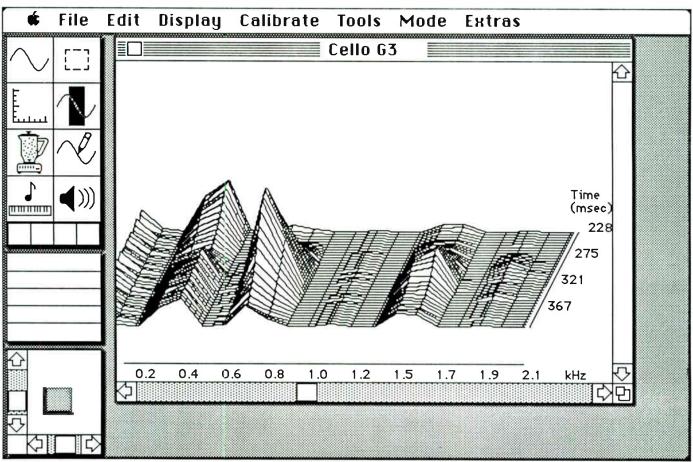
samples in the file, and looping and editing points are displayed as sample numbers. While this is without doubt the most accurate way of indicating these parameters, it is far from the most intuitive. This is where Sound Designer takes over, however, making good use of the Mac's great graphics environment.

A file may be transferred to Sound Designer via RS-422, converted to a 16-bit linear coding format (this is done automatically), and displayed in a calibrated time vs. amplitude waveform display. Now the length of the sound file can be easily seen. The Sound Designer display has a number of features to make editing easier and more powerful. Any part of the display can be quickly zoomed in on to any desired resolution; if necessary, individual samples may be viewed. This is achieved by using the Mac's mouse to click on the zoom box icon and then simply indicating the desired portion of the waveform. This can be done repeatedly until the resolution is satisfactory. The other method is through a box in the lower left of the display which allows either axis to be stretched or compressed, giving a simple indication of how much of the full display is currently being viewed. Scale calibration automatically adjusts in resolution. Both scale markings and a zero line can be turned on and off as needed.

The display is just the start, however. Again using the mouse, up to ten markers may be placed in a file, each one with its own name and number. As a marker is moved, its current position is indicated in both amplitude of the waveform and time from a designated reference point (usually the beginning of the file). Thus, markers can be precisely placed in the file. There are two separate markers for placing looping points which operate in the same fashion as the other markers. Looping from a visual display of the waveform is infinitely easier than the trial-and-error method required on the E2 alone. A screen cursor which also displays amplitude and time of its current position is also available. The speed and ease of access to any part of the sound file afforded by the extensive display makes this essentially a random access editing system.

OK, the sound can be comprehensively displayed and precisely marked, but what kind of editing can be done? One of the great features of the Mac interface is the ability to do cut-and-paste editing with ease. In Sound Designer, any portion of the waveform may be selected and cut or copied to an area of Mac memory known as the "Clipboard." From there, the selected chunk can be pasted into anywhere in the waveform, or even into another sound file (Up to

Sound Designer's Fourier analysis plot.



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three files can be simultaneously open in Sound Designer, each with its own display). This facility is useful for constructing composite sounds from portions of several files.

Sound Designer also allows the use of a "pencil editor" similar to MacPaint. The mouse is first used to select the pencil function, and then to apply it. Let's say that you took a sample which has a wide dynamic range and a few samples got clipped. For just a few samples it might not be worth it to junk the recording you have and try again if you can possibly correct it instead. The clipped samples will probably be obvious in the display. The pencil can be used to redraw the clipped peak of the waveform and round it off. Similarly, glitches and clicks can be eliminated by pencilling them out. Of course, this same facility can be used for radical modification and utter craziness if that is what you have in mind.

Playback

Playback is available from the E2 or the Mac. Sound Designer can play back a sound through the Mac's internal speaker, and Digidesign has even improved the sound out of this small speaker through some clever programming. When working on files without an E2, the Mac's speaker works just fine as a monitor. Files can be transferred from the Mac to the E2 with a quick preview mode, or through a full transfer mode that takes longer but transfers more information.

The E2 has eight audio channels, so up to eight keys can be pressed simultaneously. Although this is the equivalent of what is termed "8-voice" in most synthesizers, E-mu uses the term "voice" to indicate sound file data, so we will

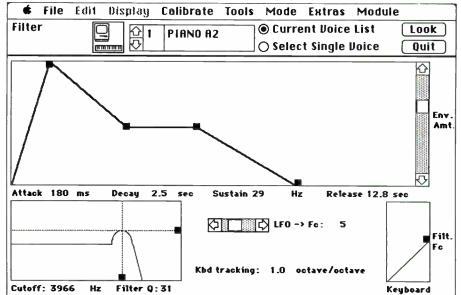
avoid the use of this term altogether to prevent confusion. As mentioned earlier, a sound can be assigned to appear anywhere on the keyboard, with designated points for the original pitch, high and low range limits. Sounds may overlap on the keyboard, and even be crossfaded. Crossfades can be positional (sound A fades out and B fades in as you play up the keyboard from A's range into B's) or velocity (as you play harder you hear less A and more B). This feature can be used to create a more natural effect, such as crossfading between multiple samples of the same instrument to preserve the integrity of sound in different ranges and volume levels, or in bizarre twisted ways to create novel effects.

Signal Processing

Both analog and digital processing are available in this system, which enables sounds to be contoured and modified extensively. In each of the eight audio channels the E2 contains one analog VCF, one VCA, two ADSR envelope generators (one for the VCF, one for the VCA), and an LFO. The spectral and dynamic changes that can be wrought on sampled sounds with these simple tools are truly inspirational. Remembering that the source material could be anything from a mandolin to a synthesizer to the mating call of the African wapiti, the transformations can run the gamut from simply making the mandolin sound bowed to making the wapiti sound plucked. As if all that weren't enough, the E2 also allows sounds to be played in reverse!

Sound Designer takes the alternative approach and does all of its signal processing in software, as opposed to the E2's hardware. Program author Evan Brooks and Digidesign president Peter

Sound Designer's front panel emulator. Filter "module" display is shown. Moving the "handles" (black squares) changes the value.



Gotcher are right in Silicon Valley, which keeps them in pretty close contact with the latest developments in digital signal processing (DSP). The Mac, although it lacks a genuine math co-processor, is reasonably suited to the kind of math that DSP takes. Fasten your seat belts, 'cause this gets really good.

Clicking with the mouse on the little "mixmaster" icon calls up Sound Designer's digital mixer, which contains most of the signal processing functions. Two sound files can be digitally mixed, with the proportions specifiable in dB or by a percentage. Better than that, two files can be merged. A start point and a length of crossfade can be specified. The possibilities are endless: imagine playing a note that starts out as an operatic soprano and turns into a tire squeal and car crash! Or a cat meow changing into a guitar.

Two other utilitarian processing tasks available are gain normalization and equalization. When sampling, levels are set low enough to avoid clipping, but this often means that the loudest part may not go up to the maximum available level. In digital audio, low levels mean more noise, so it is desirable to be able to take a sound file and scale it until the loudest part of the sound is exactly full scale. This is called normalizing the gain.

Version 2 of Sound Designer will perform parametric filtering in the form of high- and low-pass, high and low shelving and peaking equalization (current version is 1.1). Other dynamic processing such as compression will also be available.

Digital Synthesis and Analysis/Resynthesis

The ability of the system to do synthesis resides in Sound Designer. This takes two forms: direct digital synthesis and resynthesis from analysis parameters (inverse Fourier). Versions one and 1.1 contained a limited implementation of these features, but version two will have all the features described here. Perhaps most useful is Sound Designer's FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) feature. All or part of a sound file can be analyzed and broken down into a selectable number of frequency bands (up to 256) and then shown as a three-dimensional plot. The plot can be viewed from several angles: front to back, back to front, time lines only, frequency lines only, etc. This kind of analysis can give a great deal of insight into how a sound changes over the course of its full duration. Version one contained the FFT, but in version two, the ability to change the display is added. This means that you can modify the spectrum and then resynthesize the sound additively.

Another feature in development is a software tool called the phase vocoder. The phase vocoder is essentially a Fourier transform that preserves phase information (which an FFT does not). The phase vocoder has been in use in universities and research centers for several years now, and some of the possibilities it presents are: glitch-free modification of pitch without changing duration or duration without changing pitch, scaling of the frequency spectrum, frequency domain noise reduction, and, of course, cross-synthesis (standard vocoding).

There are a number of different methods of direct digital synthesis. One of the simplest to realize is the Karplus-Strong algorithm, which simulates a plucked string. Sound Designer allows you to use either noise (typical) as the excitation for the synthesis, or a sound-file, and then specify the length of the note to be created and the point on the string where it is being plucked.

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Composition

With the system we have defined here, composition can be performed using the E2's onboard sequencer. The orientation of a sequencer is such that it presupposes a particular compositional approach common in pop music. Once again, we find a feature that is limiting because it has been oriented to a particular application, but is optimized for this task and performs it very well. The sequencer has eight "virtual" tracks, meaning that only control information is stored, not sound data. This means that tracks can be easily overdubbed and bounced with no degradation whatsoever. Autocorrection of performed rhythms is available to a resolution of 32nd note triplets. The length of the seguence and the time signature can be predefined or not as desired. A count in of selectable length is available. The E2 can read and write SMPTE time code and be programmed to wait until a specified SMPTE start time before beginning playback, very useful when ap plied in film and video applications or multiple synthesizer setups. The sequencer can also be used as a MIDI sequencer, and is capable of being driven by an external clock, such as sync-totape signals or a drum machine.

If this approach is not suitable, there is another way to go about meeting your compositional needs. Typically composition is not done simultaneously with sound design. This means that the Sound Designer program, which has no se quencing capabilities, is not needed during composition. The purchase of an inexpensive MIDI interface for the Macintosh then allows you to choose from several excellent MIDI sequence ing and composition packages that are available, or write your own it you are so inclined. Thus, the range of compositional possibilities with this system is also broad.

Real-Time Interaction

The E2 has excellent facilities for real-time interaction, as it is largely designed to be used in live performance. Most obviously is the keyboard itself, which is velocity sensing with programmable sensitivity. Velocity can be directed to control a number of different VCA and VCF parameters, in addition to controlling crossfades or switching between two sounds.

The E2 has two wheels, a footpedal, and two footswitches which are all assignable to a number of different destinations. In addition to standard assignments, like one wheel to piton and another for LFO modulation plus the tocipedal controlling volume, the wheels and pedal can all be assigned to send or receive MIDI information. That is, any

Both the E2
and Sound
Designer are
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of the three controllers can be transmitted as any of the three most common MIDI continuous controller assignments. Further they can receive incoming information, from a MIDI continuous controller and then route that to an E2 parameter. This is reminiscent of the physical/logical" device assignment in some computer operating systems.

Storage

Both the E2 and the Mac use floppy disks as their native storage medium, but

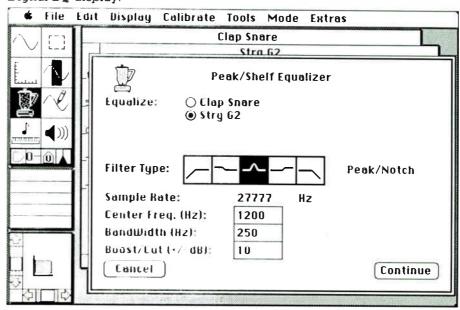
both have hard disks as options. Sound data may be stored in raw form on the E2's internal drive as a "Library" disk.

When the entire instrument has been set up, including all edited sound data, VCF and VCA parameters, keyboard and MIDI assignments, etc., the entire set of control parameters can be stored as a "preset." Up to 99 presets can be held in the E2's memory at one time. When you have constructed enough presets for your current needs, you may dump the entire contents of the memory, including the sound data and all control data, onto a floppy disk, which is then called a "Performance" disk. Unfortunately, one memory dump fills an entire 51/4-inch disk. The hard disk, not yet available at the time of this writing, will hold many more dumps. Of course, information can also be stored by transferring it to the Mac with Sound Designer and then storing it on the Mac's floppies, but the limited storage (400k) of the standard Mac disk limits the size of file which can be stored to less than seven seconds. With a Hyperdrive or one of the new double-sided floppies for the Mac, this problem would be alleviated.

Programming and The User Interface

A number of examples have been given above concerning the advantages of the Macintosh user interface. The E2 itself has a well-thought out interface, but it is limited by its display, which is a small, two line LCD. Even so, the E2 operating system is direct and easy to understand. Most tasks are accomplished by pressing a button to select a "module," which actually puts the E2 in a particular operating mode. In each mode the four sliders near the display have a certain set of functions, which is listed in the "module's" designated area on the

Digital EQ display.



front panel.

Using the front panel emulator of Sound Designer makes all this much easier. Parameters like filter cutoff or keyboard scaling are displayed as curves which can be changed with the mouse very quickly. Furthermore, some values which are expressed in arbitrary units on the E2 (like filter cutoff or ADSR settings) are calibrated in absolute units in Sound Designer. The E2 even tells you in its display whenever it is under the control of the Mac.

Interfacing to the Outside World

This system can interface in a number of ways to the outside world. As mentioned earlier, the E2 has eight audio channels. Each is available separately on the rear panel, a great boon when used in conjunction with the sequencer. Of course, there is also the input where the sound to be sampled is fed.

In terms of control, the E2 can be interfaced to MIDI, SMPTE, and sync-to-tape as already stated, all of which can be used to clock the sequencer. The footpedal input will also accept an external voltage and digitize it for control of the analog processors. Both the E2 and the Mac have RS-422, but this is unusable since it is how the two instruments talk to each other. The Mac can hook up to a printer, though, for dumps of FFT or waveform displays.

The Future

Both the E2 and Sound Designer are designed to be able to be updated and expanded easily. The recent announcement of a hard disk drive for the E2 is one example. Another is the CD-ROM library which is currently being assembled for the E2. The CD-ROM will hold about 1100 complete memory dumps and provide quick random access to them.

Sound Designer is simply software, so updating and expanding it requires no modifications to your Mac. If Digidesign wants to get into heavy duty real-time processing, such as digital reverb, they may need to talk about some external number of crunching hardware, but one would suppose that thought has already crossed their minds.

Conclusion

A low-cost computer music system which is immediately available has been described. Although many functions are limited due to the specific intent of the system, a very large set of features is available without having to hook up dozens of different boxes. The difficulties of constructing a full-blown workstation probably means that special-purpose devices will continue to dominate, so this is as close as most of us will be able to come for awhile. That's OK with me; there's plenty here to keep me busy.



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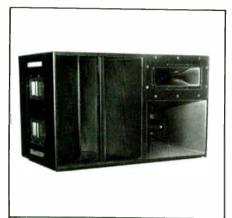
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EAW Flies at Speeda Sound

The road to success has been long for Mike King, whose company, Speeda Sound, actually got its start years ago when King supplemented his day job at Fresno, California's MV Music Store by doing sound reinforcement gigs at night using his band's PA system. "People used to call the store, wanting to rent a sound system," King explains, "and I'd do it, since I had a small system with the band. One thing led to another, and it kept growing." He left the business for awhile, moving to Chicago, handling Midwest sales of instrument amplifiers for Acoustic Control Corporation, but after a few seasons he began to tire of the climate that only a native Chicagoan could love, and returned to Fresno to do sound reinforcement full-time.

"Our first big break was doing a Three Dog Night tour when they got back together," Mike recalls, and things have been steadily improving ever since. Over the past seven years, Speeda Sound has expanded their client roster to include such notables as: Blue Oyster Cult, Quarterflash, Donny & Marie, Lee Greenwood, Joan Jett, Mickey Gilley, Lacy J. Dalton, Tom Jones, and many others

Speeda Sound's equipment has also changed over the years. "We've been involved with a lot of the JBL products, standard 4550 and 4560 boxes, Yamaha consoles, and we have a lot of Northwest Sound gear—which I've been a big fan of for years," King notes. "As time went on, we moved guite heavily into Audioarts gear, of which we've been a big user—in fact I'm heading out there next week to discuss a new board for us." While the company's equipment arsenal has expanded, along with their

trucking capabilities (now able to have four systems on the road simultaneously), Speeda Sound had been lacking in one area—until recently.

"Not having a flying system has been one of the major roadblocks for my company," King concedes, "which is why we bought an EAW system. We've got 12 Eastern Acoustic Works KF-550 cabinets loaded with JBL E-140s and some custom features—plastic dipcoated front screens, and a trap door in the back of the cabinet where you pull a 20-foot, 8-conductor, 12-gauge cable with an EP-8 on it, so it plugs directly into the amp racks. We're also going with some KF-400s, which is a three-way, vertical box, so we can get into flying triamped sidefills.

"I'd seen them at the tradeshows and I'd heard Carlo Sound (Nashville) using them with the Oak Ridge Boys, and I was impressed. We've got 12 here now and another 12 are on the way. Hopefully by spring, we'll have 48."

MAX Aids Stratford Festival Tour

Throughout the 1985 Stratford Festival (Stratford, Ontario) season, a unique collaboration has taken place between the Festival and Touch Technologies of Toronto, developer of the revolutionary MAX System, a computer-assisted audio control and routing console. Touch Technologies developed the console primarily with theater production in mind, and the Stratford Festival agreed to use the highly effective console for their American tour productions of Twelfth Night and King Lear.

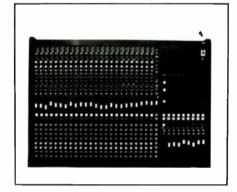
The MAX System marks an advancement in automated sound operation. Before MAX, the routing of sound to various theater speakers was achieved by sending outputs of a standard mixing console to dozens of manually pre-set knobs and switches. Using the MAX console, all sound cues are made and executed automatically, including the adjustment of levels and routings to specific speakers. The net result is sound technology's equivalent to a computerized lighting board. Complex audio scenes are programmed, stored on floppy disk, recalled and sequenced under full artistic control.

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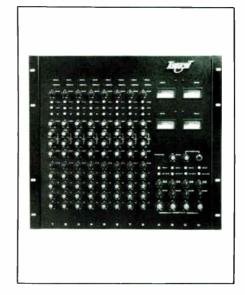
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by Bruce Nazarian

In an earlier column, I described the three most common types of clock signals used in computerized production: TTL, FSK, and SMPTE Time Code-derived. As experience in this type of production grows, and increasingly sophisticated interfaces becomes available, more and more computerized productions are turning to the use of SMPTE-derived clocks. There are several reasons for this.

First, many SMPTE-reading "intelli-

gent interfaces" ("clock boxes") are now available on the market. (You will need at least one of these to generate a MIDI or TTL clock from SMPTE.)

Second, using SMPTE allows more control over the tempo of the finished product. Most of the "clock boxes" can manipulate the tempo of each beat of a measure. This allows unlimited flexibility in tempo programming.

Third, SMPTE allows you to synchronize your sequencers or other peripheral gear from anywhere during a track, removing the necessity of starting again from the top if you should stop the tape.

Fourth, by utilizing a single track of SMPTE code for most control functions (i.e., autolocation of transport, synchronizing audio-to-video, referencing automated mixdown data, and, of course, clocking sequencers and drum machines) a multi-track studio can use valuable track space to record performances, not computer data. All of these advantages are quickly making SMPTE the code of choice for computerized productions.

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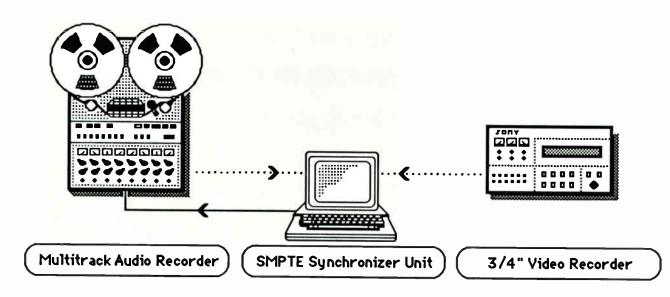


Fig. 1 - Audio-to-Yideo Synchronizer Setup

Dotted lines indicate SMPTE Time Code Tracks
Solid line indicates Capstan Control Line for Slave recorder

Understanding SMPTE

In the next few columns, we will be exploring the SMPTE-MIDI connection more fully (and showing some tricks along the way!). To make future discussions easier, let's dive into SMPTE terminology right now. Here are some basics you should know:

SMPTE Time Code—The actual code that is recorded on tape. SMPTE is an FSK signal that encodes a continuous stream of timing information on one track of a video or audio recorder. The information contained in the code enables SMPTE-based editors to mark any point on the tape, usually to within 1/30th of a second. Time Code is displayed in a format showing Hours, Minutes, Seconds, and Frames. For example, a time code value indicating Hour 1, Minute 6, Second 23, and Frame 28 would look like this on a video monitor:

01:06:23:28. Frame Rate (frames/sec)—Frame Rate indicates the number of visual frames encoded during each second of time code. In the U.S., or any country using the NTSC video standard, the video frame rate is 30 fps. In countries that use the PAL or SECAM video formats, the video frame rate is 25 fps. There is also a frame rate for use with film images. This corresponds to the film industry standard of 24 fps. (Interestingly, some recent music videos have been shot on film in cameras running at 30 fps, to facilitate their subsequent transfer to videotape for editing and distribution!)

Drop Frame and Non-Drop Frame Without getting into a very technical discussion, you should be aware that there are two formats for 30 fps time code: drop frame, and non-drop frame. To resolve certain timing discrepancies between color and monochrome video signals, drop frame code was derived from the original SMPTE time code (now called non-drop frame). In short programs (less than ten minutes), you might not run into a problem, but in runs of ten or more minutes length, you will probably encounter the difference. In addition, some SMPTE clock boxes cannot process drop frame code when it is fed to them, and will lock up. In short, when using 30 fps code, be aware which format you have, and stick with it!

Sub-Frames—A frame rate of 30 fps gives a timing resolution of 1/30th of a second (33.3 mSec). That may be good enough for video editing, since our eyes integrate visual images slowly, but the human ear can hear time differences much smaller than that. To compensate for this, most SMPTE readers and clock boxes can now resolve one frame of SMPTE code down into smaller divisions. The Roland SBX-80 Sync Box can resolve each frame of code into 80 "bits." With this "sub-frame" or "bit" accuracy, we can now resolve MIDI clocks

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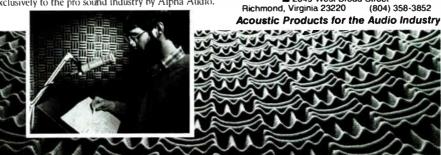


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Synchronizer Controller—This is usually a computer of some type, with a keyboard for entry of the appropriate commands to efficiently use the synchronizer system. A controller is usually smart enough to calculate and maintain offsets, display time code for both master and slave recorders, and

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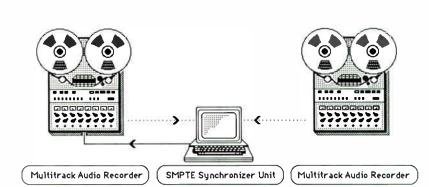


Fig. 2 - Audio-to-Audio Synchronizer Setup

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may be programmed in intentionally, to "slip" the position of dialog or sound effects by a precise amount when mixing-to-picture. In music productions, offset is generally used to indicate the SMPTE location (in standard hrs:mins: secs:frms format) of the event that is programmed (usually the beginning of the tempo clock).

and events to within 0.4 mSec or less.

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Offset—This term can have two mean-

SMPTE Hardware

In order to implement a SMPTE time code system, some means must be provided to generate, read, and process the code and use it to control various devices. Basic SMPTE hardware consists of the following items:

SMPTE Reader/Generator—This unit can read and generate the various forms of SMPTE Time Code in common use: 24, 25 and 30 frames per second, drop frame and non-drop frame.

Chase-Lock Synchronizer is used with two or more recorders, either audio or video. Using Time Code previously recorded on one track of each machine. it simultaneously reads both Time Code tracks, while controlling the speed of the "slave" deck to "chase" and lock to the speed of the "master" deck. In audio post-production for video, this generally means the multi-track audio recorder follows the video recorder (Fig. 1). In multi-track audio production, this is how two multi-track recorders are synchronized to provide extra track capability (Fig. 2). Synchronizers may also control more than one slave deck, to allow for multiple dialog dubbing, or sound effects layback.

sometimes the reader/generator as well. Elaborate ones usually provide for remote control of all of these features via a computer communications bus (RS-232).

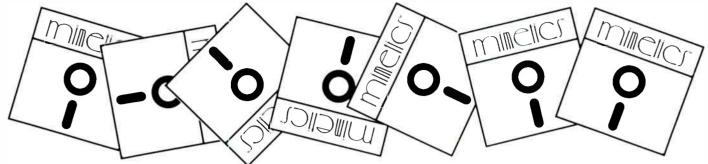
Integrated Systems

A good example of an integrated system utilizing all of these components would be a Cipher Digital CYPHER™ (SMPTE reader/generator) and Cipher Digital SHADOW™ (synchronizer), connected to and controlled by a Cipher Digital SOFTOUCH™ controller. Other integrated and modular systems are available from Adams-Smith, EECO, and others. Although synchronizer equipment of this caliber is frequently an investment of many thousands of dollars, even the "semi-pro" manufacturers are gearing up for SMPTE control. Fostex, famous for their 1/4-inch 8-track and half-inch 16-track recorders have recently introduced SMPTE-based remote controls and SMPTE-MIDI synchronizers for their affordable line of personal multi-track gear. Tascam has had synchronizer control connectors on their 8- and 16-track recorders for quite a while now. The Synchronous Technologies SMPL™ system has been readily available, promising to chaselock two machines for less than \$2,000. and provide a MIDI and TTL clock box, to boot!

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Products and Progress

by Craig Anderton

Digital reverbs (DRs) are becoming so affordable that just about any musician can have a world-class reverb sound. Forget about boinging springs, fussy plates, or having to dedicate a room to reverb—the new generation of DRs create all those sounds and more. This year's AES convention in New York showed just how far the field has progressed. DOD's \$800 DR should be available by the time you read this; ART, who helped kick off the low-cost DR trend with their Ol, now offer the under-\$800 DR2a as well as the \$1,300, 16-bit, very clean sounding DR1. Alesis, the first to crack the \$800 price point, is developing the AI reverb, which for \$3,500 offers some very interesting features. A hand-held remote, which plugs into a control-less rack-mount mainframe, stores all programs in an EEPROM. The user interface on the AI is unreal—there's even an alphanumeric LED display (similar to the ones on the Oberheim DSX and DMX) that, in addition to indicating parameter settings and the like, reads out a complete tutorial on digital reverberation in general and the AI in particular. The all-CMOS design results in a cool-running unit with no fan, and an emphasis on high-speed computer technology makes some algorithms available that are, so far, unique to the DR world. While not a budget DR, 16-bit operation, 100 programs, MIDI and several other features make \$3,500 seem like a reasonable price. And if your budget won't stretch quite that far, we can get back to earth with Yamaha's \$1,200 REV-7, a classy programmable unit that sounds good and offers lots of features.

Lexicon, whose PCM60 is generally considered one of the better-sounding reverbs for the price, now offers the PCM70. Yes, it sounds just fine; but the most novel aspect is the MIDI implementation that goes way beyond simple program changes. For example, functions can be tied to pitch bend, modulation wheel, dynamics, and other parameters. Thus you can program, say, a massive reverb "splash" on particularly loud notes, or create other effects that respond to your playing. Some people wondered what Lexicon was up to when they became one of the first signal processor manufacturers to obtain a MIDI ID number for system exclusive information...now we know.

There's more to life than DRs, though, and Roland's MKS-20 MIDI piano module (shown for the first time at AES) is very impressive. We've heard the hype from other companies about this or that unit sounding like a piano, but Roland really did it—and we're not talking about a sampling unit, either. What Roland did was sample a variety of piano sounds (including Rhodes), plus a few other sounds, and resynthesize the waveforms. Resynthesis basically analyzes the sampled waveform, then uses relatively inexpensive signal synthesizing circuitry to re-create the sampled sound. What really makes the sound realistic, though, is that timbre is totally correlated with dynamics; playing harder produces the sound of playing harder, and there are 128 different timbres corresponding to 128 levels of dynamics. You have to hear the sound to believe it, and at under \$1,800 list this is guite a device.

Roland has also come up with a cute little sequencer, the MC-500, which includes a 3.5" microfloppy drive and lets you store all kinds of sound parameters via system exclusive data. For example, if you change filter cutoff, pitch, waveform, and so on, the sequencer remembers all this stuff—not just simple program changes. One other Roland item: expect a sampler in January that lists for under \$2,000.

Now that sequencers (such as the MC-500) and software packages (such as Total Music) are starting to make use of song pointer information, more SMPTE/ MIDI sync devices are starting to translate SMPTE to song pointer information. This allows sequencers, drum machines, and other song-pointer oriented units to "autolocate" to specific positions on tape. Therefore, if you start the tape at, say, the chorus of a song, the sequencer will also position itself at the beginning of the chorus so that when you start the tape, tape tracks and "virtual" tracks stored in memory will start at the same time. If you're planning on getting into sequencing, this feature will enable you to make the best use of SMPTE/MIDI synchronizers (such as the Roland SBX-80 or Synchronous Technologies SMPL system).

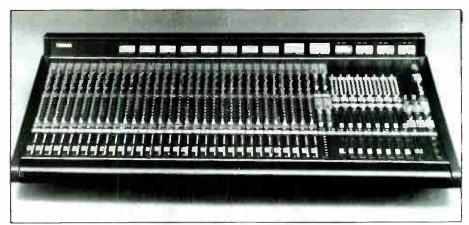
Emulator II fans will be happy to learn that a CD-ROM interface is forthcoming from Interactive Arts International. In case you're not familiar with the concept, CD-ROMs use standard Compact Disc technology to store gigantic guantities of computer data. (Atari, for example, is toying with the idea of providing a complete encyclopedia on ROM to each purchaser of their proposed CD-ROM drive; others claim that all United States phone books could fit on a single CD-ROM). The Emulator's CD-ROM will store 1106 complete banks of sounds, and provide a ten second load time from disc to Emulator. The first two proposed discs include one of all available E-II instrument sounds, and a second disc crammed with sound effects. We have sure come a long way since the Mellotron...

Yamaha has stretched its mixer line into the truly high-end category with the PM3000. While designed primarily with sound reinforcement in mind, the overall flexibility should also appeal to more general recording needs as well. It's really tough to pinpoint a specific feature as being what sets this mixer apart; rather, the PM3000's main claim to fame is that it is a very logically designed and laid-out board, with flexibility as the paramount concern (lots of VCA grouping, multi-purpose mix matrix, complete talkback system, internal switches to change the normalled signal routing, etc.). The PM3000 is available with 24, 32, or 40 input channels; it's not inexpensive, but I think it gives good value for money.

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I'd like to report on the new 16-bit Fairlight Series III as well as Synclavier's tapeless studio, but the demo rooms at AES were always so mobbed I couldn't get in. So, we'll close out this month with rumors of an inexpensive sampler add-on for the Commodore-64. Apparently, though, it's only going to be available in overseas markets...and that's too bad. What with instrument-to-MIDI, voice librarian, and sequencers available for the C-64, despite its age this is a computer that's going to be around for a while—and it's about time a sampler became available. Let's hope one appears before too long.

Well, I'm off to Musicom ⁷85 in Holland, so expect next month's MI Update to have a somewhat European flavor. See you then!



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By any measure, Yoko Onois a remarkable human being. Her individuality, perseverance and hard work—in the face of an artist's everyday hardships as well as great tragedy—are undeniable.

Season of Glass, Ono's first album following the December 1980 murder of her husband, John Lennon, was somber, occasionally angry, and critically hailed. It's Allright, released in 1982 to critical acclaim, mixed sadness and hopea pivotal moment in Ono's return from grief. Songs such as "Dream Love," "I See Rainbows" and "Never Say Goodbye" were compelling both within and without the sad context in which they were written.

Starpeace, Ono's new album, is brisk, bright and shouting with optimism. Originally intended to be a collection of "nother and child" songs, it grew into a more general exhortation to remain optimistic, to work and improve life. An excerpt from "Hell in Paradise":

Mesmerized by mythology Hypnotized by ideology Antagonized by reality Vandalized by insanity Desensitized by fraternity Sanitized by policy Jeopardized by lunacy... ... Exorcise institution Exercise intuition Mobilize transition

With inspiration for life...
The album, produced by Bill Laswell and Ono, is musically something of a freight train, what with the driving energy of Robbie Shakespeare (bass) and Sly Dunbar (drums) and background vocals by Nona Hendryx, Yolanda Lee Lewis and Bernard Fowler. It is subtitled An Earth Play for Sun and Air, reflecting Ono's and the album's concern with the need to survive.

Ono, now 52 and a proven survivor, spoke on the phone from the New York home she shared with Lennon, just a short walk from Strawberry Fields, a memorial garden to her husband containing plants and trees from 123 nations. Strawberry Fields and an NBC-TV movie about the lives of John and Yoko (which she sanctioned) are part of her continuing efforts to keep alive the music and spirit of John Lennon. Ono's own work seems aimed at keeping alive the spirit of us all.

She is currently editing videos for the new album, and is in various stages of other projects she isn't ready to discuss. She sounded bright and generally enthused.

Mix: The new album is relentlessly positive—

Ono: (laughing) Yes, I'm going to uh... keep on trucking.

Mix: Do you ever feel alone in this attitude?

Ono: Not really. I do get some feedback from people, you know, and there are people who are really being positive. I think things are going to change a bit.



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Mix: In Kurt Vonnegut's new book, Galapagos, he advances the notion that humankind's only hope of survival is to deevolve; that our brains must become smaller for us to avert self-destruction.

Ono: Well, I think that was just meant as a sarcasm. I think that it's quite the opposite. I think that we're getting wiser because of the more complex situation we have to cope with. And I think the next age is going to be the age of wisdom. We are standing at the threshold of the age of wisdom.

Mix: The album seems like a push—a slap on the back. Very encouraging. Was there a single source of inspiration? Ono: This whole album was a result of being with Sean, I think. For instance, early this year I was discussing a few things with my friends, acquaintances, and Sean was there with us. We were discussing in general how the world is going. He just said, "Well, the world is terrible, isn't it? Life is terrible." And I just tried immediately, as any mother would, to say "No, Sean, life is not that terrible, and we can make it better" and whatever the set statement is, you knowto try to make the child not be depressed. But then I thought, "What is this?" This is a terribly conventional thing I'm trying to do to him. And actually, I'm not really working to make the world better. Of course, I'm trying my best, but since 1981 I've had this excuse that I'm only a mother now, and I'm going to take care of Sean and well, John and I have done enough of it, and whatever excuses...

But then I finally realized that if I'm not being myself, then I'm not living. There's that, too. For Sean's sake, and for the next generation, we all have some excuse not to do as much as we want to. I just thought, "well, I'm going to still go on being very outspoken." So, if anything, I think this album is very clear. There is no mystery about it. It's very clear and simple.

Mix: Right. How much more direct could you be than say "I Love You, Earth"? Ono: Yes, and also "Children Power"—obviously Sean is again the inspiration. In that sense, I owe the whole thing to Sean.

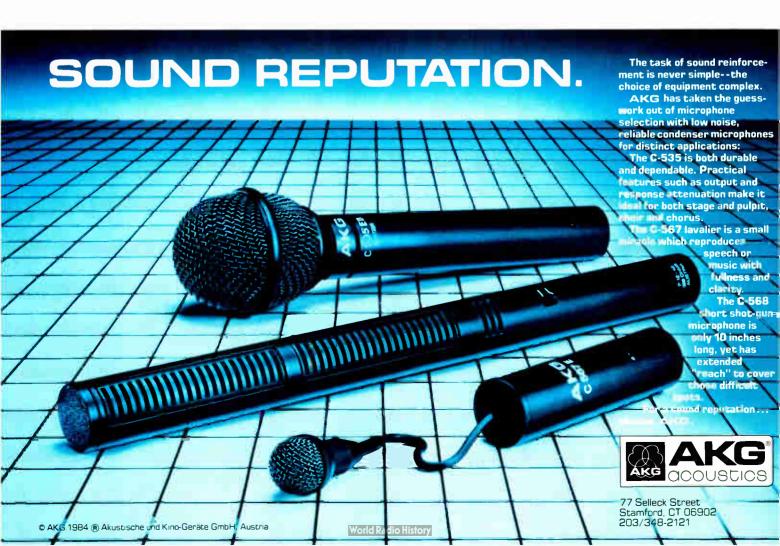
Mix: The music on the record is similarly sweet and accessible as the music on *It's Allright*. Do you still feel you are experimenting musically, as an artist? Ono: I think some of the things that I did in "Hell in Paradise" and also "Cape Clear," for instance, musically were not

just pleasant, but interesting; pushing the barrier a bit. Also, just in the segues, I did enjoy doing a few little things, like always having a little sound of nature or whatever. So there's some things going on...

Mix: I notice your scream is intact. Is that getting any harder to do?

Ono: No. not at all. But I kept it down consciously. In fact, it was very interesting. Bill Laswell is a producer with a very wide range of interest—from Miles Davis to Mick Jagger or whatever. But when you actually work with him, you know that his real love is for something very far out. And when I did "Hell in Paradise" and there's some sort of voice modulation there, I immediately knew that this was something he liked the most. So I said, "Use it sparingly, I'm telling you. Don't overdo this." There's much more that I did, and we made a conscious effort to use it sparingly so as not to offend people.

Mix: On the last album you used Sean's space gun instead of a hi-hat on "I See Rainbows" because you wanted more interesting textures. I hear a lot of percussive sounds on the new record I'm not used to hearing. Did you direct this? Ono: This time around, Bill Laswell



brought in all these very good, top musicians, and they did help in a lot of ways. We didn't bring in space toys or anything like that. We left it pretty much like that, and added some animal sounds. I think the animal sounds are very interesting, too. I made a conscious effort to put them in, because it has to do with the survival of the species as a whole on the globe, and that includes animals as well. So that was to get some help from our friends including all the beautiful animals. Saying we have to survive...

Mix: Some of this theme carries over into "King of the Zoo"?

Ono: It's a double entendre, of course it has to do with how we're treating animals in the zoo, but also, we are the animals as well, in the "zoo."

In 1981, I was still feeling terrible about it all. But every day I would take a walk in Central Park, and somehow I walked through the zoo, you see. And each time I passed the zoo, I kept thinking about John. And, of course, me, too. We were both like animals in the zoo. I kept thinking "king of the zoo..." Just a title I kept thinking. I had the whole vision, but I didn't have the words yet. I wanted to put it on Season of Glass, then later It's Allright, but it just didn't come to me, somehow. And this time around, I made a conscious effort to put it in.

Mix: I assumed it was about John.
Ono: It slipped in there once more. I mean, I didn't want to do it in a way that would make people say, "Oh, no, not again"—"She's not singing about John again"—so "king of the zoo" will do.

Mix: If you are talking about the John and Yoko movie, I have just one guestion. Why?

Ono: OK, one—it was a situation where my back was up against a wall. All the networks asked me to do it. And when I say all the networks, I don't mean just the three networks here in the United States, but in Japan and of course, Great Britain. The situation was that if I didn't OK one, it would just turn haywire in the sense that somebody would make a National Enquirer out of it. I had to consider what to do.

The Japanese networks, in all fairness, had very ample budgets, and their suggestions were just fine. But this was a story about John, and somehow it wasn't right. Britain was another story. They were coming on like "Well, look..." like they owned John. I realized that this is the story of John and Yoko; the two of us as a couple, as two people who became one. I felt that one of the reasons we chose this country to be our country and to live here, to give birth and bring up our child here and live here as a family was just that we believed in the American spirit. We were immigrants.

Actually, an American production would be the best in that sense; to understand us from that point of view—as immigrants. So that's how I looked at it.

Of course, the story can be told in many different ways. The story can be told from a Japanese point of view, because John was extremely interested in the exchange of the West and East, and understanding the East through that, somehow. To bring the East and West together. So his understanding and his love for the East was an incredibly interesting situation, as well. The world would have benefitted from knowing that side of our life. But that's another story. And also, there was the way he grew up in Britain and all that. Yes, Britain has the right to think it owns John, maybe, but somehow John is somebody who transcended all that, and doesn't belong to any nationality, in a way. He became a cosmopolitan person.

It's about a mixed couple living in New York, basically. Eventually, it's that. Then I decided on an American TV crew. So I interviewed them, and I got the top professional production and sort of relied on their expertise. And that's the best I can do. By doing that, once you decide that you're going to allow them to do it, you don't want to be a stage mother who's down there always trying to look into it. Their professional work has to be done without too much interference, you know?

Also, I'm sure you must understand, it's the fifth year since what happened. And I'm very much interested in keeping John's name and spirit going. Because I think it's something that's worthwhile for people to know. So it's a nice way—it's a marvelous opportunity for John and his spirit and his music to be known. It's a whole new audience. There's a whole new generation of people who really don't know about it.

Mix: It doesn't take long...

Ono: Right, it doesn't take long. So I know that everyone asks, "well, what do you think John would have thought of this?" Well, I'm not about to talk for him. But knowing John, I think he would have appreciated the fact that somehow an effort was made to expose his music and his spirit in [laughter] prime time TV, you know. Yes, he was a professional person as well, and he understood that sort of thing—if it's done in the right way.

Mix: People always ask those kinds of questions, "what would John have thought"—

Ono: Well, that's important. I think that it's very important that John's music would get the opportunity to be exposed to a whole new audience as well. This is one way.

So, in a way, my back was against the

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wall, and that's how it happened—but maybe it was a blessing in disguise.

Mix: Sometimes it seems that if you leave things to other people, those things turn out to be—

Ono: Better?

Mix: Or just as good.

Ono: Also, TV needs a professionalism that I don't have, you know. It's totally a different medium. I have directed films and written scripts and all that, but I wouldn't profess to know how to do it in TV

Mix: Being that close to the story doesn't necessarily help, either.
Ono: No, all that as well.

Mix: Strawberry Fields came into being quickly. Did that go as well as you had hoped?

Ono: I still can't believe that yes, it did happen. To observe from the outside, what's so difficult about it? Seems like a simple thing to do. But let me tell you, I could write two books about it. The past four years, how it went, etc. So finally it happened, you know. It's beautiful. There's 123 nations (who contributed to the garden), which is pretty good.

When it was 120, I said, "Hmmmm, 120—that's one and two." Number three. Three is a number of art. I thought, "OK, well, John's artistic." So it's as a result of John's art. Then it was 121. Well, that's four. Four is a foundation. I thought, "Well, OK" 122. That's the world, you see. The people of the world. OKpeople's garden! That's OK. Then I thought, "wouldn't it be great if it's 123?" Because six is a number of love and family, and for Star of Venus. And of course, Star of Venus is a sign for John's astrological sign, Libra, as well. 123! And just as I thought of it, the downstairs office told me the final number is 123. I thought, "Oh, it's so beautiful."

Mix: So each number above 120 would have been somehow appropriate?
Ono: Yes, yes. You know, any number would have done, really, but somehow 123, when it came out to be the family number, was beautiful.

Mix: You were recently part of a New Music Seminar discussion on proposed censorship of rock album lyrics, or rating albums. Did you accomplish something?

Ono: As any new experience, it was just very interesting. I thought I learned a great deal. It was nice to meet the other people, a different age. In the '60s, maybe John and I would have waved flags and marched in the streets, or something. Or went to Washington, D.C. and waved flags or whatever. I think the '80s is more like paperwork time. It's

more complex. Just waving flags is not going to do. As I said in the seminar, I think that, in a way, this might be a blessing in disquise because we're now going to open a dialogue about it. I'm not as naive to think that this is the first time they're talking about censorship. Our songs have been censored without any explanation. John and I went through that experience already. And also up to now, when they want to censor something, maybe some guy just picks up a phone and says [low voice], "OK, drop that line"—and we don't even know that guy. So that has been going on. But I think that because of the Constitution and all that—the legal level as well—I think the Washington ladies are going to have a very hard time doing something about it. I don't think it's going to be much of an issue, really. It was a symbolic statement, and I don't think it's going to have any real practical result.

Mix: Were you pleased with the Barbara Graustark documentary about you? Ono: Yeah, I thought it was pretty good. There are shots that I am not very happy with—just personally you know—did we have to use that ugly shot, or whatever. But again, I think it's very good to leave it to somebody else. I'm one of those people who, before I would even think about it, would usually just do everything myself. And I think that's one of the things I had to learn.

Mix: I'd like to ask about a couple of the songs. "I Love All of Me" seems to suggest cooperation among different people—that everyone is engaged in some kind of struggle—

Ono: And there's no double meaning there. That's just not allowed, you see, when you're talking to someone of the future generation. They're very strong and wise people. It's amazing. So inspiring.

Mix: "Cape Clear"?

Ono: Cape Clear is an Irish cape.

Mix: The song is autobiographical? Ono: Yes, it's autobiographical, I suppose. I went with Sean to a tennis match-Sean led me there, I suppose. It was around February. At that time, I was already thinking about going into the studio. It was time to go into the studio, for me. I was thinking about making a record with all the songs being about mother and child. You know, this dialogue in a one-parent family between mother and child. And I thought that was nice. I had all the songs prepared, and it was an interesting story. It wasn't just personalized. There are many oneparent families these days, and it had pretty general communication value as well, I thought.

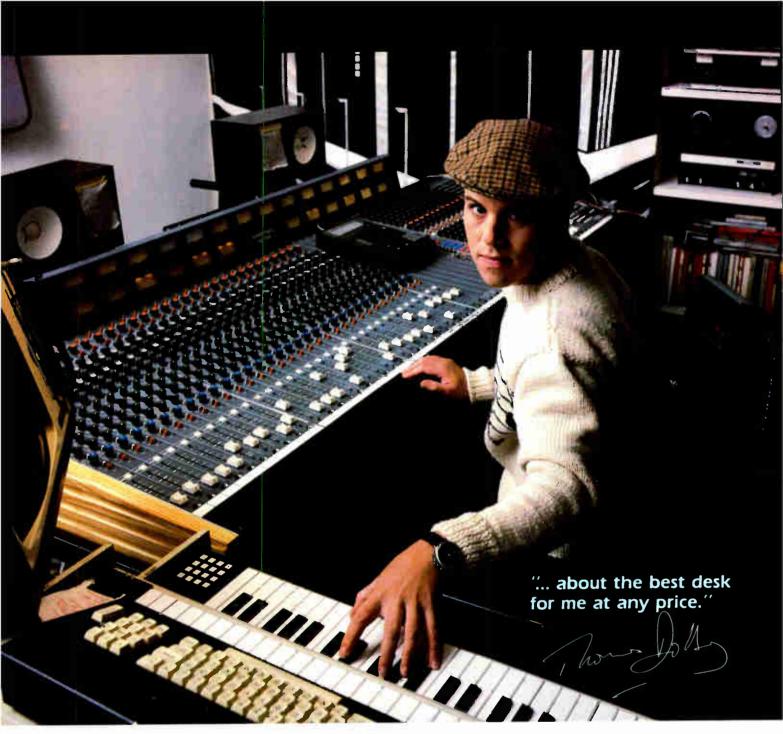
So I was thinking about these things

when Sean and I went to the tennis match. And I was just following the ball, really. Suddenly this Starpeace song came. I said, "Quick, quick! Pencil and paper," and just borrowed paper from somebody behind me and started to write the lyrics. And then I thought, "Why did it come at the time I was watching a tennis match?" Well, of course, I was just following the ball, and the intellect was not interfering for the message to come through me, which is good. But at the same time, I thought, "Why the ball?"

I suddenly realized that maybe we were just gods and goddesses up in the universe a long time ago, just sort of rearranging the balls and spheres or globes, maybe? And that kind of race memory that we have is expressed in these small tennis matches, you know on a very small scale. It reminded me of the days when we used to play with balls up there. That's what I was thinking. And all these songs came to me around that time. I think "Hell in Paradise" was first. Then "Starpeace," "Remember Raven"—those four songs came all at once. So I thought it's not going to be a mother and child album. It's going to be about all of us, and I changed the theme then.

Of course, I didn't realize that this year is Children's Year. Next year is World Peace Year. I didn't know anything about this. I thought 'Starpeace' is such an important communication, and these people came to the recording studio and said, "You know about Halley's Comet?" I said, "No—oh, yes, I'd vaguely heard—it's October and April of next year." I thought there must be something there. Was that a coincidence I thought about at the tennis match? That was really amazing.

But you wanted to know about "Cape Clear." I had a flash about it since John's death—'82 I think. Anyway, what happened was, it was in Amsterdam when we did the bed-in. John and I and Kyoko (her daughter from an earlier marriage) left the hotel and went in the car. All the fans were surrounding the car, and the cops were there, and it was hard to get in the car. Kyoko said, "Oh, I forgot my Teddy bear." John said, "Oh, I'll get you another one," meaning he's the daddy who can get her twenty. I went along with it, too, because it was a sort of physically impossible time to go and get the Teddy bear. But of course, later, John and I both felt very guilty about it, because, well, you can't replace her Teddy bear. So that was just one incident that came back to me in a flash. I was just starting to write the song, you know, and of course I started to realize that it's about me. This time around, I'm the one who lost my Teddy bear, you know. So it's like a combination of Kyoko and me. In that sense it just became—yet



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again, I'm trying to write about Kyoko, but it turns out to be me. Then I thought this was one of the songs I would have to put in the mother/child album, as well.

At the time, it was called "Teddy Bear." Somebody said there was a song called "Teddy Bear" that Elvis made. I don't know any of that, so I thought maybe there is a word that rhymes with Teddy Bear, and I'd better change the title. I thought the first line should be the name of a place, or something. Then it's easier to find one that rhymes with Teddy Bear. But then I thought if I'm going to choose the name of a place, I'd better be careful about this; make sure a nice location is mentioned. Anything, I just

went to look at a world map. It was the weekend, and I was at Cold Spring Harbor, so I went to the library there and started to look through the shelves. I couldn't find a world map. Then I came across a book about Irish castles, and I just opened it. The first thing that hit me was an Irish map with Cape Clear on it.

I realized that Cape Clear is in Clair County, which is a county where John and I had an island. Clair County is spelled c-l-a-i-r, but Cape Clear in Clair County with the same meaning is spelled c-l-e-a-r. And that's the first word that jumped out from this book. All in all, I just took it as a message, because I couldn't find a world map. Cape Clear, which has a double entendre, how beau-

tiful. And I had been looking for the word, Clair, because the French one rhymes with Teddy bear, and Clair was a word I had always liked so mucheven in my childhood. Somehow I liked it—clair de lune—the tone of it. In fact, John and I were saying, "If it's a girl, the name is Clair." And John said, "Don't use Clair, because there are so many Claires in Liverpool." So for the song, I thought I'd find a French location with Clair in it—probably a road or street rue de Clair or whatever. But even when I was going to look at the world map to find Clair, it didn't feel right to use a French name.

So then that was solved by finding the Irish castles book. It's just a very complex feeling that was solved by this concrete situation where this book sort of jumped out from the shelf.

Mix: Albert Goldman is still working on his book about John, which many people fear will be a lurid and uncomplimentary thing. Has he approached you for input? Do you have anything to say about it?

Ono: He hasn't approached me. I've heard so much about this project of his—since '81, or whatever, and everybody's warning me about it. I've heard from fans pleading for me to stop it—legally. So by now, I'm pretty used to this issue. And my feeling is, why don't we just bless him and think of something more positive to do—than to second-guess what he's going to write.

And we have a lot to do, don't we? Right now there are so many incredible things happening. Basically, all of us on earth, I think, are joining together in one thought—that we'd like to bring about a beautiful, peaceful globe. A global peace is what we all want, isn't it? Nobody's arguing about that. Everybody wants it. So in that thought we are sort of unified in a strange way, which is beautiful. Instead of searching for the differences, we should think about the similarities in our thoughts, to try and somehow reach each other. And that's one common denominator.

Mix: What you're saying is exactly in the spirit of the words you wrote on the album, "Rainbow Revelation."

Ono: That's another reason to bring Sean up again. One of the reasons that I think this album is a very practical one. Well, practical is a very strange word, but it is. Let's say that each song is like instructions, almost, or suggestions. I'm hoping that through the songs and the written introduction that people might find a way to make life easier. That's all.

Mix: Well, that's enough.

Ono: Well, I hope so. I hope it would help some people.

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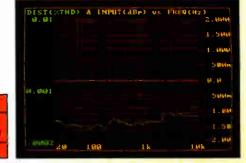
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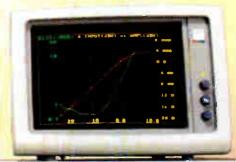
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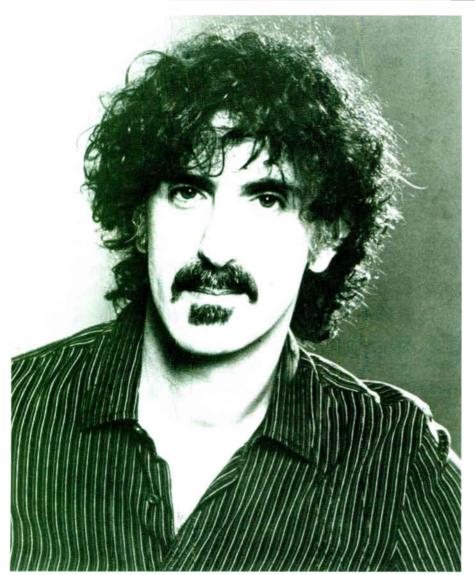
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by Rip Rense

In the beginning, there were the Wives. And the Wives did look upon the music of the children, and they did say, "Lo! This music is obscene." Then did come forth the Husbands. And the Husbands were senators, and they did look upon the music of the children, and they did say, "Lo! Yes, dear, the music is obscene."

And then there was Frank Zappa. And Frank Zappa did summon the power of

Art, and lo, he did change the voices of the Husbands into music itself. And yea, verily did Zappa cause the Husbands to sing the very things the Wives thought obscene.

And then he rested—his case. Why'd ya do it, Frank?

"Well, because I thought they needed to have something nice in their stockings for Christmas."

It is probable that Zappa had other reasons for recording "Porn Wars," the avant-garde piece on his latest album, Frank Zappa vs. the Mothers of Prevention. It is probable that those reasons have something to do with fighting proposed censorship of pop music.

Whatever the reason, "Porn Wars" will long have a bizarre niche in music history. Seven U.S. senators of anti-"porn rock" leanings plus the Reverend Jeff Ling of the Parents Music Resource Center—all chanting and howling about "gratification," "incest," "rape," "filth," and, well...

Among recurrent motifs in the work: *Sen. Paula Hawkins (R-Fla.) snapping "fire and chains and other objectionable tools of gratification in some twisted minds" and "burrrrrn! burrrrrn!"

*Sen. Paul S. Trible Jr. (R-Va.) barking 'rape!"

*Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings chattering like a chipmunk, "maybe I could make a good rock star..."

*PMRC consultant Rev. Ling reading lyrics from a Mentors LP, including a phrase made famous on national television, "bend up and smell my anal vapors."

All of these words—and other words and phrases taken from the Senate Commerce Committee hearings on "porn rock" (or "pone rock," as Hollings calls it) are set against a backdrop of phase music and musique concrete passages—plus cosmic hog snorts, and an interjection first recorded for Zappa's 1968 ballet, "Lumpy Gravy": "This must be the end of the world. All the people turning into pigs and ponies. I can't let it happen to me."

The voices were programmed into a Synclavier digital computer system, and manipulated by Zappa and the Barking Pumpkin Digital Gratification Consort (Zappa plus engineer Bob Stone and Synclavier specialist Bob Rice) in tones ranging from "lowland gorilla" to "mosquito"—a nightmare undoubtedly never dreamed of by the "guest artists." But face it, senators—meeting you proved a nightmare for Zappa.

"You testify before one of those senate hearings and see how arrogant those bastards are," Zappa said. "They have blown themselves out of all proportion to reality...I can't blanketly accuse them all of being shitheads. I thought Exon was okay (Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb.). And I don't hate Danforth (Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo.). I do resent the fact that he would chair a committee when his wife was involved in part of the thing.

"But there are people there I wouldn't

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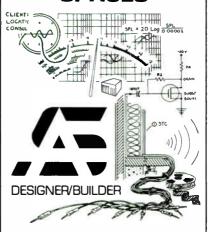
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trust with a plumbing job or anything else. They have no business writing laws for people."

The senators, under pressure from the PMRC, were considering much more than a "ratings system" for albums before, Zappa said, "I came along and said 'this is stupid." The PMRC originally, he said, gave a long list of demands to the commerce committee—including the censorship of concert performances. After the committee members read an advanced copy of Zappa's statements—which refuted the PMRC demands point-by-point on legal grounds—the PMRC modified its demands to only the "ratings system." Zappa's now-famous testimony of Sept. 19 addressed only this aspect.

Zappa has since been on a bonafide crusade, taking his campaign to every radio and TV station that will give him air time. He has spoken at Harvard University, and even made Nightline one memorable evening, eliciting patronizing compliments from Ted Koppel, apparently nervous that Zappa was going to say something you shouldn't on national TV. (Koppel repeatedly advised Zappa that he is "intelligent" and "articulate" after Zappa used the word "crap.")

So omnipresent was Zappa at one point that a spokesperson for the PMRC told this writer:

"Oh, good night! That man—there's no stopping him! Incredible. I don't know what his schedule is. He's everyplace! I think there's ten of him. I think Frank Zappa has been cloned!"

Zappa sees it another way—that the issue was ubiquitous. It sold soap.

"You have these wives of people in high places with their collars buttoned up to here, and they're so pure, and so nice, and so connected—and they come out with what appears on the surface to be this worthy noble cause and the media gives 'em mass exposure because it sells deodorant like crazy. You get to talk about sex, rape—you get it all in one package, and you don't need to show anything except the videos, which are free from the record companies."

Aides to the senators and Ling expressed everything from outrage to amusement over "Porn Wars." A spokesperson for Hawkins burst into laughter, and a source reported the senator found the idea "funny." Only a spokesperson for Sen. Slade Gorton (R-Wash.) seemed unhappy, and issued this brusque statement: "The senator really wishes there'd be more interest... in the federal deficit and things that mean things to people... The senator has better things to do than pay any attention to Frank Zappa."

(This, perhaps, was not surprising, considering that the senator's denunciation of Zappa during the committee hearings is on "Porn Wars," punctuated by hog snorts of godly proportion.)

No stranger to four-letter words in his recordings, Zappa feels that freedom of expression is an issue here—and that the senate's interest is fueled not only by Washington Wives, but by those good of societal building blocks, Money and Power. The record industry, it is widely thought, hoped that putting warning labels on LPs would sufficiently placate the senators and ensure passage of a bill to charge royalties on blank tapes.

Quoth Zappa:

"The senators are getting voter appeal by looking so just and concerned and so forth. On the other hand, they're playing power politics with the record industry, which is a \$4.4 billion-a-year business. So they can make the industry put on brown lipstick, and they're exalting themselves as senators. I think the whole bunch of them ought to be shipped out. They need to be raided. I asked for that in my congressional testimony."

The worst, he warned, has yet to come. Another four-initial group called PASS (Parents Against Subliminal Seduction) is seeking to censor rock concerts in San Antonio, Texas (a big heavy metal market) on the grounds that the shows are unhealthful. They've hired a psychologist to determine what legal age it should be "proper and healthful" to attend a live rock show.

"They're going to circumvent the First Amendment guestion," Zappa said, "by making it a health issue. And if they pass ordinances accordingly, those ordinances will be used as models by every other town in the country that wants to do the same thing. The PMRC brought all of these dipshits out of the woodwork."

Meanwhile, Zappa is relentless. He is producing an hour-long video concerning the issue—featuring animation and highlights of the hearings. He does not believe that testimony and television debates will stem proposed censorship.

"The only hope is the 18-year-old vote. If every 18-year-old voter in the U.S. registered to vote, you'd change the balance of power overnight. It's the only way you can fight it," he said.

And lo, did Frank Zappa seek to foretell the future:

"If the kids don't take the needle out of their arm or the beer out of their mouth, or whatever, and go down there and register, you can predict the bleakest beiged-out future. There's no way around it."

The SynthAxe Controller

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The people who designed the Synth-Axe started with the right idea: that "the conventional method of generating syn-





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thesizer control signals from a guitar by pitch-to-voltage conversion was inherently fraught with problems and limitations"—the rich and ever-changing harmonics of a vibrating string and the difficulty of tracking its envelope, etc. So they set out to create a new instrument that allows a guitarist to control a synthesizer without having to make huge changes in his playing technique.

The SynthAxe actually has two sets of strings—a conventional-looking fretboard for the left hand and a separate set of six short "trigger" strings that are picked, plucked and strummed by the right. The trigger strings are velocity sensing and interface with the synthesizer much the same way a velocity-sensing keyboard does; depending on the synthesizer being used, the strings can modulate VCA levels, filter effects, attack and/or release times, etc. And damping can be done with either the left or right hand, as it is with "old-fashioned" guitars.

Pitch bend is tracked by a combination of sensing devices. A string bend code adjusts the pitch information for each fretted string, and an independent "whammy bar" (similar in action to the traditional kind) alters the pitch of

all six strings equally.

The neck and trigger are at an angle relative to one another—the result, the manufacturer says, of extensive ergonomic research. Since it wasn't necessary to space the frets according to harmonic relationships, the fretboard has a two-octave range and both ends can be reached and fingered comfortably—thanks to that angled neck.

Because of the fundamentally percussive nature of guitar dynamics, it was necessary to add sustain controls to the SynthAxe. Six piano-style keys, played by the right hand, control sustain for each individual string and are both velocity and pressure sensitive. There are also bass and treble group trigger keys, each relating to three strings independently of the others. A master trigger key, played with the heel of the right hand, fires off all six strings together and allows the player to hold a sixstring chord with the heel of his hand while playing individual and group trigger keys with fingers and thumb.

In addition, an automatic trigger feature (with two switches for convenience) enables triggering with the left hand only, so left-hand runs can be combined with two-handed trigger string or trigger key passages. The left-hand trigger switches also have a locking mode which enables two-handed fretboard playing.

A set of pedals (standard equipment) add automatic hold, automatic capo and left hand string damp disable (cancelling touch sensing on the pitch strings) functions.

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The SynthAxe can be connected to as many as eight synthesizers at once via the SynthAxe console. MIDI is the standard interface, with others available by special arrangement.

The idea for Synth Axe began in England in 1977 when composer and sound-track producer Bill Aitken became frustrated by his lack of keyboard technique and started looking for a way to express himself the way he could on guitar. He discussed his problem with engineer Mike Dixon, a guitarist and senior engineer at the studio Aitken was using, but more than a year passed before the two began collaborating on a solution. Dixon brought in another BBC engineer who found the idea challenging: digital designer Tony Sedivy.

A wrecked Yamaha CS80 was salvaged for sound generating electronics, and the breadboarding and experimentation began in earnest. By 1980, a one-octave fingerboard with discrete logic was transmitting pitch data to a Data General Nova mini-computer, which in turn drove a digital-to-analog interface with the CS80 electronics.

Research continued and the principals' careers progressed, and by 1982 Dixon was sales manager for Solid State Logic. Through his friend Rod Vickery of the Virgin Group Ltd., he persuaded Virgin to underwrite the SynthAxe project.

By this time the state of the synthesis art had evolved considerably. In addition to digital sound generation, the MIDI standard had been adopted and was spreading through the industry—making it possible for the SynthAxe to be optimized as a controller, and freeing the designers from concern with

sound generation. The pace of the story picks up from that point, with acquisition of a Fairlight for software development, prototyping, field testing and input from guitarists, the addition of mechanical designer Ken Steel to the team—and finally, introduction of the product itself in England in mid-1984.

SynthAxe will be shown at the Winter NAMM show in Anaheim this month. For further information contact the U.S. representative, Russ Jones, at (818) 993-4091 in Los Angeles.

Hank and Willie:

Duet with a Dead Man

by Rose Clayton

More than 30 years after his death, Hank Williams (Sr.) is one of the participants in Willie Nelson's ten-year (with CBS) anniversary duet collection, *Half Nelson*, along with Merle Haggard, Ray Charles, Julio Iglesias, Neil Young, and others.

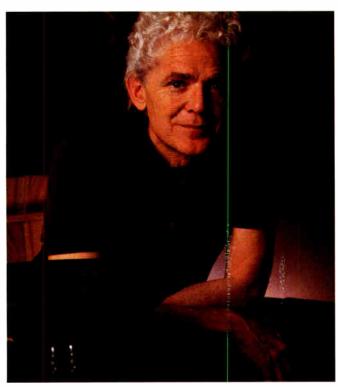
The project was a labor of love involving the research staff of the Country Music Foundation, Acuff-Rose Publishing, and CBS Records. The song, "I Told a Lie to My Heart," has never been released previously in any form, and in fact existed only as a demo disk recorded by Hank in late 1946 or early '47 when he became a staff writer for Acuff-Rose Publishing.

Researchers at the Country Music Foundation discovered the song in a collection of original demo recordings that had been preserved by Columbia Records staff producer Art Satherly and turned over to the CMF in 1983. In 1984, the CMF collaborated with Polygram Records on Rare Takes and Radio Cuts, a ten-song collection of previously unissued material and rare transcriptions from the CMF's collection. The project was compiled, researched and produced by the CMF's principal researcher Bob Pinson.

In the spring of '85, Pinson released 12 of the tunes Polygram had refused as *Just Me and My Guitar* on CMF Records. Seven of these songs had never been released in any form, and the rest were early versions of Hank's best-known songs. A bonus cut is "The Log Train," which Pinson says may have been Hank's last recording.

Hank's performance of "I Told a Lie to My Heart" was so excellent that CMF director Bill Ivey and the Foundation staff began searching for a way to make the recording contemporary without violating the original. Ivey approached Wesley Rose of Acuff-Rose and Rick Blackburn of CBS Records Nashville with the idea of a duet between Hank and Willie Nelson. Both Blackburn and

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Rose responded enthusiastically, and followed up with a written proposal to CBS.

"Willie called me from Hawaii as soon as he got the cassette," Ivey relates. "We agreed that we would take the original cut into the studio and add enough rhythm guitar to kick off the piece and allow space for Willie to add a guitar solo in the middle.

"The technical problems in adding guitar to Hank's original demo were formidable," Ivey continues. "The song had been cut direct to a 78 rpm acetate disk, using one microphone to pick up Hank's voice and guitar. There were numerous clicks and pops audible on the original disk, along with the hissing noise common to 78s." In addition, the frequency response limitations of the medium meant the guitar lacked the clarity of tone found in modern tape recordings.

"The performance itself was also a problem," Ivey says, "because it was quite informal and presented metrical and melodic inconsistencies." And because it was a publishing demo, the beginning and ending of the song were both abrupt, and Hank left no space where an instrumental solo could be inserted.

Ivey decided to add two measures of rhythm guitar at the beginning and a

verse of rhythm guitar to the middle for Willie's solo. "The goal at this stage of the project," explains Ivey, "was to produce a Hank Williams rendition of 'I Told a Lie to My Heart' that would also sound like a completely original Williams recording from front to end."

Ivey determined that Hank's original performance was pitched between the keys of D and E flat, and that he was playing the C position on his guitar using a capo on either the second or third fret. "I suspect he was playing either a large-body Gibson or a Martin—probably a Martin; the D string was slightly out of tune," he says. "I ended up using a Harmony Sovereign, with vinyl tape on the bridge covering about an eighth of an inch of the strings."

Engineer Rick McCollister and Woodland Sound Recording were recruited to duplicate the original sound of Hank's guitar. An old microphone was selected and covered with cloth. Background noise was taken from the inner groove of the demo disk and mixed in behind the new guitar part to match the sound of the original.

The result, according to Ivey, "was a complete recording with an additional guitar that kept intact the sound of the original performance. We sent this to Willie at his studio in Texas, and he

added the guitar solo and harmony vocals."

Says Nelson, "I always pick people to sing whose voice I want to hear with mine. Naturally, never thought of recording with Hank Williams. It was real exciting and real interesting. I was honored to get to do it."

The resulting recording sounds as though Willie Nelson went back in time to join Hank Williams, rather than bringing Williams into the present. "The dignity of the final product" is the project's reward, says Ivey. "Making the history of country music relevant in the present is what the Country Music Foundation is all about."

Robert Cray's Blues Out of Bounds

by Robin Tolleson

Bluesman Robert Cray is hoping what he's heard is true—that artists who gain big followings in England soon follow suit in the States.

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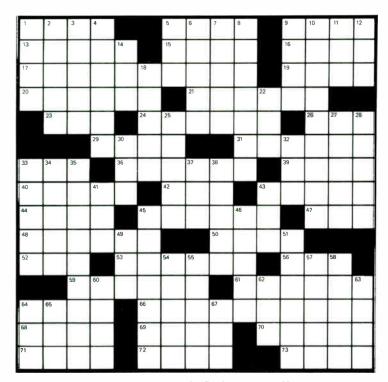
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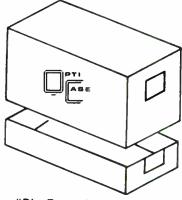
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hit #1 on the British independent charts (according to Melody Maker), and has risen into the Pop Top 20 to boot. For the 32-year-old guitarist and vocalist, it means getting stopped by strangers on the English streets. "I like that," he smiles.

Thrilled as he is by the success of False Accusations, Cray is already looking forward to working on his next album. "I've got some nice ideas for it," he notes. "I just broke up with my last girlfriend—'Bob not home. Bob gone too much'-so there's more inspiration now.

Since starting his recording career on the Tomato label in 1980 with Who's Been Talkin', Cray and his band have worked an average of 250 nights a year. In 1984, he received four W.C. Handy National Blues Awards, among them Contemporary Artist of the Year

and Contemporary Album of the Year (for Bad Influence).

"A lot of those songs on Bad Influence were put together at a time when I was splitting up with this one girl; the song 'Bad Influence' was actually written about her. She knows that now, so it's all right," Cray says with a smile.

'For this new album, there's a lot of cheatin' and lyin' songs. It's not really that all this was going on, even though some of it was. What we basically try to do is write stories about life situations, and they call it the blues. Love and no love—just life. That's what we feel comfortable with."

Cray was introduced to the rigors of touring at a very early age, courtesy of the United States military. His father's Army duties took the family to Georgia, Washington, Alabama, Virginia and Germany during Robert's childhood. The elder Cray was a lover of blues and gospel music, and Robert's first musical influences came from his father's record collection as he tinkled at the family piano.

'When I got a guitar in '65, it was because the Beatles came out and everybody got guitars," Robert recalls. "I was playing everything that was happening on the radio. I listened to B.B. King, Freddie King, started buying records of Magic Sam and Buddy Guy...I listened to everything—country blues, Robert Johnson, and even played a little bottleneck for a minute. I was really into B.B.'s sweet touch and Otis Rush's nice touch—real smooth. And then I liked the crazy style and percussive attack of Albert Collins. I liked the crazy guys and I liked them real smooth, too.

Gospel singers, blues belters, and even soul-stirrers like Sam Cooke have influenced Cray's vocal style. "One of my favorite singers is a guy named O.B. Wright, who passed on about three years ago. I like cats like Johnny Taylor, Bobby Bland...I like those smoother crooners, and again the total opposite same way I like my guitar players one way and the other, too.

From 1966 to '68, during the days when the soul of Stax Records was at its strongest, Cray was living in Virginia and discovering soul radio. There weren't any soul stations in the Northwest, where he'd been living. In the late '60s, he recalls, "you'd hear Sam and Dave and then you'd hear the Lovin' Spoonful. AM radio was like that...In Virginia, though, you had a lot more soul music on the air, mixed with gospel and other things.

Cray also listened to a lot of music while his family was in Germany, at least in part because he couldn't understand German television. But he had Armed Forces Radio to listen to, and the family bought a lot of records.

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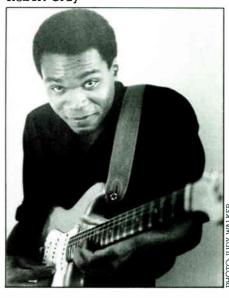
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Robert Cray



"When we were there, my parents were in their early thirties; they'd have parties, and you couldn't help but hear the music. I just always listened to music, everywhere."

And he played. "I guess traveling around had a lot to do with it, because when I moved to a new town I was shy about going out and meeting new friends right away, so I would stay inside and play my guitar."

In 1974 Cray formed a band in Eugene, Oregon, with bassist Richard Cousins and harmonica player Curtis Salgado. They began backing Albert Collins on tours up and down the West Coast—an association that continues to this day: Cray appears with Collins and Johnny Copeland on a new Alligator Records release, Showdown. "Albert's like 'Dad' in a way," says Cray. "It was really nice to do a record together. We pretty much knew how to back Albert up, so it was real nice to be able to do that in the studio and trade solos."

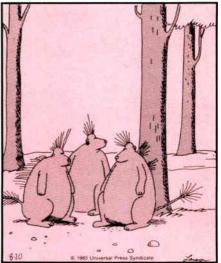
Recording engineer Bill Dashiell has worked on all three of the Robert Cray Band's albums—in between the group's extensive tours. "It takes so long to do them," he observes, "because they go out for months on end. You're working for a week solid and—BAM!—they're gone again. This latest album took more than a year to put together.

"Robert's performance is real consistent, and always good because he's out there playing all the time. His chops are always kept at a certain level. If anything, sometimes he's a little tired when he comes in off the road."

Cray, says Dashiell, "is not studiooriented, so he doesn't demand much. He's interested in the overall performance. In fact, he usually isn't even there for the mixes because he's out on the road." The tracks were recorded in Los Angeles at Sage & Sound and the Music Lab, and overdubs were done in the warehouse-sized room at Haywood's.

Dashiell likes to use an M-49 to record

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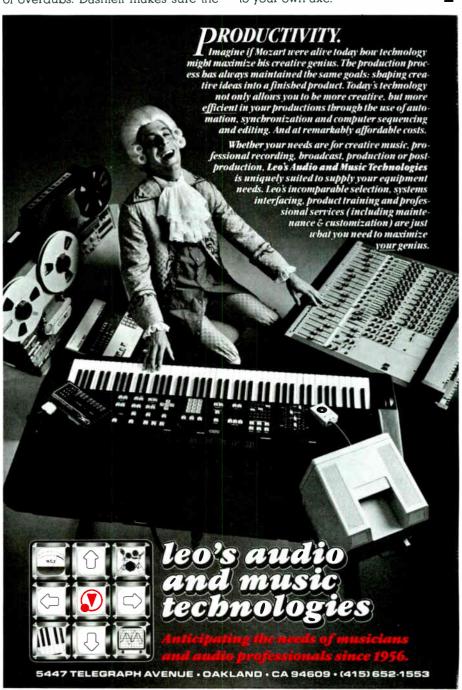
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Cray's vocals ("I'm a tube guy"), and he uses the same mic for the room sound on the guitar. He puts a heavy dynamic mic—an SM57 or Sennheiser 421—right on Cray's guitar speaker. There aren't a lot of effects in the guitar sound. "Those that we use, generally speaking, come right out of the amp," says the engineer. "He might snatch a box from somewhere, a phaser or compressor or something, and then I do the usual amount of squeezing when I record it, and I add a little bit of echo.

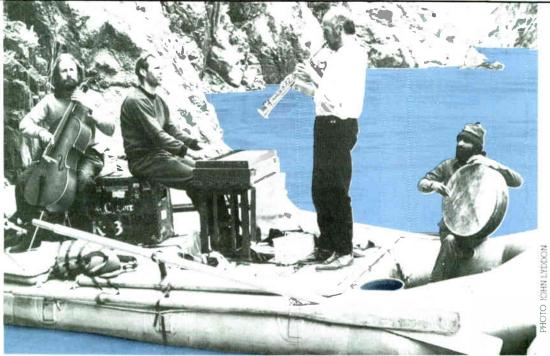
"Mainly I try to get it in a nice, live room to begin with so it's nice and beefy. Robert likes that treble range—his voice and guitar are always very bright and trebly."

The Cray Band records together in the studio, preferring to use a minimum of overdubs. Dashiell makes sure the levels are good and conditions optimal even when Cray is doing "reference" vocals, because chances are the singer will nail it on an early take. The same goes for guitar solos. "We put him in a booth, and he sings and plays along," says Dashiell. "Sometimes he'll get a good guitar solo, but we do have the option of redoing it if we need to."

In forging his new blues from the different styles of music he loves, Robert Cray hasn't looked solely to guitarists for instrumental inspiration. "There are certain notes and things by certain people, somebody funky like King Curtis—maybe Charlie Parker might have laid down a line, something real simple and short, but maybe I can get an idea from it. You can get ideas from any instrument. You can take it and apply it to your own axe."



PLAYBACK



Playing on the Colorado River(L-R): Eugene Friesen, Paul Halley, Paul Winter, Glen Velez.

PAUL WINTER'S STUDIO IN THE WILD

by Bruce C. Pilato

"Everytime I try to put words together to describe my experience in the Grand Canyon," says saxophonist and naturalist Paul Winter, "I fall all over myself. It's beyond the meager power that words have to describe life. My best answer is

simply in my music."

This past October, Paul Winter was finally able to unleash Canyon Consort, a musical dream that had consumed his energies for over 12 years. An album and film documentary recorded throughout the Grand Canyon and in New York's Cathedral of St. John The Divine, (the world's largest Gothic church), it chronicles his remarkable search for the ultimate ambience, and more so, the supreme musical inspiration. A true labor of love, the project is the result of four extended (and often treacherous) recording expeditions through the Grand Canyon and several separate sessions recorded at the cathedral, both over a five-year period. The estimated cost was nearly \$350,000.

"The Canyon and the cathedral have such an overwhelming impact on you as a person that anything you do there is done from a more holistic space within yourself," he says. "You feel put back together; connected to the earth. The power of nature, or in the case of the cathedral, the power of the architecture, has the effect of awakening the senses and clearing the mind, at the same time. The arrogant chatterbox that runs us most of the time is sort of disarmed by the overwhelming power of the spaces. As a result, you become more integrated."

In the effort to merge the natural sounds of the Canyon with their own serious musical compositions, Winter and his group, The Consort, spent over two months there (in four different trips), transporting their instruments, recording and film gear, and living supplies in rubber rafts, down the Colorado River and over spectacular rapids. The additional recordings which begin and end the project are taken from the cathedral where Winter is an artist-in-residence.

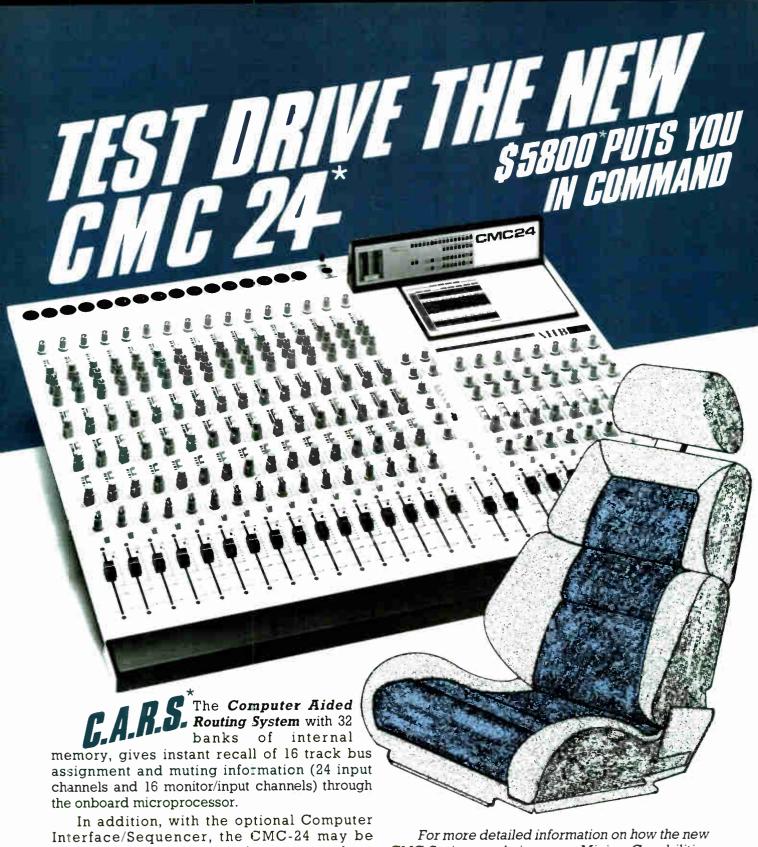
The result can be seen in a breath-taking hour-long film, made by David Vassar and John Lyddon, and scheduled to be aired on PBS. Highlighted by the brilliant natural scenery of the Canyon, and the Consort's gentle score, it was mixed by three-time Academy Award winner Mark Berger. It has also been recently released on a Hi-fi stereo home video cassette and has become one of the fastest selling nature-oriented videos ever. The record and CD are just as effective, and are available on Winter's own Living Music Records.

"This is not simply music inspired by the Grand Canyon; this is music of the Canyon," says Winter of the album. "We tried as much as possible to let the echoes, waterfalls, bird calls and other natural sounds guide us. Although we have barely touched the challenge of translating the spirit of the Canyon into sound, we are proud of this first step."

At 46, Winter is among the most popular of the "New Age" jazz musicians, though that is a category he does not particularly like to be associated with. Winter prefers to call what he does "living" or "earth" music because it is played completely on acoustic instruments and is usually combined with wilderness recordings of animals.

Coming from a long and illustrious musical family tradition—members of his father's family were among the first to play the saxophone in the United States, after it had been invented in France in the late 19th Century—Winter formed his first jazz sextet, a bebop group, in 1960, after a stint with the Les Elgard Big Band.

After a series of seven albums produced by the legendary John Hammond for Columbia, the sextet was asked to perform a Good Will tour of Latin America by The U.S. State Department. Upon returning, the group became the first



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During the late '60s, Winter changed the focus of the group toward a more ethnic musical style, and changed the name to the Consort. He recorded four albums for A&M, one of which, Road, was taken to the moon by the Apollo 15 astronauts, who, in turn, named two craters on the surface after songs from the record.

In 1972, Winter broke through the mainstream market with the hauntingly beautiful *Icarus* album, produced by George Martin. In his autobiography, which is primarily an account of his years with The Beatles, Martin calls *Icarus* "the finest album I have ever made."

Though it was *Icarus* that gave Winter his broadest audience and largest recognition (he played dates with the likes of Peter, Paul & Mary, Procol Harum and even one show with then-unknown Bruce Springsteen), it wasn't until 1979's *Common Ground* album that Winter began recording the series of records that would fuse his music with the sounds of the natural world.

That album, which contained recordings of Winter playing to and with groups of wolves, whales and birds, was also the album that brought him together with a small, but dedicated, group of musical supporters, recording engineers, and environmentalists, who became the basic organization behind the Canyon project. Among them were Sam West, a former

ranger for The National Parks Service, who guided Winter through the Canyon; Chris Brown, currently Living Music Records vice president and chief engineer; and Mickey Houlihan, a wilderness audio engineer who has done all of Winter's outdoor recordings.

'All of us who are in this are operating from a larger sense than to make some records, put them out and make some money," says Brown, who in addition to doing many of the album's mixes, was also in charge of the album's postproduction and editing. "The thing that drives us is the fact that all of us share a strong concern for the fate of the human race and the future of the environment. This is a critical enough time for humanity that some of us need to operate in a moral fashion," Brown adds. "We're here to make a contribution to the quality of people's lives, and in the specific case of Paul Winter, in concern for the plight of our environment. Personally, in 20 years, I feel we will be living in an environmental horror film; places like [New York's polluted] Love Canal will be everywhere."

Most of the others involved in the project feel likewise. In short, the Canyon Consort was the result of a benevolent obsession for about two dozen people, spearheaded by Paul Winter.

Winter first saw the Grand Canyon while touring the U.S. in 1963. He says while playing his horn for fun at the south rim of the Canyon, he imagined the echoes down inside to be extraordinary. Ten years later, while on tour for *Icarus*, he stopped there again and hiked part way down with his sax. "It was then and there that I decided to bring the band someday to make an album," he says.

It would be a challenge that took seven years and countless attempts to raise money (by means of environmentally conscience investors), to fulfill. In 1979, Winter was introduced to Mickey Houlihan, a former psychotherapist specializing in hypnosis and an avid member of Greenpeace, who Winter calls "a true man of the earth." Through their joint interest in whales and other environmental issues, they began working together. Houlihan soon abandoned his profession to become a wilderness recording engineer helping Winter make albums.

"I created a little niche for myself," says Houlihan, who is now based in Colorado, where he runs a small wilderness record label called Wind Over the Earth. "I couldn't compete in studios as a marketable item, but I loved being outdoors and I loved listening."

Houlihan also used his work in hypnosis to study how the pace and frequency of sounds affect us unconsciously. "We're so visually oriented, but you can close your eyes and not see something. You can't, however, close your

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Without any formal training as an audio engineer, and mostly through his work with Winter, Houlihan soon became known as one of the leading outdoor recorders in the country; the difference between Houlihan and others in the field is probably that he looks at projects such as the Canyon recordings as a naturalist first, and an audio engineer second.

"Here's this incredible special moment and it's not like, 'Take four!' It's like, 'This is it!' And if you get caught up in technology, you miss that experience which is why you're there in the first place. So, you learn to experience what's going on, and if it gets recorded, then great. You want your recording to be second nature; you never want it to interfere with being there."

His biggest challenge as a wilderness engineer and in his work with Winter in particular, is in bringing sensitive studio equipment into areas where there is wind, dust, water, sand, salt and other adverse conditions. "You can never take enough backup to prepare for what can go wrong," he says, "so you end up learning to trust the equipment and nature. You can cover the equipment as best as possible, but at some point you just learn to trust, and that trust is what makes the whole thing so alluring."

For the Canyon recordings, all the instruments and recording gear were packaged into waterproof bags and shipped down river on the same rubber rafts that carried the musicians, technicians, guides and their supplies. The original intention was to make one trip through the Canyon and record it for an album in 1980. But soon after that trip was completed, Winter and the Consort knew they had just begun what would become an immense project. Three other trips followed in 1981, '83 and '85. Although the record features recordings from all four trips, the film was made only from the '83 expedition.

Sam West, Winter's guide through the Canyon, provided the hands-on knowledge for where to go to record. Winter felt his contribution was so important that he credited him as co-producer of the album. After the second trip, Winter returned to specific side canyons and spent several days recording in them. But the hardest part was getting there. The only way into the heart of the Canyon was by rubber raft on the Colorado River. Keeping the equipment and the instruments dry and protected was one thing—keeping themselves alive, was yet another.

"When you are late in the city you get caught in rush hour traffic and that's a great inconvenience," says Houlihan. "When you're late in the Canyon, you get caught in the rapids at dark and that's a life-threatening situation."

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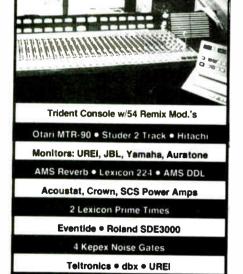


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According to Houlihan, recording in the Grand Canyon was filled with more surprises than anyone could imagine. Most of the recordings had to be done either in the very early morning or the late evening, since during the day, the Canyon is constantly buzzing with the sound of sightseeing planes. In addition, midday was often spent packing and unpacking, eating, and just rowing up the 250-mile-long river.

The music was recorded on a 2-track analog Nagra model 4S tape machine at 15 ips on Scotch 226 7-inch reels. Most of the recordings were done with an AKG C-22 stereo mic. Everything had to run on batteries, including the Nagra, which used 12 D-sized batteries at a time. On an average trip, Houlihan would use over 200 of them.

There were no monitors of any kind used during the recordings, with the exception of headphones which were plugged into the tape deck. Houlihan also did not use a mixer; he recorded everything live to stereo, with the mics going directly into the tape deck.

"I set the mix by arranging the musicians," Houlihan says. "If you need more cello, then you move him in a little closer or you turn the sax away, or whatever. It's just all I can do to arrange that ambient space.

"If you're working in an ambient space like some of those acoustics of the Canyon, and if you can find an arrangement of the musicians where they can both hear each other and balance each other, then they can play with each other without having an audio engineer set the balance. Any changes in the dynamics, whether in an individual's instrument or in that of an ensemble, is audible to them. Everybody hears what's going on without headphones.

"What recording outdoors does," Houlihan continues, "is create a variety of unique situations. The creative part comes in trying to work within those forces."

For Winter's journey through the Canyon, Houlihan had to develop several specialized systems to help the equipment cope with the conditions. To avoid a print-through problem when the temperature would reach as high as 104 degrees, he designed a water cooling process that encircled the metal case containing the tape reels. To enable recording in wet areas, he designed a special foam mic covering dunked in Scotchquard.

But the biggest problem was wind. In order to capture the true ambience of the Canyon, the instruments were often recorded as far as 75 yards away. With the aid of George Countryman (president of Countryman Microphones), Houlihan developed an effective windscreen made up of several metal rings welded together in a globe fashion and covered with a silkscreen material.

"When it comes to windscreens, it's not how dense it is, but rather how far it is from the mic. With this one, we were able to record in a 30-mile-an-hour wind with virtually no rumble," says Houlihan.

"There's two things that go on in the Canyon: the inspiration and the acoustics. You might find a place that is really inspiring visually, but the acoustics are just nothing. For instance, the river might be roaring by at 80 decibles."

After the last of the Canyon recordings were finished, Winter decided to supplement the project with some cathedral recordings, designed "to evoke the spirits of the Canyon." Recording in the Cathedral of St. John The Divine presented an entirely different set of challenges. Using the Fedco remote truck and recording with an MCI 16-track, the engineers had to cope with the different kind of noise problems of ambient recording in a large, enclosed setting.

"Paul's got a very sensitive approach to the space where he's recording," says Leanne Ungar, who, with Dixon Van Winkle, did most of the cathedral recordings, and mixed some of the Canyon tracks as well. "He wants to hear it. What's the point of being there if it's not gonna come creeping into the microphone and give you the sense of being there?

"We had pairs of ambient AKG 414 mics sprinkled all over the cathedral and recorded them all because it does have its strange places," she adds. "We also rented these great old Neumann tube mics because Paul likes a warm sound on his sax and all the horns on the record. If you listen, you'll hear there's much less high-end definition than on horn sounds found on, say, most pop records.

"We spent a lot of time walking him around the cathedral trying to find the right place where the ambience of the room joined the sax to make that sound that he liked."

For Winter and Chris Brown, who was in charge of post-production, the hardest part was choosing what pieces to include. There were over 80 reels of tape to edit, and there still remains enough material for four more albums.

The mixdown sessions done at Winter's own Living Music Studio located on his Connecticut farm, altered little on the initial remote recordings.

"We did a lot of selective equalization, right down to the mastering sessions," says Brown. "We literally had Bob Ludwig ducking and doing momentary equalization to compensate for the noise problems. The players would be 60 to

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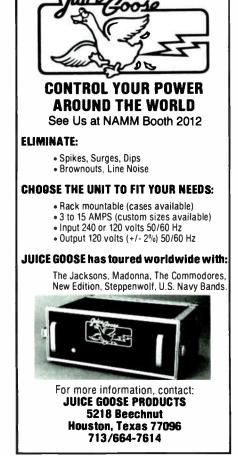
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70 feet from the mics, so obviously we had a lot of signal-to-noise problems, especially on those 2-track tapes. But we had to record it that way for the sound. I mean, you don't go in the Grand Canyon and make a direct recording of someone playing the saxophone. You can do that in your own backyard."

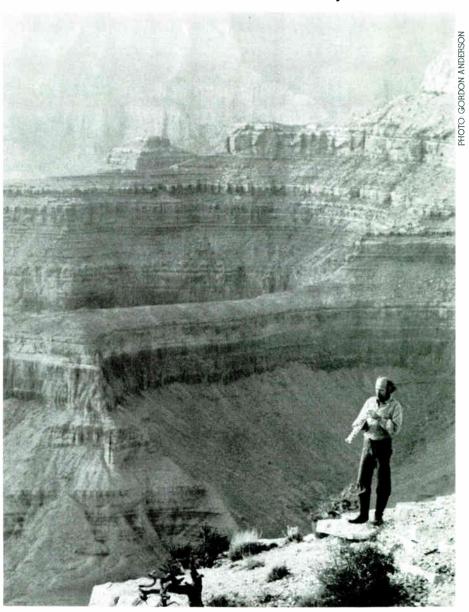
Although several guest musicians appear on the *Canyon* album, most of the music was made by the basic core of musicians who make up the Consort, mainly Eugene Freisen on cello, Paul Halley on keyboards, John Clark on French horn, and Glen Velez on percussion. According to Winter, the reason he wanted to make music in the Canyon in the first place was to see how he and the Consort would perform while in an "enlightened state."

With that experience behind him, Winter is now gearing up for his next project, a multi-album series called A Song of Russia, based on the music and natural wonders of the Soviet Union to be recorded on location beginning this year

Winter says it has become very difficult for him now to work in conventional studios after the experience of making music in the cathedral and the Canyon. "For me personally, as a sax player, it's a real letdown to play in a studio room, because the sound is usually dead. It doesn't give you anything back, and putting on headphones and listening to yourself with digital reverb can be nice but technology still hasn't reproduced magic. I've never heard any reverb that's equalled the natural reverb of the cathedral in New York or The Grand Canyon.

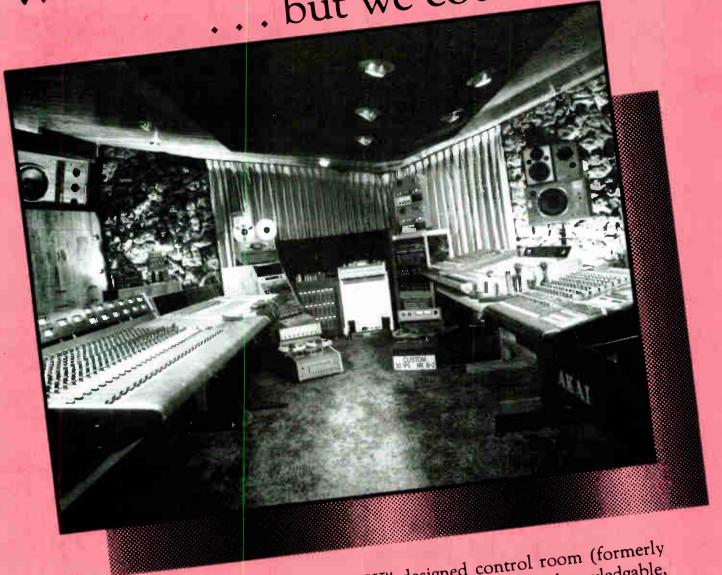
"Nature," he says smiling, "still has one up on us."

Paul Winter on the rim of the Grand Canyon.



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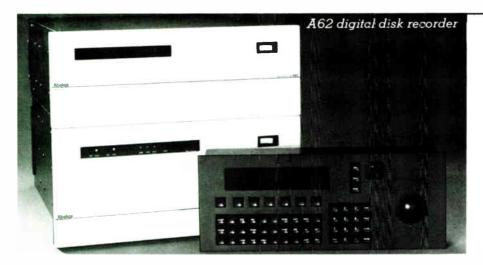


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by Elizabeth Rollins

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What does this mean to the artist/editor and the end user? The A62 has full internal keying and matting circuitry and can interface with special effects boxes to enable virtually unlimited layering using only one source machine with no generation loss. The unit allows simultaneous playback and record with a choice of speeds. It can disassemble live action video for frame-by-frame alteration (colorization, Paint Box modification, etc.) and frame-by-frame seguencing. The A62 can also record stillframe video for use in pre-mastering interactive video disks.

It's the significant savings of time, source VTRs, and first-generation guality that justifies the price tag: \$98,500 for the basic unit, which stores up to 50 seconds of video, and \$148,500 for the unit capable of storing 100 seconds of information. Greta Lind, an artist at Action Video in Los Angeles, describes how the advanced configuration of the Abekas is working out for her: "It allows me to instantly retrieve frame-by-frame, alter and record with no need to wait for

the tape to set up. It cuts my time and the client's cost tremendously." Lind says she was able to do 30 frames of animation in 30 minutes by interfacing the A62 with the Quantel Paint Box. After the information was stored, she was able to play it back at different speeds: 3/4ths time, 11/2 time, and two times normal speed.

At The Post Group in LA, editors were able to create a ten-second effect with more than 250 layers by using a single VTR source, an ADO and the A62, according to senior vice president Richard Thorne. Other facilities that had purchased the Abekas system at press time included: Modern Telecommunications, Inc. in New York, Post Effects in Chicago, Charlex in New York, and Le Studio in Morin Heights, Quebec.

The A62 is configured in this way: a main signal system chasis converts and processes the input, and the disk drive module stores that information. The lower priced 50-second storage system uses one Winchester drive, and for 100 seconds of storage, two drives are interfaced. The A62 accepts composite video and has an optional RGB output.

Rollover, Leonardo...:here's a new multi-format video color correction system named the "da Vinci" by VTA Technologies, Inc. of Hollywood, Florida. The system allows 16 vector signal processing—that means the colorist can modify up to 16 colors in a frame, a vast improvement upon the previous limit of six vectors, or colors. With the use of a track ball and cursor, the color amplitude, phase, and gray value can be varied in

each of the 16 vectors.

The da Vinci workstation provides control of signal processing, list management and event storage (on floppy disk) audio, routing switching, waveform selection and GPI functions. Automatic scene detection functions cut down on the operator's time by marking and entering scene change information. The da Vinci handles film-totape, or tape-to-tape transfers; it accepts RGB, IYO, or R-y, B-y, G-y y components, as well as Betacam and M formats. It can correct NTSC or PAL composite signals without decoders or encoders.

While we're on the subject of painting by numbers, color correction for the Sun City video produced by the Niles Siegel Organization was done on a Rank Flying Spot Scanner. Ira Schweitzer, senior colorist at Image Mix Inc. (a division of Modern Telecommunications, New York) corrected more than 6,000 feet of 16mm color negative. The footage includes performances from Miles Davis, George Clinton, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, and many other anti-apartheid minded musicians. Jonathan Demme (Stop Making Sense) directed.

Facility Upgrades:

Century III Teleproductions in Boston just installed a couple of Sony 2000s and a second channel of ADO with concentrator, along with a Sony 2500 stillframe VTR which will interface with their Bosch 4000 and Paint Boxes...Hopping across town to Newbury Street, Boston's Videocraft has established a new department called the Graphics Workstation. The suite includes the Cubicomp solids modeling system with the Lightspeed Color Graphics system (which can handle 100 frames on-line storage and 50 high-quality fonts). A Grass Valley 100 component switcher, animation controller, modified Quantel digital effects generator and bluescreen room complete the package. The Graphics Workshop uses Betacam and RGB signals...Sheffield Audio-Video Productions in Phoenix, MD outside of Baltimore is in the process of engineering a major upgrade. Ground has been broken on a new two-building production post-production facility, which will include: soundstage, control room, dressing rooms, prop storage, tape library, and a meeting room. The projected opening is scheduled for early '86. Meanwhile, Sheffield has been beefingup their audio-for-video capability. New

equipment includes a 16-track, oneinch audio recorder with BTX synchronizer for the one-inch on-line suite.

Crawford Communications— Beaming up the Business in Atlanta

Last summer, a study of the U.S. tele-communications market conducted by the New York firm of Frost and Sullivan, projected that the number of teleports in the U.S. will nearly double by the end of the year. "The Teleport Market in the U.S." says that by December, the industry will support 30 teleports, or, "antenna farms with links to business centers or individual customers in metropolitan areas." The study goes further to say that by the year 1995, there will be 200 teleports in the U.S.

One company that has recently launched a comprehensive satellite services division is *Crawford Communications* in Atlanta. *Mix* readers know Crawford already for their extensive video post-production facility, and for their 24- and 48-track recording studios. Last summer, satellite services director Candy Alger started beaming up business in this strategic television and corporate market.

Jesse Crawford, owner of the 20,000 sq. ft. complex, explains: "The post-production business is, of course, our base, and it seemed a logical expansion to go after the satellite service area because

the demand from the clients was there." It's a one-stop plan to produce programming or industrial material which can then be uplinked for distribution from the same facility.

Crawford offers two C-band earth stations and one Ku-band earth station, along with a 40-foot C-band rig transportable uplink, mainly for remote stories and sports. But uplink and receive is only one aspect of a teleport. 'You have to be interconnected to the city you're in," says director Candy Alger, who first got involved with satellite communications years ago when she worked in the sports department at Atlanta's Turner Broadcasting. A 250-foot microwave tower, lines to the local phone company and permanent transmit and receive video loops keep Crawford connected to the Atlanta metropolitan area.

The Atlanta-based Coca Cola Company does teleconferencing using Crawford's production and satellite services. "Coke announced their Classic Coke product on our insert stage, posted it here, and then fed it to their ad firm in New York, McCann Erickson," says Alger. Crawford estimates that about one-third of their satellite clients are corporations.

The transportable covers sports uplinks for the broadcast networks and for Turner, plus news feeds. Alger cites an example of how the rig often works a

hot news story: "During hurricane Gloria we fed live stand-ups for about 32 stations. WSOC in Charlotte (North Carolina) hired us—usually one company hires you and they know they can sell time to everybody else who needs the uplink, so they can recover their costs. All the reporters just stood in line, waiting to do their story, like waiting in line to use the telephone.

There's more expansion news at Crawford. In October, the year-old interactive video department put on-line a Laser-Vision compatible DRAW disk system by Optical Disk Corporation. Department head Jeff Kemp says clients can make their own laserdisc for a mere \$300—"Disks were about \$1,800 for one—so you couldn't make a disk to just see if your design was correct," says Kemp, who is a programmer himself. "I think we're going to see people experimenting a lot more with interactivity because it's more affordable." Kemp claims the DRAW disk system has enjoyed great popular support—at least in the first few weeks. Cinetron, (a motion-control house in Atlanta), IBM, and Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich were some of their clients in the first week of DRAW disk system operation. Programmers will be pleased to learn that Crawford is planning to purchase the new Sony View System (see Dec. '85 Mix "Video News") early this year to facilitate level four design.

1985 SMPTE Convention Los Angeles

The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers held the 127th SMPTE Technical Conference and Equipment Exhibit at the Los Angeles Convention Center, October 27 through November 1, 1985. It was the largest exhibit in SMPTE's history, with film and video manufacturers occupying over 700 booths and more than 150 technical presentations covering the latest developments and refinements in Film & Laboratory Technology, Personal Computer Applications, Film Camera and Projection Systems, International Technologies, Digital Audio Applications, Film-Tape Interface, Video Transmission and Processing Systems, Electronic Graphics, Multi-channel Television Sound, Video Post-Production, High Definition Television, Television Cameras, and Video Recording.

Where the NAB spring show is used by the industry to demonstrate prototype products and unveil technical breakthroughs and new prod-

uct introductions, the exhibits at the fall SMPTE show tend to showcase improvements and refinements, often dictated by potential users, of products and systems introduced at the previous NAB show, thus serving as a mid-year progress report to the industry. Although several papers were presented at the technical conference on the new digital VTR standard recommended by SMPTE and adopted by all the Major VTR manufacturers, not a single prototype was shown on the floor. Instead. Panasonic demonstrated its improved MII high band component half-inch VCR with PCM audio. This new tape format, while not yet completely standardized and not at all compatible with the company's currently available M I machines, offers performance superior to any existing video tape format now available. The machine, which looks much like a Sony BVU-800, uses a VHS shell loaded with 90 minutes of Metal-particle tape and a new signal component system. Although only a studio editor was demonstrated, it was promised that a full line of field and post machines would be shown at NAB'86 and that other VTR manufacturers

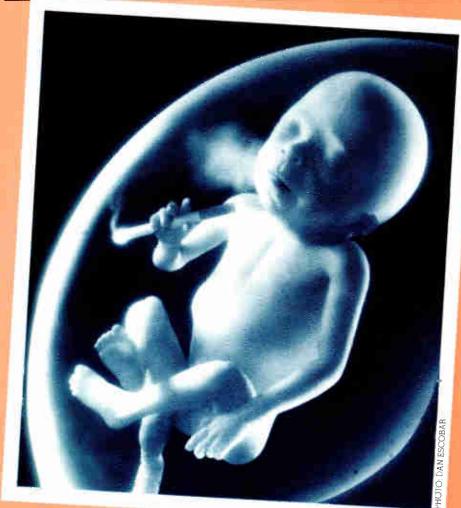
would be adopting the format.

MCI/Quantel showed its new universal control panel for its line of digital effects systems, which can be used to address different units using a standard protocol, and featured an improved user friendliness allowing, for instance, a number of complex 3-D shapes and motion sequences to be created on the Mirage DVE with ease of repeatability and a minimum of keystrokes.

Kodak showed its new version 8mm modular camcorder system which is a collection of small, snaptogether components including camera, recorder, tuner-timer, and duplicating module. As this was not a show for consumer electronics, Kodak presented it as a high quality ultra portable audio acquisition machine with optional picture for reference. The system, which is manufactured exclusively for Kodak by Matsushita, will provide four hours of video with digital stereo plus FM Hi-fi audio, or up to 12 hours of digital audio alone on a single cassette. Hundreds of other important developments were presented at the show and conference, an invaluable event.

—Joe Van Witsen

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A still from the infamous "smoking fetus" commercial.

EFX BY THE BAY

By Lou CasaBianca

The McVey/Vogt Production's headquarters can be found under a big number 39 in the Bayshore section of San Francisco. The '50s industrial exterior is a silent witness to the futuristic activities that take place behind its doors. Inside the picture changes dramatically. Computers, cameras, videotape recorders, lighting equipment, brightly-colored offices buzzing with the activity of multiple projects in production. McVey/Vogt is the brainchild of Tony McVey and Joe Vogt. The company is structured as a team of specialists, each contributing his own particular talent, resulting in a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. Over the past few years, they have produced a number of significant projects, Rick Springfield's "Bop Till You Drop" for RCA, and the controversial smoking fetus for the American Cancer Society among them.

By far the most visible and vocal of the partners is Joe Vogt, who appears to enjoy being in front of a crowd—winning it over with his easygoing manner and smile—as much as he likes being behind the camera. He is particularly proud of the fact that he is based in San Francisco and still able to attract and produce major productions. Vogt's background includes a film degree from San

Francisco State University. Partner Tony McVey is a sculptor/filmmaker from England who used his sculptor's background with stop-motion animation filmmaker Ray Harryhausen in Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. He was attracted to the San Francisco Bay Area to work with LucasFilm. Later, he left Lucas, met Vogt and they formed McVey/Vogt. Recently, we met with Joe Vogt to review some of their new projects.

Mix: Let's start at the beginning. Where did you go to school?

JV: I started studying at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Later, I went to the University of Dayton, Ohio, then I moved out here. I dropped out of college and six months later I went back in because I wanted to get back into the

swing of school again.

I was going to SFSU and decided after doing pre-med and business as my main field to go into art because that's always what I wanted to do. I found a course called Conceptual Design that they had just started. It was with this protessor from MIT. He was very science oriented. He developed this program where it was more thinking creatively rather than just learning how to paint figures and still-lifes. He would make us do all these weird projects. I got my degree in conceptual design and at the same time started getting into the film department at SFSU. For my senior project I decided I wanted to do a movie, so I made this \$25,000 four-minute movie, combining the Film department and the Art department. I got a lot of people on the campus involved in building sets, making costumes and stuff. From there I worked for Whitney Clark here in San Francisco on a sexual harassment film he made with Ed Asner called Work Place Hustle, which took off. After that I drove a truck for two years, then decided with almost two masters degrees I shouldn't be driving a truck. I decided to call RCA records, showed them my college film, and we got the Rick Springfield project along with Smokey Peters and that's where it started.

Mix: How about your partner, Tony McVey?

JV: Tony went to South Hampton Art College in England as a sculptor. Later, he worked for one of the museums over there. He was sculpting people and doing exhibits, dinosaurs and that kind of thing. Then he got involved with Ray Harryhausen building models for The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad and Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. Then he got involved with the Superman feature people over there. Later, he came over and worked with Jim Henson on The Dark Crystal. After, he came out here and got a job working with Lucas Film. I think he started on The Return of the Jedi. He worked on Enemy Mind and did some sculpting for Howard the Duck. He did some small figures for pre-production. In England he was doing a lot of commercials for kids.

Mix: What was the first project you did together?

JV: I think the first time we worked together was on "Bop Till You Drop." He sculpted the big monster in the chair. He's amazing—you see a hunk of clay there one day and the next day the thing is done. I mean big pieces that he works on and they're beautifully done. I was blown away by his work. Then he approached me, after seeing the work we did with Rick Springfield. He's been trying to get one of his movies off the ground for about three years and so now we're doing it. Also, the smoking fetus for the American Cancer Society has created such momentum for itself worldwide that we just completed a still of it for magazines. We re-shot it, airbrushed it; it's better looking than the film version.

Mix: So you do "Bop Till You Drop" and the "smoking fetus," then decide to go forward in what direction?

JV: Well, this past year I've been working with Ron Eveslage, trying to get a project off the ground and they basically have been pushing me as a director for commercials, which has been working out fine. We've done a seatbelt spot. We've been doing some of those 976 Megaphone Company commercials. At the same time, I've been developing a real close relationship with my agent in L.A., Triad Artists.

Mix: Who do you work with at Triad Artists?

JV: Maggie Abbott, who is an old pro in this business; she's been doing it for 20 or 30 years. She's served as executive producer on several films. She works more on the music side where she's tying rock musicians in for feature sound-tracks. They try to book all the talent and directors and all that, so she's pushing me in commercials, music videos and features. Features are the big thing they're trying to get me into. That's the hardest jump to make. I don't know why though, because everything we do is so planned out. In animation and effects we storyboard everything to a T. It's real-

ly just extending it from a video to a feature; it's not that different. The big thing about doing a feature is the film company trusting you with \$15 million.

Mix: What are some of the upcoming projects you'll be working on?

JV: We're working with The Commodores on a venereal disease project for MTV. We're going to be educating kids about how to love each other, basically, but also we'll be dealing with their responsibility for passing these things on and educate them in a kind of funny way. Tony's going to make 8-foot mites roaming around the stage tap dancing or condoms blowing up on a calliope, all kinds of off-the-wall things to make the point.

Mix: What other music-oriented projects do you have going at this point?

JV: We're doing the new video for Kashif for his new album on Arista. We're doing a missing children music video. There will be at least 30 rock stars in it, and it's going to be shot on location here showing kids how to take care of themselves in different situations. I've been seeing all the paperbags and milk cartons. As far as I'm concerned, most of these kids are never going to be seen again. The

answer is to nip this problem in the bud so kids know what to do in these kinds of situations. We're going to show kids under potential kidnap circumstances. sexually exploited kids, kids that are abused at home and run away. I think we're even going to have a scene about two divorced parents fighting over a kid. and how the kid gets caught in the middle. So it will focus on the kids, but adults are going to see the impact they have, too. ABC's 20/20 is doing an hour special on the making of the missing children video. The White House is involved. as well, as is the Justice Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Mix: Other than the Missing Children Project, Kashif, and the Commodores, does that pretty much round out what you're doing in music video?

JV: We haven't been pursuing music videos as much as we would like to. We've been trying to stay afloat so we've been doing commercials. "Bop Till You Drop," from what I'm hearing, is coming down as a classic video. It's one of the videos that people are going to remember in the next ten years. Just because of the look of it. It's so big.

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GEARING UP FOR THE FUTURE

by Linda Johnson

The healthy state of Northwest recording studios brought music to everyone's ears—literally—as it was primarily album production work that kept facilities busy in 1985. From Anchorage, Alaska on down to the sunny Boardwalk of Santa Cruz, California, music ranging from jazz to heavy metal to psychedelic filled the studios, and a good number of film/video and commercial projects weaved their way in as well, indicating a balanced and bustling market. With these varied sessions, many studios came to recognize the changing needs of their clients; as electronic keyboards and drum machines gained widespread



popularity throughout the recording industry, a good portion of West Coast facilities chose to modify their control rooms to accommodate direct recording, and several invested in the latest in synth-oriented equipment.

"Sales in synthesizers and related

products went up 200 percent this year," says Bob Ulius of Leo's Pro Audio in Oakland, CA. Indeed, after talking to studios in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the Northwest, we found Ulius' figures to be quite valid, as studio owners reported recent purchases (or

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That there is increased concern with audio quality in video and film production has by now been amply documented. At many recording facilities, investment in audio-forvideo production tools is viewed as a necessary requirement for survival under current intensely competitive conditions. At video postproduction houses as well, the upgrading of audio facilities seems in general to now be viewed as inevitable. Despite the chorus of agreement on the importance of audio in the future of video, however, a crucial question of timing still remains. Commitment of substantial resources based on anticipated rather than actual demand can be chancy in any business. In the world of media technology, high costs and swift obsolescence intensify the risks. At what point does it actually make financial sense for a facility to invest in advanced audio-for-video capability?

San Francisco Production Group is one video post-production house that has developed a seemingly sen-

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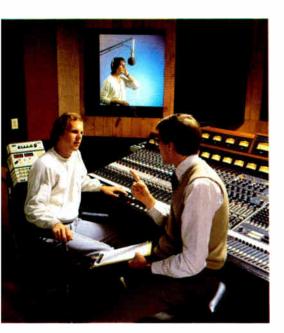
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at least serious consideration thereof) of drum machines and/or synthesizers. And as some facilities (and artists) are not thrilled with, nor conforming to, the demands of this rapidly spreading trend, a balance exists between the two worlds of high-tech sounds and "real" music in the Northwest recording scene.

Kurt Riemann, owner of Surreal Sound up in Anchorage, AK, is a perfect example of someone trying to cater to the various demands of today's musicians. He owns a Kurzweil 250, several Yamaha synthesizers, and an Ensoniq Mirage, all of which are "constantly being used," according to Riemann; but he also recently completed a demo for The Psychedelic Skeletons which was done live-to-2-track for "that natural, raw guitar sound." A synthesist himself, Riemann says his dream would be to do full-time synth movie scoring, but the market just isn't there. Instead, "we do a little of everything here," he says. Since moving to a new building this past winter, and upgrading to 24 tracks, Surreal has kept their new MCI JH-600 board busy with various record and commercial projects.

Across the Pacific on sunnier turf, Sea West Studios in Hauula, HI, recently invested in a vast amount of equipment: Linn 9000, Yamaha TX816 rack mounted DX7, AMS digital delays, an Audio+Design/Sony PCM-701 digital 2-track recorder, and an Oberheim Xpander. "Investment in musical instruments is definitely what's happening in studios," says producer Rick Keefer. "You just have to have all that gear to make sounds that are compatible with what's out on the market today." Working exclusively on record projects, Sea West had Michael Furlong and Adam Bomb in recently putting the new equipment to good use.

On neighboring island Maui, George Benson's Lahaina Sound Studios recently added LinnDrums, a Yamaha DX7, a Yamaha grand piano, and last but certainly not least, a brand new SSL console which, according to studio manager Amos Daniels, has been attracting several new clients. They've been recording for artists from as far away as Japan and Italy, as well as for a Kenny Loggins/American Bandstand project.

Sun Valley Audio in Idaho has attracted several artists to its resort-like facility, Barbra Streisand and Carole King among them. "We'd like to encourage people to come here as an alternative setting," says owner Amos Galpin, "and to expand ourselves on that base. Reporting a "strong summer" in record production, Galpin notes that his Kurzweil 250 gets used "by every single person who comes in," and adds that he has plans to replace his ICC 9000 console with a 40 channel, fully automated version. "We're taking our shot now," he explains, "and would like the place to be attractive enough to bring

people in from L.A.

Not guite as far south as the city of stars, Priscilla Gardiner of Live Oak Studio in Berkeley, CA reports that they've had no problem attracting clients to their state-of-the-art studio this past year. Specifically targeted towards customers interested in digital sampling and MIDIcontrolled peripherals. Live Oak has been busy with several record projects and some film soundtrack work. "We're completely set up for synthesizer work," says Gardiner. "We're totally computerized now." The studio is well-equipped with a new Disk Mix II, a 32-track MIDI sequencer, a Macintosh for off-line storage for sampling, and an IBM computer that operates the control board during mixdown. Some artists in recently using the facility and its equipment including a widely-used Kurzweil 250were David Grisman, Rosie Gaines, Makoto, and Frank Harris.

'We're getting new toys all the time," says Helen Hovey of Fane Productions in Santa Cruz, CA, who reports that having synthesizers has been a big "plus" in attracting clients to their studio. Having recently MIDI-fied all their synthesizers, they've also just added a new DX7 to their already extensive collection. Other purchases by Fane include a Linn 32-track digital sequencer and an E-mu SP-12 percussion sampling drum machine. In the studio using some of those new "toys" were Eddie and the Tide, Northwinds, and Leon Patilla.

Across the Bay in San Rafael, Tres Virgos was taken over last June by artist/ producer Narada Michael Walden. The new studio—Tarpan—has been overhauled and is now set up for 48-track recording with Q. Lock. A Trident TSM

console works as a center piece, and the monitor system has been upgraded with UREI 813As and 813Bs. "This studio is set up primarily for Narada's needs," says studio manager Janice Lee. Working almost exclusively on Walden's and other in-house projects, Tarpan has been booked solid with such artists as Clarence Clemons, Jermaine Stewart, Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, and Walden who will soon begin work on his next LP.

In nearby Sausalito, co-owner Dan Godfrey of Studio "D" reports that his facility had a terrific first year in business. Indeed, with the likes of Huey Lewis, Santana, and Jim Gaines in working on various projects, things can't be all too bad. They've recently modified their Trident TSM console, and added a large selection of vintage tube mics. But Godfrey insists that it is the physical characteristics of the studio that attract clients the most. "Studio 'D' has the big live, natural drum sound in the Bay Area,' says Godfrey, "and that's something you just can't get with any equipment."

Also in Sausalito, The Plant Studios (which received a TEC Award nomination as Recording Studio of the Year from Mix readers) has re-opened for an interim period, pending sale of the facility by the Justice Department. U.S. Marshals seized the studio and other assets last September, alleging that The Plant's owner had purchased the business with profits from narcotics sales. None of the studio employees were implicated in the charges, and at press time a number of well-known industry figures (including major artists) were bidding on the studio. Currently cutting tracks at The Plant are Buddy Miles, produced by Jim Gaines and Lou Chandler; and Carlos Santana, working on a selfproduced project.

Referred to as an "artist's studio" by owner Peter Gilford, Color Zone Productions in Novato, CA has had a steady number of musicians in working on demos and records, including Richie Ray, Sean Michael, and two members of the Huey Lewis band who were in remixing some material from 1976. Gilford says his clients have been using his Emulator II to "an incredible extent. A lot of people aren't familiar with sampling, and when they learn about it, they can't believe what they were missing." Gilford also recently purchased a Linn 9000 and a Nakamichi digital mastering recorder. "Our goal is to produce master-quality demos," he concludes.

With two 24-track recording studios, one 8-track media production room, a video soundstage, and a cassette duplicating facility, Music Annex Recording Studio owner Dave Porter reports that business is excellent in all aspects of his Menlo Park-based studio: Ronnie Montrose and Jeff Berlin have kept the

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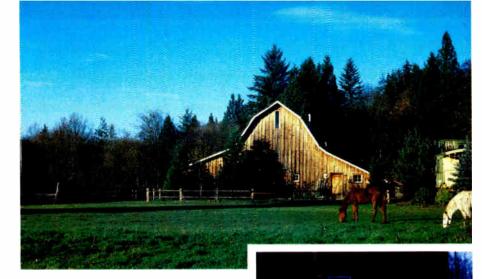


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studios busy; Joanie Greggains has been sweating on the soundstage with her daily Morning Stretch series; and sales in the tape duplication facility have tripled since opening early last year. But still, Porter wants more for his studio. "I lost five clients who bought synthesizers for their homes." he says, and he is now seriously considering investing in a large, computer-based synthesizer system sometime this year. "We want to build something bigger and better to bring them back," he says. Porter concludes that he hopes that his studio will one day be able to do a project "from concept to finished project. We already have a graphics guy, he laughs.

Another Bay Area "mega" facility, Russian Hill Recording in San Francisco, just completed ADR (automated dialogue replacement) on a new Michael Jackson film, Captain EO and the Space Knights, a George Lucas-produced, 3-D movie made for a specially-designed theater in Disneyland. The four-and-ahalf-year-old facility reports no major upgrades, but studio manager Gaynell Toler says that they are planning to expand with in-house synthesizers and computers sometime this year. But for now, business is doing just fine. Voila: commercial work for Levi Strauss, Chevron, and Bank of America; music recording for Mark Isham, Phil Aaburg, and



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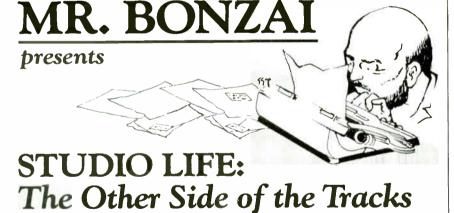
Dick Bright; and feature film/TV ADR on Enemy Mine (directed by Wolfgang Peterson of Das Boot fame), Jewel of the Nile, Trouble in Mind (Divine in his first straight role), and all the music on the Charlie Brown and Garfield animated series. "We like diversity," understates Toler.

"Simplicity," says Peter Buffett, owner of Independent Sound in San Francisco, of what is his studio's best feature. Working steadily for ad agencies such as Foster Farms, PG&E, and HP Calculators, Buffett notes that "we (he and wife

Mary) have been a keyboard studio since 1978, and we've developed along those lines," he says, unfazed by the current trends of synchronizer madness. The only purchase Buffett made recently was that of a synchronizer card for his Otari MTR-90 to sync up with ¾-inch video. Independent Sound is already well-equipped with a Kurzweil 250, Linn 9000, a DX7, and a relatively new Roland Super Jupiter. With a control room and studio in one small area, Buffett says with a laugh, "We're getting rid of keyboards!" In a more serious

(Left to right) Bassist Rob Wasserman with vocalist Rickie Lee Jones at a session at Russian Hill Recording in San Francisco working on Rob's upcoming LP.



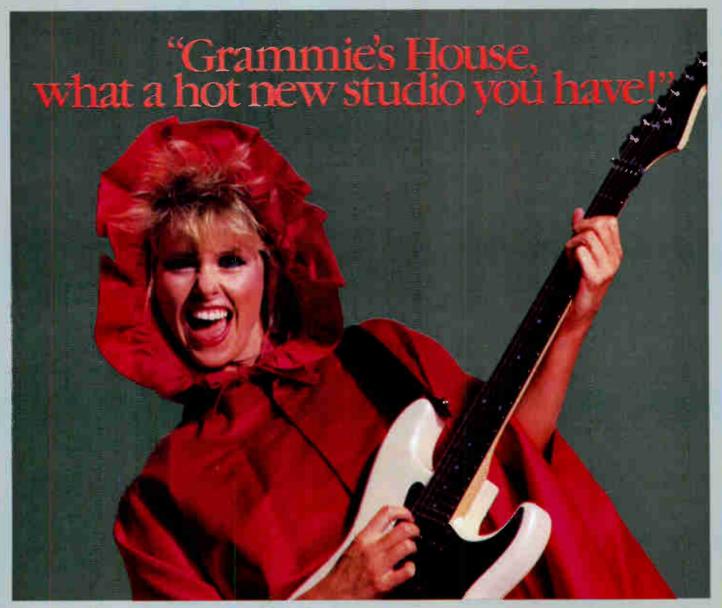


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Dan Alexander is excited. After more than a decade in the recording industry, with ownership interest in several studios along the way, Alexander's San Francisco Sound Recorders has opened its doors to the public. The studio has been a long time coming, but if Alexander's enthusiasm is any indication, his patience will be well rewarded.

"Dan estimated about six months of work and I predicted eight," says studio manager and long-time Alexander associate John Cuniberti. "It looks like we're coming out somewhere closer to ten." Alexander, a dealer of used audio gear who has helped his share of studios over the years, adds: "I always tell people to be prepared to spend twice the money and three times as long as they originally anticipate." In the

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tone, he concludes: "If you have one good synthesizer representing each phase of technology, that's all you really

need. It's great!"

Tom Mallon of Tom Mallon Studios in S.F. seems to hold similar basic values of simplicity. Though he recently relocated and upgraded his studio to 16-track with a new Otari MX-70, Mallon recorded several well-received, noncommercial-oriented albums and demos in his old 8-track facility, for such artists as Chris Isaak, Fields Laughing, The Muskrats, Esther's Orbit Room, and Flying Color. No talk of techno here.

Another 16-track studio in S.F., Duncan Street Studios, just opened in August last year. Owner John Błakeley reports that business is steady, with commercials for comedy group Duck's Breath Mystery Theater, and album work for locals Pride and Joy, Ray Star, and Peter Lamson keeping him busy. With a barrage of vintage guitars ('53 Telecaster, '54 Stratocaster, '63 Fender 12-string, and tons more), a 1906 Busch-Gerts piano, and a champagne drum set straight from the early '60s, Blakeley concludes that his studio is "open to anything anyone wants to use it for."

Record and demo work with artists such as Jeff Fogerty (son of Tom), Monkey Rhythm, Norton Buffalo, and Commander Cody kept Prairie Sun Recording in Cotati, CA busy this past year, much of which had to do with the exclusive use of independent engineers/producers like Michael Cotton (The Tubes) and Gregg Rolie (Journey), according to studio manager Clareese Sayadinn. The studio upgraded with a Studer A80 24-track autolocator, Neve and Orban compressors, and updated Prophets, and Sayadinn adds that through a network of musicians, Prairie Sun gets a great deal of musical gear such as an Emulator II, three AMS digital reverbs. and several DX7s. "More musicians have the synthesizers themselves," Sayadinn explains, "so they just bring them in as needed. And we have a huge echo chamber (1,000 sq. ft.) which is really popular and attracts a lot of people for that huge drum sound."

Yet another studio in the Bay Area attracting several recording artists is Fantasy Studios in Berkeley. Fully-equipped for film/video sweetening, mixing, and post-production, as well as for record mastering, Fantasy is perhaps one of the area's leading recording centers. Greg Kihn and Journey are regular visitors there, and other artists in using the facility this past year included Red 7, Angela Bofill, Mojo, and The Kantner/Balin/Cassidy Band. The list goes on and on, so let it be said that Fantasy is easily living up to its name.

Commercials, films, records...you name it, they're doing it at Bear Creek Studios in Woodinville, WA. And due to

all the business from clients ranging from Chevron and Boeing to Sesame Street to Lionel Richie and Eric Clapton. Bear Creek was able to invest recently in new equipment: A BTX Softouch 34-inch JVC recorder, various processing devices, AMS 1580 digital delays, and last but not least, a new Kurzweil 250 to add to their collection of synthesizers. "We're always looking for what's new on the market," says owner Joe Hadlock. "More and more synth work is being done in the control room nowadays, and right now we're looking at the Macintosh computer as new programs are being written." Hadlock adds that while album work gives him creative satisfaction, commercial and film work provides him with the income he needs, and this year he plans to expand his "home studio that's grown out of control" to an additional building downtown which will exclusively handle TV/video and film-related business.

Jim Loomis of Triad Studios in Redmond, WA admits that business has been spotty in the last year, but album projects for Randy Meisner, Ginny Reilly, and Eric Tingstad, and work on a single entitled "Seattle Helps the Hungry" kept Triad alive, if not kicking. Loomis notes that he's planning to restructure the rate scale of his studio in hopes of attracting more local artists. "We're a very sound studio acoustically," he insists, adding that he plans to focus entirely on LP

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case of San Francisco Sound Recorders, Alexander's succinct summary of his standards for the project give one an indication of why the construction could not be rushed: "We tried to go for perfection in everything."

Located in the former Wally Heider recording complex at 245 Hyde Street in San Francisco, the studio was born out of the dissolution of the original partnership that had operated Hyde Street Studios on the site since 1980. In a set-up that Alexander refers to as a "condo" arrangement, Hyde Street continues to operate studios A and D under the direction of former partner Michael Ward. Alexander's new and totally independent business has taken over studio C.

"I was never comfortable with the multi-room studio arrangement," says Alexander. "[Studio C] was always my favorite room. It's got a lot of history. We get people coming in for sessions who tell us they played here when it was Heider's and they've always loved the room."

The challenge that Alexander

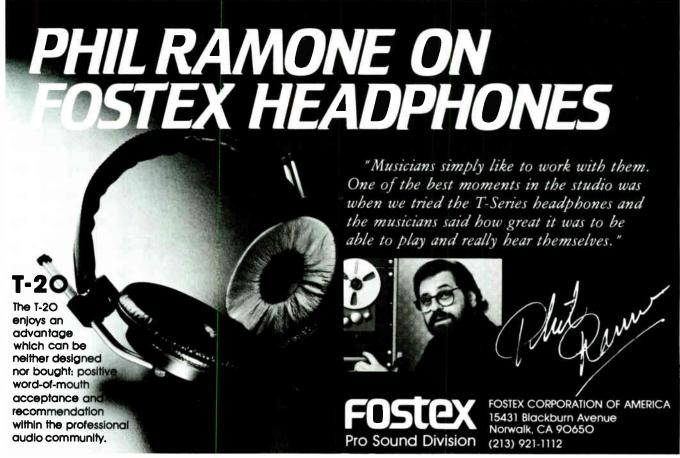
and Cuniberti set for themselves upon taking over the space was to retain those qualities that gave the studio its character, while bringing every aspect of the facility up to the highest level possible. Alexander's audio business (Dan Alexander Audio) proved to be an important asset to the pair in several ways as they set out to realize their goals. First, the business allowed them the luxury of not having to make the studio operational right away. "With every other studio situation in which we had been involved," says Alexander, "we had to get paying clients in the door immediately just to survive." This time, however, Alexander's audio sales made it economically feasible to build the studio at a more relaxed pace, using "a lengthy process of trial and error."

Another aspect of Alexander's business that influenced the development of the room was his extensive travels made in the course of buying and selling equipment. "Most engineers are probably only really familiar with about ten rooms at the outside," he says. "I've visited

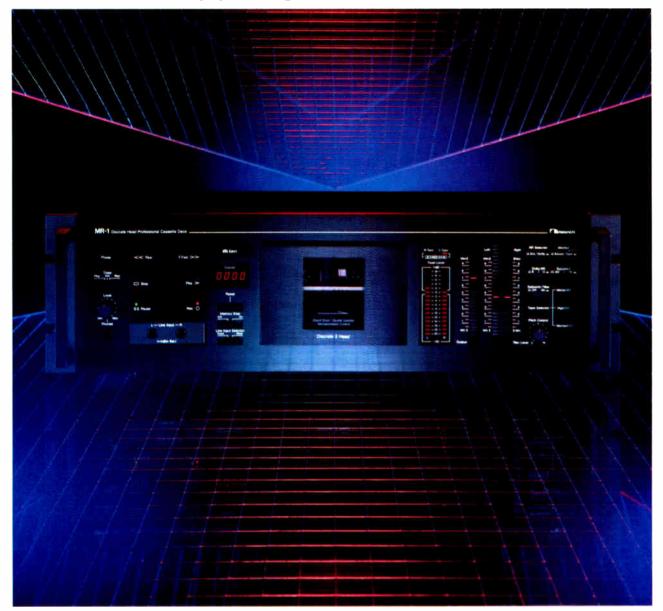
three or four hundred studios in the U.S. and Europe over the years." Because his trips frequently involve setting up mics for A/B comparisons, Alexander has had the chance to become more than casually familiar with a great number of facilities. In the process, he has picked up quite a few ideas about 'shoulds and shouldn'ts" in studio design. San Francisco Sound Recorders' monitor system, for instance, is a copy of "the best system I ever heard" (though he prefers not to reveal its location). This triamped hybrid combines RCA, Altec and JBL components with a UREI crossover and power by Phase Linear and Marantz.

While Alexander has known for years that this system was his hands-down favorite, pulling together all the elements was no easy job. Some parts date back to the late '40s, and others, though more recent, were manufactured in limited quantities. Here again, Alexander's audio business played a helpful role: "I am a professional audio scrounger. It took me four-and-a-

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half years, but I found all the components in the system."

When Alexander began to rework his new room, the monitor system was the first thing installed. He was not disappointed by the results. "They have clarity, phase coherency and evenness of frequency response," he says. "Everyone who has heard them says they sound great. Our experience so far also shows that they translate real well to the outside world." White 1/3-octave equalizers will be available for those engineers who wish to alter the response curve, but Alexander expects them to be used rarely.

The monitors are even better than we had hoped," agrees Cuniberti. "Once they were in, they set a high standard that everything else had to live up to." With that in mind, all audio lines in the studio and control room were completely replaced with Mugami cable. ("The difference between the Mugami and other cable can definitely be heard when comparing two cables with the same mic," asserts Alexander.) An automated 40x16x24API console with parametric EQ, direct outs and five VCA subgroups was installed as the centerpiece of the upgraded control booth.

Meanwhile, work proceeded on enlargement of the isolation booth and enhancement of acoustics in the studio. The 33 by 21' room "has always had a great openness," says Alexander. "It's less dead than most rooms this size." "Polycylindrical diffusers" (hollow wood panels arched on one side and filled with fiberglass) were hinge-mounted along one wall, allowing variation of decay time. A problem of undesirable reflection between the ceiling and the parquet floor was addressed by experimentation. Cuniberti describes the process:

"We laid panels on the floor and moved them around to all different positions in the room until we were happy with the sound. Then we hung the panels from the ceiling exactly in the positions where they had been on the floor." The end result is a room which Cuniberti and Alexander believe has kept its feel while shedding some previous drawbacks.

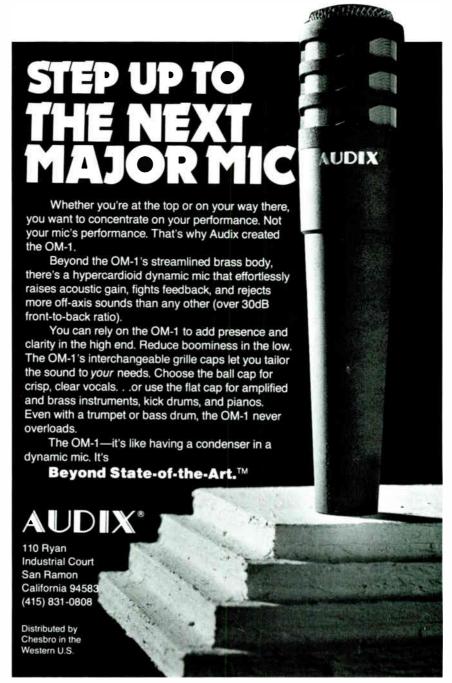
When the sawing and soldering were complete in the studio and control booth, Alexander brought in the rest of the equipment he had been collecting for the room. "Being an audio dealer has been a great advantage," he reiterates. "It

has allowed me to amass everything we want." While he is known for his fondness for vintage gear, notably AKG and Neumann tube mics, Alexander's impressive equipment inventory features what he feels is "the best, old or new." Otari tape machines (MTR 90 MKII-24, MTR 12 half-inch 2-track), a Publison DDL/Harmonizer and an AMS digital reverb can be found on the same list with a Pultec tube DI/Preamp and a Teletronics LA2A in an eclectic blend of technological eras.

Alexander plans to build the studio's business by relying on word-

of-mouth generated by promotions designed to entice engineers to give the room a try. "I am after people who are concerned with genuine audiophile quality," he says. "Once an engineer works here, he won't be satisfied working somewhere else. The difference in quality will be readily apparent in comparison. I think that difference will show up in the final product that the client gets." With shakedown sessions underway as of late October, Dan Alexander is ready for the opportunity to put his confidence to the test.

-Philip DeLancie



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At Steve Lawson Productions in Seattle, billings are up about 20 percent over last year. "We've seen a substantial increase in our nighttime music recording," Lawson says. Among the contributing factors is the success of engineer Terry Date. His client, local heavy metal band Metal Church, has just signed a multi-album contract with Elektra Records on the strength of Metal Church's first album which Date coproduced. Date and engineer Bruce Calder have been recording everything from hip-hop music to rock and roll to jazz. Studios A and C were locked up all summer with album projects, and more recently Steve Miller booked Studio C to cut basic tracks for a new album. "Similar to other studios across the country, we're trying to stay competitive technologically; figuring out financially what are the most reasonable equipment investments," says Lawson. "The Northwest studios may be in a unique position in that we must take into account the relative closeness to Los Angeles, and the availability there of studios with the latest technology."

DNA Productions in Seattle recently gave the world of video a try, and owner David Thompson reports that business is going "exceptionally well in both the video and the record market." JD Souther and Jim Schmidt (formerly of the Eagles), Legacy, and Invader were some of the artists in working on record projects, and local rockers, Perfect Stranger, chose DNA to do the filming, directing, editing and sweetening of their new video. Though the studio recently upgraded with a DX7 and LinnDrums,

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Triad; Redmond, WA





by Linda Jacobson

If you live south of Alaska, west of Denver, and north of San Luis Obisbo, then you're in the region covering the San Francisco chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. And if you happen to be an Academy member, you probably know that your new chapter president is John Barsotti.

Barsotti is also a voting governor in his second two-year term, and recently was appointed to the Academy's educational committee as the SF chapter representative. When Barsotti's not at a NARAS meeting, he's completing his doctorate in education, or producing and engineering independent musical projects. Most of his days, however, are spent in the Broadcast Communication Arts department at San Francisco State University, where he teaches people how to control and manipulate sound.

Barsotti was a young keyboard player in 1968 when he enrolled in State's BCA department—a unique milieu that possesses one of the area's largest soundstages and an up-to-date multi-track audio studio. He quickly and profoundly became involved in the program. As his former professor, present associate, and NARAS pioneer Paul C. Smith puts it, "John soon became a teaching assistant, then lab instructor, then took over the audio labs, graduated, and came to work with me. He was very active in designing the intermediate and advanced audio classes. Together, John and I are the audio department." Barsotti also developed the curriculum of SF State's summertime Music/Recording Industry (MRI) program, which he set up because so many people—some already in the industry, some not—wanted to expand their audio know-how without en-

rolling in a degree program.
"It's really important to me," comments Barsotti, "to work on the forefront of the industry while I'm teaching. I can reflect all the changes and pass them along. I'd like to see even more interplay between NARAS and the educational arena. I always tell my classes about the NARAS events, such as the Studio Tours, because it's so beneficial for our BCA and MRI students to attend. It goes the other way, too. When BCA or MRI has seminars, we tap NARAS and bring our professionals in to talk to the students."

Barsotti's held almost every local NARAS office since he joined in 1975, a few months after the chapter's inception, and has witnessed its growth from several dozen members to over 350. Now, as the chapter's leader, he says, "What we see in the near future for NARAS is organizing its structure at the local level. I'd like to organize NARAS more as a business, which is difficult because everybody is donating their time. At the last Board meeting, however, we formed a Business Management committee. We've never made group decisions about where the money should be spent, how much is coming in, how much is going out. We had our first meeting last night, and it was very exciting.

"This isn't to say that it wasn't good before, it's just that we've never been this large. There was no need for much structure. Now, with more Board members, trustees, and members, we need more structure.

The other thing we want to do is be more visible to the chapter's general membership. Rather than have five or six events that only hit tiny segments of the chapter, we'll have fewer events but with wider appeal, so we attract the musician, the mastering technician, as well as the engineer.

Barsotti's other plans for NARAS encompass the entire nation. Like NARAS' national president Michael Greene, Barsotti is committed to the chapter system. Without each individual chapter—SF, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Nashville, and Memphis—there would be no "national" organization, and for that reason Barsotti intends to "see more interplay between the San Francisco chapter and the other local chapters. Right now we don't have much to do with each other, and that shouldn't be. We're going to work to bring everybody closer together."





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FROM PAGE 114, S.F. PRODUCTION sible approach to the timing guestion. Started in 1981 at its present location on San Francisco's Bryant Street, SFPG in its earlier days provided both production and postproduction services. Over the years, the company has become almost exclusively post-production oriented. Dan Johnson, SFPG's business manager, explains this transition as partly a response to perceived market direction, and partly a way for the company to avoid competing for production work with its own post-production clientele.

"We started out going after the small to medium budget market, which is where the need was," says Johnson. "We developed our reputation in that area, and we've upgraded over time to our present situation, where we can serve the highend projects, but also still be within reach of smaller productions."

A recent major renovation of SFPG's 10,000 square foot facility provided the occasion for development of long range plans regarding in-house audio capability. As explained by Mark Cretcher, audio engineer, the immediate goal was to be able to satisfy the needs of

clients who use SFPG for video post, but turn elsewhere for their audio work. "Nobody really wants to drive across town to do their audio at some other studio," says Cretcher, "if you can delivery what they need all in one place." The first phase of SFPG's audio upgrade, slated for completion December 1985, is designed to provide clients with inhouse facilities for voice-overs and automatic dialog replacement (ADR), audio transfers, 8-track soundtrack building and a comprehensive music and effects library.

While these initial steps towards full service audio-for-video may seem relatively modest compared to some facilities, SFPG's long range goals are more ambitious. Cretcher envisions a comprehensively equipped, fully automated 24-track sweetening room, hopefully ready for operation as soon as early 1987. The decision to hold off for the moment on this more extensive audio capability is based partly on the idea that demand from the clients themselves will determine the best time to upgrade. Additionally, SFPG's priority commitment in this most recent renovation has been to their new video editing suite, referred to

as "El Grande" by the technical staff.

One could easily suppose that Cretcher might be disappointed to see the sweetening room of his dreams temporarily passed over in favor of "El Grande," known more formally as Edit 1. In fact, however, Edit 1 has been designed and built literally from the ground up to house SFPG's future audio sweetening facilities. The room's current complement of video gear (CMX 3400 editor, Grass Valley 300/3A triple reentry switcher, Ampex ADO, E-Flex DVE and Chyron IV graphics/titling system) will eventually be moved to a space in the building that has already been set aside for the future, final home of Edit 1.

SFPG called upon acoustical engineer Randy Sparks of RLS Acoustics to design the interior shape and treatment of the audio room to be. The inner shell of the room is decoupled from the rest of the building to minimize acoustic transmission in either direction, with the floor slab floated using Kinetics' vibration isolation system. Current audio gear includes an 8-input Neve 5400 series console, controllable by the CMX 3400 with JBL 4430 bi-radial monitors.

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While Edit 1 has been designed for eventual audio sweetening use, its current role as SFPG's top of the line editing suite means that Edit 2 is, for the time being, likely to be the most actively employed room for audio. Acoustical redesign and treatment of this room by Sparks is to have been complete by December 1985. The audio console is a Sound Workshop Series 34, 12 in, with monitoring on JBL 4425s. A CMX 340 editing system, Grass Valley 1600 switcher (with E-Mem) and an NECE-Flex comprise the room's video set up.

Accessible through tie lines to both Edit 1 and 2 is a narration booth for voice-over and ADR. An adjacent small control booth (under construction as of this writing) will allow narration records as well as transfers and other simple audio projects to proceed without tying

up the edit rooms.

At the heart of this network of rooms, connected to each by groups of tie lines, is Master Control. An Otari MTR-90 one-inch 8-track, scheduled for upgrading to 24-track when Edit 1 is transformed into a sweetening room, can be accessed via the tie lines from whichever room has the need.

While the final transition to full service audio may be a year or more away, elements of the audio system are already in place. Gear currently available to clients includes the Lexicon 200 digital reverb, a dbx stereo compressor, a Valley People effects rack (noise gates, comp/limiters), an Orban reverb and an Audio Arts Parametric EO. Also on hand are a Linn-Drum machine and a Prophet 5 analog synthesizer. A Yamaha FM digital synthesizing system will be added soon, allowing clients MIDI interfaced scoring to picture.

Cretcher and Johnson are both positive about SFPG's current direction. With three on-line interformat CMX editing suites, one off-line suite, a 30' x 35' insert stage, computer graphics and animation capability and a new conference/viewing room, the company is clearly committed to full service video post-production. Full service audio is viewed as an important part of that commitment. With the building of an editing room designed to studio quality audio sweetening specifications, SFPG seems to have found an ideal way to meet today's priorities while preparing for tomorrow's audio-forvideo demands.

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Studio Manager: Lew Lathrop

LOVEBONE PUBLISHING
 1210 Matterhorn Dr., San Jose, CA 95132
 (408) 729-1971
 Owner: James Bradford
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PANORAMA PRODUCTIONS
also REMOTE RECORDING
2353 De La Cruz Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
(408) 727-7500
Owner: Don Dulmage
Studio Manager: Gary Moore (audio), Chris Dulmage
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 P.O. Box 6840, San Jose, CA 95150
 (408) 275-6322
 Owner: Mike Halloran
 Studio Manager: Mike Halloran

 PHANTASMA SOUND also REMOTE RECORDING 7935 Fremont Ave., Ben Lomond, CA 95005 (408) 336-2494
Owner: Errol G. Specter Studio Manager: Errol G. Specter

PINE APPLE STUDIOS
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 P.O. Box 427, Gleneden Beach, OR 97388
 (503) 757-8702, 764-2617
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 (406) 473-2242
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 Studio Manager: Jack Mills

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 E. 11321 37th, Spokane, WA 99206
 (509) 928-2460
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 Studio Manager: Alan J. Perry

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190 Marianna Way, Campbell, CA 95008 (408) 265-5364 Owner: Tim Whyte Studio Manager: Tim Whyte

 ROAD WARRIOR SOUND only REMOTE RECORDING 4090 S. Pearl St., Englewood, CO 80110 (303) 761-8738 Owner: Douglas Zeno Studio Manager: Douglas Zeno

SANCTUARY STUDIOS
 8143 Routt St., Arvada, CO 80005
 (303) 423-2476
 Owner: Scott E. Wunch
 Studio Manager: Scott E. Wunch

 ROBERT SHUMAKER RECORDING SERVICES only REMOTE RECORDING
2321 Russell #1E, Berkeley, CA 94705
(415) 548-9986
Owner: Bob Shumaker

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Owner: Kevin Moore Studio Manager: Kevin Moore SNAKE RIVER SOUND also REMOTE RECORDING 1008 N. 6th, Boise, ID 83702 (208) 345-5282 Owner: David Smyth Studio Manager, David Smyth

• SOUND CONCEPTS also REMOTE RECORDING 108 W. Center & 175 W. 300 So., Provo, UT 84601 (801) 375-7333

Owner: Michael K. Jensen Studio Manager: Kaye L. Jensen

• SOUNDS NATURAL AUDIO SERVICES also REMOTE RECORDING 214 Keystone Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (408) 425-8015

Owner: Bill Burnside, Ken Botelho, Bill Van Bloom Studio Manager: Bill Burnside, Ken Botelho, Bill Van Bloom

• SOUNDTEC

Mail Station GO-10, V of W, Seattle, WA 98195 (206) 543-7107 Owner: Ted A. Peters

Studio Manager: Dean Evans, head eng.

• SQUARE ONE also REMOTE RECORDING
104 Yosemite Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

(408) 429-6929 Owner: John V Reynolds Studio Manager: John V heynolds

• STARWEST PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING 1391 N. Speer Blvd. #490, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 623-0636

Owner: Steven Pettit Studio Manager, Steven Fettit • STUDIO Q (Part of QDD) also REMOTE RECORDING 816 Queen St., Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 521-6961 Owner: Mique Quenyer Studio Manager: Gray Gleason

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 Studio Manager: Dan Keller

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TRANSPARENT RECORDINGS only REMOTE RECORDING P.O. Box 880933, San Francisco, CA 94188 (415) 563-6164
 Owner. Lully Lewis Studio Manager: Lolly Lewis

 AL VEDRO ASSOCIATES, INC. also REMOTE RECORDING
725 Second St., San Francisco, CA 94107
(415) 957-1131
Owner: Al Vedro
Studio Manager: David Demontluzin

WALKERSOUND
 also REMOTE RECORDING
 25140 Fairview Ave., Hayward, CA 94542
 (415) 581-7926
 Owner: David L Hootwalker
 Studio Manager: David L Hootwalker

WESTERN CINE SERVICES, INC.
 312 S Pearl St., Denver, CO 80209
 (303) 744-1017

Studio Manager: Paul Emrich

Engineers: Paul Emirich, David Einrich Tape Recorders: Magna-Tech MR 1036, 35mm/16mm, 3 track, BCA FR 10, 35mm/16mm, 3 track; Scully 280-2, 3

track, Scully 280-4, 4 track

Mixing Consoles: Soundcraft 600 B, 24 x 8 x 2.

Monitor Amplifiers: McIntosh

Monitor Speakers: IBL, Altec. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT plate; 140 Stereo. Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 565 filters, Teletronix leveling anips, Orban Paragraphic EQ 672, Dolby 361/12 tracks of 35mm or 18 tracks of 16mm for film mixing. Microphone: Neumann U67.

Video Equipment & Services: Audio for video sweetening (and video duplications), Ampex 1", Sony 34" and Beta, Pana-

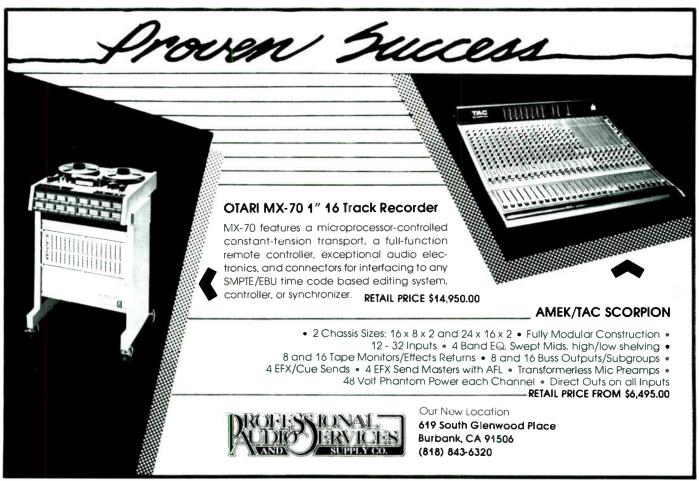
Rates: Available upon request.

• XANADU STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING 1163 Lewiston St., Aurora, CO 80011 (303) 366-6815 Owner: Richard J. Abitbol Studio Manager: Richard J. Abitbol

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Studio Manager: Blair Hardman

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•• A BROWN SOUND

23 Joseph Ct., San Rafael, CA 94903 (415) 479-2124

Owner: Robert Brown

Studio Manager: Robert Brown

Engineers: Peter Penhallow

Dimensions of Studios: (59). 20 x 24; (75) 20 x 50; (101): 20

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 15.

Tape Recorders: Otari MX 5050-8X, 8 track; TEAC 3440, 4

track; Sony 4330, 4 track.

Mixing Consoles: Tangent 1602, 16 in x 2 out; Crest 16X Yamaha 6 in x 2 out.

Monitor Amplifiers: JBL Icecube, Dyna 70

Monitor Speakers. JBL, Auratone Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems. Space Station, SST 282 Ibanez AD-230, MXR, Fender tube, Euhoplex Moog Phaser Space Echo 150

Other Outboard Equipment: SAE 2700 graphic EQ, UREI limiter. Biamp graphic EQ, IVP pre amp, dbx noise reduction

Microphones: Sennheiser 409, 421, 441, AKG, Sony, E.V. Shure.

Instruments Available: Piano, synthesizer, drums, and oth ers on request

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Owner: Antenna Theater Studio Manager: Richard Povall

•• ANTOMAR STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING Oakland, CA (415) 482-0839 Owner. Anthony Pasciucco

Studio Manager: Tony Pashuco

•• APPLEWOOD RECORDING STUDIOS 4542 49th S.W., Seattle, WA 98116 (206) 932-6348

Owner: Harlan Michael Weniger Studio Manager: Harlan Michael Weniger

•• ARCAL PRODUCTIONS 2732 Bay Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063 (415) 369-7348

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.. AUDIO RECORDING INC. also REMOTE RECORDING 4718 38th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105 (206) 623-2030, 525-7372 Owner: Kearney W. Barton Studio Manager Kearney W Barton

•• AUDIO RECORDING STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING E 9315 Trent, Spokane, WA 99206 (509) 487-9319, 928-9440 Owner: Gary Long Studio Manager: Gary Long

Studio Manager: Ron Vierra

•• AUDIO VISUAL ASSOCIATES also REMOTE RECORDING 1515 Old Bayshore Hwy., Burlingame, CA 94010 (415) 692-1271 Owner Steve White

•• AVLO PRODUCTIONS 269 Mastick Ave , San Bruno, CA 94066 (415) 589-8941 Owner: Tony Avila, Steve Lillo

Studio Manager: Tony Avila, Steve Lillo

•• BAY RECORDS

1516 Oak St., Suite 320, Alameda, CA 94501 (415) 865-2040

Owner: Michael Cogan

Studio Manager: Michael Cogan

Engineers: Michael Cogan Dimensions of Studios: 30 x 40.

Dimensions of Control Rooms. 18 x 12 Tape Recorders: M-79, 8 track, Ampex ATR 800 2, 2 track,

Sony 854-4S, 4 track.

Mixing Consoles: Custom built. Monitor Amplifiers: McIntosh MC60s, Hafler 225

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4311

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: MICMIX Super C Other Outboard Equipment: dbx 160 compressor, SAE

graphic, Metrotech graphic.

Microphones: Neumann U87s, AKG D224E, CA52, Beyer M260, E-V RE15, etc.

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•• BENT NAIL STUDIOS

2375 Cory Ave., San Jose, CA 95128 (408) 244-0766

Owner: Dave Morris

Studio Manager: Dave Morris

•• BIRKIN GRIF

P.O. Box 1096, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 946-7914

Owner: Alonzo Powers

Studio Manager: A Powers Engineers A Powers

Dimensions of Studios, 14 x 12, 12 x 13

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14 x 12. Tape Recorders: Tascam 40-4, 4 track; Tascam 38, 8 track;

Tascam 32, 2 track; Technics M234X, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Tascam 30, 8 x 4; Biamp 6702, 6 x 2. Monitor Amplifiers: Yamaha CA 400

Monitor Speakers: ADS L810 Realistic Mach One

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems Lexicon PCM4. Birm;

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Studio Manager Maggie Laird

.. BLUE NOTE STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 172 Bernard St., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 (415) 965-2138 Owner: Brady Austin Studio Manager: Geoff Giese

•• BOBKAT RECORDING STUDIO P.O. Box 5503, Berkeley, CA 94705 (415) 548-9766

Owner Kat Epple Bob Ston. Studio Manager Bob St I.,

•• BOOGIE-TIL-DAWN also REMOTE RECORDING 17100 Feodosia, Anchorage, AK 99516 (907) 345-2017 Owner: Gary Sloan

Studio Manager: Gary Sloan

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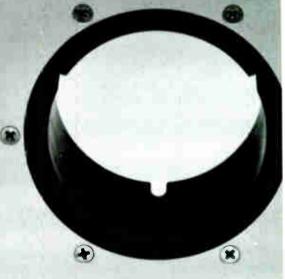
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911 E. 4th Ave., Olympia, WA 98506 (206) 352-9097 Owner: Allen P. Giles Studio Manager: Allen P. Giles

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 125 College Dr., Casper, WY 82601 (307) 268-2532 Owner: Casper College Studio Manager: Terry Gunderson

• • CAVE STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING P.O. Box 3667, Santa Clara, CA 95055 (408) 244-2283 Owner: Cave Recording Studio Manager: Brett Tyson

•• CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY MUSIC Mills College, Oakland, CA 94613 (415) 430-2191 Owner: Mills College

Studio Manager: Richard Povall

• CHERRY RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING 5779 Basil St. N.E., Salem, OR 97301 (503) 399-9775 Owner: Ron Skog Studio Manager: Ron Skog

•• CLAWS-ON PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING Bear Mtn. Dr., Boulder, CO 80303 (303) 499-1144 Owner: Lisa & Dan Clawson Studio Manager: Lisa Clawson

•• COMMERCIAL ATTRACTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING 37914 Shenandoah Loop, Springfield, OR 97478 (503) 747-6268 Owner: Guy Ritter Studio Manager: Guy Ritter

•• THE CONCEPT ORGANIZATION, INC. 85 Bluxome St., San Francisco, CA 94107 (415) 495-6521 Owner: Joesph M. Bilitzke, V.P., gen. manager

Studio Manager: Geoff Linder, tech. director

• COVENANT RECORDINGS INC. also REMOTE RECORDING 1345 S. Major St., Salt Lake City, UT (801) 487-1096 Owner: Lew Kofford Studio Manager: Chris Jensen

 COZY DOG RECORDING STUDIO 603 S.E. Morrison Rd., Vancouver, WA 98664 (206) 694-1845 Owner: Tad Suckling Studio Manager: Tad Suckling

•• CREATION STUDIOS 1449 Quincy Ave., Manteca, CA 95336 (209) 823-6864 Owner: Scott Dougherty Studio Manager: Scott Dougherty, James Liptak

•• CURRENT SOUND PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING 1882 Park St., Livermore, CA 94550 (415) 447-7262 Owner: Scott Faulk, Jerry Christie Studio Manager: Scott Faulk



•• DANCING BEAR STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 11645 Woodbridge St., Studio City, CA 91604 (805) 482-5139 Owner: Bill Ohashi Studio Manager: Bill Ohashi

•• DANGEROUS RHYTHM STUDIOS 3700 B. East 12th St., Oakland, CA 94601 (415) 261-9150 Owner: Kevin Kvarme, Bill Raymond

Studio Manager: Bill Raymond

•• DASH STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING 207 Texas St., Bellingham, WA 98225 (206) 671-4029 Owner: Doug Ash Studio Manager: Christy Wilkins

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Owner: Kevin Casey, David Huebner Studio Manager: Kevin Casey, David Huebner

•• DEVA STUDIOS 3525 Calafia Ave., Oakland, CA 94605 (415) 638-3341 Owner: Bruce Mishkit Studio Manager: Bruce Mishkit, Raena Rodriguez

•• DITURI RECORDING 307A W. 11th St., Tracy, CA 95376 (209) 836-5288 Owner: Louie Dituri Studio Manager: Louie Dituri

•• DUSTY ROADS STUDIO Rd. 204 #5886, Carpenter, WY 82054 (307) 649-2288 Owner: Duane C. Morse Studio Manager: Duane C. Morse

•• ECHO STUDIO 3611 S. 261 St., Kent, WA 98032 (206) 854-9717 Owner: Michael J. Glasgow Studio Manager: Michael J. Glasgow

•• EGO MANIAC STUDIO 90 Woodhums Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95051 (408) 243-7431

Owner: Sahı Sasmita, Myron Dove Studio Manager: Myron Dove, Sanı Sasmıta

•• EM-AN-EE SOUND STUDIOS P.O. Box 70288, Eugene, OR 97401 (503) 485-8796 Owner: Gary Kaplan Studio Manager: Edward McManus, Andy Widders-Ellis

•• EMW STUDIO @ SYSTEMS 76 Pasadena St., San Francisco, CA 94134

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Owner: Jeff Bahde Studio Manager: Jackie Bahde

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•• FREEWAY EIGHT TRACK 2248 E. 14th St., Oakland, CA 94606 (415) 532-3700 Owner: Corporate owned Studio Manager: Francis Trouette

•• GARY GADWOOD CUSTOM RECORDING only REMOTE RECORDING 11995 N.W. Kearney, Portland, OR 97229 (503) 644-0683 Owner: Gary Gadwood Studio Manager: Gary Gadwood

•• GENERATION ORGANIZATION also REMOTE RECORDING 4840 Brookwood St., Eugene, OR 97405 (503) 484-9087 Owner: Lew Thorne Studio Manager: Lew Thorne

•• GRASS ROOTS RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING 2737 N.E. 25th, Portland, OR 97212 (503) 281-5108 Owner: Michael O'Rourke Studio Manager: Michael O'Rourke

•• HANDS-ON RECORDING STUDIO 530 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, CO 80209 (303) 698-1669 Owner: Lorraine Baum, John Burris Studio Manager: John Burris

• • HAPPY TRACKS RECORDING P.O. Box 398, Belmont, CA 94002 (415) 595-4666 Owner: John Harbold Studio Manager: Doug Dayson

•• HARBINGER N.W. PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING 4416 S.E. Hwy. 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367 (503) 996-2575 Owner: L.F. Caulkins Studio Manager: LF. Caulkins

•• HARD CLOUDS PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING
321 N. 9th St., San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 294-6439 Owner: Craig Druitt Studio Manager: Craig Druitt

•• HEARTBREAK HOTEL STUDIO 3885 S. Logan St., Englewood, CO 80110 (303) 761-8060

Owner: Cary Steinberg Studio Manager: Cary Steinberg

•• HEAVENLY GROTTO RECORDING 11 Milton St., San Francisco, CA 94112 (415) 469-0192

Owner: Eric lenser Studio Manager: Eric Jensen

•• HEXTRAX PRODUCTIONS P.O. Box 4067 (Mission & Warm Springs) Fremont, CA 94539 (415) 490-7732

Owner: Hext Brothers Enterprises Studio Manager: Craig Hext Engineers: Ron Hext, Craig Hext Dimensions of Studios: 23 x 25 x 16

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 18 x 10 x 8
Tape Recorders: Tascam 80-8, 8 track; TEAC A-2340-SX, 4 Track; TEAC A-6100-MkII, 2 track; Akai 4000 DS, 2 track; Alwa AD1250, cassette; TEAC A 170S, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop 128DB8EQ, 12 in x 8 out; TEAC Model 3, 8 x 8 x 4; Biamp 8802, 8 x 2 x 1.

Monitor Amplifiers: Spectro Acoustics 500 SR, Crown D75, Peavey Century.

Monitor Speakers: Klipsch La Scala, Yamaha 54115H Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Master-Room XL-305,

Other Outboard Equipment: dbx 161 compressor, Spectro

Microphones: AKG 330BT, AKG 125D, Shure SM57, TEAC M.80 Realistic PZM. Electro-Voice RE20

Rates: 8-track, \$25/hr; 4-track, \$16/hr, including engineer, block rates available.

•• HIATUS PRODUCTIONS 1311 Sutter, San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 398-3124

Owner: Kate Haves, Tom Yates Studio Manager: Kate Hayes, Tom Yates

•• HOERNER AUDIO PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING 2200 196th St. S.E. Suite #85, Bothell, WA 98012

(206) 481-3477 Owner: Clinton J. Hoerner

Studio Manager: Chinton J. Hoemer

.. HORIZON AUDIO REC. CO., INC. also REMOTE RECORDING 10297 Bethel Burley Rd. S.E., Port Orchard, WA 98366 (206) 895-0404 Owner: H.A.R.C. Inc Studio Manager: Jay Kluth

.. INFAL RECORDS CO. also REMOTE RECORDING 2217 Champa St., Denver, CO 80205 (303) 295-1500 Owner: Victor M. Hernandez

.. INLAND AUDIO VISUAL CO. also REMOTE RECORDING N. 2325 Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205 (509) 328-0706 Owner: Larry Ellingson Studio Manager: Justin Allemand

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Owner: John F. Lizarraga Studio Manager: Pedro V Reynoso

•• JADE PRODUCTIONS also REMOTE RECORDING P.O. Box 4803, Modesto, CA 95352 (209) 578-3770 Owner: Gina A. Bose Studio Manager: Alvin R. Rose

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Studio Manager: Mr. James Bachman

Engineers: Jim Bachman

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 11 x 18 x 8; (B): 14 x 15 x 8; Vocal booth: 11 x 6 x 7.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 11 x 8 x 7

Tape Recorders: Otan MX5050 MkIII, 8-track; Tascam 32, 2 track; Nakamichi BX2, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Studio Master patch bay, 16 x 4 x 2; ARP

Monitor Amplifiers: Pioneer Spec 4 Monitor Speakers: E-V Sentry 100A

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon Model 200 reverb. PCM42 delay w/ext. memory, Fostex 3180 stereo spring reverb, Fostex 3050 delay.

Other Outboard Equipment: Dyna-Mite 430J, Symetrix SE400 parametric EQ, MXR dual limiter, Phase Linear 1300 Series 2 noise reduction, Symetrix HA 10B headphone amp, Rane SM26 splitter/mixer, Otari CB 116 auto locator.

Microphones: (2) Neumann U89, (2) Beyer M69, AKG 330 BT. Shure SM57.

Instruments Available: Assorted things with strings Rates: \$15/hr.

•• JUDE PRODUCTIONS P.O. Box 90, Dutch Flat, CA 95714 (916) 389-2326

Owner: Russell Brian Brooker Studio Manager: Victoria Brooker

•• KEYBOARD STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING Pacifica, CA 94044 (415) 355-6617 Owner: Grant Ewald Studio Manager: Grant Ewald

•• KUOP RECORDING STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING 3601 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95211 (209) 946-2582

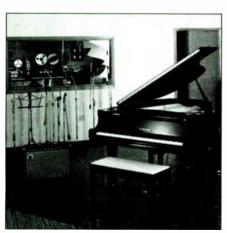
Owner: KUOP-FM, University of the Pacific Studio Manager: Joshua Sacco

•• LCO MUSIC PRODUCTIONS P.O. Box 2366, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, 96745 (808) 329-5358 Owner: Woody Demarco

Studio Manager: Woody Demarco

•• LITTLE OAK SOUND 2028 S.W. "G" St., Grants Pass, OR 97526 (503) 479-3205

Owner: Neil E. Moore Studio Manager: Jeff Patterson



LITTLE PEOPLE STUDIO Livermore, CA



•• LITTLE PEOPLE STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 2111 Research Dr. #2, Livermore, CA 94550 (415) 449-9820

Owner: Michael Ferrucci, Douglas Mann Studio Manager: Michael Ferrucci Engineers: Douglas Mann

Dimensions of Studios: 25 x 18 x 11 ½, drum area 9 x 10 x

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 11 x 14.

Tape Recorders: Otari MX5050, 8 track; Tascam 40-4, 4 track; Revox PR 99, 2 track; TEAC A4300, 2 track; JVC KD-A7, cassette

Mixing Consoles: Carvin MX1688, 16 in x 8 out; TEAC 2A/MB20, 6 in x 4 out.

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler, GAS.

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4311, Auratone SC.
Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Master-Room stereo reverb, DeltaLab DDL, MXR DDL.

Other Outboard Equipment: Orban compressor/limiter, dbx and Dolby noise reduction, SAE stereo parametric EQ, IVC 10 band/ch stereo graphic EQ, MXR envelope filter, Dyna Comp, phase shifter, distortion boxes, Morley volume

& wah-wah, Roland drum machine, direct boxes.

Microphones: AKG C460Bs, 330BTs, D-2000, D-1000, D-190; Sennheiser MD 421s; Shure SM57, 58, 81; E-V RE20s, PL11, PL91; Ampex 3001s; RCA Ribbons; Sony ECMs; Bar-

cus Berry. Instruments Available: Yamaha grand piano, Minimoog, Martin D41, 1946 Gibson L7, Rick 4001 bass, Gibson SG bass, Epiphone bass, Gibson Les Paul, Fender Telecaster, Music Man Sabre 2 guitar, Epiphone Casino, Music Man amp, 1954 & 1955 Fender Delux amps.

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Owner: Michael Sena

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Tape Recorders: TEAC 80-8, modified, transformerless, 8 track; TEAC 32, modified, transformerless, 2 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track; Revox B77, 2 track; Technics 1507, 2 track; TEAC 3340, 4 track

Mixing Consoles: Allen and Heath Brenell 168, 16 x 8 x 2 Monitor Amplifiers: SAE, TOA. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4311, Auratone, JBL-L40.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Roland RE-130 delay,

Effectron II, I, Tapco 440 reverb.

Other Outboard Equipment: Kepex, Gain Brain, UREI 1176 limiters, SAE parametric EQ, Systech flangers, Mutron phasers, dbx noise reduction on the 80-8.
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Mixing Consoles: Amek TAC 1682, 16 x 8 x 2.

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler DH 200, (blamped).

Monitor Speakers: McCune SM-4B (Altec 604s w/active

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Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AKG BX-20, Scamp S-24 Time Shape module, AMS reverb and delay on request.

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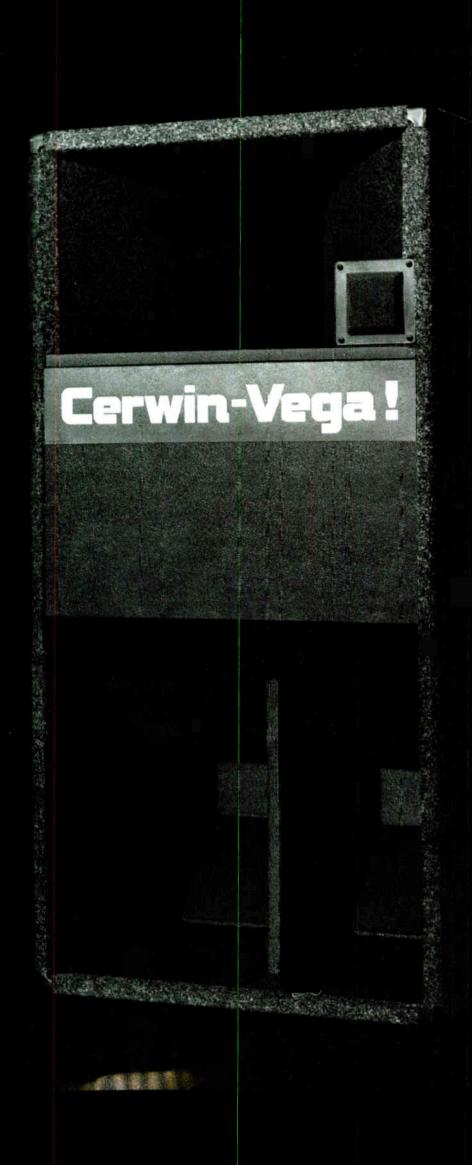
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Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: ART 01 A digital reverb Roland SDE 1000 digital delay

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Monitor Amplifiers: Phase Linear, Marantz, Carvin. Monitor Speakers: Control room: JBL 4430, Auratones; Studio JBL 4311A, JBL 4311B; Koss headphones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Orban reverb 111 B, Delta-

Lab Effectron II, ADM 1024 Ibanez HD 1000 Other Outboard Equipment: Orban compressor/limiter/ de esser 424A, (2) Biamp 1/1 octave EQs EQ270A, (3) Biamp octave EQs EQ210, EXR Projector Model SPII, Roland guitar pre amp SPI-300, Orban stereo synthesizer 245E, Tascam headphone amp HM40, Countryman direct boxes.

Microphones: AKG, Sennheiser, Shure, E-V, Crown, others

Instruments Available: Gulbransen 5' grand piano, Soh mer upright piano, Yamaha electric grand piano, Rhodes 88, Korg Poly 800 synthesizer, Hammond C3 organ w/Leslie, assorted electric, acoustic & bass guitars

Video Equipment & Services: Available on request Rates: \$30/hr, block rates available

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Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14 x 12.

Tape Recorders: MCI 110-C, 8 track; Scully 280, 2 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track; Ampex 440-B, 2 track; Nagra 4.2 mono. Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 30, 16 in x 8 out. Monitor Amplifiers: Crown. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4311, Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: MICMIX Master-Room B; Super C

Other Outboard Equipment: Valley People Dyna mite; MXR graphic EQs; Harmonizer 949, Aphex Aural Exciter, Aphex Compellor, DeltaLab Super Time Line, Dynaflex DX-2. Yamaha DX7 synth.

Microphones: Neumann U87s; Shure SM5Bs; AKG 414s; RCA 44, 77.

Rates: Audio: \$50/hr.

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Mixing Consoles: Dynamix D 3000, 24 x 8 x 2 Monitor Amplifiers: McIntosh 2100. Monitor Speakers: IBL 4312, Auratone 5C

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: ART 01A, Orban 111B, Lexicon Prime Time

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) Yamaha GQ 1031 1/3octave EQ, (3) MSC semi-parametric EQ, MXR dual octave EQ. Orban stereo compressor/de-esser, dbx 161 compressor/limiter, Roland SVC 350 vocoder, SMPL system, SMPL ck, computer sequencing

Microphones: Neumann U47, KM85, (2) AKG C-61, (2) D-24, D-19, D-15; Sennheiser 413; Shure SM76, Unisphere B. Instruments Available: Ensonig Mirage, Prophet 10 w/ MIDI, Casio CZ101, Yamaha CX5 Pro 1 EMU Drumulator, Roland GR 700, Fender & ESP strats, Fender P bass, custom fretless bass, Martin D-12/35, Martin 0-18, trumpet, alto sax, Pimental classical guitar, guitar effects

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Studio Manager: Homer Wise
Engineers: Homer Wise, David Brunn
Dimensions of Studios: 1000 sq. ft. (20 x 50)
Dimensions of Control Rooms: 11 x 11

Tape Recorders: Tascam w/dbx 80-8, 8 track; Revox, ½ track; Tascam w/dbx 22-4, 4 track; Nakamichi 480, cassette; Onkyo TA-2026, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Tascam M5, 8 x 4 x 2; Yamaha, 16 in x 4 out; Tascam MM-20.

Monitor Amplifiers: Yamaha, Crown.

Monitor Speakers: Polk Audio P15, Auratone. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Orban & Master-Room

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Orban & Master-Room reverbs, Roland, Lexicon, and MXR delays.

Other Outboard Equipment: MXR pitch transposers, dbx compressor/limiters.

Microphones: PL9s, PL5s, PL11s, SM57s, Beyer 101, SM58s, Pro-5s.

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31325-B Pacific Hwy S, Federal Way, WA 98003 (206) 839-2199

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Engineers: John Ag sting pridition I ny Ag sterrog

Tape Recorders: Fostex B16: 16 track: TFA 1.1.0., track: Akar 4000 D, ratrack: TFAC V400X, rate movements: Mixing Consoles: Tascam M 520, 20 cr. x. c. a.d. Monitor Amphitiers: Crewn D40 Marint 1.1.0 M Eyra 410 410

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••• AVID PRODUCTIONS

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Owner Henry Bilt ac

Studio Manager Peter Thompson

Engineers Chris Craiq

Dimensions of Studios (A) 18 x 20, (B) 18 x 23 Dimensions of Control Rooms 12 x 10 Tape Recorders Otan MTR (2011 16/24, 16 track; (2) Otan 50° BIL 1944 (2) IVC CR82507CP5550 %" U matic vid 10° (BE361) VHS video, (66) cassette machines.

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Monitor Amplifiers AB Systems Rane Monitor Speakers (BE, 4430, Infinity, E. V., Yamaha Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems Lexicon 224 digital re

Other Outboard Equipment, dbx 900 rack w/compres cors, none gate, de esser, Eventide H949 Harmonizer; Orban

674A stereo parametric EQ Microphones: Neumann U67-U47, Sennheiser 421; Shure SM57, Beyer M69, E. V. RE20.

Instruments Available: Simmons SDS7, LinnDrum; Roland TR8GR Yamaha DX7 Ens. riig Mirage sampling keyboard, Casi. CZ 1:100 Yamaha QX1 sequencer; (6) guitars, bass, (4)

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Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler, McIntosh, Nakamichi, Acoustat.

Monitor Speakers: Ed Long TA-3 time-align, JBL 4311, Yamaha NS10M. Auratones

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 (updated) & PCM 60, MICMIX, DeltaLab Effectron III, 512 Super Time

Line, DL-2, Eventide Harmonizer H910 & instant phaser.
Other Outboard Equipment: UREIs LA-4s, 1176; dbx 160;
Valley People Dyna-Mites; Scamp Rack F300, S04, S23, S100, S01, S03; Drawmer gates DS201, SAE 1800 EQ; UREI 535 & 539 graphic EQs; Klark-Teknik DN332 graphic EQ; EXA exciter & Aphex Aural Exciter; Peterson strobe tuner; Symetrix 522.

Microphones: AKG, Beyer, Crown PZM, Neumann, Senn-heiser, Shure, Electro-Voice, Countryman direct boxes, Tubecube & Uni-Sync

Instruments Available: Yamaha C-5 conservatory 6'6" grand piano, Fender Precision Bass, Les Paul 1958-EMG pick-ups, Yamaha Recording Series drums, Sonor Signature drums, Zıldjian & Paiste cymbals, Martin 00018 acoustic quitar, various percussion instruments; Mesa Boogie, Roland Jazz Chorus & Fender bass amps, Oberheim DX drum machine, E-drum, SDS 1 Simmons, electronic keyboards available but extra charge.

Rates: Competitive rates. Block booking available. Please



ROBERT BERKE SOUND San Francisco, CA

••• ROBERT BERKE SOUND

50 Mendell St. Suite #11, San Francisco, CA 94124 (415) 285-8800

Owner: Robert Berke Studio Manager: Mark Escott

Engineers: Mark Escott, Chris Miloslavich, Steve Bravin,

Robert Berke

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 15 x 18; (B): 7 x 12. Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 14 x 19; (B): 15 x 21; (C):

11 x 13; (D): 10 x 13. Tape Recorders: (2) Otari MTR 90-II, 16 track; Otari MTR 10, 4 track; (5) Otari MTR 10, 2 track; Otari MX 5050 MkII, 8 track; (3) Otari MX 5050 Mkll, 4 track; (7) Nakamichi/Akai cassette decks.

Mixing Consoles: (A): Auditronics 110, 16 in x 8 out; (B): Auditronics 700, 16 in x 16 out; (C): Soundcraft 500, 12 in x 8

out; (D): Soundcraft 200, 8 in x 4 out.

Monitor Amplifiers: (2) Bryston 4B, (8) BGW.

Monitor Speakers: (A & B): JBL 4430; (C): JBL 4425.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 & Lexicon PCM60 digital reverbs; Eventide H949 Harmonizer; Master-Room reverb

Other Outboard Equipment: dbx noise reduction; Dynafex noise reduction; Orban compressors, EQs, filters, & deessers; UREI filter set; Symetrix telephone interface systems; ADR vocal stressers.

Microphones: Neumann, Electro-Voice, Shure.

Video Equipment & Services: Sony BVH 1100 1" VTR

w/TBC & Dolby electronics; (2) Sony BVU 800 VCR; Sony

5800 VCR; Panasonic professional ½" VCR; MTR-10s w/center channel time code; Cypher digital Softouch synchronizers; Otari EC-101 synchronizer; (2) Cypher digital time code generators & readers w/windows; Sony control room & studio video monitors; fully equipped audio for video layback & transfer room.

Rates: Please call for rates.

Extras: Thousands of music & sound effects cues from the leading production libraries; client lounge, conference room & kitchen.

Direction: Robert Berke Sound is an audio production facility specializing in audio for video, commercial, and A/V sound production. The complex now features full 1" VTR transfer & layback capability; two acoustically identical control rooms & studios designed by Randy Sparks of RLS Acous-tics; and the most up-to-date music & sound effects library available. The studio has completed post-production sound for hundreds of network, local & commercial video programs during the previous year.



••• BRAND STUDIOS 10 Industrial Way, Brisbane, CA 94005 (415) 468-3500

Owner: John Brand Studio Manager: Jeff Kreegar

Studio Manager: Robert Lee

••• BROWN BAG PRODUCTIONS 4134 S. Eudora, Englewood, CO 80110 (303) 756-9949 Owner: Michael Lee, Robert Lee

••• CALYPSO RECORDS 41-M Hamilton Dr., Novato, CA 94947 (415) 883-4768

Owner: Michael J. Verchiani Studio Manager: Tina Verchiani Engineers: Michael J. Verchiani

Dimensions of Studios: 20 x 40. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 15.

Tape Recorders: 3M M-56, 16 track; Ampex AG-440, 2 track; Aiwa F-660, cassette; Akai GXC-760D, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Tangent 3216, 24 in x 24 out.

Monitor Amplifiers: Biamp TC 225 & TC 60 Monitor Speakers: UREI 811s, Auratones. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 digital re-

verb, PCM60 digital reverb; 910 Harmonizer; DeltaLab DL-4; Korg SE-500.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176 comp/limiters; noise gates; Vocal Stresser.

Microphones: U87, 414, 451, 452s, SM57s, 421s.
Instruments Available: Studio drums, Prophet 5, DX drum machine, Juno 60 synthesizer.

Rates: \$25/hr. Block time available

••• CAPP ST. STUDIOS 172 Capp St., San Francisco, CA 94110 (415) 861-3426

Owner: Carole Lennon Studio Manager: Gary Floyd

••• CASCADE RECORDING

2115 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland, OR 97227 (503) 287-1662

Owner: Hal Lee

Studio Manager: Hal Lee Engineers: Mike Moore, Fritz Richmond

Dimensions of Studios: 32 x 20 w/9 x 10 iso. room.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 16 x 12. Tape Recorders: MCI/Sony JH-24/16/8, 2" 16/8 track; Otari MTR—10, ½" 4/2 track; Ampex ATR-102, ¼" 2 track; dbx digital 700, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: MCI/Sony 636, 20 in x 16 out.

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler 220, Yamaha 2100.

Monitor Speakers: Tannoy 12B, Altec 604s w/UREI Time Align, Yamaha NS-10s, Auratones. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Klark-Teknik DN780 & Lexicon 200 digital reverb, Lexicon digital delay, PCM 41.

Lexicon Super Prime Time. Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176 LN limiters, Ashly

SC-33 noise gates, EXR Model IV exciter. Tape Recorders: Calrec Sound Field, Neumann, AKG, Sennheiser, B & K, Shure, Beyer. Instruments Available: Yamaha 7' grand piano, Gretsch

trap set, Gon Bop congas & timbales, Yamaha DX7 Rates: Please call.

••• CELLAR DOOR STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING 795 W. Amity, Meridian, ID 83642 (208) 888-9242 Owner: Mark Evans

••• RICK CHAISSE PROD. also REMOTE RECORDING 19 Locke Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (408) 438-2331 Owner: Rick Chaisse Studio Manager: Rick Chaisse

••• C-M-I also REMOTE RECORDING 10125 227th Ave. Ct. E., Buckley, WA 98321 (206) 862-1877 Owner: Tom Thrasher Studio Manager: Tom Thrasher

••• COUPE STUDIOS also REMOTE RECORDING 2539 Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80302 (303) 447-0551 Owner: Scott Roche Studio Manager: Patrick Cullie

••• CREATIVE SOUND STUDIO 602 Cree Dr., San Jose, CA 95123 (408) 224-1777

Owner: Richard Dias Studio Manager: Ramah Dias

••• CROW RECORDING STUDIO 4000 Wallingford N., Seattle, WA 98103

(206) 634-3088 Owner: John Nelson

Studio Manager: John Nelson

Engineers: John Nelson, Greg Unterseher

Dimensions of Studios: 30 x 40, add'l 250 sq. ft. in (2) iso. booths.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 17 x 19.

Tape Recorders: Scully 288-16B, 16 track; Ampex 351-2, 2 track; Revox, 2 track; Sony, Akai cassettes.

Mixing Consoles: Tangent 3216-A transformerless, 24 in x

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler, Crown.

Monitor Speakers: UREI 828 Time Align, Yamaha NS-10M, Auratones, Acoustical Research, AKG, Sennheiser.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon Prime Time DDL, Lexicon PCM 41 DDL, Lexicon 200 digital reverb, Stocktronics plate reverb.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) UREI 1176LN limiting amplifiers, (2) UREI 175B tube compressors, (2) Pultec EQP-1 A3, Tube EQ, Lang EQ, Roger Mayer gates, (2) Allison Gain Brains, Orban/Parasound parametric EQ 622B, Tektronix RM 561 A oscilloscope.

Microphones: Neumann U87, KM84s; Telefunken U47s; AKG 414EB, 452EBs, D12E; Sennheiser 421, 441; E-V 635A, REI1; RCA 77DX; Beyer 500; Shure 57s, 58s, 545; Sony C37a, C22P, 270P; Jensen Dls

Instruments Available: Pearl drum kit, various percussion, amps, keyboards.

Video Equipment & Services: In-house video marketing, custom shoots, in-house ad production company, Sony cameras, VCR, etc.

Rates: Call for rates. Block discounts available

••• JAMES DANIELS PRODUCTIONS P.O. Box 618, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (415) 325-8574

Owner: James Daniels Studio Manager: Bruce Kaphan

••• DAVIS SOUND STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 1205 Oak Ave., Davis, CA 95616 (916) 758-6661

Owner: Andy Lang Studio Manager: Andy Lang Engineers: Andy Lang Dimensions of Studios: (Main studio): 13L x 12W x 7-12H;

(iso booth #1): 5L x 4W x 8-9H; (iso booth #2): 7L x 6W x 8H. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 18L x 10W x 7-12H. Tape Recorders: Otari MX-70, 16 track; Otari MX-5050BII,

2 track; Tascam Portastudio 244, 4 track (cassette format); Bang & Olufsen Beocord 9000 cassette; Nakamichi BX-300 cassette: Denon DR-M3 cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Studiomaster 16 x 8 x 2; Peavey 1201, 12 x 4 (2 main, 2 mon).

Monitor Amplifiers: Tandberg TIA-3012, Hitachi HA-610, Rane HC-6 (headphone), Tascam 40-4 (headphone).

Monitor Speakers: Spica TC-50 w/2 Spica servo subwoof ers. ADS L400, Canton GL-300F, ADS 300i, JBL 4627. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon PCM60 digital

reverb, DeltaLab ADM 1024 Effectron II digital delay, Ibanez DM 1000 digital delay Other Outboard Equipment: dbx 166 2 channel gate/

compressor/limiter, Valley People Maxi Q 3 band parametric EQ, Valley People Gain Brain II compressor, limiter/ducker, (2) Valley People Kepex II noise gates, Orban 424A 2 channel compressor/limiter/de-esser, Aphex Type-B 2



DAVIS SOUND STUDIO Davis, CA

channel Aural Exciter, Orban 674A 2 «:hannel parametric EQ. Microphones: [3] Neumann KM84f; [189]; (2) Audio-Technica AT813R, ATM63; AKG C414; Senmieiser MD421; Shure SM57, SM77; Eeyer M201, M500; (2) Crown PZM-30GP. Instruments Available: Ibanez Roadstar II electric quitar. Yamaha G240 nylon six-string guifai, MemoryMoog Plus

synthesizer, Sequential Circuits Druntraks drum machine, Wing & Son upright piano.

Rates: \$25/hr Discounts for block time (over 10 hrs) and lock-rut bookings. Remote recording. \$25/hr. Please call. Extras: LEDE studio design w/both live" and "dead" iso booths. Production services and session musicians available. Real-time cassette duplication. Loun je area includes TV and refrigerator (always stocked w/water, soft drinks, coffee

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••• DOG FISH SOUND also REMOTE RECORDING Rt. 1 Box 83A, Newberg, OR 97132 (503) 538-5638

Owner: Drew Canulette, Norm Costa Studio Manager: Drew Canulette

Dimensions of Studios: (Main room). 19 x 21 x 11; (vocal). 7 x 8 x 11.5; (drum room): 7 x 11 x 13.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14' x 8' x 6'8" (truck). Tape Recorders: Otan MX70, 8/16 track; Otan MX7800, 8 track; Technics 1500, 2 track; dbx 700 digital audio processor 700, 2 track; Sony/Akai cassettes.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 34, 24 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: 6250, Crown DC300A, Crown 150A. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4330, Rogers LS35A

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL, DeltaLab Acousticomputer

Microphones: AKG C414-EB, 451, 452; Neumann U89; Sony C37A (tube); ECM 33P, 63; Sennheiser 441, 421; E-V RE20, SM57; Crown PZM 30GP

Instruments Available: Instruments w/rooms available

Video Equipment & Services: JVC 42" (VHS) editing

Rates: Upon request.

••• DRAGON STUDIOS 100 Fifth Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063 (415) 366-5575

Owner: Charles Albert

Studio Manager: Sally Albert

Engineers: Charles Albert, Bruce Kaphan, Bruce Bowers Dimensions of Studios: 500 sq. ft., 2 isos within, 2 add'l. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 22D x 17W x 10H non-parallel, symmetrical; machine soffits, (3) closets beyond this

Tape Recorders: Ampex MM1100 w/VSO, search, 16 track remote; Otari MX5050, 8 track; Ampex AG440C Servo, 2 track; Otari MX5050, 2 track; Pioneer RTU-11, 4 track; (5) Sony, Technics, TEAC cassettes.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop series 30, 26 x 16 Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler P500, BGW, Symetrix.
Monitor Speakers: UREI 813A, JBL 4311, Auratone, Realistic, Klipsch.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Yamaha Rev 7 digital reverb, MXR/ART 01 A digital reverb; Lexicon PCM41 DDL, DeltaLab DL-4 DDL; Effectron 11 DDL; ADA STD-1 stereo tapped delay



DRAGON STUDIOS Redwood City, CA

Other Outboard Equipment: (3) UREI 1176LN, Symetrix CL-100 comp/limiter, Symetrix SG 200 gates, dbx 155 N/R-PE-40 parametric EQ, 2200 graphic EQ, Roland Vocoder. Technics turntable, Tascam Model 5, (2) Model 1 (2) PB 64

(2) Countryman direct, passive direct. Microphones: Neumann U89, (3) KM84, AKG 414, D190E (3) Sennheiser 421; E.V. RE20, Crown PZM, (2) Sony ECM 33F; (2) Beyer M500, (2) Soundstar. (5) Shure SM57 (2) SM58, Countryman EM-202PPM

Instruments Available: Baldwin grand piano, Yamaha DX7. Prophet-10, Rhodes; LinnDrum computer; Gretsch studio drums, Ludwig snare, Paiste cymbals, '60 Les Paul custom, Strat w/Floyd Rose; Ibanez Artist, Santa Cruz D 46C acoustic P' bass; flute, Fender Deluxe, Sweet Camps
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Studio Manager, John Brikely

Engineers John blakeley 5 bin Woodland

Dimensions of Studios .. x 10

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Tape Recorders Fostex b to 16 track, hevex i H 33 2 track

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Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems DeltaLab ADM 1024, Lex

Other Outboard Equipment (4) Valley People compressor /gate/limiters Unit 1535 graphic UKELLA 4 comp/hm dbx typ-1, dbx 160 doing to suor. Orban reverb. Microphones. Neumann. Uo7, (3) SM81, (4) Sennheiser.

MD 421, E V kE20 (a) SM57 MB condenser

Instruments Available MemoryMood plus 12 vintagegur tars and any litters re-53 Tele, 54 Strat-58 Gertsch let, '64 Fender 12 string. Also, 13t 4 Ludwig champagne drums Rates: \$25/nr

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••• FAST TRACK (RECORDING) STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 1906 E. 115 Place, Northglenn, CO 80233 (303) 457-0730

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••• FREEWAY RECORDING, INC 2248 E. 14th St., Oakland, CA 94606

(415) 532-3700 Owner: Bernie Billy Rivera, Peggy McDohaid

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••• FRESH STUDIO P.O. Box 1931, Mill Valley, CA 94942 (415) 383-0229 Owner: Fresh Metajer Studio Manager, Fresh Metager

••• GUNG HO RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING 86821 McMcrott Lane, Eugene, OR 97402 (503) 484 9352 Owner: Bill & Lilienne Barrett Studio Manager, bit bassett



••• HOT TRACKS RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING 2217 A The Alameda, Santa Clara, CA 95050 (408) 554-1117

Owner: Phil Jamison, Don Heinsen.

Studio Manager: Phil Jamison.
Engineers: Phil Jamison, Don Heinsen, Bob Langlie, Paul Fox Dimensions of Studios: 448 sq. ft.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 208 sq. ft.—entire facility is 2.000 sa. ft.

Tape Recorders: Tascam 85-16B w/Autolocator & dbx, 16 track; Tascam 80-8 w/dbx, 8 track; Tascam 35-2 w/dbx, 2 track; Pioneer 2/2, 4/2 track.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 30, w/28 VCA

inputs

Monitor Amplifiers: Yamaha P2201, BGW 100.
Monitor Speakers: UREI 813s, JBL 4311s, and Auratones Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon PCM60 digital reverb. (2) DeltaLab ADM 256 digital delays, ADM 1024 digital Effectron; Marshall Time Modulator; Lexicon Prime Time; Valley People Dyna-Mite; AKG BX10 reverb

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) dbx 161 compressors, Orban 622B dual parametric EQ, Ashly SC66A dual parametric EQ, Tapco C201 and MXR dual graphic equalizers. Microphones: Neumann U87s; AKG 414s, 451s; E-V RE20s; Sennheiser MD421s; Shure SM57s, 58s.

Instruments Available: Hamilton 5' baby grand piano, Twin reverb, Precision bass, Gibson Les Paul

Rates: Call for quote.

••• JEEPS BAR & REC. STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING P.O. Box 280, Alpine, WY 83128 (307) 654-7585 Owner: Jeep Molnar Studio Manager: Jeep Molnar

••• JESTER SOUND STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 423 Kuhlman Dr., Billings, MT 59105 (406) 248-5896 Owner: Bob Hale

Studio Manager: Bob Hale

••• JMC MUSIC GROUP also REMOTE RECORDING 2700 Champa, Denver, CO 80205 (303) 297-3131 Owner: John S. Macy Studio Manager: John S. Macy

... LAYA-TRACK RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING 1805 Academy Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226 (206) 733-8824

Owner: Jim & Mary Ann Zender Studio Manager: Jim Zender

••• LIKEWISE PRODUCTIONS P.O. Box 5447, Berkeley, CA 94705 (415) 654-3112

Studio Manager: Jeffry O. Holt

Engineers: Jeffry O. Holt, Craig Griffeath plus independents; technicians: John Imholz, Randy Stadtman; maintenance: David Seabury, Wen Vegas.

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 16 x 24; (B): 12 x 22; (C) 6 x 12 isu booth

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 10 x 14 new tuned room Tape Recorders: Tascam 85-16 w/dbx, 16 track (w/pitch control), TEAC 80-8 w/dbx, 8 track (w/pitch control); (2) Otan MX-5050B, 2 track (w/pitch control).

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 20, 20 x 16 x 2; Effects Mixer, 8 x 2.

Monitor Amplifiers: Studer stereo power amp A-68, Sansui BA 3000 power amp.

Monitor Speakers: Tannoy SRM 12B, Yamaha NS-10s Gauss, Electro-Voice, Auratones, AKG headphones,

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon Prime time digital delay M93, stereo chorus, Effectron delay, Master-Room stereo reverb XL-305, stereo plate reverb w/gate and EQ, Roland RE-150 space tape echo. PCM60 upon request.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) UREI LA-4 compressor/ limiter, stereo chorus, Dyna-comp, dbx 160 compressor/limiter. Boss chorus/vibrato, distortion box, headphone amp, Dr. Rhythm click track DR-55, Countryman direct boxes, volume pedal, Korg guitar tuner, Inovonics peak limiter, TEAC model 124 Syncaset, Symetrix dual noise gate, Transaudio turntable, pinball machine (any outside rentable-

Microphones: Neumann U87; (2) AKG 414EB, 451; Sennheiser 421; Beyer 500, M-69; Sony ECM-56F; E-V RE10, PL9; Shure SM56, 58; others on request

Instruments Available: Prophet-5, Roland Juno 106 upright great acoustic piano, drums by Gretsch, Roland 707 drum machine, Rogers wooden snare drum, Fender Bassman, Nady Lightning guitar switchable amp w/tube voice, Fender Strat, Marshall 4-12 bottom, Yamaha 6- & 12-string acoustic guitars, percussion, etc.

Video Equipment & Services: Sony stereo TV monitor KV 1956R. (Rental video equipment upon request.)

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••• MAGIC SOUND also REMOTE RECORDING 1780 Chanticleer Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (408) 475-7505

Owner: Alan Goldwater

Engineers: Alan Goldwater, Merle Sparks. Dimensions of Studios: 16 x 20 x 12 (asymmetrical wedge

ceiling); 12 x 14 isolated drum room; 5 x 6 x 7 booth.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 14 x 16.

Tape Recorders: MCI/Inovonics JH 10-16 L5/30 ips, 16/8 track; Rockwell computer auto locater; Ampex AG 444B 15/30 ips, 2 track; Electrosound 505, 2 track; (2) Kenwood KX 1060 cassette; Otari MX5050, 2 track; Sony PCM 701 digital 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: Custom 36 input, 8 bus, separate 16 track fully equalized monitor, section, full patchbay, API 550 mix board EO.

Monitor Amplifiers: Dynaco 150 and Phase Linear 400. Monitor Speakers: Altec/UREI 811, White EQ 4100, Sennheiser & AKG headphones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Ecoplate II, multi-track reverb, Marshall Time Modulator, Roland Space Echo, Lexicon Prime Time II.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) MXR flanger, (2) MXR Other Outboard Equipment: (2) MAR lianger, (2) MAR 3-octave graphic EQ, UREI LA-4 limiter, (2) Universal Audio 175B tube limiters, Allison Gain Brain, Mayer noise gates; (8) API 550A EQs; (2) UREI LA-4A limiters, Thorens/Rabco disc player.

Microphones: Neumann KM54a, U67; (2) AKG 414-EB, C-451, D-190, D-160, D-12, C28-A (tube); Beyer M-260, (2) X1N; (2) Sennheiser MD-421; Shure SM57, 58, 81 (several each); Sony C377, C22, C-37A (tube); Altec M30s (tube), RCA BK5 (ribbon); (2) AKG C61a tube, C12 (tube); Shure

Instruments Available: Cable upright piano, Hohner D6 clavinette, Apple computer 16 voice synthesizer system; Guild F30. Danelectro and Rickenbacker 12-string guitars; Fender Princeton and Deluxe amps, Polytone amps; CB drums w/Zildjian cymbals, E-mu Systems Emulator w/all software, E-mu Systems Drumulator w/computer sequencer. Video Equipment & Services: Panasonic NVS200 w/computer search, Panasonic 8500 VHS editing system.
Rates: \$40/hr, 16 track; \$30/hr block (10 hrs or more);

\$30/hr, 8 track; \$25 block; \$25/hr, 2 track & editing; 1 hour free set-up. Above rates include engineer & instruments.

••• MARINSOUND

448 Dubois, San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 459-5152

Owner: Dr. Sam Waxler, Fred Waxler, Al Lachtman Studio Manager: Fred Waxler

Engineers: Fred Waxler

Dimensions of Studios: 48 x 30 x 13; 18.5 x 14 x 10. Tape Recorders: Tascam 8516 w/autolocator, 16 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track; Technics RSM 280 cassette; Marantz PMD

360 cassette; TEAC 3300 SX, 2 track

Mixing Consoles: Tangent Series 16 22 x 16.

Monitor Amplifiers: AB Systems, Phase Linear, SAE.

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813, Yamaha NS10M, IBL 4333,

Auratones, Koss phones, Fostex phones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Ecoplate II, Ursa Major
Space Station, DeltaLab ADM 1024, DeltaLab ADM 256; 2 track tape slap, Ibanez harmonizer, MXR flanger/doublers. Other Outboard Equipment: (2) dbx 165, dbx 161, Valley People Stereo Dyna-Mite, Universal Audio 550-A filter, (2) Biamp EQ 140 parametrics, (2) McMartin limiters, Spectra-Sonics 510 comp/limiter, (2) Roger Mayer gates, (2) Symetrix

gates, Orban stereo de-esser.
Microphones: Sony C-48, C-37 P; Neumann KM84; AKG 451, 224, CK22; Shure SM81, SM33, SM56; Sennheiser 409, 421, 441; Tascam PE-250; E-V RE20, RE15; Beyer M-160, M-88; Altec 298; Countryman DI; Jensen X-former DI;

Sony ECM 50

Instruments Available: Baldwin baby grand, Hammond B-3 w/Lealie, Rhodes, Wurlitzer, SH101, Drumulator, Strat, Vox 12-string, Music Man bass, G&L bass, Ovation 6-string, Martin D-18, Fender Twin, Fender Champ, Fender Concert 112, Ampeg U-4, Sunn 2000 S, PA systems

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Studio Manager: Bob Bangerter, Tom Hall, Sharon Hall

••• PETER MILLER RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING P.O. Box 11013, San Francisco, CA 94101

(415) 567-7040

Owner: Peter Miller

Studio Manager: Peter Miller

Engineers: Peter Miller and various highly qualified profes sionals.

Dimensions of Studios: 30 x 20.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 20 x 12. Tape Recorders: 3M 56, 16 track; Ampex 440C, 2 track; Revox A77, 2 track; Sony 854-4, 4 track; Technics RSM 85-2

Mixing Consoles: Soundcraft series 2, 24 x 16.

Monitor Amplifiers: Quad 33/303, Shure SR105 series.

Monitor Speakers: Altec 604-8G (in 9 cu. ft. cabinets), Aura

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon Prime Time II DDL, Lexicon 200 digital reverb, Lexicon PCM60 digital reverb, EMT 140S plate reverb.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1178 compressor/limiters; Drawmer DS201 noise gates; SAE graphic ½-octave EQs; Trident parametric EQs; Roland Vocoder; Apollo com-

presser, Orban 622 parametric EQ. Microphones: Neumann U87, U47, KM84; AKG 414, C28B; Shure SM58, SM57, SM56; E-V RE20; Sennheiser 421, 414; Countryman DI.

Instruments Available: Acoustic piano, Pre CBS Fender Concert and Vibroverb, various Gibson, Gretsch, Fender electric guitars, Drumulator, Yamaha DX7, Ludwig drum set, Music Man amp.

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Tape Recorders: Ampex MM1100, 16 track; Tascam 80-8 w/dbx, 8 track; Ampex 440-C, 2 track; Otari MX 5050, 2

Mixing Consoles: Tangent (modified) 3216, 16 x 16. Monitor Amplifiers: Crown DC 300A; D150-A, (2) DC75,

Monitor Speakers: UREI 811; MDM 4; JBL 4313 B; Aura-

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon Prime Time; Eventide Harmonizer; Ecoplate II; Lexicon 200; MICMIX XL 305; S-24 time Shape Module.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) ADR expander/gates; (3) comp/limiter; (2) ADR parametric EQ; Aphex Exciter; MXR phaser; (3) ADR 502 mike preamp.

Microphones: Neumann, AKG, Sennheiser, Sony, Shure,

E-V, Beyer, Neumann tube U67.

Instruments Available: Chickering 6'6" grand piano, Ham

Rates: \$50/hr, 16 track; \$35/hr, 8 track

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Studio Manager: Ben C. Rothenberg

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••• PARVIN STUDIOS P.O. Box 16191, San Francisco, CA 94116 (415) 359-1853

Owner: M.B. Eads Co. Engineers: Lee Parvin and Henry Parvin Dimensions of Studios: 22 x 16. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 13.

Tape Recorders: Ampex MM-1000, 16 track; Ampex 440-B, 8 track; Ampex 440-B, 4/2 track; Ampex AG500, ½ track; Akai GX-630D stereo, ¼ track; Akai 950-B stereo cassette. Mixing Consoles: Auditronics 501-26, 18 x 16.

Monitor Amplifiers: Marantz 15, Crown DC300. Monitor Speakers: Altec 604-9G, UREI Time Align, Auratone 5Cs, JBL 4311.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Master-Room Stereo C

Series reverb, AKG Wien Stereo.
Other Outboard Equipment: UREI Model 1176 LN limiters, UREI Model LA-4 compressor/limiters, Orban/Parasound parametrics, UREI 530 equalizer, dbx noise reduction, Eventide Harmonizer, El-Tech take finder

Microphones: Neumann U87, U47, KM86, KMS85; Sennheiser 421, 441; AKG 1000; Shure SM81, SM58, MB 301 ribbon, 549; AKG D-200; Electro-Voice RE20.

Instruments Available: Emerson baby grand piano, Hammond B-3 organ, Fender Rhodes piano.

Rates: Call for rates.

••• PEAKDESIGN also REMOTE RECORDING Montclair, Oakland, CA 94611 (415) 531-5331; Telex 755056 Owner: Tony Milosz

Studio Manager: Joanna Rayska

Engineers: Tony Milosz, Stanislaw Krupowicz Dimensions of Control Rooms: Integrated control room/ studio: 18 x 40.

Tape Recorders: 3M M79, 16 track; Otari 5050-85D modified, 8 track; Otari 5050-B, 2 track; Sony PCM501ES/ SLHF300/SL2000, 2 track (digital).

Mixing Consoles: Dynamix D3000 automated, 32 x 8 x 16

x 2; miscellaneous submixers. Monitor Amplifiers: Yamaha.

Monitor Speakers: JBL, Altec Lansing, Auratones

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Roland SRV2000, (2) Yamaha R1000, (3) DeltaLab Effectron 1024, Korg SDD1000 modified, (2) custom spring reverbs, custom Peakdesign signal processor, ADA flanger, Wavemaker phaser.

Other Outboard Equipment: Cyclosonic FS1 3-dimensional panner; Orban, Tascam, Advent, DOD equalizers; Aphex B; Dynafex; Orban, dbx compressors; Peakdesign custom direct to digital SMPTE/MIDI control computer; Yamaha CXSF System; Roland SBX80 SMPTE sync; Roland MSQ700 seq; Yamaha QX7SEQ; IBM PC/AT w/Roland MPS and other software for sequencing/notation; Sony 520 ES CD player, Spectrum analyzers, scopes and other equipment. **Microphones:** Sony, Sennheiser.

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Studio Manager: Dan Wyman, Allen Strange

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Owner: Randall Schiller

Studio Manager: Randall Schiller Engineers: Randall Schiller, Cathy Cohn, John Monitto Dimensions of Studios: 12½ x 15; drum room: 9 x 9. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 121/2 x 15.

Tape Recorders: TEAC/Tascam MS-16, 16 track; TEAC/Tascam 80-8, 8 track; Otan 5050B, 2 track; Sony TC-854-4S, 4 track; Sony TC-850-2T, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: TEAC/Tascam M-520, 20 x 8; TEAC/Tascam 5B, 8 x 4; TEAC/Tascam M-35EX, 12 x 4.

Monitor Amplifiers: SAE A-201, A-501; BGW Model

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4411, Auratone 5C, Altec A7-500 (modified and bi-amplified) and Pioneer CS-88.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: DeltaLab 2048 digital delay, DeltaLab DL-2 Acousticomputer stereo digital delay, Eventide 910 Harmonizer, Yamaha REV-7 digital reverb and

Sound Workshop 242 stereo reverberation unit.

Other Outboard Equipment: MXR dual 15-band graphic equalizers, Orban 62 parametric equalizer, dbx 161 compressor/limiter, UREI 1178 stereo compressor/limiter, dbx 154 Decilinear noise reduction, Crown VFX-2A stereo electronic crossover/filter, SAE 5000 Impulse Noise Reduction unit, dbx 503 dynamic range expander, Technics SL-1200 MkII turntable, assorted patch bays and necessary support equipment.

Microphones: AKG C-414s; Electro-Voice RE15; Shure SM81s, SM58s, SM57s, SM78s, 55SH, "Green Bullet"; Sony ECM-33P, ECM-16; Sennheiser MD-421s, MD-431s. Instruments Available: Story & Clark console piano.

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Tape Recorders: Ampex MM1100, 16 track; TEAC 80-8, 8 track; TEAC 73002T, 2 track; TEAC 3300 2T, 2 track; TEAC A-104 cassette

Mixing Consoles: Amek TAC 24 x 8 x 2 Monitor Amplifiers: Uni-Sync.

Monitor Speakers: Dahlquist DQ9, JBL, Auratone.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Sound Workshop reverb, ART digital reverb, ART digital delay.

Other Outboard Equipment: Symetrix limiters, Symetrix

Microphones: Beyer, AKG, Shure, Electro-Voice Instruments Available: Kawai EP 308 grand piano, Kawai SX-240 programmable synthesizer, Ovation stereo acoustic guitar, Rickenbacker bass, Fender Precision bass, Les Paul personal studio guitar, Marshall lead amplifier, Drumulator drum machine, Drumulator pad programmer, Dr. Click clock machine, Tristeck direct boxes.

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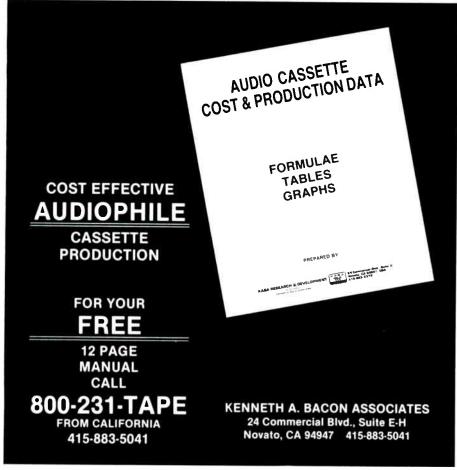
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Dimensions of Studios: 15 x 18 x 12, 12 x 15 x 8, 8 x 10 x 12. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 21 x 14.5 x 12.

Tape Recorders: Ampex MM-1000, 16 track; Otan 5050B, 2 track

Mixing Consoles: TAC/Amek Matchless, 20 x 24 x 8 x 2; Roland CPE-800 Compu-editor (16 track digital automation).

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler, BGW.

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430 Bi-Radials, MDM-4 near field, Yamaha NS-10s, Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 digital reverb, Roland SRV-2000 digital reverb, Ecoplate III plate reverb, Lexicon Prime Time DDL, Eventide 910 Harmonizer, DeltaLab Super Time Line DDL, Loft 440 analog delay, MXR flanger/doubler, MXR stereo chorus

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI LA-4 compressor, dbx 160 compressor, Symetrix SG-200 noise gates, Symetrix 522 noise gates, EXR Exciter.

Microphones: AKG, Electro-Voice, Neumann, RCA, Sennheiser, Shure, Sony

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dubbing cassette.
Mixing Consoles: Ramsa WRT820, 20 x 8

Monitor Amplifiers: NAD 3150.

Monitor Speakers: TOA 280 ME, Audio Source

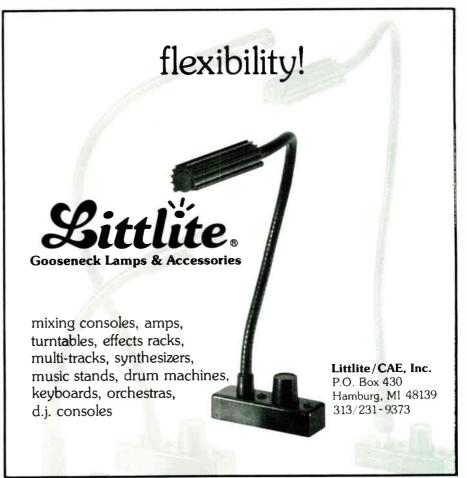
Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon PCM60, Roland

SDE 2500, DeltaLab ADM 1024. Microphones: AKG C451E, Fostex M5

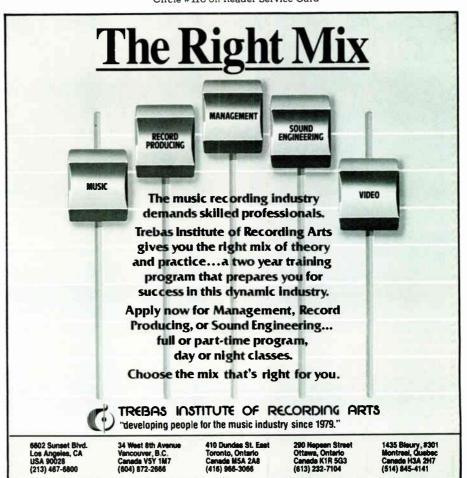
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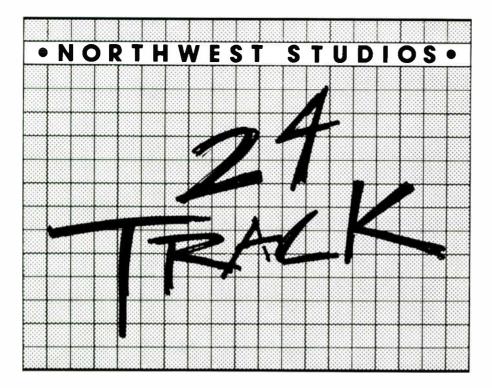
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Owner: Sam A. Foster, Susan Foster Studio Manager: Sam A. Foster



AVALANCHE RECORDING STUDIO, INC. Northglenn, CO

•••• AVALANCHE RECORDING STUDIO, INC. 10650 Irma Dr. #27, Northglenn, CO 80233 (303) 452-0498

Owner: Avalanche Recording Studio, Inc.

Studio Manager: Linda Warman

Engineers: George Counnas, Harry Warman, Steve Forgy Dimensions of Studios: 1000 sq. ft.; iso 1: 150 sq. ft.; iso 2 150 sq. ft.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 600 sq. ft.

Tape Recorders: Sony/MCIJH-24, 24 track; MCIJH-114, 16 track; Sony/MCIJH-110C, 4 track ½", 2 track ½"; 2 track ¼"; Studer/Revox PR-99, 2 track ¼"; Studer/Revox A-77, 2 track ¼"; Sony PCM-701 w/JVC ¾", 2 track (dgital). Mixing Consoles: Soundcraft 2400, 52 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: UREI 6500, Phase Linear 400, Hafler,

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430, JBL 4313, Tannoy SRM 12B, Auratone 5C

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL, Lexicon 200, Audi-ence RFS-2 plate, Lexicon 95, 92, 41, MXR.

Other Outboard Equipment: 949 Harmonizer, Roland ster eo flanger, dbx 160, Symetrix CL100s, SG 200, SE 400, B&B parametric EQ, Aphex Aural Exciter.

Microphones: Neumann U47 FETs, U67, U48, U87s; AKG C414s, 451s; Sony C37As, C37P; Sennheiser 421s, 441; E-V RE20s; Beyer M260s; PZMs; Shure SM57s; RCA 44. Instruments Available: Yamaha C7, DX7, TX816 w/com-

puter; ARP Odyssey; Roland 909; Oberheim DX; '54 Telecaster, '65 P-Bass, Fender bass amp

Video Equipment & Services: IVC CR6650U 34" video recorder; Panasonic CT 1930 19" color monitor; 3 transport Timeline synchronizer.

Rates: Upon request, rate card & color brochure.

Extras: Accommodation service for mounatin retreats or Denver's best hotels w/transportation arrangements available. Less than an hour drive to Rocky Mountain serenity. Top studio musicians, producer, arrangers, and composers. Digital 2 track mastering and synchronizer lockup with any additional equipment available upon request.

Direction: To continue to offer our clients the best in state-ofthe-art equipment, engineers, and personal service. Avalanche has a highly creative and comfortable atmosphere and total privacy. Denver's only 40-track facility w/video post-production.

•••• AXE-TRAX

650 Greenbrae Dr., Sparks, NV 89431 (702) 358-7484

Owner: Dr. Lawrence Davis Studio Manager: Dr. Lawrence Davis



AYRE STUDIOS San Jose, CA

•••• AYRE STUDIOS 458-A Reynolds Circle, San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 279-AYRE, 279-2973

Owner: Richard Nebel

Studio Manager: Richard Nebel & James Lewis Engineers: Richard Nebel, James Lewis, Jeff Sterling, Tom Paddock; independent engineers encouraged.

Dimensions of Studios: 26 x 23 x 14 high: 34 x 23 x 20.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 17 x 15 x 12 high

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-114-24 w/Autolocator III, 24 & 16 Tack; Ampex AG-440B Servo, 2 track; Revox A77, 2 track; Scully 280, 2 track; Sony digital PCM 501 w/Beta Hi-fi & VHS VCRs; TEAC V-900X & Aiwa F990 cassette machines; Sony cassettes.

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-636 Automated, 32 in x 28 out. Monitor Amplifiers: The Power by Sumo (1600 watts); Mc-Intosh 2205, Crowns, G.A.S.

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813-A Time Aligns, JBL 4311s,

B&W LM-1s, Auratones, TOA 265 ME monitors, AKG 240 & Fostex headphones

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT stereo plate, live chamber, Lexicons, Eventide (all stereo outputs), (2) MXR DDLs (w/full memory), Roland Pro 555 chorus echo, tape echo, Roland digital reverb, Roland SDE 1000 DDL, DeltaLab DL-4 etc

Other Outboard Equipment: (4) Valley People Dyna-Mites, EXR II & IV psychoacoustic exciters, Kepex, UREI LA-2As, LA-3A, LA-4; (4) RCA tube limiters: Inovonics 201 compressions. sor/limiters; Eventide flanger & Omnipressor; ADL Vocal Stresser; Mutron Bi-Phase, Biamp 1/3-octave & octave graphic EQs; EMS signal processing synthesizer; (4) Pultec EQH-2 tube EQ; Pultec MEQ-3 & HLF 1-S tube EQs; & much more (anything with notice).

Microphones: Neumann U89s, U87s, U67s (tube), U48 (tube), U47s (tube & FET), (2) KM-253 tube, (2) SM-69 tube, KM-84s, (2) KM-54 tube mics; AKG C414-EBs, C-12s (tube), 452s, 451s; Sennheiser 421s, 441s; Shure SM-56s, 57s, 58s, 81s; Beyer M-500, M260, M69; Sony's; Altec/AKG tube mics; Countryman and much more.

Instruments Available: Chickering "Masterpiece" 7' grand piano; LinnDrum, ARP, Emu & EMS synthesizers; Gibson, Fender, Martin, Spectre & Rickenbacker quitars and basses: Marshall, Hiwatt, Fender, Vox & Gibson amps; (2) Sequential Circuits Prophet T-8; (2) Yamaha DX7; Oberheim Xpander; Simmons SDS-7 kit; Kawai upright grand piano; other instruments and devices on request.

Video Equipment & Services: Audio for video; sweetening; Proton monitor; VHS Hi-fi & Beta Hi-fi VCRs; complete packages arranged.

Rates: \$50 to \$75/hr. Block & lock-out discounts available. Please phone for quote.

Extras: Production, arranging, studio musicians. Pressing & video available. Free coffee and bottled water, refrigerator & lounge, deli w/games around comer. (Located 1 mile from an Jose airport, many hotels & 24-hour restaurants).

Direction: Ayre Studios, Northern California's first MCI Automated 24-track studio, now has the pleasure to offer you a very private, highly creative "One on One" alternative. Discover the difference. Ask Aldo Nova, Amsterdam, A.J. & the Defenders, Bo Diddley, Bill Gibson (Huey Lewis & the News), Bill Summers, Emu, Fever, Hot Ice, Humans, Kingston Trio. Pete Escovedo, Population R, Tsunami, Vis-a-Vis, Billy Hyatt Concept, Amaranth, Todd Rundgren, and so many more. The difference is in the Avre!



THE BANQUET SOUND STUDIOS Santa Rosa, CA

•••• THE BANQUET SOUND STUDIOS 540 E. Todd Rd., Suite B, Santa Rosa, CA 95407 (707) 585-1325

Owner: Warren Dennis

Studio Manager: Janet Stark-Krick

Engineers: Mark Lyon, Warren Dennis, Janet Stark-Krick, Denis Hulett; independents welcome

Dimensions of Studios: Main studio: 24 x 15; isolation

booth #1: 12 x 9; isolation booth #2: 13 x 16; isolation booth #3: 10 x 8

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 16 x 18

Tape Recorders: MCI JH 16-24 w/Autolocator III, 24 track (also 16 track headblock); MCI JH-110A, 2 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track; Sony digital 2 track: Beta Hi-fi VCR SL-HF300, 501-ES PCM decoder; Aiwa F-990 cassette; (2) Aiwa 6900

Mixing Consoles: Amek Angela, 28 x 24 (with 62 input returns to mix, parametric EQ on 28 inputs, 4 stereo subgroups, 6 aux. sends/returns)

Monitor Amplifiers: (2) Nikko Alpha I's, 350W/side, SAE Mark III, Harman-Kardon Citation 19, Crown D-60 (headphones), Symetrix HA-10 (headphones)

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430 Bi-Radials, bi-amped and Soni-pulse calibrated, JBL L-100s, Yamaha NS-10s, Visonik David 702s, Auratones Headphones by AKG, Sennheiser, Sony and Fostex

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon digital reverb, Studio Technologies Ecoplate, Lexicon Prime Time, Lexicon Prime Time II, Eventide H-949 Harmonizer w/-de-glitch mod, Roland SDE 1000 DDL, Effectron 256, Effectron 1024. Other Outboard Equipment: (4) Valley People Dyna-Mites Other Outboard Equipment, 47 Rept (1997) (2016) (compression, gating, limiting, keying), (3) UREI LA-4 compressors/limiters, Aphex Compellor, Aphex Aural Exciter, (4) Gatex noise gates, Sony PSX6 direct drive turntable (quartz-lock, w/Stanton cartridge), Countryman and Sescom

direct boxes, dbx 150 noise reduction.

Microphones: Full array of AKG, Neumann, Sennheiser,
Sony, Beyer, Crown PZM, Electro-Voice, and Shure microphones.

Instruments Available: Yamaha CF 9' concert grand piano, LinnDrum, Yamaha DX7 digital synthesizer, Gleeman Penta phonic digital synthesizer, Ensoniq Mirage, Gibson Les Paul, Gibson Ripper Bass, Fender Strat w/EMG pickups, Mesa Boogie, Marshall amp w/full stack, Yamaha G-50 amp, Gretsch studio drum kit featuring Pearl 8" snare, Peterson

strobe tuner, misc. guitar effects, percussion instruments.
Rates: We have the best rates available for comparably equipped facilities in the entire Bay Area. All rates include a first engineer, all outboard gear & studio instruments. Special recording packages, block, and nite-owl rates available Call for full-color brochure & rate card

Extras: Pre-production room w/full array of synthesizers and LinnDrum. The Banquet Productions team for advertising and full jingle production. Discount luxury accommodations very close by. Scenic location w/plenty of parking

Direction: With numerous sonic improvements, a newly-acquired lounge area for the comfort & convenience of our clientele, an ever-increasing inventory of the best outboard gear, studio instruments, & microphones, The Banquet continues to expand its horizons on all frontiers. We deliver better product than competitors asking twice our rate, and in a sonic and visual environment that speaks to quality consciousness. Taste The Banquet Sound Studios.

•••• BAYVIEW STUDIO

1368 So. 49th St., Richmond, CA 94804 (415) 237-4066

Owner: Stephen Suda, Robert Hall Engineers: Tom Anderson, Jack Crymes

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 45 x 20 x 16; (B): 19 x 16 x 16. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14 x 18 x 8.

Tape Recorders: Studer A-800, 24 track; Ampex ATR 102, 2

track; Studer A-80 MkII RC, 2 track

Mixing Consoles: Soundcraft TS-24 40 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler 500s.

Monitor Speakers: John Meyer 833, Yamaha NS-10, JBL

A311, Auratone SC, Ed Long MDM-4.
Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: (2) EMT 140 stereo plates.
Lexicon 224-X w/LARC.

Other Outboard Equipment: Eventide 949 Harmonizer. Lexicon Prime Time II, (3) UREI 1176, (2) UREI LA-4A, Tele tronix LA-2A, dbx 161, (2) Valley People Dyna-Mites, (2) UREI

#555 Bandpass filters, (2) Pultec MEQ-5, 8 Dolby 361.
Microphones: AKG 414EB, 414EB-P48, 451, 460, C-422
stereo; Neumann U87, KM84, U47 FET, M-49B; Crown PZM: Electro-Voice RE-20; Shure SM 57, SM-7; Sennheiser 421 441; PML DC-73; Countryman Iso-max, direct boxes; Sony

Instruments Available: Yamaha C-7 acoustic piano, Gretsch and Yamaha "R" series & Simmons drums available by ar rangement. Vintage Fender basses and guitars, Martin gui. tars, Gretsch guitars, old Fender amps, Ampeg B-15 bass amps also available by arrangement.

Rates: Please call for rates.

•••• BEAR CREEK STUDIO & MUSIC PRODUCTION 6313 Maltby Rd., Woodinville, WA 98072 (206) 481-4100

Owner: Joe & Manny Hadlock Studio Manager: Nancy Merklinghaus Engineers: Joe Hadlock, Tim Killeen, Steve Heinke Dimensions of Studios: 25 x 38 x 12. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 19 x 17.
Tape Recorders: MCIJH-114 (modified), 24 track; (2) Ampen

ATR-100, 2 track; (2) Revox A-77, 2 track; (2) Revox B710 MkII, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Trident TSM, 32 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Custom ElCO, McIntosh, Crown, BGW, Phase-Linear, Tapco.

Monitor Speakers: Custom Altec 4-way, Yamaha NS-10M, JBL 4333A, 4311, Auratone 5C

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AMS 15-80s, AMX chorus /keyboard interface, Lexicon 224, Lexicon Prime Time, Ecoplate II. Master-Room MR-2, MXR DDL

Other Outboard Equipment: Dolby A (26 channels); modified LA-2, LA-3 & 1176 limiters; Trident stereo limiter; Scamp Rack w/gates, Autopan, and Autoflange; Aphex Aural Exciter; Orban and UREI parametrics; Orban D-ess; Kepex; Gain

Microphones: Telefunken, Neumann, AKG, Sennheiser, Mi-

lab, Sony, Electro-Voice, RCA, Crown, Shure.
Instruments Available: 1919 Steinway-B (seven foot), Emulator II, DX7, Prophet V, Oberheim DMX, Camco drums, Guild D-35, Music Man amp

Video Equipment & Services: JVC 6650, Proton 600M, ¾" video lock to 24 track

Rates: \$100/hr, block and evening rates available

•••• BEAR WEST STUDIOS

915 Howard St., San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 543-2125

Owner: Ross J. Winetsky Studio Manager: Ross J. Winetsky Engineers: Mark Needham, Vance Frost, Mark Sewasac,

Ann Marie Scott, Amy Atchison, independents.

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 50 x 30 x 25 ceilings, (3) iso booths; (B): 30 x 20 x 15 ceilings, (1) iso booth.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 25 x 20; (B): 15 x 15. Tape Recorders: MCI JH-114 w/autolocator, 24 track; Tascam w/dbx 70-8, 8 track; Otari w/autolocator, 8 track; TEAC A-7340S, 4 track; MCI 110A, 2 track; (2) Ampex 350, 2 track. Mixing Consoles: (A): Sound Workshop Series 34, 28 input; (B): Soundcraft 400B.

Monitor Amplifiers: McIntosh, BGW, SAE, White Monitor Speakers: IBL 4332, 1413, L100, Auratones Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: DeltaLab delays, Roland delay, Lexicon digital reverb, Lexicon 224XL, Lexicon 200,

Lexicon PCM 41 & 42, Roland 3000 digital delay, live cham-ber, multi-track, MICMIX, MXR DDL, MXR doubler, flanger,

Vamaha analog delay
Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176 limiters, dbx compressors, dbx 165-A, Mini lock, (4) API 550 EQs, API 550 EQ. Furman parametrics, Symetrix noise gates.
Microphones: Neumann U67, U87, (2) KM54s; Shure SM-

7. AKG D330, D310; Sennheiser; Beyer; E-V. Instruments Available: Yamaha C3 grand piano, Yamaha DX7. Oberheim OB-8, Roland Planet S, Yamaha electric grand. Roland MSQ 7008 track digital sequencer, Simmons SDSV drums, Emulator II, Drumulator, Prophet 5.

Rates: Call for rates.

•••• BINARY CODE Sunnyvale, CA 94089 (408) 745-1571

Owner: Axis Studio Manager: Pat Doran

Direction: Binary Code is designed for the keyboardist/ composer/producer requiring high-quality tracks for album, composer producer requiring individually facts of sillar, video, or multi-image projects. Our comprehensive state-of-the-art MIDI system enables our clients to maintain spontaniety and efficiency throughout the course of their work at the studio. We are striving to bring our commercial clients the latest sounds and music that are vital in today's commercial marketplace. Through the use of digital sampling techniques, wavesample modification, digital and analog synthesis, we can give our clients that extra edge needed to make their production the very best.

•••• BONNEVILLE MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS 130 Social Hall Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Owner: Bonneville Media Communications

Studio Manager: Loren Ashcraft

•••• C.D. PRESENTS/RECORDING

Formerly Rhythmic River Productions 250 H Napolean St., San Francisco, CA 94124 (415) 285-3348

Owner: C.D. Presents, Ltd.

Engineers: Gary Mankin (chief), Gary Hobish, David Migh ell, Ken Hunchevsky Dimensions of Studios: Approx. 1350 sq. ft., includes 10 x

12 x 14 iso booth and 7 x 5 airlock (wired for iso use). 121/2-foot

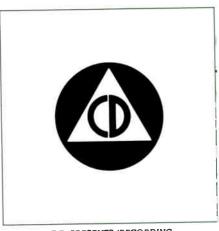
Dimensions of Control Rooms: Approx. 200 sq. ft. Tape Recorders: Studer A-80 MkIV, 24 transformerless; MCI JH-110B, 2 track; Otari 5050 BII, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-636 automated, 30 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Crown, Phase Linear

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Monitor Speakers: UREI 811A, Yamaha NS-10M, JBL 4301
4313, MDM-4, Realistic Minimus-7, Auratone.
Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 & Yamaha

Rev-7, digital reverbs, Lexicon Prime Time & PCM 42 DDLs, AKG BX-10/11 reverb, A/DA stereo tapped delay, DeltaLab DL-4, Bel BD-80 sampling delay line.



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Other Outboard Equipment: Dyna-Mites; Drawmer DS-Other Outboard Equipment. Synd-man Solution 201 gates; UREI LA-4; Scamp Rack w/gate, EQ & compressor, DehaLab Harmonicomputer; Symetrix 501 compressor,

sor, DeRaLab Harmonicomputer; Symetrix 501 compressor; Klark-Ti-knik DN-27 1/3-octave EQ, API 554 EQ, SMPL system SMPTE synchronizer, Aphex B Aural Exciter. Microphones: Neumann U67 tube, U64 tube, U87; AKG C24 tube, C12A tube, C414EB, C460B, C451; E-V RE20, RE16, DS-35; Shure SM57, SM58, SM81, SM85; Beyer M86; Sony ECM-22P; Countryman DI boxes; PZMs

Instruments Available: Emulator II w/Macintosh support package, 1929 Baldwin 7' grand piano, Yamaha DX7, Ober-heim CB-8, LinnDrum, Roland MSQ-700 sequencer, Garfield Electronics Minidoc

Rates: Very reasonable. Please call

Extras: Coffee; client lounge; sleeping accommodations for out-of-town clients; experienced Emulator II programmer Direction: C.D. Presents offers you an extraordinary facility at exceptionally reasonable rates: a huge, live recording space; 2 iso booths; a wide variety of keyboards (including the Emulator II Sampler); plenty of outboard toys, new and vintage tube microphones; automation and more. In addition, orr parent company, C.D. Presents Records, can heip the independent record maker with pressing and distribution. Check us out!

•••• COAST RECORDERS

1340 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 864-5200

Owner: D & M Ent.

Studio Manager: Steve Atkin

Engineers: Steve Atkin, Bob Lindner, Jim Hilson (chief eng.)
Dimensions of Studios: (A): 25 x 40; (B): 12 x 18; (D): 6 x 12. Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 18 x 20; (B): 16 x 18; ([9): 10 x 12; (loft): 14 x 14

Tape Recorders: MCI 24, 16, 8, 4, 2 track; Ampex 8, 2, 1 track; 3M 16 track.

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-428B automated, 28 x 24; Harrison 3624 automated, 36 x 24; API 1604, 16 x 4.

Monitor Amplifiers: UREI 6500, 6250, 6260, 6150

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813, 811, 809. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT, Lexicon 224, MIC-

Other Outboard Equipment: Lexicon 1200 Time Compres-

sor, UREI 1178, 1176LN, 537, 535; Orban de-esser, Drawmer noise gate, UREI digital metronomes, 30 channels Dolby. Microphones: Neumann U87, KM-84; AKG 414, 451; E-V RE20; Shure SM56; Sennheiser 421.

Instruments Available: Steinway grand, celeste.
Video Equipment & Services: BTX 4600/4500 synchromating system, JVC 8500-U VCR, BTX 4450 jam-sync general, 3 machine lock-up capability.

Rates: \$60 to \$100/hr.

Extras: Hi-speed open-reel and in-cassette duplicating. Total mailing service, phone patches in all studios.

Direction: The Bay Area leader in audio services for the

advertising industry: total service except film & location.

•••• COLORADO SOUND RECORDING 3100 W. 71st Ave., Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 430-8811

Owner: Kevin Clock

Studio Manager: Kevin Clock (ofc. mgr.), Renee Frankiin. Engineers: Kevin Clock

Dimensions of Studios: 650 sq. ft., 550 sq. ft. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 450 sq. ft.

Tape Recorders: Ampex 1200, 16 x 24; Ampex ATR 104 1/4"

My 2/4 track; 3M M79, 2 track; Technics 1500, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: Trident TSM 24 x 24 x 2.

Monitor Amplifiers: UREI 6300, Yamaha, Crown, Peavey. Monstor Speakers: UREI 813A, Yamaha NS-10, JBL 4311, Auraiones.

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Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AMS RMX 16 digital reverb, Lexicon 224, Ecopiate, Lexicon Prime Time, (2) Delta-Lab 1024, DeltaLab Echotron, MXR.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) UREI LA 3A, (2) UREI 1176, (2) URELLA-4A, (2) Dyna-Mite Valley People, Ursa Ma jor Space Station, Dynaflex noise reduction, (2) White 4400 EQs, Audioarts EQs, dbx de essers, Aphex Exciter, EXR Exciter, Omni-noise gates.

Microphones: Neumann U47 tube, (2) U47 FET, (3) U87,

U89, (3) KM84, KM85; (4) AKG 414, (4) 451; (2) Sennheiser 421, (2) 441; (2) Shure SM81, (3) SM57; Wrigh: microphone. Instruments Available: Yamaha C7 grand piano, Yamaha DX7, Emulator II, DMX drum machine, Fender Rhodes, drum

Rates: \$75 /hr or \$800 / day

•••• COLOR ZONE PRODUCTIONS P.O. Box 1911, Novato, CA 94947 (415) 892-8027

Owner: Peter Gilford

Studio Manager: Elissa Alford.

Engineers: Mikey Raskousky, Peter Gilford, other inde-

Dimensions of Studios: 3 x 12 iso

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 19 x 17

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-24 24 w/Autolocator III, 24 track Otar: 5050 B2, 1/2 track

Mixing Consoles: Soundcraft 1600 prod. series

Monitor Amplifiers: AB series 900, Biamp TC-60

Monitor Speakers: UREI 811 A, IBL 4311 B, Ed Long TA-2 near field. Auratones

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224X w/LARC Orban 111B reverb, (3) DeltaLab Effectrons, Roland digital

Other Outboard Equipment: Valley People Dyna-Mite, Or Other Outboard Equipment, Valley reose by Nativille, Orban gated comp/limiter 424A, Carban 622B parametric EQ, Aphex Aura Exciter, Aprex Compellor, Apple Ile w/MIDI capability, MXR flanger/doubler, dbx 161 compressors.

Microphones: Sennheiser 421, 441, AKG C414, 452EB,

B330BT; Sony ECM56F, 23F; Beyer 600; Neur.ann U87. Instruments Available: Simmons SDS7, Roland GR-700 guitar synth, Yamaha DX7, Emula-or II, Rhodes 73 key piano, Chroma synthesizer, E-mu Drumulator, Fender P-Bass, Fender London reverb amp, Martin acoustic guitars, Yamaha CE-20 synthesizer, Linn 9000, Super Jupiter, Roland JX8P. Rates: Too low to print. We are negotiable.

Extras: Other independent engineers available on request Direction: Primarily a post production/direct recording studio. We can accommodate live bands who are on a budget. Specially designed room ideal for mixing and overdubbing, vocals and keyboards

•••• COMMERCIAL RECORDING HAWAII

333 Cooke St., Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 536-5439

Owner: Commercial Recording, Inc. Studio Manager: Donn V. Tyler

Engineers: Donn V. Tyler, Bob Bates, Rick Stanley Dimensions of Studios: 12 x 18, 24 x 36.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 18, 19 x 22.

Tape Recorders: Ampex MM1200, 16/24 track; (5) Ampex ATR100, 4/2/1 track; Magna-Tech Mag Film (16/35), 1/3 track; Tascam 58, 8 track.

Mixing Consoles: Tangent 3216, 28 x 28; Tascam M512,

Monitor Amplifiers: Crown DC-300, 150, 75; Ploneer. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4333A, JBL 4315, JBL 4310, Aura-

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224, AKG BX-10, DeltaLab DL-2, Marshall Time Modulator, Loft 440, Eventide

Other Outboard Equipment: Inovonics 201 limiter/comp., Orban 622B parametric EQs, Teletronix LA-2A limiter, Eventide Omnipressor, Orban 245E stereo synthesizer, Aphex Type II, (3) Orban 516E de-esser, (4) Omni Craft noise gates

Microphones: (4) Neumann U87; (4) AKG C452EB, (2) C414EB, (4) D200E; (2) Sony C500, (2) C38; (4) Shure SM53, (2) SM57; (2) RCA 77DX; (2) Sennheiser MD421.

Instruments Available: Steinway M7 piano; "Honky Tonk" tack piano; Slingerland drum set.

Video Equipment & Services: Audio Kinetics "Q.Lock" synchronizer for interlock of JVC 34" VCR and 24, 16, 8, 4 & 2 track recorders, w/monitors in both studios. Rates: \$50-\$150/hr.



COUGAR RUN/LAKE TAHOE Incline Village, NV

•••• COUGAR RUN/LAKE TAHOE P.O. Box 7418, Incline Village, NV 89450 (702) 832-7711

Owner: Cougar Run, Inc

Studio Manager: Jody Everett Peterson, Sr. Engineers: J. Peterson, J. Holloman, J. Nowland; (independ-

Dimensions of Studios: 20 x 35 (Carl Yanchar/Lakeside Assoc. design/construction).

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 19 x 20.

Tape Recorders: Studer A800 II, 24/16 track; MCI JH-16, 24/16 track; Studer A820, ½" & ¼" 2 track; Sony PCM-701, 2 track

Mixing Consoles: Neve 8108-48, 36 x 32

Monitor Amplifiers: Times One

Monitor Speakers: Custom TAD/Lakeside mains; Yamaha NS-10M near field.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL 8.2, Lexicon 224 4.1, EMT 140ST, AMS 16

Other Outboard Equipment: AMS, UREI, Aphex, Neve, Lexicon, Publison, dbx, Fairchild, Teletronix.

Microphones: Excellent selection including vintage tube.

Neumann & AKG, as well as Sanken and B&K

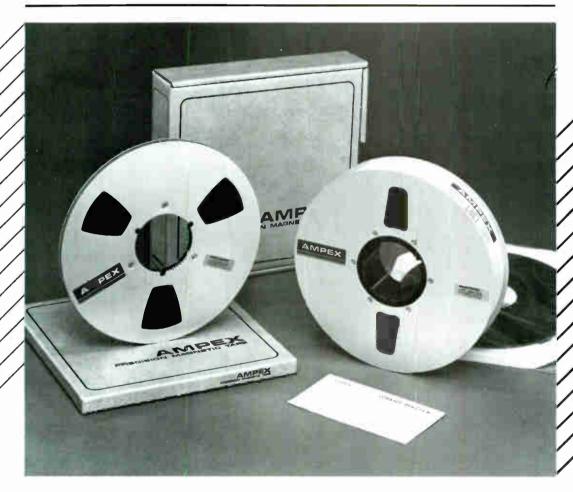
Instruments Available: Yamaha C-5 conservatory piano, DX7, various amps and guitars.

Video Equipment & Services: 34" JVC 850 & Lynx SMPTE

synchroniz Rates: Available daily, weekly, monthly, Call Charlene Walte

Extras: This is a private, 3-acre estate overlooking Lake Tahoe with immediate access to all the summer & winter recreation and activities here at Lake Tahoe. There is a yearround 90° heated swimming pool, hot tub, a year-round mountain brook & lots of woods to walk. A transparency with nature never before captured in a true world-class setting and facility. This is a place to stay and create—a recording artist's retreat.

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Owner: Dr. Thomas T. Chen, M.D. Studio Manager: Drew M. Palmer

Engineers: Drew Palmer, John Edman, Dr. Tom Chen

Dimensions of Studios: 32 x 30.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 8.

Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90, 24 track w/autolocator; Otari MTR-10, 2 track; 3M M56, 8 track w/autolocator; Āmpex AG-351, 2 track; Otari MX-5050, 4 track; Otari high speed duplicator; Yamaha TC-1000 cassette; Tandberg TCD 330 cassette; Otari MTR-10, 2 track; JVC 8250 U video recorder with Time Line SMPTE synchronizer.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop automated Series 30, 28 in x 24 out; Interface Electronics, 8 in x 4 out

Monitor Amplifiers: Spectra Sonics Model 701, Crown D-60

Monitor Speakers: Ed Long's TA-3, MDM-4, Auratone, Community Light & Sound PBL studio monitors

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AKG BX-20 reverb, Lexicon Model 224 digital reverb, Lexicon Model 102 stereo

Other Outboard Equipment: Allison Gain Brain, Eventide flanger, Eventide Harmonizer H910, Eventide Harmonizer H949, White Senes 4000 1/3-octave EQ, dbx noise reduction, Orban/Parasound stereo matrix, Orban Model 526A deesser, Inovonics Model 200 limiter, UREI graphic EQ, ITI parametric EQ, Countryman phaser, EXR Exciter EX2, UREI 1178 dual peak limiter, Valley People Kepex II, Valley People MAXI-O EO.

Microphones: AKGC451E system including cardiod, omni, shotgun, D200, 414; E-V RE15, RE16, RE20; FRAP for wind instruments; MB 215, 301; microphone substitution devices; Neumann KM-48, U67, U47 FET; MN-421, MKH-405; Shure SM-58, SM57, SM-53, SM-60, SM-81; custom buillt guiter and drum microphones; Countryman direct boxes; PZM 130; AKG 414

Instruments Available: Steinway grand piano, Hammond B-3 organ w/Leslie, Oberheim eight voice synthesizer w/sequencer, Alembic bass cabinet, Oberheim studio amplifier, Fender Vibroverbamplifier w/JBL speakers, Fender Deluxe Reverb amplifier, Legend Rock "N" Roll guitar amplifier, Fender Precision Bass w/custom noiseless electronics, custom individually microphoned drum set, Ludwig drums, Paiste cymbals, Roto-Tom tympani, assorted percussion instruments, Hohner clavinet w/custom electronics, New England Digital Synclavier II w/computer terminal support, Oberheim DMX drum machine.

Rates: 24 track, \$60/hr; 8 track, \$50/hr. (Block booking rates available.)

•••• DESITREK STUDIOS

3415 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214 (503) 232-8606

Owner: Michael Demmers, Douglas Durbrow

Studio Manager: Michael Demmers Engineers: Michael Demmers, Douglas Durbrow

Dimensions of Studios: (max. dimensions—floating floor, non-parallel walls) Main 36 x 18 x 10; drum: 151/2 x 11 x 91/2;

isolation: 10½ x 7½ x 10 Dimensions of Control Rooms: (max., floating, etc.) 181/2 x

Tape Recorders: Studer A-80 MkIII (w/20 pos. Autolocator/ options), 24 track; Ampex ATR-800, 2 track; Tascam 90-16, 16 track; Tascam 80-8, 8 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track

Mixing Consoles: Harrison Raven (w/automation), 28 x 24; custom effects sub-mixer, 12 x 6

Monitor Amplifiers: Yamaha, Crown, etc

Monitor Speakers: Sony, Fostex, Phase-Coherent, Altec, Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224/4.4, (4) Ibanez DM2000 DDLs, Eventide Harmonizer and flanger, Orban 111 B. etc

Other Outboard Equipment: 50 channels of dbx I noise reduction; Aphex 602B Exciter; Orban 526A; Crown VFX2A; Technics M-85 and SL1200 MkII; UREI LA-2 (tube), LA-4s, 537; Allison Gain Brain; dbx 118; Symetrix 522s; Biamp 270s; custom EQs and gates

Microphones: Neumann, Sennheiser, AKG, Sony, Shure,

Instruments Available: Piano, synths, percussion, plus rentals of lots more from showcase music

Rates: Hourly, block or project rates available-please call. Extras: Lounge (w/monitors), music store next door, (2) restaurants across the street—more nearby. We offer rentals, talent, and record pressings to our clients at our cost (no mark-up). We have natural-sounding rooms, a friendly/relaxed atmosphere, and national-release quality masters We're "the musicians' choice.

Direction: From demos to soundtracks to major-label LPs. we do it Album credits include: (labels) Fantasy, Pausa, Kicking Mule, Green Linnet, Red Rum, Flying Heart, Nebula-Circle, etc; (artists) Tom Grant, Shock, Steve Swanson, Z-100, Crazy 8's, Gary Ogan, Kevin Burke, Sequel, Rockin' Razor backs, The Shreds, The Esquires, and many more

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Owner: Howard Johnston, Susan Skaggs





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Studio Manager: Susan Skaggs

Engineers: (Chief eng): Howard Johnston; (chief systems eng.): Tom Paddock; (assistant eng.): Scott Levitin, Mark Sla gle, Alice J. Young

Dimensions of Studios: 25 x 35 x 12 plus iso booths Dimensions of Control Rooms: 17 x 21 x 12. Tape Recorders: Studer A80 VU MkIII, 24 track; Studer

VU MkIII, 2 track (1/2" & 1/4"); MC! JH-110A, 2/4 track; (5) TEAC V-505X cassette decks.

Mixing Consoles: Harrison modified for dual 32 track digi tal, model 4032, 35 x 32; Allison 65K automation

Monitor Amplifiers: Crown, BGW, Spectra Sonics, Phase Linear, Yamaha,

Monitor Speakers: Westlake TM-1s, 604Es; JBL 4310s. 4311s; Auratones

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224 digital reverb, Lexicon 224XL digital reverb, EMT 240 Gold Foil. Eventide digital delay, (2) Lexicon Prime Time, live echo chamber 17 x 10 x 10

Other Outboard Equipment: Dolby A 26 channels. Effects: Kepex IIs, Gain Brain IIs, 1176s, LA-4As, Eventide Harmonizer, White 1/6 octave digital spectrum analyzer, digital metronome, MXR flanger.

Microphones: Neumann U87s, U47, 269, stereo SM69, (2) 254s, KM84s; AKG 414s, 452s; Beyer; Sennheiser; Sony; E-V; Shure; etc. Many rare tube mikes available.

Instruments Available: Yamaha C-7B grand piano, vocod er, Fender amplifiers.

Rates: Telephone for rates, engineer availability, block book ing and special demo rates.

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Owner: David Winton Thompson III Studio Manager: Keith Medley Engineers: David Thompson (chief), Keith Medley (asst.) Dimensions of Studios: 900 sq. ft.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 750 sq. ft.
Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90, 24 track; Otari MTR-10 V_2 " 4 track or 2 track supermastering; Otari MTR-10 14", 2 track



DNA PRODUCTIONS Seattle, WA

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 40, 36 x 32 (fully automated with built in high resolution LED spectrum analyzer).

Monitor Amplifiers: Crown, UREI, Symetrix.

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4435 and 4312, Yamaha NS-10M, Auraton

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL w/LARC, Super Prime Time, PCM60, PCM42 w/memory option; Eventide H949 Harmonizer: DeltaLab Effectron

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176 peak limiters, UREI LÄ-4 compressor/limiters, dbx 165, dbx 180 noise reduction, EXR Exciter, Vocal Stresser/compressor, Kepex II noise gates, Orban stereo EQ, Eventide time squeeze, Orban

Microphones: Neumann, AKG, E-V, Shure, Fostex, Fencier. Instruments Available: Yamaha grand piano, studio drums, Fender amp, many guitars and basses. Access to any in-

Video Equipment & Services: BTX Shadow & controller, SMPTE time code reader, generator, JVC 34" video recorder, 25" high resolution monitor. Rates: Call.

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PHIL EDWARDS RECORDING Hayward, CA

•••• PHIL EDWARDS RECORDING only REMOTE RECORDING 1522 W. Winton Ave., Hayward, CA 94545 (415) 784-1971

Owner: Phil Edwards Studio Manager: Phil Edwards Engineers: Phil Edwards, Phil De Lancie, Ron Davis Dimensions of Control Rooms: 21 x 8 x 8 Tape Recorders: (2) 3M 79, 24 track; (2) 3M 79, 16 track; (2) Ampex AG 440C, 2 track; MCI 110B, 2 track

Mixing Consoles: API/Demedio 4024, 40 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: McIntosh 2100s, Crown DC-300A. Monitor Speakers: UREI 811B, Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: PCM60, EMT 140 ST Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176LN and LA-3A limiters; Orban 621 parametric EQ, 516 de-esser; Adams-Smith 605B three machine synchronizer; Dolby noise reduction; ITC three deck cart machine; various Sony and Aiwa cassette

Microphones: Neumann U87s, U47s, KM84s; AKG 414s, 451s; Shure SM56s, SM58s, SM85s, SM87s; Electro-Vo RE15s, 1761s; Sennheiser 421s; Sony ECM 22Ps; RCA 77DXs; Countryman FET 85 direct boxes.

Video Equipment & Services: Sony KX 1901 video monitor,

Sony Trinicon 2200 color camera, sweetening for video. Rates: Rates tailored to your project. Please call for estimate. Extras: Remote unit features a 21 x 8 x 8 working area, air conditioned, cushioned on air suspension system; lift gate. Dual 24 and 16 track synchronized capability. Redundant power supplies. Over 80 microphones on board. 27 pair snakes and splits. Producer's mobile cellular telephone. Direction: Complete packages for record production, video

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Owner: Fred Eichel Studio Manager: Fred Eichel



FANE PRODUCTIONS Santa Cruz. CA

•••• FANE PRODUCTIONS

115-B Harvey West Blvd., Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (408) 425-0152

Owner: Fane Productions Inc.

Studio Manager: Helen Hovey
Engineers: Fane Opperman, David Gibson, Vince Sanchez, Pete Carlson

Dimensions of Studios: 30 x 20 x 16, vocal iso booth. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 29 x 12.

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-16 transformerless, 24 & 16 track; MCI JH-110B transformerless, 2 track; Otari MX5050, 2 track; Tascam 80-8, 8 track; Tascam 25-2, 2 track; Sony & Aiwa cassette decks

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-636 transformerless, 32 x 24 w/automation.

Monitor Amplifiers: Yamahas, Crown, Biamp.

Monitor Speakers: Tannoy Berkeleys, Yamaha NS-10, JBL 4311, MDM-4s, Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224 digital reverb, Yamaha digital reverb, ART O1A digital reverb, Ursa Major SST digital reverb, Orban 111 B reverb, Eventide Har-monizer and DDL, DeltaLab DL4 digital delay, DeltaLab DL2, Acousticomputer digital delay, DeltaLab Effectron 1034 digital delay, MXR pitch transposer, Ibanez analog delay & multi-

Other Outboard Equipment: 34 channels dbx noise reduction, Aphex Aural Exciter, EXR Exciter, dbx compressors, UREI limiters, Symetrix compressors/de-essers, OmniCraft, Symetrix and dbx noise gates, White, MXR & UREI 1/3-octave graphic & parametric EQs.

Microphones: Neumann, AKG, Sennheiser, RCA, E-V, Beyer, Sony, PZM, Shure and Countryman.

Instruments Available: Yamaha grand piano, Hammond B-3 organ w/Leslie, Linn Sequencer, E-mu SP-12 sampler/drum machine, Drumulator, Prophet V w/MIDI, Yamaha DX7, Polymoog, Micromoog, Roland sequencer, Wurlitzer

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electric piano, Fender and Marshall guitar amps/speakers, Fender Stratocaster, Fender P-bass, Guild jumbo 12-string, Ludwig 6-piece drum set w/timbales & Syndrum, E-drums, many Latin percussion instruments.

Rates: Please call for rates. Special discounts available for lock-outs, block booking and moonlight recording.

Extras: Studio musicians, arrangers and jingle writers are available.

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•••• FANTASY STUDIOS 10th and Parker Streets, Berkeley, CA 94710 (41S) 549-2500

Owner: Fantasy Records

Studio Manager: Nina (Urban) Bombardier, Roy Segal Engineers: Danny Kopelson, Stephen Hart, Dave Luke, Tom Size

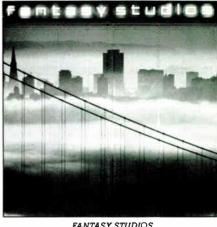
Dimensions of Studios: (A): 30 x 50; (B): 20 x 27; (C): 27 x



35; (D): 30 x 50 w/18 x 30 string room.

Tape Recorders: Analog: Studer A-800, 24 track; Studer A-80, ¼" & ½", 2 track; MCI 110C, 4/8 track. Digital: Mitsubishi X-850, 32 track; Mitsubishi X-80, 2 track; Mitsubishi X-80, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: Neve 8108, 56 x 48; Neve 8108, 40 x 32;



FANTASY STUDIOS Berkeley, CA

Neve 8108, 32 x 24; Trident Series 80, 32 x 24 x 32. Monitor Amplifiers: Crown & McIntosh.

Monitor Speakers: Sierra-Hidley, UREI Time Aligned, Yamaha NS-10s, Auratones, Visoniks, MDMs, JBL 4311s.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Live chambers, EMT-140s, Ecoplate, AMS, EMT-250, Lexicon 224XL, Lexicon 200, PCM60.

Other Outboard Equipment Bel DDL, Eventide Harmonizer 949 & 910, Eventide DDL, Lexicon Prime Time, Dyna-Mite gates, Drawmer gates, Lexicon PCM42 DDL, Space Station, ADR compex limiter, ADR vocal stresser, MXR phaser, Scamp Rack, Orban de-esser, dbx 180 limiters, and much more.

Microphones: 164 mics—ribbon, dynamic, condenser, and

Instruments Available: Pianos, Hammond B-3 organ, gu:

Video Equipment & Services: Video sweetening, video transfers: ¾" to VHS or Beta ½", SMPTE code, window dubs, etc. Q.Lock synch, (3) machine lockup to ¾" U-matic video, IVC 8200 and BVU 800.

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Studio Manager: John Sundberg Engineers: Jeff Shuey, Michael Pfeiffer, John Sundberg

Engineers: Jeff Shuey, Michael Pfeiffer, John Sundberg Dimensions of Studios: (A): 2200 sq. ft. w/5 isos; (B): 1500 sq. ft. w/4 isos; (C) 550 sq. ft. w/1 iso.

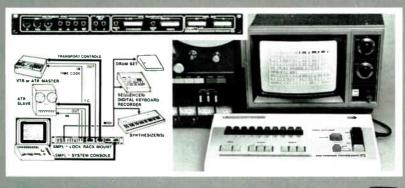
Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 550 sq. ft.; (B): 450 sq. ft.; (C): 350 sq. ft.

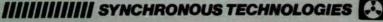
Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90 w/autolocator, 24 tracks; (2) Soundcraft 760 w/autolocator, 24 track; Otari MTR-10 ½", 2 track; (2) Otari MTR III ¼", 2 track; Otari MTR III ½", 4 track; (2) Ampex ATR 700 ¼", 2 track; Tascam Series 70 ½", 4 track; track; Tascam 80-8 ½", 8 track; Otari 50508 ½", 4 track. Mixing Consoles: (A): Soundcraft 2400, 28 x 24; (B): Soundcraft 2400, 24 x 24; (C): Tascam 15, 24 x 8.

craft 2400, 24 x 24; (C); Iascam 15, 24 x 8; Monitor Amplifiers; Crown Delta Omega, (8) Hafler 500s; Crown 300D; Crown 150D; Crest 3501. Monitor Speakers: UREI 813B, E-V 500, Yamaha SP10,

Monitor Speakers: UREI 812B, E-V 500, Yamaha SP10, Auratones, Tannoy 12B, Tannoy 10B, E-V 100. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT 140, Audi-ence plate,

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Quantec QRS, (2) Lexicon 200 w/6 programs, AKG BX10, (2) Scamp stereo, (2) Lexicon Prime Time II, Lexicon Prime Time, (3) DeltaLab, E-V 949 & 910 Harmonizers, (2) Effectron II 1024s, MXR pitch transposer, DL-5 pitch transposer, Ursa Major Space Station.

Other Outboard Equipment: Gatex; Scamp: (4) limiter/ compressors, (4) expander gates, (4) noise gates, Automatic Panner, (2) parametric EQs; (4) Symetrix 501 limiters; (8) Biamp limiters; (3) dbx 161, (2) 160X, 162; (2) Aphex; Orban stereo parametric EQs. (3) de-essers; UREI LE5, 1176; Valley People Dyna-Mite gates; (2) MXR 1/3-octave EQs. Microphones: AKG C-24, 422, 414; Neumann U87, KM86,

KM84, U47; Shure SM81, SM85, SM57; E-V RE20, RE15, RE10, RE16, RE11; Sennheiser 421, 431; Countryman Pressure Zone.

Instruments Available: Kawai 7' grand piano, Kawai US 50, Oberheim OB-Xa, DMX, DSX, Kurzweil w/sampling, Rhodes, Korg C-30 organ, ARP Odyssey.

Video Equipment & Services: Audio-Kinetics Q.Lock, NEC 25" high-resolution color monitor

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Owner: Steve Hallmark

Studio Manager: Steve Hallmark Engineers: Steve Hallmark, Michael Gandsey

Dimensions of Studios: 5 x 7 booth, 10 x 12 & 10 x 20.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 9 x 13.
Tape Recorders: Soundcraft 760 MkIII, 24 track; Otari

MX5050 B, 2 track; Aiwa 6900, cassette; Technics M222, cassette to cassette; Yamaha C200, cassette

Mixing Consoles: Soundcraft 2400, 28 x 24 x 24 mon. (52 in/mix positon)

Monitor Amplifiers: AB Systems precedent series 600,

Crown D-150A series III, Crown D-60, Symetrix A-220 (head-

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4411, Yamaha NS-10M, Auratone 5C, Fostex 6301

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon PCM 60, (2) ART 01-A, Brick plate reverb, (2) Roland SDE-3000 DDLs, (2) ADA 1280 DDLs. Yamaha Rev 7 digital reverb.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) Symetrix 522 2 channel comp/lim/gate, Aphex Compellor, Aphex Aural Exciter "Type B," Barcus Berry 202R differential reactive load compensator, Rane SM-26 mixer.

Microphones: AKG, Sony, Sennheiser, Electro-Voice, Shure. Instruments Available: Emulator II w/all current software updates, incl. SMPTE, sequencer, etc. Plus over 100 disks of software, Yamaha DX7, Roland Jupiter-6, Korg EX-800 (8 voice expander), Apple IIE w/Passeport MIDI-8 sequencing, Ibanez electric quitar & bass, Washburn acoustic quitar, Yamaha CP-70 electric grand, Yamaha G100-212III amp. Rates: Available upon request.

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Owner: Stephen Hart

Studio Manager: Stephen Hart



JOE HOFFMANN STUDIOS Occidental, CA

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Owner: Joe & Barbara Hoffmann Studio Manager: Barbara Hoffmann Engineers: Joe Hoffmann, Randy Quan

Dimensions of Studios: Main room: 23 x 26 skewed; drum/ isolation booth: 10 x 14 skewed.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 16 x 21 skewed.

Tape Recorders: Otari MTR90 16/24 track; Otari MX5050 MkIII-8, 8 track; TEAC 3340S, 4 track; (2) Otari MX5050B, 2 track; Akai GX-F71, cassette; (5) TEAC cassettes for R.T. dups.; digital CD mastering

Mixing Consoles: NEOTEK Series II, 28 x 24; Ramsa 8210A, 10 x 4.

Monitor Amplifiers: Peavey DECA 700, Carver 1200, JBL 660, Rane HC-6 (cue).

Monitor Speakers: KEF Model 105 Senes II phase coherent; Yamaha NS-10s, Auratones. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 digital re-

verb, MICMIX XL-305 acoustic chamber synthesizer, Roland SDE-1000 digital delay, DL-2 digital delay, MXR flanger doubler

Other Outboard Equipment: Symetrix 522 (5 function stereo); Symetrix SG200 stereo gate; (2) Kepex; (2) Gain Brains; (2) Symetrix 501 comp/limiter; (2) UREI LA-4 comp/limiter; (2) Phase Linear ES1 parametrics; 10 channel dbx 150; 4 channel Dolby C; Technics SL 1200 MkII; Shure V15 Type 5

cartridge; BBE processor.

Microphones: AKG, Audio-Technica, Beyer, Countryman, E-V, Sennheiser, Shure, Sony, Tascam.

Instruments Available: 9' Steinway concert grand, Tama 5-piece Super Star drum kit w/Zildjian cymbals.

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(415) 441-8934 Owner: Michael Ward

Studio Manager: Les Stuck

Engineers: Garry Creiman, John Curaberti, Ricky Lee Lynd, Brian Risner, Les Stuck, Joe Tarantino, Richard Van Dern, Mark Wellner

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 39 x 21; (D): 31 x 20. Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A) 20 x 18; (D): 20 x 18. Tape Recorders: Otari MTR 90-II (w/autolocate), 24/16 track; 3M M-79 (w/autolocate), 16 track; Otari MTR 10 14" 2 track; Otari MTR-12 1/2", 2 track; (2) Otari MX 5050E, 2 track. Mixing Consoles: Trident B Range, 40 x 8 x 24; Helios

custom, 28 x 16 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler Soundcraftsmen, Crown, McIn-

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813, 815; Yamaha NS-10M. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AMS RMX-16, accustic chamber, Yamaha REV-7 (digital reverb w/MIDI), Lexicon PCM60, PCM41, PCM42, Eventide 949 Harmonizer, Delta-Lab DL-2. DL-4

Other Outboard Equipment: (4) Drawmer noise gates, (5) Dyna-Mites, Teletronix LA-2A, (4) ADR F760 compressors, (2) UREI 1176LN, ADR Vocal Stresser, (2) UREI 546 stereo parametric EQ. (2) Furman parametric, (2) White ten-band EQ, Klark-Teknik 1/3-octave room EQ in both rooms.

Microphones: Neumann: M49, U47 (tube w/omni-capsule), U67, U87, KM54, U64, M269. Also AKG, Sennheiser, Beyer, Shure, Crown PZM, etc. Countrymas direct boxes.

Instruments Available: Seinway 4' concert grant pieno, Knabe baby grand piano, Hammond B-3 organ w/Leslie, Ampeg B-18 amp, Music Man amp, Rogers drum kit and percussion

Rates: Please call for rates.

Extras: Peet's coffee. Diverse engine-ring staff. Large rooms. Direction: Take 101 north towards the Golden Gate Bridge. Get off at Franklin Street, one-way north. Turn right at Eddy, then 4 blocks later turn right at Hyde.

•••• INDEPENDENT SOUND

San Francisco, CA 94115 (415) 929-8085

Owner: Peter Buffett, Mary Buffett Studio Manager: Peter & Mary Bullett Engineers: Peter Buffett

Dimensions of Studios: 13 x 12.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 17 x 10. Tape Recorders: Otar: MTR-90II, 24 track; Otari MTR-12, 2 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track, TEAC 122 cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop 34 automated, 32 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: BGW 750, AB Systems 205.

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4411s, MDM-4s, Yamaha NS-10,

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL. Other Outboard Equipment: Lexicon Prime Time, Eventide H949 Harmonizer, Bel flanger, Drawmer gates and compressors, Orban EO

Microphones: AKG 414, Neumann U87.

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Instruments Available: Kurzweil 250 digital sampling keyboard, Linn 9000, Roland MKS-80 Super Jupiter, Yamaha DX7, Seguential Circuits Pro-One. All available no extra

Video Equipment & Services: JVC 3/4" video deck, Otari synchronizer, Sony PVM-1910 video monitor, commercial music production and other audio for video projects are the main services this studio offers

Rates: \$125/hr or per project budget.

•••• INFINITE STUDIOS P.O. Box 1709, Alameda, CA 94501 (415) 521-0321

Owner: Michael Denten Studio Manager: Michael Denten

•••• IRONWOOD STUDIO 601 N.W. 80th, Seattle, WA 98117 (206) 789-7569

Owner: Paul Scoles Studio Manager: Bob Benson

Engineers: Paul Scoles, Bob Benson, Norma Jean Jaegar

(ass't), Robert Puff (staff producer)
Dimensions of Studios: 34 x 28 x 14 high

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14 x 16 x 10 high.

Tape Recorders: MCIJH-24, 24 track; MCIJH-110C, 2 track; Otari MX5050, 2 track; Akai GX630, ¼ track; Sankyo STD1800 cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Harrison Raven, 28 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler 500, Yamaha P2050 Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430, 4311, Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 digital re verb, DeltaLab DL-2 stereo digital delay, Master-Room 305 reverb, Roland SRE-555 stereo chorus echo.

Other Outboard Equipment: (3) dbx 900 rack w/compres sors, (4) noise gates, de-esser; (2) Symetrix compressors, (2) noise gates, parametric EQ, headphone amp; Audioarts parametric EQ; Teletronix LA-2A; Roland stereo flanger; Roland Dimension-D; (2) Neptune graphic EQ; MXR Pitch Trans-

poser. **M**icrophones: Neumann U87s, U47s, KM84s, KM56s, PML DC-63s, DC-73s; Sennheiser 441s; E-V RE20; Beyer M-500; Nakamichi CM-300s; Sony C-37A tube, C-500; Shure SM57s, SM58s, 545, 546; AKG C-12.

Instruments Available: Grand piano, Hammond M-3 w/Leslie, Fender Rhodes, Roland String Ensemble, Hohner clavinet, congas, Guild, Ibanez, Epiphone, Takamine guitars, Ovation bass, Fender and Music Man amps, Pearl drums. Video Equipment & Services: NEC Auto Color monitor. Rates: \$60/hr. block rates available

•••• DENNY JAEGER CREATIVE SERVICES, INC. Oakland, CA 94611

(415) 339-2111

Owner: Denny Jaeger

Tape Recorders: (2) Sony PCM-3324 digital, 48 track; Synclavier, 64 voices, 32 megabytes of RAM, 32 tracks. Mixing Consoles: Harrison Series 10, totally automated,

Monitor Amplifiers: Crest 4000 amp. Monitor Speakers: Meyer w/complementary phase EQ. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: (2) Lexicon 224X, (3)

Quantec room simulators, AMS harmonizer, Lexicon Prime

Other Outboard Equipment: Full complement outboard including graphic & parametric EQs, limiters, compressors, special effects, etc.

Microphones: Many available-call

Instruments Available: Yamaha grand piano, Synclavier any additional synth, needed or required

Video Equipment & Services: Interlock of up to 100 digital audio tracks to video. Beta, VHS, 34".

•••• LAHAINA SOUND RECORDING STUDIO Lahaina Square H-2, Lahaina, Maui, HI 96761 (808) 667-2587

Owner: George Benson Studio Manager: Amos Daniels

•••• STEVE LAWSON PRODUCTIONS 2322 6th Ave., Seattle, WA 98121

(206) 625-9153

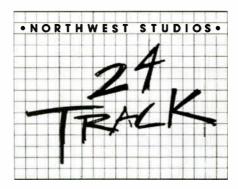
Owner: Steven Lawson Productions, Inc.

Studio Manager: Steve Lawson Engineers: Bob Israel, Steve Lawson, Jim Wilson, Terry Date. Vince Werner, Bruce Celder.

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 27 x 161/2; (B): 13 x 14; (C) 50 x Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 17 x 13, (B): 12 x 13; (C)

Tape Recorders: (2) MCI JH-24, 24 track; MCI JH-110C.8 track; (3) MCI JH-110C, 2/4 track; (3) Otari 5050, 2 track **M**ixing Consoles: (A): MCI 636 automated 28 x 24; (B) Tangent 3216, 12 x 8; (C): MCI 636 automated, 28 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: UREI, BGW, Crown, Hafler.





STEVE LAWSON PRODUCTIONS Seattle, WA

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430s, JBL 4311s, UREI Time Äligns, MDM 4s, Auratones, Yamaha NS-10s

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Eventide Harmonizer 949. Lexicon 224X w/LARC, AMS Reverb, Lexicon Prime Time, Prime Time 2, (3) PCM 42s, Klark-Teknik DN-780, AMS RMX-16.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) UREI 1176s, URE: 1178, Symetrix 501s, Gain Brains, Kepex, Scamp Racks with assorted modules, Symetrix Hybrid telephone interface, Orban

Microphones: (3) Neumann U87, (2) KM84s; (4) AKG 414s, (4) 451s, (2) D12s; (2) Shure SM5Bs, (2) SM58, (4) SM57s, (2) SM56s; (2) Sennheiser 441s, (5) 421s.

Instruments Available: (2) Yamaha 7'4" grand pianos Tama SuperStar drum kit w/power-toms, LinnDrum, DMX, Oberheim drum machines.

Video Equipment & Services: Audio Kinetics Q.Lock syn chronizer, Sony BVU 800, MCI 1-inch layback machine for laying audio directly to 1-inch videotape.

Rates: Call for information.

Extras: Our equipment and rooms are state-of-the-art, but it is our people that make us shine. We work on many different types of projects from heavy metal to light banter, LP projects, and audio sweetening soundtracks, radio and TV commer cials, and audio sweetening of video projects. We also offer high quality high-speed reel to reel and cassette dubs in mono and stereo. Call for rates

Direction: Our great rooms and comfortable atmosphere attract superb engineers. Our commercial work has been recognized by the world's largest awards including Cl:o, IBA, Andy's, One show & Best in the West. Our music production has won critical acclaim. And best of all, our clients come back. Again, and again. Give us a call, We'd love to give you a tour

•••• LIVE OAK STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 1300 Arch St., Berkeley, CA 94708

(415) 540-0177

Owner: Jim & Priscilla Gardiner Studio Manager: Priscilla Gardiner

Engineers: Dale Everingham (staff eng.), Robin Yeager (indep eng.), Ray Pyle (indep. eng.)

Dimensions of Studios: 350 sq. ft Dimensions of Control Rooms: 275 sq. ft.

Tape Recorders: MCIJH-24/16, 24/16 track w/autoiccator III; Otarı MTR-10 1/."/14", 2 track; Sony PCM-F1 digital, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-600 w/Disk Mix II automation,

Monitor Amplifiers: Brystons 3B, 4B, Yamaha, Crown, Crest



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Monitor Speakers: JBL Bi-Radial 4430, JBL 4401, Yamaha NS-10. Toa 265 ME. Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL, Prime Time II, PCM42, SDE-3000.

Other Outboard Equipment: Full Scamp Rack, Vocal Stresser, Drawmer gates, UREI LA-2, LA-3As, 1176, Spectra Son-

Microphones: Neumann, AKG, Sennheiser, E-V, Countryman. Shure.

Instruments Available: Kurzweil 250 w/digital sampling, Yamaha DX7, Oberheim OB-Xa, IBM computer w/Jim Mille personal composers software program and 32 tracks of MIDI seauencina.

Video Equipment & Services: SMPTE lock to video. Rates: Upon request.

•••• L.P. STUDIOS P.O. Box 66302, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (408) 438-8722

Owner: Leon Patillo

Studio Manager: Jackie Patillo, Suzanne Phillips

Engineers: Vince Sanchez

Dimensions of Studios: 20 x 20. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 25 x 25.

Tape Recorders: Ampex MM1200, 24/16 track; Otari MTR-12-1, ½" 4/2 track; Tascam 38-8 w/dbx, 8 track.

Mixing Consoles: Harrison MR4 w/automation, 36 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Peavey DECA, C800, C408. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430, 4401.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL digital reverb, plate synthesizer.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) LA-4 limiters, (2) dbx 160,

Super Prime Time, DL2, Eventide Harmonizer 910, Aphex Aural Exciter/Omni Craft noise gates. Microphones: RE20, SM57, MD421, AKG 451, etc.

Instruments Available: Oberheim drum machine, OP8, DSX sequencer, OB-Xa.

•••• MOBIUS MUSIC RECORDING also REMOTE RECORDING

1583 Sanchez, San Francisco, CA 94131 (415) 285-7888

Owner: Oliver DiCicco

Studio Manager: Oliver DiCicco Engineers: Oliver DiCicco, Ken Kessie, Maureen Droney

Dimensions of Studios: 38 x 16.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 18 x 16.

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-114, 24 or 16 track; MCI JH-110, 2

track; Revox A77 HS, 2 track; Nakamichi 600II cassette; (2) Sony TC FX44 cassette.

Mixing Consoles: Auditronics 501, 30 x 20 Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler 500, Crown D150, D60.

Monitor Speakers: UREI 811, Altec 604 w/mastering lab

crossovers, Auratone Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224 digital re-

verb, Master-Room MR3 reverb, Lexicon 92 digital delay, DeltaLab DI 4 Other Outboard Equipment: (2) Dyna-Mite processors,

(2) Kepex, (2) dbx 160 limiters, (2) UREI LA-4 limiters, UREI

530 graphic EQ, Orban parametric EQ, AR turntable. Microphones: Neumann U47 tube, (2) KM54 tube, (2) U87, (2) KM84, (2) KM85; Sennheiser (6) 421, 402; Shure SM57s; Beyer M500; E-V RE15, RE11; AKG: D200E, D160.

Instruments Available: Yamaha C36' grand piano, Fender Telecaster (w/EMG pickups), Yamaha RX15 drum machine, Slingerland "Radio King" drums, Fender Vibrolux, Bandmas-

Rates: Available on request, block booking discount avail.

•••• MONTAGE RECORDING STUDIO 37532 Sycamore St., Newark, CA 94560 (415) 794,2992

Owner: Hill Walsh & Will Mullins Studio Manager: Louise Singleton



MOON RECORDING INC. Sacramento, CA

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156 Otto Circle, Sacramento, CA 95822 (916) 392-5640

Owner: George Whyler

Studio Manager: George Whyler

Engineers: David Houston, Steve "Mr. Motion" Holsapple

Dimensions of Studios: 22 x 34.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 17 x 18.

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-24, 24 track; Tascam 80-8, 8 track;

Otari MTR-10, 2 track Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-636 automated 28 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: UREI 6300, Crown, McIntosh

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813B, Electro-Voice Sentry 100A, Auratone-5C

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Ecoplate III reverb, Lexicon Prime Time III delay, Eventide Harmonizer delay, Lexicon PCM60 reverb. DeltaLab CompuEffectron delay.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI LA-3As, 537 1/3-octave EQs; dbx 160s, Orban 424 comp/lim/de-esser; Valley People Kepex II, Gain Brain, Maxi Qs; Aphex Aural Exciter; Ashly noise gates; Thompson vocal eliminator, Sony PCM-701 digital processor; Technics SL 1200 turntable, (5) cassette decks.

Microphones: Neumann, Electro-Voice, Sony, Sennheiser, Shure

Instruments Available: Yamaha C7 grand piano, Baldwin electric harpsichord, ARP Omni, ARP 2600, Minimoog, sound effects library.

Rates: Please call for rates

•••• MOUNTAIN EARS RECORDING 1939 Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80302

(303) 444-3277

Owner: Mountain Ears, Ltd. Studio Manager: Paul Winger

Engineers: Paul Winger, Jim Mason Dimensions of Studios: 38 x 22 x 14.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 18.6 x 22 x 12.

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-114-24, 24 track; MCI JH-110A-2UP. 2 track: Ampex ATR-700. 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH-428-B028VU, 28 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: BGW, Yamaha, Crown. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4333A, Tannoy SRM 12B, AR 18,

Auratone. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 digital reverb

(w/all software), Lexicon Prime Time II, (2) DeltaLab 1024, variable tape delay, Eventide Harmonizer 949.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI, Scamp (ADR), Lexicon, Eventide, Orban, dbx, Marshall, Valley People, DeltaLab, White

Microphones: AKG, Neumann, Sennheiser, Shure, Sony, E-V. Beyer, Calrec.

Instruments Available: 1890 rosewood Steinway concert grand piano, Hammond C-3, 122 Leslie (w/preamp pedal), Oherheim DX

Rates: Please call—blocks available.

•••• MOUNTAIN MOBILE RECORDING, INC.

Rt. 1 Box 25, Tulelake, CA 96134

(916) 667-5508

Owner: Mountain Mobile Recording Inc. Studio Manager: Web Staunton

•••• M.S. PRODUCTIONS 5191 3rd St. Suite 6, San Francisco, CA 94124 (415) 282-4806

Owner: Melvin Seals



MUSIC ANNEX INC. Menlo Park

•••• MUSIC ANNEX INC. also REMOTE RECORDING 970 O'Brien Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025 (415) 328-8338

Owner: Music Annex Inc.

Studio Manager: David Porter, Michelle LeConte (traffic

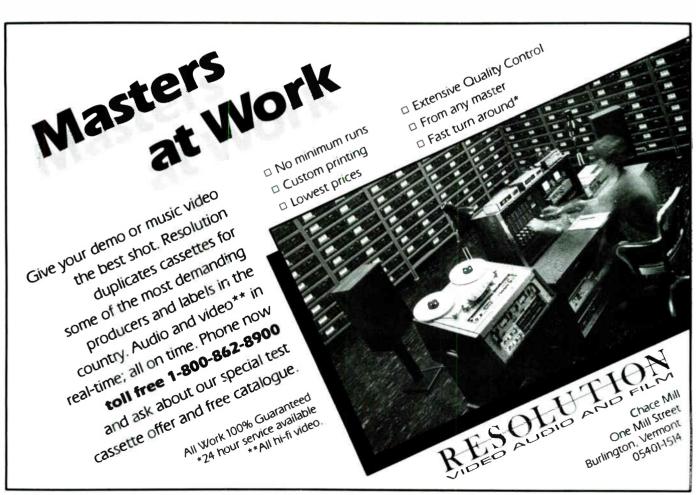
manager)

Engineers: Russell Bond, Keith Hatschek, Jim Dean, David Porter, Richard Rose, Wes Weaver, Bill Johnston, Roger Wierserva (chief engineer)

Dimensions of Studies: (A): 35 x 28, 10 x 8 iso booth; (B): 13 x 11: (C: 20 x 30, 10 x 12 iso booth; (D): 40 x 42. Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 25 x 22; (B): 23 x 18;

(C): 28 x 22; (D): 16 x 10 (video).

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Tape Recorders: (2) MCI JH-114, 16/24 tracks; (3) MCI ½" & ¼" JH-110 A/B, 2 track; (5) Ampex 440 ¼" 440B, 2 track; Otari MkIII, 8 track.

Mixing Consoles: Neve 8036, 24 x 8 x 24; Amek 2500, 28 x 24 x 24; Amek/TAC 16 x 8 x 8.

Monitor Amplifiers: BGW, Crown, Yamaha, A/B systems.

Monitor Speakers: (A): UREI 813; (B): JBL 4333A; (C): UREI 811 & Augspurger sub woofer system; (D): JBL 4311

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT 240, Lexicon 224 4.4 version, MXR 01 digital reverb.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176, 1178 limiters; Inc. vonics limiters; ADR and Neve compressor/limiters; ADR Vocal Stresser; ADR stereo EQ, Scamp Racks w/EQ, gates DDL, Pan modules; Eventide Harmonizer, phase/flanger; Lexicon Prime Time; Roger Meyer noise gates: SMPTE-based automation in all studios

Microphones: AKG, Neumann, E-V, Beyer, Sennheiser, Sony, Calrec, Shure, Countryman & Crown PZMs, Countryman FET directs.

Instruments Available: Yamaha C-7 & C-3 conservatory pianos, Ampeg bass amp, alphaSyntauri digital synthesizer, various snare drums and percussion equipment.
Video Equipment & Services: Complete sound stage with

hard cyc 600 amp lighting grid with hot patch, Asaca and Conrac color critical monitors, Audio-Kinetics 310 Q.Lock synchronizer, JVC 8250 34" deck, dressing rooms, (2) Sony 34" U-matics, Ampex BC-3 studio camera.

Rates: \$45 to \$125, call for quotes, day rates

Extras: TV lounge, kitchen, parking for 40 cars. Cassette duplication with the state-of-the-art Otari DP-80 480 ips system. Real-time cassette copies on (5) Tascam 122 decks. Studio C audio control room may be used w/soundstage Studio D.

Direction: It is our intent to service both the music and industrial recording markets with the same technical expertise and attention to detail. We encourage independent engineers neers to use our studios and offer them a most comprehensive technical facility and staff. Our credits include Ronnie Montrose, The Tubes, Bill Withers, George Winston, Will Ackerman, Alex DeGrassi, Todd Rundgren, Blue Oyster Cult, Black Sabbath, Richie Cole, Donna Fargo, Steven Halpern. Holly Near, and The Toons.

•••• THE MUSIC SOURCE 615 E. Pike, Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 323-6847

Owner: Jim Wolfe

Studio Manager: Dave Raynor

Engineers: Jim Wolle, Dave Raynor, Will Lewis Tape Recorders: Sony MCI JH-124, 24 track; Sony MCI JH-110, 2 & 4 track; MCI JH-110, 2 track; (2) Revox A77s

reel-to-reel; (5) Akai cassette, Aiwa cassette

Mixing Consoles: MCI JH 600 series, 28 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: UREI 6500; Phase Linear 400; Crown

D60; BGW; Symetrix headphone amplifier.

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4430s; JBL L-100s; Yamaha NS-10;

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon Prime Time, PCM 60, 224X/LARC; AKG BX 10; Eventide Harmonizer H910. Other Outboard Equipment: Scamp Racks w/gates, (2) Spectrasonics limiters, (2) Symetrix peak limiters w/side chains; Aphex Aural Exciter, Adams-Smith synchronizer, Roland time code generator, dbx limiter 162, DMX drummer, Roland Vocoder, (2) UREI 1176 peak limiters, (2) UREI 1/3: octave equalizers.

Microphones: Neumann U87, U67 tube mic; AKG 414, 451, D12E; Electro-Voice RE20; Shure 57s; Sennheiser MD421

Instruments Available: DMX drummer, Emulator with sequential interface, Simmons drums, 9' Kawai grand piano, Oberheim OBX w/DSX sequencer, Kurzweil, Yamaha DX7, Thunder Rhodes, Kramer bass, drum sets available.

Video Equipment & Services: Sony 3/4" video cassette re-

Rates: Available upon request.

•••• NORTHWESTERN, INC.

1224 S.W. Broadway, Portland, OR 97205 (800) 547-2252, (503) 226-0170

Owner: Bob Lindahl

Studio Manager: Paul Buescher

Engineers: Gary Shannon, Michael Hellums, Joe Allen

Dimensions of Studios: 16 x 24.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 12 x 20.

Tape Recorders: Ampex MM 1200, 16 track; (4) Ampex ATR 800, 4 track; (3) Ampex ATR 800, 2 track; Ampex 440C, 4 track; Magnasync 16mm; Nagra III - Nagra 4.2S; Ampex AD-15 duplicating; Audiotek 2000 cassette duplicating. Monitor Speakers: JBL/Spectra Sonics.

Other Outboard Equipment: Reverb: Ecoplate, Orban, Digital.

Microphones: Neumann U47 (tube), U67 (tube); E-V RE16, RE20, etc.

Instruments Available: Baldwin grand piano

Video Equipment & Services: Film to video transfer, video and film sound tracks.

•••• OASIS RECORDING STUDIO 395 Sussex St., San Francisco, CA 94131 (415) 587-3564

Owner: Greg Goodwin

•••• OCEAN STUDIO P.O. Box 747, Stinson Beach, CA 94970 (415) 868-0763 Owner: Tim Tomke

Studio Manager: B.J. Meines

•••• ONE PASS AUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 1 China Basin Bldg., San Francisco, CA 94107 Owner: A One Pass Co. Studio Manager: client services

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also REMOTE RECORDING P.O. Box 874, Belmont, CA 94002 (415) 595-8475

Owner: Cookie Marenco, Robert Firpo Studio Manager: Cookie Marenco

Engineers: Randy Sellgren, Cookie Marenco, Mike Cutter Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90II, 24 track; Otari MkIII, 8 track; Sony digital PCM-F1, 2 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track. Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop series 34, automated, 32 dual line inputs: (2) Soundcraft 200, 8.

Monitor Amplifiers: Crown.

Monitor Speakers: Tannoy Big Reds, Yamaha NS-10M,

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224 XL digital reverb, AMS digital reverb, Lexicon PCM60 digital reverb, Lexicon Super Prime Time w/1.92 MEO, Lexicon PCM42 delay, DeltaLab 1040 Effectron, MICMIX XL 305.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) Dyna-Mite stereo noise gates, Aphex Compellor, UREI LA-4 compressor/limiter, Gar-field Nanodoc, Technics RM-585 cassette.

Microphones: Neumann U67; (2) AKG 414s, (2) 451s; (4) Sennheiser 421s; Electro-Voice RE20; (3) Nakamichi C-100s; (3) Shure SM56s, (2) SM57.

(S) Sittle SMSS (27 SMS). The Instruments Available: Steinway 7' grand piano, Hammond B-3 organ, (2) Yamaha DX7, (2) Yamaha TX7, Prophet-5 w/MIDI, Minimoog w/MIDI, Linn II drums, Roland MSQ-700, SCI Poly sequencer, Voice 400 synthesizer, Gretsch & Sonor drums, Hohner xylophone, Musser vibes, Marshall & Walter Woods amps

Video Equipment & Services: Sony SL-2000 Tuner/Beta videocassette, Sony SL-2710 Beta Hi-fi videocassette, monitors, BTX, ¾" video available upon request.

Rates: Please call.

•••• PACIFIC MOBILE RECORDERS only REMOTE RECORDING 2616 Garfield Ave. Carmichael (Sacramento), CA 95608 (916) 483-2340

Owner: Jim & Kat Hibbard Studio Manager: Kat Coffey Hibbard

•••• PAN STUDIOS, INC. 1767 S. 8th St. M-6, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 (303) 633-6764 Owner: Dale Nixon Studio Manager: John Standish

•••• THE PLANT STUDIO 2200 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965 (415) 332-6100

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PRAIRIE SUN RECORDING STUDIO Cotati, CA

•••• Prairie sun recording studio P.O. Box 7084, Cotati, CA 94928 (707) 795-7011 Owner: Mark "Mooka" E. Rennick Studio Manager: Claris Sayadian

•••• PYRAMID RECORDING STUDIO also REMOTE RECORDING 1020 35th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95822 (916) 424-8772 Owner: Charles D. Carter Studio Manager: Jeft Carter





PYRAMID RECORDING STUDIO

•••• KELLY OUAN RECORDING 55 White St., San Fransisco, CA 94109 (415) 771-6716 Owner: Kelly Ouan Studio Manager: Marie Davalos

•••• RECORDING ASSOCIATES also REMOTE RECORDING 5821 S.E. Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97206 (503) 777-4621

Owner: Jay Webster, Bob Stoutenburg Studio Manager: Jay Webster



R.O. STUDIOS Concord, CA

•••• R.O. STUDIOS 3359 Walnut Ave., Concord, CA 94519 (415) 676-7237

Owner: The Henry Bros

Studio Manager: Ralph F. Henry Jr.
Engineers: Rick Henry, independents welcome.
Dimensions of Studios: 25 x 15, 20 x 15.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 16 x 15.

Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90II, 24 track; Otari MTR-10, 2 track; Denon DR M44, cassette; Technics SV-110, digital au-

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 40, 28 x 24 w/VCAs; 24-channel high resolution metering

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler DH-500, BGW 750-B, McIntosh

Monitor Speakers: UREI 811s, Yamaha NS-10s, Auratones, KEF listening speakers.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL digital reverb, (2) Lexicon PCM60 digital reverbs, Eventide H969 Harmonizer, (2) 1310 digital effects processors

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) UREI 1176 LN peak limiters, (2) Dyna-Mite 430s, UREI LA-4 limiter, MX1+triggering device, any outboard equipment available upon request. Microphones: Neumann, AKG, Sony, Sennheiser, Shure,

E-V. Any mic available upon request.

Instruments Available: Yamaha grand piano, Yamaha DX7

synthesizer, Roland 5X-8P synthesizer, Linn 9000 w/sampler & disk drive, Marshall amps, Rockmans, Bass-Rockman, 360 MIDI bass, Steinberger XL-2 bass.

Rates: Call for rates. Block rates available.

Extras: Swimming pool, shower & kitchen facilities; games & listening room; producing and record pressing packages available

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Engineers: Guy Randle, Mark Hoffman, Jeff Carter, other independents.

Dimensions of Studios: 22 x 22.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 15 x 13.

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-16 w/ALII, 24 track; Otari 5050B, 2 track; Pioneer RT701, ¼ track; Nikko ND1000, cassette; Technics M-65, cassette

Mixing Consoles: NEOTEK Series 3C w/VCA subgrouping, 26 x 24

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler.

Monitor Speakers: E-V Sentry 500, Yamaha NS-10M, Auratones, Sennheiser HD40 cue Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200 digital reverb

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monizer, (2) DeltaLab Effectron digital delays

Other Outboard Equipment: Aphex Aural Exciter, Symetrix 511 noise reduction, Symetrix CL501 limiter, Orban deesser, DOD limiters/de-essers, Biamp graphic EQ, Roland

stereo phaser, Omni Craft GT4 noise gates.

Microphones: Neumann U64 tube: AKG C414 P48, C505, D190E; Electro-Voice RE20, PL77, RE10, RE11; Sennheiser MD421; Wright condenser; also Sony, Beyer (various quantities of the above).

Instruments Available: Emulator II digital sampling system with lots of great sounds, including many custom samples, Yamaha DX7 w/DX-Pro computer package, Yamaha RX11 drum machine, Simmons SDS-9 (MIDI equipped—will trigger drum machines or Emulator samples), Baldwin 9' concert grand, Tama acoustic drums, Fender precision, Gibson mastertune.

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(415) 474-4520

Owner: Bob Shotland, Jack Leahy Studio Manager: Gail Nord, Bob Shotland (gen. mgr.) Engineers: Jack Leahy, Richard Greene, Sam Lehmer, Marnie Moore, Jeff Kliment, Gary Clayton, Donna Gentile, Dave Lumaye.

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 20 x 30; (B): 18 x 28. Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 15 x 24; (B): 13 x 22. Tape Recorders: MCIJH-110, 4 track; (2) MCIJH-24/JH-114, 24/16 track; MCI JH-110B, 2 track; Technics 1506 1/4 track Mixing Consoles: (A): Helios 52 x 24; (B): NEOTEK series III. 28 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Yamaha P-2200s, 2050, McIntosh 2105s

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813 Time Aligned, control rooms A&B; JBL 4311, studios A&B, Auratones

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224, PCM 60, EMT 140s, various delays.

Other Outboard Equipment: Eventide H-949 Harmonizer, Scamp system, vocal stressor, UREI 1176LN, ADR compressors, Valley People Dyna-Mite, digital metronome, Symetrix gate, anything and everything.

Microphones: Full complement Neumann, AKG, Sennheiser, Shure, RCA, E-V, etc.

Instruments Available: Steinway and Yamaha grand pianos. Video Equipment & Services: Complete film/video post sound with video/audio interlock in each studio: Q.Lock with all optional software (ADR, SFX, VAPP), Sony color monitors—25", 19", 17"; Novabeam 5- and 10-foot video projection systems. Film-to-tape services: 35 and 16mm to any video format with all time code options available. KEM K-800 6 plate with optical scanners synchronize through Q.Lock to all video & audio recorders. 34" video includes BVU-800, JVC 8250, 6650, 6400. Also Beta, Beta Hi-fi, VHS formats

Rates: Brochure on request.

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Owner: Dan Alexander

Studio Manager: John Cuniberti, Connie Lauerturier (bus. manager)

Engineers: Independents: many available

Dimensions of Studios: 39 x 19 w/12 x 8 iso. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 17 x 19.

Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90 MkII, 24 track; Otari MTR-

12, 2 track.
Mixing Consoles: API Custom 3232, 40 x 36.

Monitor Amplifiers: Marantz model 9, Phase Linear 700, Hafler, McIntosh, etc.

Monitor Speakers: Custom Hi-fidelity system, Yamahas, etc.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AMS digital reverb, EMT digital reverb, (2) acoustic echo chambers, Publison, BEL, (3) Lexicon, Deltalab DDLs, Super Prime Time.

Other Outboard Equipment: Fairchilds, Teletronix, UREI, Pultecs, Langs, ITI, Sontec, Aphex II, Vocal Stresser, Draw-

mers, Dyna-Mites, Omnipressor.

Microphones: C12; C24; Elam 251; M49; U67; and everything else.

Rates: Please call for rates

•••• SEA WEST STUDIOS / HAWAII

Box 729, Hauula, HI 96717 (808) 293-1800 Owner: Rick Keefer Studio Manager: Donna Alexa

•••• SLOW BOAT only REMOTE RECORDING 1135 Pearl St. Suite 7, Boulder, CO 80302 (303) 443-9822 Owner: Wind Over the Earth, Inc. Studio Manager: Mickey Houlihan

•••• SONOMA SOUND P.O. Box 1623, Sonoma, CA 95476 (707) 996-4363

Owner: Arron Johnson

Engineers: Arron Johnson, Mark Masonek

Dimensions of Studios: (A): 38 x 18; (B): 25 x 25.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 20 x 16

Tape Recorders: MCI/Sony JH-24-24, 24 track; Tascam 32, 2 track; Tascam 122B, cassette; (2) JVC KD-V6J, cassette. Mixing Consoles: Amek/TAC Matchless, 28 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Pioneer SA-9900. Monitor Speakers: JBL 4312, JBL L-96.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: StarGate 323 digital reverb, Fostex 3180 stereo spring reverb, Eventide H-910 Har-monizer, DeltaLab DL-4 digital delay/flanger, Roland SDE-1000 digital delay.

Other Outboard Equipment: Biamp stereo 15 band equalizer, dbx 160X compressor/limiter, dbx Series 1 noise reduction

Microphones: (10) Shure SM57, (2) SM81; Electro-Voice RE20; (4) Sennheiser MD-421U; AKG N-66; (4) Crown PZM; Beyer Dynamic; (2) Countryman direct boxes.

Instruments Available: Piano, studio drum set, Roland TR 909 drum machine, Ibanez Musician electric guitar, Yamaha acoustic guitar, trumpet, chimes, bells.

Rates: \$35/hr, block time discounts.

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Owner: Daniel Decker Studio Manager: Daniel Decker

•••• SOUNDLINK/DOLPHIN SOUND also REMOTE RECORDING

1015 Aoloa Place #330, Kailua, HI 96734 (808) 263-4800

Owner: KHNL-Channel 13 TV Studio Manager: Jim Linkner

Engineers: Jim Linkner

Dimensions of Studios: Soundstage: 30 x 50; iso: 13 x 8. Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14 x 12.

Tape Recorders: MCI/Sony JH-24, 24 track; (2) MCI/Sony JH-110C-2, 2 track; Revox B710 MkII, cassette; Tascam 122B, cassette.

Mixing Consoles: MCl 542B, with updated VCAs, X-formers, 36 x 32.

Monitor Amplifiers: Studer, Hafler

Monitor Speakers: New Hidley/TAD/Kinoshita vertical design (model 3), MDM-4, Auratone 5C

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AMS RMX-16 digital reverb, Lexicon PCM60 digital reverb, Lexicon 95 DDL, Lexicon 42 DDL

Other Outboard Equipment: Eventide H949 Harmonizer, Eventide Omnipressor, UREI LA-4s, Compellor, ADR "Scamp" F-300 expander/gates, Klark-Teknik 1/3-octave EQ. Pioneer P-D70 CD player.
Microphones: Sanken CU-41; Neumann U87, KM84; AKG

C460, D-12E; Sennheiser 441; Shure SM57; Countryman Isomax; Simon DB/PS/1 DIs (active); Minicube DIs (active). Instruments Available: Yamaha DX7.

Video Equipment & Services: Full stage and remote facilities. Cameras: (5) Sony BVP-30, (2) JVC; (4) 14:1 lenses, 17:1 lens, wide-angle zoom lens; (4) Sony BVU-800, (2) Sony BVU-820; Grass Valley 1680 switcher.

Rates: Audio: \$75/hr; video: on quotation

•••• SOUND TECHNIQUE RECORDING STUDIO 11240 Hwy 41, Madera, CA 93638 (209) 431-5275

Owner: Ken and Marilyn Carlton

Studio Manager: Ken Carlton Engineers: Ken Carlton (chief), Jack Jarvis (2nd), Gary Hunter (technician).

Dimensions of Studios: 20 x 22, plus 8 x 8 piano alcove, 9 x

10 iso room, and 5 x 10 vocal booth.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 14 x 17

Tape Recorders: Otari MTR-90, 24 track w/16 track capa bility: Otari MTR-10, 2 track (1/2" & 1/4" formats); Otari 5050B, 2 track; (13) Hitachi DE-7 cassette decks (for RT duplication); Pioneer RT 707; numerous other miscellaneous decks.

Mixing Consoles: Sound Workshop Series 34, 32 channels with ARMS

Monitor Amplifiers: Bryston 3B & 4B on control room mains, Hafler DH200 on studio playback Yamaha & Sansui

Monitor Speakers: IBL 4430 Bi-Radials in control room. Yamaha NS-1000 in studio, Yamaha NS-10 and Auratones.

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224XL, Ecoplate II, Marshall Time Modulator 5402, Eventide 949 Harmor Deltalab DL-3, tape delay, Roland 3000 digital delay.

Other Outboard Equipment: ADR Vocal Stresser and Stereo Express, (2) UREI 1176LN, (2) UREI LA-4, (4) Allison Research Gain Brain, (4) Allison Research Kepex, (2) dbx 165, Orban 622B parametric EQ, (2) UREI Model 549 graphic EQ, 2 channels of Dynafex noise reduction, Aphex Aural Exciter, UREI digital metronome, Power One protection on every AC line.

Microphones: Neumann U87, U89, KM86; (2) AKG 414 EB, (6) 451 EB; (2) Sennheiser 441, (9) 421; (2) E-V RE20, RE16; (2) Crown PZM; Shure 56; Beyer 160 ribbon; (8) Countryman

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Instruments Available: Kurzweil 250 fully loaded, Linn 9000 fully loaded, Yamaha DX7, Yamaha C-7 grand piano, many more synths, guitars and amps. Peterson strobe tuner. Rates: \$35/hr, 2 track; \$50/hr, 24 track. All rates include everything listed above. Kurzweil and Linn are \$35/day

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Studio Manager: Mike Pomeroy

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Owner: Paul L. Weaver Studio Manager: Jim Conklin

•••• SPECTRUM STUDIOS, INC 905 S.W. Alder St., Portland, OR 97205 (503) 248-0248

Owner: Michael Carter, Lindsey McGill.

Studio Manager: Michael Carter Engineers: Michael Carter, Lindsey McGill, Chris Douthitt,

Dave Mathew, Jim Baer, Rob Perkins, Jim Rogers. Dimensions of Studios: (A): 19 x 34; (B): 18 x 14; (C): 14 x 16. Dimensions of Control Rooms: (A): 22 x 15; (B): 17 x 5; (C):

Tape Recorders: Ampex ATR-100, 2 track; Ampex ATR-100, 4 track; MM-1100, 16 track; Otari MTR-90 II, 24 track; Otari MX-5050, 4 track; (12) Scully 280B, 2 track; (2) Scully 280B, 4 track; (2) Nagra 4.2, 1 track.

Mixing Consoles: Custom (built in-house) 16 x 16

Monitor Amplifiers: McIntosh, Crown, Yamaha. Monitor Speakers: UREI 811, Auratone, Yamaha NS-10s. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT-140S, AKG-BX20E. Eventide Harmonizer, Lexicon Prime Time II, Ursa Majos Space Station, Yamaha Rev-7 digital reverb.

Other Outboard Equipment: Dolby A noise reduction, dbx type 1 noise reduction, Eventide flanger, UREI 1/3 octave EQs, UREI notch filter, Orban de-esser, Gain Brains, Mayer noise gates, Jensen direct boxes, Eiki interlock projector. AVL Eagle computerized multi-image programmer, Skotel digital metronome, (3) LA-3As.

Microphones: Neumann U87, U47; E-V CS-15, RE50, RE16: AKG C-451E, D1000E, D190, D200; Shure SM54; Sennheiser 815. Tram lavaliers

Instruments Available: Yamaha G-3 6' grand piano.

Video Equipment & Services: Audio-for-video post-pro duction utilizing Audio Kinetics Q.Lock, Sony BVH-1100 1" video recorder, 24 track ATR, also, 34" video. Also, 16mm film interlock mixing system which can be used alone or in conjunction with video system.

Rates: \$65/hr all formats to 16 track; \$75/hr 24 track \$135/hr audio-for-video post-production

•••• STARLIGHT STUDIO 617 S. 13th St., Richmond, CA 94804

(415) 236-2281

Owner: Starlight Sound Inc.

Studio Manager: Brilliant Production and Management,

Engineers: Staff: Norman Kerner, Bill Thompson, Carl Herlofsson, Jamie Bridges, Peter Brown; associates; Karl Derfle; Gary Mankin, Ray Pyle, Matt Wallace.

Dimensions of Studios: 25 x 35 x 12; piano room: 15' pentagonal.

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 20 x 15 x 12.

Tape Recorders: MCI JH-16 w/Autolocator III, 24 track; Ampex ATR 102 ¼" & ½", 2 track; Otari MX5050-B, 2 track; Tascam 122s cassette decks; Technics turntable.

Mixing Consoles: Harrison 4032, 40 in x 32 bus out w/Allison x 65k automation

Monitor Amplifiers: Bryston, Hafler, Crown, Biamp. Marantz Monitor Speakers: UREI 813 Time Aligned, Yamaha NS-

10M, Auratones Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224X, PCM60 **—LISTING CONTINUED ON PAGE 168**

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and AMS RMX 16 digital reverbs; Master-Room XL305, Lexicon PCM42, 41 and Effectron delay lines, Eventide H910 Harmonizer, MXR doubler.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI LA-4 & 1176 comp/ limiters, Audioarts parametric and Biamp graphic EQ. Symetrix & Kepex gates/processors, Valley People Dyna-Mites, EXR Exciter, Eventide FL201 flanger, MXR flanger

Microphones: Neumann tubes and condensers, AKG, Beyer, Crown PZM, E-V, Shure, RCA Ribbon, etc.

Instruments Available: Yamaha C-7 7'4" conservatory grand piano, LinnDrum digital drum machine, Prophet synth, Rogers drum kit, large collection of new and vintage gear including Mesa/Boogie Mkll, Marshall, Musicman, Vox, Fender tweeds and blondes, Schecter and Epiphone basses, old Strats and Pauls, '30s Dobro, Rick 12-string and much more.

Video Equipment & Services: Available upon request. Rates: Please call Lisa Petrides of Brilliant Production and Management for rate schedule and off-hour specials.

•••• STARSOUND AUDIO, INC. 2679 Oddie Blvd., Reno, NV 89512 (800) 354-7252

Owner: Scott Bergstrom

Studio Manager: Mark Ishikawa

Engineers: Mark Ishikawa, Scott Bergstrom, Dave Jensen. Lee Taggart.

Dimensions of Studios: 35 x 30; 3 iso rooms: 8 x 14, 7 x 10, 8 x 16

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 15 x 25

Tape Recorders: Studer A-80, 24 track; Otari Mklll-2, 2 track; Yamaha C-200, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: Amek Angela, 28 x 24; RSS mixdown

computer CPE-800.

Monitor Amplifiers: Crown PSA2, Crown DC-300, Yamaha PC2002.

Monitor Speakers: JBL 4333, 4411, Auratone T6, 5C, JBL

4425, 4435, Yamaha NS10.
Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 200, 8' plate, PCM60, Roland SDE 3000, 1000, DeltaLab, Korg 3000, Roland SRV 2000, Yamaha Rev-7.

Other Outboard Equipment: dbx de-esser, compressor gates, parametrics, Roland phaser, flanger, dimension D, Aphex, compellor, dbx 166.

Microphones: AKG 414, 460, 451, 330; Sennheiser 441s, 421s, 431, 409, 402, 211; E-V PL 20, RE20, RE15, RE18; Shure SM56s, SM57s, SM81s; PZMs; Countryman 101s.

Instruments Available: Chroma, Gleeman Pentaphonic, Oberheim OB-8, DSX, DMX, OBSX; large set Fibes drums, set of Simmons drums, Linn, Yamaha DX21, DX7, DX5, E-mu, Yamaha drum machines, 74" Kawaii grand piano, and much

Video Equipment & Services: Reference VHS only

Rates: \$65/hr, 24 track; \$55/hr, 8-hour block special proj-

ect rates per week.

Extras: Over 2,000 instruments available in Starsound Audio /Bizarre guitar complex. Studer and Amek installed new in August '84. T.E.F. analysis available to clients. Studio is in Reno, 45 minutes from Lake Tahoe, endless recreation

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•••• STUDIO D RECORDING INC. 424 Coloma St., San Rafael, CA 94965 (415) 332-6289

Owner: Dan Godfrey, Joel Jaffe Studio Manager: Joel Jaffe

Engineers: Ricky Sanchez, Bob Hodas, Karl Derfler, Dr Richie Moore (tech. director), Lenette Viegas (ass't), James "Watts" Vereecke (ass't)

Dimensions of Studios: 29 x 36 x 20 (ceiling). Iso booth: 7 x 14 x 16 (ceiling).

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 20 x 20, compression

Tape Recorders: Studer A800 MkII, 24 track; Ampex ATR-102, 2 track; Studer/Revox B77, 2 track; Aiwa 770, cassette. Mixing Consoles: Trident TSM, 40 x 32 x 32 Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler 500, (5) Hafler 220.

Monitor Speakers: Custom Hidley, Yamaha NS-10M, Aura-

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: EMT 140 plate (tube), AMS RMX16 reverb, Roland SRV-2000 reverb, Roland SDE-3000 delay, Bel BD-80 delay/sampler.

Other Outboard Equipment: (2) Pultec EQP-1, (2) Pultec EQP-1A, (2) Lang PEQ-2, Pultec MEQ-5, (2) UREI Model 545 parametric EQ, (2) Drawmer DS-201 dual gates, (4) Kepex II, dbx 165 compressor, (2) Teletronix LA-2A, (2) UREI 1176LN, (2) UREI LA-4, Eventide H910 Harmonizer



Microphones: Neumann M-49b, U67, U47 tube: AKG C-24 stereo tube, C414EB, C451EB, (2) D-200E, D-12; Sennheiser MD-421, MD-441; Beyer 201; RE20; SM57; PZMs; (2) 47 FET; ECM 50; E-V 666; KM-84; (6) Countryman direct

Instruments Available: Linndrum, DX7, Hammond organ 800, Gallien Krueger studio amp.

Video Equipment & Services: Studio is located next to major soundstage. Video tie-in to control room. Q.Lock and all VTR formats available upon application.

Rates: Please call for rates

•••• STUDIO HAWAII

1 North King St., Honolulu, HI 96817 (808) 536-9311 Owner: Al Harrington Studio Manager: John Kahale Chang

•••• SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL STUDIO 1240 E. 800 North, Orem, UT 84057 (801) 224-4444

Owner: Summit International Studios Studio Manager: Joe Spear

•••• SUN VALLEY AUDIO 808 Warm Springs Road, Ketchum, ID 83340

(208) 726-3476 Owner: Amos Galpin Studio Manager: Amos Galpin Engineers: Lance Parker, Randy Young

Dimensions of Studios: 32 x 23 x 16 (ceiling); piano room 9

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 15W x 25D w/ The Wedge' patented control room.

Tape Recorders: Stevens w/BTX, 24 track; Ampex ATR-104 2 track; Ampex ATR-102 1/2", 2 track; Nakamichi cassette; (10) Akai cassettes.

Mixing Consoles: ICC 9000, noise gates and limiters and Automation in each channel, 24 x 24.

Monitor Amplifiers: Hafler, PS Audio.

Monitor Speakers: IBL and TAD custom monitors, IBL

4430s, MDM TA-2s, Auratones. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: (3) Lexicon PCM 60s, (4)

ICC plate reverb system, live echo chamber 30 x 20 x 16 high, Lexicon 93, Echotron, Fostex DDLs. Other Outboard Equipment: Eventide 949, Eventide flanger/phaser, Kurzweil AS 250, LinnDrum, Simmons head

(10) Akai cassette recorders for real-time duplicating, unreal in-house technician.

Microphones: AKG Tube, 414s, 460Bs; Neumann U87; Sennheiser 421s; various Shure.

Instruments Available: Kurzweil AS 250, Yamaha 9' grand piano, Prophet 5, studio drum sets

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(907) 562-3754

Owner: Kurt Riemann Studio Manager: Lauren Koch

•••• SWINGSTREET STUDIOS 620 Bercut Dr., Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 446-3088

Owner: Commonwealth

Studio Manager: Larry Lauzon

Engineers: Martin Ashley (chief eng.), John Baccigaluppi, Larry Lauzon, Craig Livaich

Dimensions of Studios: 34 x 37; iso booth 12 x 15; drum alcove 8 x 9

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 20 x 23

Tape Recorders: MCl JH-16, 8/16/24 tracks; (2) MCl JH-110B, 2 track; (2) Technics M85, cassettes.

Mixing Consoles: Quad/Eight Pacifica, 28 x 24. Monitor Amplifiers: UREI 6500; Yamaha P2150; McIntosh

Monitor Speakers: UREI 813-A Time Aligns; JBL 4333, 4313, 4311: Auratone 5-C

Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: Lexicon 224 digital reverb, AKG BX-20E reverb, Lexicon 97 Super Prime Time, Yamaha Rev-7 digital effects, Eventide H-910 Harmonizer, Marshall Time Modulator.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI 1176LN limiters, Teletronix LA-2A limiters, Allison Gain Brains, Quad/Eight CL-22 companders, ADR/Scamp expander/gates, ADR/Scamp Auto-Pan, Aphex Aural Exciter, UREI 527S EQ, Pultec PEQ-1S EQs, Pultec HLF-3C filter, 28 channels dbx, video security system.

Microphones: Neumann U47 FET, U67, U87, KM-84; AKG Microphones: Neumann 047 FEI, 067, 087, KM-34; AKC C414EB, C451, C34; Countryman EM-101; Crown PZM 30, 31s; E-V RE20, 654A, 666, 667A; Sennheiser 409, MD-421; Shure SM7, SM53, SM57, SM58, SM81, 545, 300; Sony ECM-22, ECM-280; RCA 77-DX; Altec M-30.

Instruments Available: Yamaha C-3 grand piano, various percussion, total instrument rental available Rates: Available upon request.



TARPAN STUDIOS San Rafael, CA

•••• TARPAN STUDIOS

1925 Francisco Blvd. E., Suite G, San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 485-1999

Owner: N.M. Walden

Studio Manager: Janice Lee

Engineers: Dave Frazer, Gordon Lyon, Stuart Hirotsu, Doc Shaffer (systems eng.)

Dimensions of Studios: 25 x 35 irregular (including isos); ceiling: 12 x 14; drum booth: 9 x 8 x 12

Dimensions of Control Rooms: 19 x 18 w/ceiling from 12'

Tape Recorders: Studer A80 VU MkIV, 24 track; MCI JH-24, 24/16 track; (2) Ampex ATR-102 (½" & ¼"), 2 track; Technics RS-B100 cassette deck; (2) Technics RS-B50 cassette decks; (2) Otari MX5050-B, 2 track.

Mixing Consoles: Trident TSM, 40 x 32 with Allison automation.

Monitor Amplifiers: Control room: Crown DO-2000s with Delta Omega modules; studio: BGW 750; cue: (2) Crown D-150 Series II, Crown PS-400.

Monitor Speakers: Control room: UREI 813A, Yamaha NS10M, TOA ME265, Auratones; studio: UREI 811. Echo, Reverb & Delay Systems: AMS digital reverb, Eco-

plate I, Eventide 949 Harmonizer, Lexicon Prime Time, Delta-Lab DL-4 w/memory module, Marshall Time Modulator, A/DA SD-1, anything available upon request.

Other Outboard Equipment: UREI LA-4s, Teletronix LA-2A, Symetrix gates, Allison Research Kepex & Gain Brains, any-thing available upon request. Microphones: Full complement of Neumann, AKG, Senn-

heiser, Beyer, Shure & PZM microphones.
Instruments Available: Baldwin 9' grand piano.
Video Equipment & Services: Q. Lock 310 synchronization;

anything available upon request.

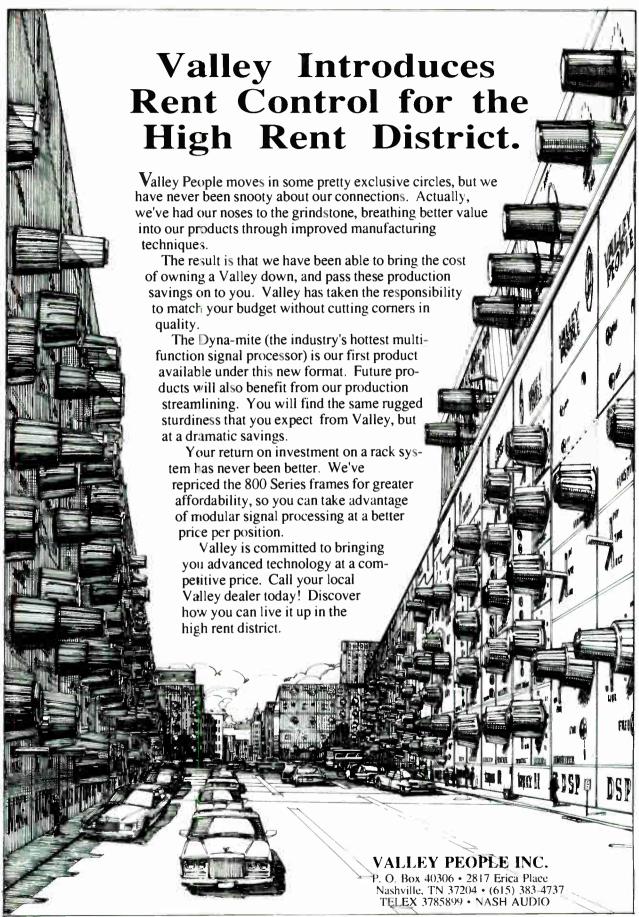
Rates: Please call for rates.

•••• TELEMATION PRODUCTIONS/AUDIO 1200 Stewart St., Seattle, WA, 98101

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Owner: Telemation Productions Inc./Salt Lake City, UT Studio Manager: Michael C. Olds

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Mix: There aren't that many videos that are able to present feature film effects and production quality for three or four minutes that are really believable.

JV: It's because of cheap sets. Sets that are just fronts that aren't lit right. Another thing is movement. In most videos there are so many stupid still camera shots. Everything we do is on cranes. We have a 360 degree head on top of these things so you can move the camera all over the place. You have to keep the picture moving to keep people interested.

Mix: What are some of the commercials you've got going right now?

JV: We're doing Prudential Life Insurance right now. It's going to have a frog that changes into a prince in a tornado, then the prince and the princess walk away into this beautiful landscape to the rock of Gibraltar at the end of this windy road. We did a Kikkoman spot with a facial appliance, where an oriental spokeswoman who pulls her face off at the end of the spot and becomes your traditional housewife. We just completed a Child World spot with an automated panda bear.

Mix: We've covered commercials, industrials and music videos, what about features, anything you can talk about at this point?

JV: We're working on three feature films, at least in the discussion stages. We've done a lot of designs for two features right now that the producers would very much like us to do the effects for. We're doing little miniatures of the creatures and sending them down to Los Angeles. They're using them to go to the movie

companies to get distribution set-up. We're also working son two features of our own. One has dragons in it, the other one is a space fairy tale. They are probably going to be some of the most original movies anyone has ever seen, because no one has ever done the techniques that we're going to use. I think there are only five Tony McVeys in the whole world. We don't have to worry about somebody else trying to do what we're going to do, especially with his expertise with stop motion.

Mix: Let's talk a little bit about the Stage 39 acquisition or merger.

JV: It's an acquisition. Ron Eveslage got sick of running a business. He is a great cameraman. When he started out, he shot American Graffiti and then just started doing more work for the networks. A few people convinced him that he should enlarge his facility and just try to do commercials and industrials. So with that he just sunk all his money into this place, had it remodeled and had his facility built. The problem was the lack of national and regional marketing to round out the sales effort. Tony and I decided to see what we could do with the operation. So we have several investors involved. We're just waiting for the best deal to come through now. You don't need people that aren't in the effects business getting involved when they don't know what they're doing. So Tony and I will be in charge of this company. That's why we bought it or are in the process of buying it. Ron is going to continue to be here but he's going to be working his own business out of here doing just news. He doesn't want to deal with the business end anymore. It'll be called McVey and Vogt Productions Inc.

Mix: Let's talk a little bit about the key players on the special effects level who you'll be bringing into the company. JV: To start off, these people are coming because of friendships Tony and I have had with them. So, with this whole working friendship kind of thing, we've been able to put together a very tight team of people. This includes someone who was the supervisor for all the effects animation for several major films, including Star Trek II and III, Raiders of the Lost Ark, and The Empire Strikes Back. We have another person who was one of the head model makers at LucasFilm. We have another animator who is a cell animator who is working at Lucas now and has committed himself to our proiects. The other neat thing is that people are finding out about us and calling us wondering when their opportunity to start working for us is going to happen.

Everything we do, we work on as a team. I want everybody to know as far as effects are concerned they can afford it: we're not going to rip them off. People can charge anything because it's art, but we want to charge a fair price for what we're doing. We're working on another project with some very wealthy kids in Geneva, Switzerland. They are getting ready to do a feature film and they're giving us a hundred grand to do a fake trailer for this feature. We're going to start shooting January 1st. An eightminute trailer. They approached us through Maggie and Triad in L.A. The thing I would like to emphasize is that we can do world class animation and special effects right here in San Francisco. Artists and producers who want to use special effects don't have to be scared off by high prices for this kind of work.

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to sing imaginery thoughts when it's not a question of tempo, it's a question of mouthing words while other people are speaking.

I must say that in every case Attenborough was very patient and very considerate of our needs; when we used the earpieces, the so-called "earwhigs," which we used a great deal on *Amadeus* and *Fame*. They are little inductive earpieces; they go in the ear canal and you run a loop of wire around the stage. The wire becomes an analog of a speaker. Anything induced in the loop is picked up in the earwhig.

Mix: When did you use these earwhigs? Newman: It's alright to use the thumper if people are dancing but if people are singing...let's say you have a situation as in the song "Hello 12;" some people are singing while people are speaking. In that case it's not possible to do a playback and a live dialogue record-

ing unless one wants to dub the dialogue. If you use the earpieces, then the people who are singing can hear what they have to mouth the words to to create the impression that they're singing and you can still record the dialogue.

And then we decided to use these: I think we put out 12 or 14, that's quite a large number. We only did it once, on that song. We had planned to do it on that song. I had seen rehearsals of it on Saturday and knew pretty much how it was going to be shot, and I knew how many earpieces we'd have to have with us. But the usual happens when you use the pieces: we set up; some of them didn't work, for some of the people it was too loud or too soft. It always takes a few minutes to sort that out. And Attenborough was amazingly patient. Another director would have said: "Forget it, let's move on." He said, "OK. Let's take a few more minutes." I told him what the problems were. And the few more minutes paid off.

Mix: Well, the point is it's intended to save you money somewhere else.

Newman: Yes. And also a certain amount of intangibles because if you cost out what looping costs versus production time, there is no question that looping is cheaper than production time. But there are other elements involved: if you break your neck and have actors break their necks to produce really terrific performances of the moment, why are you bothering if you're going to loop? So, somewhere there is a balance between how much you loop and how much you do live depending on the rigors of the show, the actors and the production requirements.

Mix: How much looping did you do?
Newman: Less than ten percent. Most of the time we do less than ten percent, you just have to fight. You can't be a soundman and do location work and not be assertive and not fight for good soundtracks.

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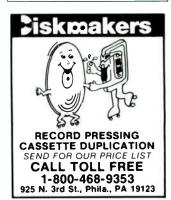
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Thompson insists that "guitars are still the one. The local rock scene is very healthy," he says. "We're seeing a lot of interest here in both the record and video business."

Quite the opposite is true for The Music Source, also in Seattle, where studio manager Dave Raynor reports they've done lots of commercial work and few records. In an effort to accommodate both fields, the Music Source is wellequipped with what Raynor claims is "the most keyboard gear north of Los Angeles." Of the nine synthesizers (including a Kurzweil 250) and two drum machines-most of which are married to Raynor's Apple Macintosh computer he says: "The more I learn, the more I don't know!" To add to the confusion somewhat, a second room for overdubbing recently went on-line with an MCI 24-track and Quad-8 board. "We're ready for anything," laughs Raynor.

Rex Studios is the second oldest major recording facility in the Portland, Oregon area, yet it continues to expand and improve to keep up with changes in the audio world. Most of the studio's work in the recent past has been in the area of commercial production, but as the facility has expanded and upgraded (it now occupies both floors of its building), it has attracted more album and demo tape work, as well as video sweetening, voice-overs and more. Rex's new Amek Angela console has been getting guite a workout of late, and studio manager Rhiner Johnson says that he believes that having the console has contributed to the studio's increase in business. In the studio's recent re-design, too, steps were taken to help the studio accommodate synthesizers better: "We realized we had to address the situation because non-acoustical instruments are being used more and more," Johnson says. "So we set up areas in the control rooms for synthesizers, since that's how a lot of people like to work now. You have to be sensitive to musicians' current needs." Johnson is also excited by a system of experimental "Tube Traps" designed by the Acoustic Sciences Corporation of nearby Eugene, OR. The cylinders are placed in different parts of the studio to alter a room's acoustic properties, in effect, "customizing" the studio for each client. "They've been extremely effective," Johnson comments. "They're very versatile."

The last two studios in this update, Cougar Run and Grammies House, are both brand new facilities, and are situated in the beautiful setting of Lake Tahoe, NV. Their goals are quite similar—both plan to concentrate primarily on record projects, and are well-equipped with state-of-the-art synthesizers and electronic drum machines to accommo-



Chief engineer Howard Johnston (right) and studio manager Susan Skaggs (center) recently completed negotiations with Patrick Gleeson (left) for the change in ownership of San Francisco's Different Fur Recording. The multi-track studio's history of recording expands from the early '70s jazz-funk-rock of Herbie Hancock, through projects by Brian Eno/ David Byrne, The Tubes, among others. Current projects include albums for George Winston's Dancing Cat Records, and a "Bay Ārea All Stars" LP featuring Greg Douglass, Marty Balin, Tim Gorman, Tommy Johnston, David Hayes, Tony Johnson, and Garv Malabar.

date the demands of artists in that field.

Grammies House is styled after a Victorian mansion, and owner Robert Forman says it is "like going home to your grandniother's house." The homey (brass beds even!) but high-tech facility went on-line December first, and is equipped with a Solid State Logic SL-6000 console with 32 outputs, a Studer A800 recorder, an arsenal of in-house instruments, and Forman is eager to stress that the exceptionally large (650 sq. ft.) control room was specifically designed for direct ability to allow for recording with synthesizers. "Everyone is plugging directly into the board these days, so we wanted a large atmosphere for them to work directly in the control room," says Forman. Some in-house instruments include the Fairlight III, Yamaha DX7 and TX8016 FM synthesizer. Linn 9000, various guitar synthesizers, and a 7-foot Yamaha C7 grand piano.

Though the studio is capable of film scoring and video post-production as well, Forman says his primary focus is on the music business. Forman is very enthusiastic about his new place, and is already planning construction of a second room this month.

Jody Peterson, owner of Cougar Run, is equally excited about his resort-like, yet high-tech, studio. The "inaugural voyage" at the studio was an LP project for Tigar Bell, a 19-year-old fiddle player from the Merle Haggard group. The facility is completely interfaced for MIDI throughout, with 32 tie lines/mic lines. All wired with Mogami cable, equipment includes the Neve 8106 with Necam, Studer A800 ("it's like having an old friend in the control room," notes Peterson), and on order is a Colossus digital mastering system. Instruments at Cougar Run include the DX7, Linndrums, and a Yamaha C5. Peterson adds that the provision is there for whatever additional instruments clients may want to bring into the studio, but admits that "I have a problem with just control room records...I think we're working for the technology instead of the technology working for us.

"I miss so much the human element in music today," he continues. "We've forgotten about the honesty of the music... Creedence Clearwater Revival is a fine example of a band that was honest and live—and sounded it. That's what we want here. We want to capture the honesty of the music." Peterson is quick to note that he understands and welcomes artists who are "technologized," but concludes: "I just can't see Merle Haggard recording with a Fairlight, can you?"

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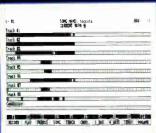
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