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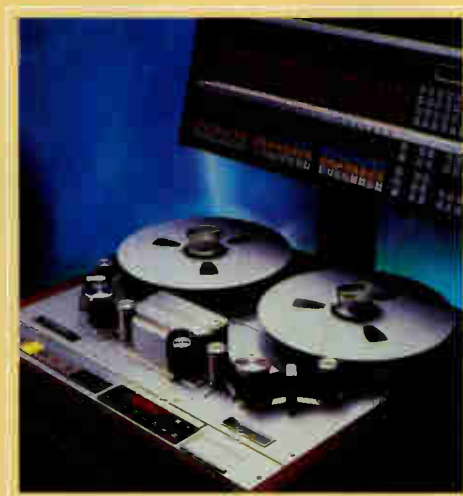
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

For the past eight years, *Mix* has devoted its July issue to the topic of audio education—calling attention to the necessity for well-rounded training in this burgeoning industry. In the beginning our efforts met with some skepticism—after all, in 1983 everyone *knew* the way to become a recording professional was to hang around a studio, make yourself useful and wait for that big break! Obviously, times have changed: *Mix's* directory of recording schools and programs now includes over 100 institutions, and the odds are heavily against anyone getting a technical job in a studio these days without formal education.

We at *Mix* take a certain pride in the contribution we have made to the support of audio education, and also in another activity that directly benefits students of audio: the Mix Technical Excellence and Creativity Awards. Since 1985, the TEC Awards have contributed nearly \$50,000 to scholarship programs for students of audio. Half of this money has gone to recording schools that have won the TEC Award: Berklee College of Music (three times), the University of Miami and Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts. The other half has gone to the AES Educational Foundation.

In addition to audio education, the TEC Awards have made substantial contributions to research and education in the cure and prevention of hearing disabilities. Through the House Ear Institute (profiled in the special TEC Voter's Guide in this issue) and other groups, *Mix* has endeavored to raise awareness of the need to protect the engineer's most vital faculty—hearing. As part of this effort, *Mix* has joined with the House Ear Institute to form Hearing Is Priceless, a campaign to increase public consciousness of the dangers of excessively loud music. HIP's honorary chairman, Jeff "Skunk" Baxter, and other music and recording professionals are taking part in programs around the country to inform engineers, young people and others about what they can do to protect their hearing.

As a *Mix* reader, you can help in this effort by attending the TEC Awards, to be held in Los Angeles on September 23, during the AES convention. If yours is a company in the audio field, you may also wish to become a sponsor of the TEC Awards. For more information on any of these opportunities, call the Mix Foundation for Excellence in Audio at (415) 420-0144. Many people, from tomorrow's engineers to deaf children hoping to be cured, will be glad you did.

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Another new column begins this month. "Coast to Coast" will take a look at regional audio and recording activity throughout the U.S., reporting on interesting sessions, studio news and local events. Special features of "Coast to Coast" will be contributions by Randy Savicky in New York, Amy Ziffer in Los Angeles and Pete Caldwell on the SPARS beat. Please take a close look.

Keep reading.



Hillel Resner
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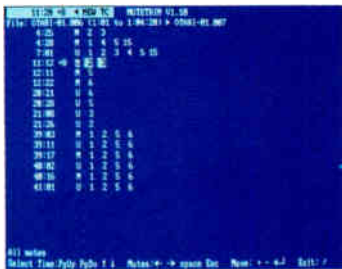
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SPARS Workstation Business Conference

In late May, representatives from the leading workstation developers gathered at a weekend technical conference entitled "Digital Audio Workstations—The Audio Solution for Video Post-Production." Organized by the Society of Professional Audio Recording Services and held at the Nashville Hermitage Hotel, the two-day conference attracted more than 100 attendees who heard hour-long presentations from Alpha Audio, AMS, Digital Audio Research, Lexicon, New England Digital, Otari, Solid State Logic, Sony Pro Audio, Studer-Editech, Symetrix and WaveFrame.

The companies participating in the SPARS conference explored the current state of their respective design solutions during a series of hands-on demonstrations. Of special interest was a two-hour panel discussion during which the 11 firms presented their views on the interchange of digital and system information between different workstations.

While most participants agreed that current Exabyte, audio and Data DAT cartridges could handle 2-channel, unedited material and final mixes, there needs to be more effort made in standardizing various removable, high-density magneto-optical and WORM formats, so that premixes and partially edited material might be transferred from one device to another. In addition, CMX-format EDLs (edit decision lists) are now being used to provide basic listing of time code in/out points for audio conformation projects, although it was pointed out that the ability to export annotated EDLs from a workstation would be a definite advantage.

New England Digital, SSL and

WaveFrame agreed to publish technical descriptions of their respective interconnect protocols and file structures, so that different systems could pass data between themselves in real time or via an intermediary storage format.

A full report of the proceedings from this SPARS workstation conference will appear in my October/AES "Juxtapositions" column.

—Mel Lambert

Russ Berger Design Group

Well-known studio designer Russ Berger has left The Joiner-Rose Group, Inc., and started his own professional consulting firm, The Russ Berger Design Group, Inc., in Dallas. The two firms have pledged to maintain an effective and collaborative working relationship. Berger will continue to specialize in recording and broadcast studio design, architectural acoustics, and technical systems design.

Berger is a two-time TEC Award winner for acoustics/studio design and has been nominated again this year as part of the Joiner-Rose team. Joining Berger at the new company are longtime co-workers Richard Schrag, Randy Kratzer and Elizabeth Everett. Chuck Chiles and Cecil Smith will provide audio and video technical systems design. The company opened for business on May 1.

Heyser Foundation Board Selected

In July 1989 we told you about the Richard C. Heyser Scholarship Loan Fund, honoring one of this industry's most respected figures. Now the Heyser Foundation Board has been selected to administer the funds.

Bart Locanthi, former AES president and now of BNL Research, has been named president; John Prohs of Ambassador College will serve as

vice president; and Amy Heyser, owner of Phillips Music Company, will be secretary-treasurer. David Andrews, Don Eger and Charles Wilts also have been asked to serve on the board.

Heyser says she expects the foundation to grant the first loan to a promising graduate engineering student in need for the 1991-1992 school year. Requests for applications should be sent to 10415 Fairgrove Ave., Tujunga, CA 91042. Donations may be sent to the same address.

TEC Awards Announce Platinum Sponsors

Five leading companies in the professional audio industry have shown their support of the TEC Awards and the Mix Foundation for Excellence in Audio by becoming Platinum Sponsors (\$10,000 contribution) of the 1990 TEC Awards.

"We are delighted that Agfa, Ampex, JBL Professional, Neve, Solid State Logic and Act III Publishing have given their support to the TEC Awards in such a substantial way," says Karen Dunn, TEC Awards executive director. "It's this kind of involvement that will ensure the continued success of the TEC Awards and its beneficiaries."

A limited number of sponsorships are still available. Interested parties can contact Karen Dunn at (415) 420-0144, or Hillel Resner, executive producer, at (415) 653-3307. Complete information about the TEC Awards can be found starting on page 88.

Mix-Ups

The May Northeast Directory included an incorrect phone number for Levelhead Recording of NYC. The correct number is (212) 664-1033.

In the June "Insider Audio," we

INDUSTRY NOTES

Bill Whitlock, an innovator of PCM digital audio recording, was named president of **Jensen Transformers** of North Hollywood, CA, at the request of the late Deane Jensen...*Keyboard* and *EQ* magazines are sponsoring **CyberArts International** from September 6-9 in Los Angeles. The conference will spotlight interactive and multimedia technologies as they apply to the arts. Featured events include panels with Robert Moog and David Smith (of MIDI fame) and performances from George Coates and Matt Heckert, of Survival Research Labs. For information call (415) 267-7646...**Daniel Roberts** joined **Lexicon** of Waltham, MA, as VP of sales and marketing...**Electro-Voice** announced the promotion of **Todd Rockwell** to sales and distribution manager of EV Pro Sound Market and Mark IV Cinema...In Montebello, CA, producer **Karl Moet** is **Tascam's** new show/clinic coordinator...**Michael Wiese** and **Steve Michelson** joined their companies as **Michelson-Wiese Communications**, with offices in San Francisco and L.A., focusing on video producing, directing and marketing...In Bethel, CT, **Orion** and **Neve** signed an agreement allowing the latter control over manufacturing, sales and service of Orion's console line; as part of this change, former Orion president **Rich Hajdu** joined Neve as VP of sales and marketing for Neve North America. **Lisa Vogl** was promoted to director of advertising and promotions...In Columbus, OH, **Solidstate Controls** brought aboard **Peter Benson** as its new president/general manager and **Roger O. Grosso** as VP, sales and marketing...**Digital Microwave Corp.**, San Jose, CA, formed a new division, DMC Digital Video, managed by **James Murray**...Berklee College of Music alum **Brad Strickland** joined **Korg USA** as market development manager in Westbury, NY...**Ralph Jones**, co-author of Yamaha's *Sound Reinforcement Handbook*, is rejoining **Meyer Sound Labs** in Berkeley, CA...**Eric Mendenhall** was hired by **QSC Audio Products**

(Costa Mesa, CA) as design engineer...In Steubenville, OH, **Technimedia Studios** brought aboard producer/engineer **David Mathes** as division manager...**New England Digital** (White River Junction, VT) acquired its Midwest distributor, **Songbird Digital** (Nashville, TN), turning the company into a regional sales/service center. NED opened a similar center in Chicago and hired **Richard Head**, founder of Songbird, as VP of the central division. Head will be in charge of both offices...Sweden-based **Milab** chose **Klark-Teknik** as its exclusive distributor of its microphone line in the States...**Leslie's** (Elgin, IL) is the new rep for **Frazier**, a division of **Sound-Craft Systems** of Morrilton, AR...In Minneapolis, **Illbruck Inc.** hired **Eric Johnson** as national sales manager of the Sonex acoustical materials line; he'll work out of Richmond, VA...In Los Angeles, **American Interactive Media** promoted **Dr. Tyler Blake** as VP, program design and user interface, and **David McElhatten** as vice president of production. **Alty van Luijt** was hired as VP, engineering and technical services...In Pelham, NY, **Paso Sound Products**, commercial sound and communications manufacturer, has two new reps: **MJA Marketing** (St. Charles, MO) and **Palmieri Associates** (Ridgefield Park, NJ)...Post-production company **Intersound** of L.A. moved **Bryan J. Rusenko** up to VP, engineering, and **Garry Morris** to executive director, marketing and publicity...In Wheaton, MD, **Washington Professional Systems** hired new sales assistants: **Paul Freeman** to focus on church and hotel systems, **Gerren Mortenson** for video sales, and **Stephen Sadler** for Sony analog tape machines...**Gefen Systems**, Woodland Hills, CA, appointed **Jon Beachdell** to VP, sales and marketing...In New York City, **Sutcliffe Music** named **Jennifer Countryman** as its rep in the Chicago area...The **National Association of Broadcasters** (Washington, DC) appointed **Edward Reilly**, president of McGraw-Hill, to its TV board of directors. ■

mistakenly said Sonic Solutions was a Los Angeles company. In fact, the company is based in San Francisco.

Grammys Back in NYC

The 33rd annual Grammy Awards will return to New York City in 1991! Mayor David Dinkins, NARAS president Michael Greene and chairman of the New York Host Committee Edwin M. Cooperman jointly announced that the program will air from the famed Radio City Music Hall in late February 1991, and will be televised live on CBS.

"Our decision to bring the Grammys back to New York City salutes this great city, its important recording tradition and the vitality of its music community," Greene said. "I am also very appreciative of the efforts and endorsements of Mayor Dinkins and the New York Host Committee."

The New York Host Committee was established this past March under the directive of Mayor Dinkins to serve as the city's and business community's coordinating unit for the Grammy Awards show. This will be the fifth time that the Grammys have been held in New York, most recently in 1988.

The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, which presents the Grammys each year, also announced the addition of two new categories: "Best Alternative Music Recording" and "Best Rap Performance."

Convention News

To help small-market television stations with sales management, the National Association of Broadcasters will host the fifth annual "Hundred Plus Exchange" in Denver, September 16-18. Contact Susan Kraus at (202) 429-5350.

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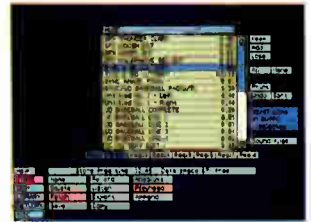
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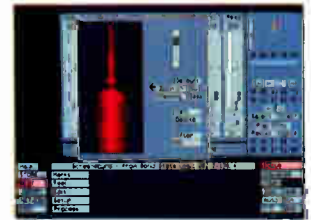
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audio vendors; for example, they sold 3.7 million cassette decks in 1988, and they should annually sell a million CD players by next year (the car aftermarket surpasses even this). Ford made \$900 million from audio sales in 1988. When it came time for Toyota to design its fifth-generation Celica, it knew its target audience of youthful, single, affluent, music-loving buyers wanted: a) a low-slung rocketship, b) a dynamite sound system.

What does all this have to do with professional audio? Plenty. Cars have become *the* preferred listening environment for Americans. The radio stations they tune to and the tapes and CDs they buy are increasingly heard on the road. More than likely, the product you mix in the studio will be judged over a mobile sound system. For that reason (and the sheer fun of it), engineers and producers are turning their own cars into reference rooms, complete with CD playback, solid power amplification and quality speakers. It is in the car that critical listening decisions are made.

Hop in this Turbo for a minute and let me take you for a spin. Toyota is great at building cars, but wisely seeks outside help in audio. For the Celica, it turned to Fujitsu Ten for system design. Fu Ten's parent company, Fujitsu, is the 42nd largest corporation in the world and Japan's largest mainframe computer manufacturer, with tons of technology expertise. Fujitsu Ten is its audio company (known in the U.S. under the "Eclipse" nameplate, maker of ultra-cool, aftermarket car audio systems). Working together, Toyota and Fu Ten came up with the premium audio option, System 10.

Taking a clean sheet, Fu Ten and Toyota engineers didn't overlook a single trick in the design of System 10. For example, in the search for bass enclosure volume, instead of using the door as a simple mounting location, they designed a special double-labyrinth seal at the front door glass, turning the door cavity into a 35-liter subwoofer enclosure. In addition, the interior trim panel is designed to be airtight. As a result, the bass response delivered by the pair of 8-inch woofers (mounted to rigid sub-baffles) is improved by 10 dB. They were also uncompromising in their design. In the rear, two 6.5-inch speakers are housed in rigid 8-liter bass reflex enclosures;

the body engineers actually designed the rear structure of the car around these enclosures. Another pair of 5-inch midrange speakers are placed in the front ends of the instrument panel.

Four 1-inch dome tweeters are placed as close as possible to ear level in the car's four corners. The front tweeters are mounted in the rear view mirrors and are crossfired, for example, with the left tweeter aimed at the right seat position. The rear tweeters are mounted on the shock towers, firing forward instead of radiating off the rear glass. The tweeters make use of ferrofluid, strontium magnets and polyamide diaphragms. There are no

coaxials or triaxials here, rather, individual, specific-purpose drivers. Speaker locations are shown in Fig. 1. Together, these ten speakers deliver the full-range audio above 112dB A-weighted SPL.

The amplifiers are all outboard of the two-DIN head unit, mounted in the rear bottom of the vehicle. This remote configuration is not limited by size and heat sink requirements, which allows larger components and discrete circuits where needed. Up front, two 30-watt amplifiers each deliver 11 watts continuous average power at less than 0.1% THD; each drive the front-mounted tweeters and midranges. The

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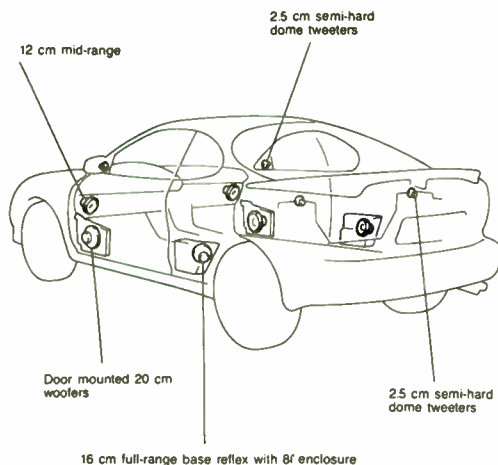
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midrange speakers are crossed over at 200 Hz, and are angled downward by 10° to attenuate certain midrange frequencies. The tweeters are pas-

Figure 1



sively crossed over with a first-order network at 10 kHz. A second pair of 30-watt amps each drive the rear-mounted speakers and tweeters. The midrange speakers use their bass reflex

enclosure to roll-off mechanically at 55 Hz, negating the need for highpass filters. The tweeters use an 8kHz passive crossover. To help front-image placement, the rear channels are attenuated by 3 dB. Each front subwoofer is driven by a 50-watt discrete amplifier that delivers 18 watts continuous average power at less than 0.1% THD. The woofers operate at 300 Hz and lower.

In developing the system, engineers employed a grid of 234 separate microphones inside test cars to investigate the system's acoustical response, and to solve the problem of interaction between the vehicle's interior design and materials, multiple speakers and passengers. Among the variables taken into account were driver selection, driver inclination, gain adjustment, phase displacement, crossover points, diffusers, grille material and fixed EQ points. Computer analysis and FFT also helped devise models for equalization, auto loudness, gain balance and phase control.

For example, a pair of fixed equalization circuits manipulate front and rear channels to optimize sound pressure distribution and spatial frequency response characteristics. The front

equalizer has a 3dB rise at 500 Hz to add midrange definition and a 2dB rise at 10 kHz to increase clarity. A third equalization point is needed in between to bring response to a 0dB level; a hybrid parametric function is used. The rear equalizer contains a -5dB point at 120 Hz to overcome the typical rise in resonance found in most automobiles in the 120Hz to 180Hz region. This is caused by ambient road noise, reflections from interior geometry of front and rear windows, and resonance from the transmission tunnel. A -6dB point at 1.6 kHz was selected to maintain a stable soundstage for front seat passengers.

To compensate for apparent attenuation of low frequencies at low listening levels, the volume circuit contains a dynamic, equal-loudness contour controller. In many cars, sound from front and rear speakers arrives out of phase at the driver's listening position. To overcome this problem, System 10 alters phase to the rear channels electronically to correct phase response at low frequencies, shifting 90° at 125 Hz.

Designers upgraded and increased the gauge of all power supply and speaker wiring, with two separate supply lines from battery to amplifiers. Twin-lead 16-gauge wire is used from battery to amplifier and for ground. Audio cable is shielded, premium 16-gauge stuff. The result is clean, crisp sound at concert levels, complete with the all-important kick-ass low end. System 10 is available on the Celica GT, GT-S and All-Trac Turbo, and it ain't cheap.

Folks, let me tell you that I've been driving a Porsche 911 Targa for several years, and it's been a real pleasure. I've also got it tricked out with a pretty interesting sound system. After testing the All-Trac, I'm about ready to make the switch. Am I crazy, selling a Porsche to buy a Toyota? Maybe, but an All-Trac with System 10 is beginning to sound better and better. It is a serious car with serious sound.

A final comment: If you are really into driving, you know what the term "road kill" means. If you buy a black All-Trac with System 10, and have the right kind of CD cranked, you don't even have to hit them, they splatter all by themselves, right beside the road. Trust me. 33. ■

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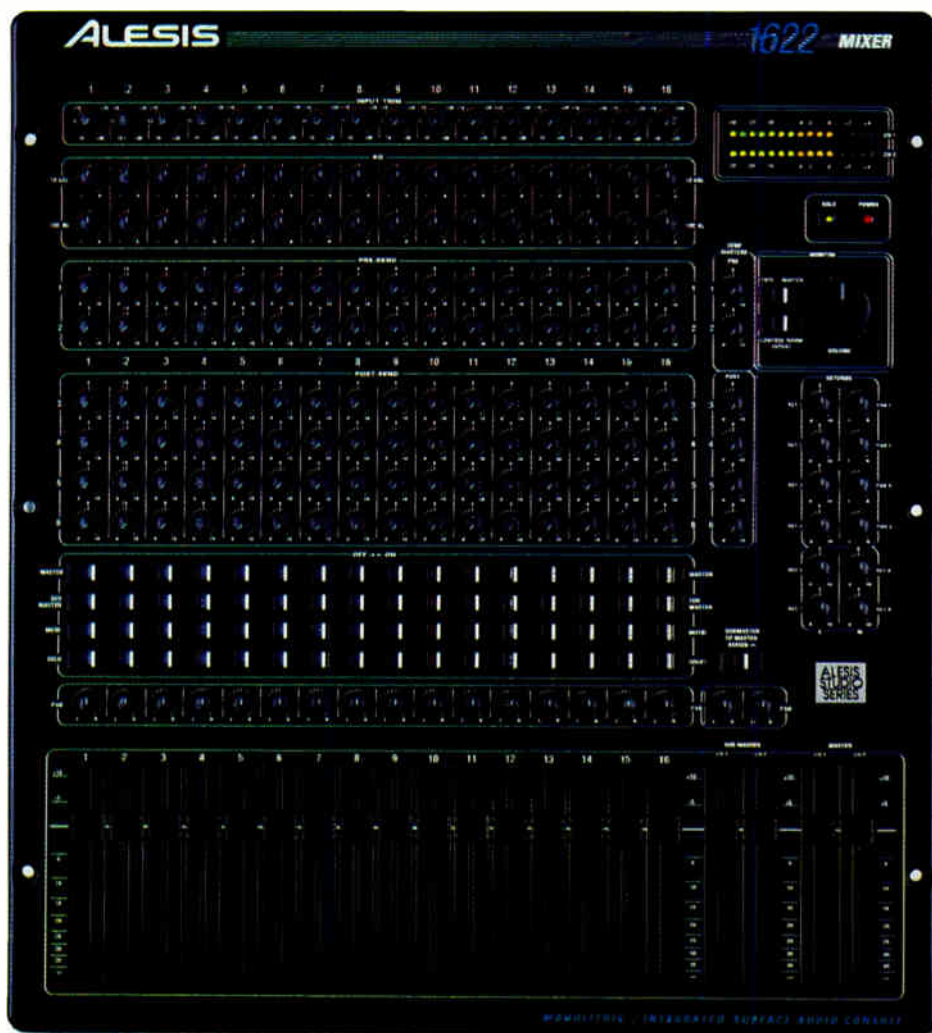
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by Stephen St. Croix

WHAT IF?

Okay, now, what if we all—that is, if everyone on the entire planet—could actually get together and come up with a standardized protocol for telecommunication by voice? Just think about it. The voice part is pretty easy: Just keep it analog and only go digital within your own closed subsystems.

It's the hand-off and management of the routing that's the problem. We would need one standard set of voltages (or agreed-upon translators), with compatible hardware, routing designs and key signals across the world! Why, people in Kuala Lumpur could actually pick up a phone and dial you up in New York or L.A., and without too much trouble, talk to you!

Just imagine. A standardized format. What a concept. People and companies all over the world working together to improve the state of communication of man.

No, wait a minute...We already *have* that. Sorry. Yes, now that I think

about it there already *is* a kind of worldwide standard in effect. And what's more, it basically works.

Today I can drive along the back roads in the woods of Maryland, feel the urge to get into some serious trouble, push a couple of buttons on the dashboard, speak into the visor, and find out that the project going on in L.A. or Germany has totally fallen apart since I left three days ago and they need me back instantly.

A worldwide network of cooperating companies and governments waiting 24 hours a day to help me get depressed...and it *works*. Of course, it is also pretty nice when you can reach out and wake up someone you miss from six kilo-miles away.

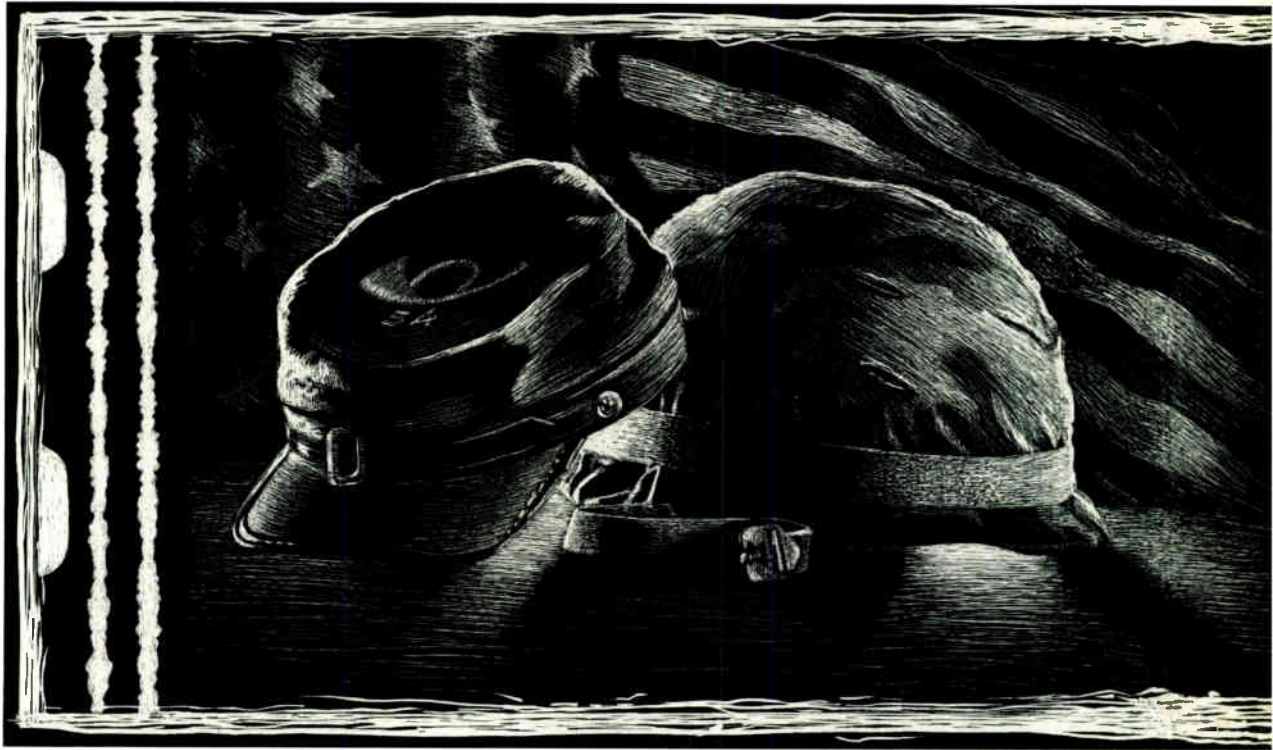
Okay, okay, so we already have that. Well, what about, let's see now...pictures?

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And some people can even do all of this from their cars (I refuse to have a fax in any of my land vehicles).

So what do we have here? A standardized telecommunication system with nearly invisible format and protocol translation where needed, in use, now, here on Earth. Fine.

What else? You can drive from the East Coast of the United States to the West Coast and be relatively assured that you can go up to the nearest fossil fuel dispensing station anywhere on the way, and the nozzle will fit your machine's input port.

Sometimes the level of cooperation between people is inspirational (or at least relational).

Let's bring this a bit closer to home. You can take a 24-track analog tape from Fred's Music Emporium in New Orleans to Electric Lady in New York, and if Fred properly uses a good-calibration tape it will *actually play*.

Or this: A DAT's a DAT, of course, of course, unless that DAT is being forced to play on a dirty head. Standardization again. Competitors (in this case, some serious archenemies) got together and hammered out a standard so it could at least get started, write or wrong. Copy-code stupidity tried to kill the entire concept, and time will tell if it *did* (but that's another story).

CDs (and other government bond investments), AES/EBU, SPDIF, SDIF-2, 110 VAC, 220 VAC, +24 dBm, -10, even MIDI (sorta): successful standardizations, all done for the betterment of humans (or was it the almighty buck)? Who cares what the *reason* was, just so they work.

Now, boys and girls, we leave that old, familiar physical world and enter the scary, powerful realm of the virtual digital environment. *We have to*. How else can we get the type of work that needs to be done today accomplished in the little time that we have to do it?

So we all buy digital editors and disk-based recorders. We buy the ones that best fit our needs (though some will buy the ones that best fit the plans of the salespersons or reps). In any case, it is remotely possible that we

might not all end up with the same machines. Hard to believe, but true.

We do, however, all share a couple of key views. We all got into this for the advantages of living in the digital (and more so, daily), virtual world. We all want to convert sound to a stream of binary numbers as soon as possible, and preferably *never* leave that world, all the way to the end-consumer product. We want to do all our editing, mixing, EQ, compression, limiting, reverb, time fitting, conforming, looping in the mystical digital domain.

This quantum leap in recording technology carries with it inevitable new standards: 44.1, 32, 48, RS-422 transport protocol. You know, the kind of standards that make our jobs and our lives a little more rational, a bit easier.

Simple, basic standards, the bare minimum, like, let's say, being able to transfer soundfiles from one company's machine to another's. Like that time a few months ago when I wanted to take a file out of an AMS AudioFile and put it into a WaveFrame.

Let's see, now. Exactly *how* did I do that? Well, first I...No, that's not it. Oh, yes, I...No, that didn't work either...Now I remember; I didn't do it at all. It couldn't be done. I abandoned the file and started over.

Now *that's* definitely what standardization is all about.

Sometimes it takes a little naive voice in the wind to start the unrest needed to force manufacturers to overcome their insane paranoia and grow the hell up!

Yes, I know that nobody wants to be the first to reveal the wonderful, magical secrets of their internal file management. And I know that nobody else wants to *change* theirs to adapt. The problems are insurmountable. The conceptual and logistical incompatibilities are beyond the scope of mere mortals to resolve.

Yes, yes, manufacturers, I hear you! I am one myself.

Why should you share with your competition, or as some of you seem to see it, your *enemies*? Or, how about this one: Once you got 'em hooked, why let them go when you can keep them locked into your system? The answer is, if not for the betterment of mankind, for the bucks.

Compatibility is crucial for the health of the digital recording/editing market. Customers will actually be more willing to take a chance and try

out your new digital Wazoo 700 workstation if the most they can lose on a bad purchase decision is time and money, but *not* the actual work they've done on it.

Yes, your machines are really cool, but they are nowhere near as important to me as the work I have done on them. Hear me now and believe me later. I know. I hear the customers. I am one myself!

If not standardization, then at least give us serious compatibility, or even realistic compatibility with file format converter utility programs that preserve edit information. Don't tell me you can't do it, or that *you* can, but the other guy won't cooperate. Just do it!

As a customer, I don't give a damn how many phone calls and meetings (or how many R&D hours) it takes to get this to happen. I do, on the other hand, feel a growing resentment that you expect me to give you large amounts of money to get into one of your machines, and actually give up the hard-earned compatibility I enjoyed in the analog days.

As a manufacturer and designer of such machines, I cannot be dismissed as being so naive that I don't grasp the problems in attempting this type of standardization or even compatibility.

The end-users need this, and perhaps my little voice in the wind, made a bit louder with all this ink, can help.

About a year ago I was invited to host a shootout of the then major players in the digital "workstation" arena. Interestingly, they did all manage to agree vehemently on one, and *only* one, point: that they would not agree on a standard in the foreseeable future. Nice, huh?

Be aware there is a currently active dialog among several of these manufacturers on the subject of attempting to arrive at some sort of bridging file transfer concept. This would be based on the Exabyte 8mm tape cartridge system currently used for archiving and backup.

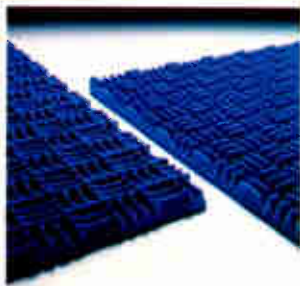
Let's see. I am hoping for some results on this at the SPARS shootout on May 19 in Nashville. I will be there, and I will let you know.

Open Message to Manufacturers: Hi. If *you* do it, I will. If you don't do it, I will anyway. ■

This is contributing editor Stephen St. Croix's only techno-joke: At the Black Hole-tel, light checks in but it doesn't check out.

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Technically, the state of the art in analog multitrack is well-advanced. These days we have access to systems that would make Les Paul salivate. Advances in tape formulation, electronic circuitry, transport design and noise-reduction systems have meant that any musician, producer or commercial facility can equip themselves with high-quality, cost-effective recorders.

I wonder, however, if the *art* of multitrack recording—as opposed to the technology that makes it all possible—might have gone sideways along the way. The majority of hardware manufacturers innovate in response to one of two primary forces: Either the firm is responding to complaints from the marketplace for an improved version because of perceived failings or shortcomings of the original, or the company has a new development that offers a fundamental departure from conventional technologies.

In most instances, the developments made by the handful of multitrack manufacturers fall within the first,

rather than the second, category. (dbx, Telcom and Dolby are unconnected with any one tape-transport firm; their research staffs simply responded to repeated cries from the recording and production industries for techniques that would reduce tape noise!)

Not too long ago, we were amazed when companies such as Tascam, Otari and Fostex first came up with narrow-gauge machines that allowed eight, then 16 and now 24 tracks of audio to be recorded onto 1/2-inch or 1-inch tape. In the right hands, these innovations made a great deal of sense, and even facilitated the development of personal-use studios and allowed an increasing number of broadcast, corporate and industrial users to move into affordable multitrack and audio-for-video synchronization.

I have a problem, however, with the ways in which too many users have come to equate a high track-count with enhanced creativity, rather than regarding the medium as a tool and not an end unto itself. Too many of us have forgotten what role the recording

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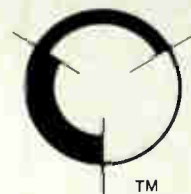
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hardware should play in a session and instead are simply chasing the beast in the vain hope that technology will save us from lack of creative ideas in the studio.

In a nutshell, the increasing availability of recording tracks does *not* bestow divine inspiration upon us automatically. In the hands of people who are not particularly "technology-literate," such hardware can even be detrimental. Small-format is not necessarily beautiful in the hands of all users.

Consider the typical process. Starting with a count of the number of discrete instruments and sound sources to be recorded during the project and when/how the people involved need to overdub additional material, we can make a reasonable estimate of the necessary track format.

At the same time we can begin to make decisions on analog vs. digital; budget considerations and DASH/PD format compatibility if the sessions are going to move across international boundaries; noise reduction if we decide analog (Dolby A or SR, dbx, or nothing); and session organization, depending on the talent's schedule.

Basically, we choose the track format that gets the job done according to the technical and aesthetic criteria of those involved. Analog has served the professional audio industry extremely well for the past several decades, and—thanks in part to modern tape formulations and such innovations as Dolby HX-Pro and auto-alignment capabilities—we can print acceptable signals to analog and recover them at virtually any facility around the world. We all have access to accurate test tapes and can align an Otari MTR-90, Studer A827, Sony ATR-24 or any of the other industry standards.

Problems begin when 16- and 24-track "pro" machines are compared with remarkably innovative "narrow-gauge" recorders. You and I know immediately that the electronic performance of a 16-track 1/2-inch machine cannot match that of a 24-track running 2-inch tape; they are different animals, designed to fulfill different goals. It is foolish to expect these two types of recorders to be directly equivalent. (In much the same way, price considerations aside, a Macintosh portable is not functionally

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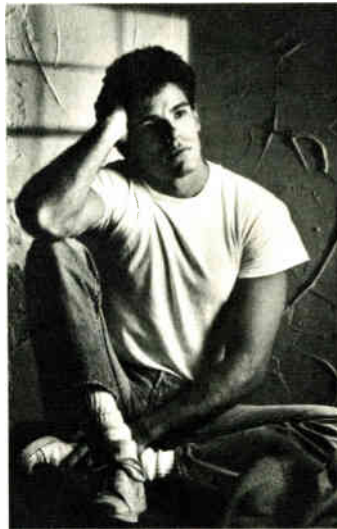


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equivalent to a Macintosh IIcx, although both are capable of running the same basic set of software.)

These newer devices have a direct and useful role to play in a more restricted number of potential applications. For example, narrow-gauge machines are useful during pre-production, where the various elements can be tracked in sync and trial balances can be set up as the project begins to take shape. Or, they're useful for single-pass soundtrack assembly to picture, where the product is intended for direct replay to the audience, without more than one or two additional generations.

If your budget cannot handle one of the top-end pro machines, look to reduce the track count before you attempt to duplicate the number of tracks in a narrow-gauge format. Examine the technical possibilities of a 1-inch 8-track, rather than 16 on 1-inch. Stereo everything may be a luxury, rather than a necessity, and bouncing off submixes is possible using careful planning, noise reduction and a good ear for sync.

If you do have your sights set on such hardware, be realistic in your production requirements. If you print high-level vocals or synth tracks, leave a guard track between them and any subtle parts, such as acoustic guitar or harmony vocals. (*Always* leave a guard track between the time code track, since 30-frame/80-bit square waves have a nasty habit of curling through narrow head gaps and popping up in the most noxious places!) For lead tracks, print the same material on adjacent tracks. If the azimuth is set correctly, you can gain an extra decibel or two of noise reduction, plus enhanced midrange performance and "punch," simply by doubling the track area.

Narrow-gauge is designed to get the job done. Respect its limitations and the end result will be great audio. Overlook them and you may end up simply wasting both the client's and your time. ■

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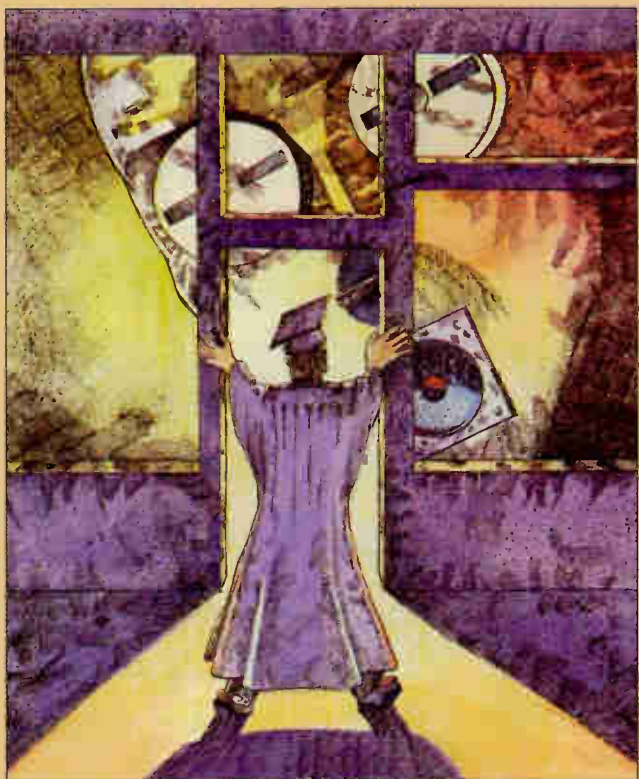


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“So you want to be an engineer. What school did you go to?”

If you're looking for a job in the recording industry of the 1990s, you're likely to be asked that question, along with a host of others involving grades, equipment experience and internships. You'll probably need a resume, too. And you might even have to go to a job interview!

**by
Tom Kenny**

The days of hanging out in a studio alleyway, hoping to be asked inside for the big break, are on the decline. It's not that you can't find a job by bumping into the



Students in the University of Lowell sound recording technology program find employment in advertising studios, TV and radio broadcasting production, video post houses, manufacturing firms and music recording studios. A student chapter of the AES supports a regular series of lectures by manufacturers and leading figures in the industry to help students become acquainted with the job market. Pictured here is the 24-track studio with a Soundcraft TS 24 console (MasterMix automation) and UREI 811 Time Align monitors.

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"Some of the sharper students who are into computers, synths and MIDI can move up quickly because there's not a lot of people from the 'old school' who can work the stuff."



studio manager at the right time. It's just that studios, like every other business in the audio industry, are turning away from their own apprenticeship training programs for second engineers and are looking to recording schools for potential employees.

"It's been a learning process on both ends," says Ken Pohlmann, director of the music engineering program at the University of Miami. "The academic programs have gotten more real-world knowledge in their curriculums over the last ten to 15 years. And I think the real world has changed and recognized the need and usefulness of a college graduate."

The real world of recording has certainly changed, and it's reflected in the types of jobs students are looking for when they leave school. The number of options available to recording school graduates has never been greater. Sound reinforcement is growing, we found, as is video post. Sales and promotion work has opened up for some. Others are finding work on design teams with major manufacturers. In his *Music Business Handbook and Career Guide*, a bible of sorts at Trebas Institute, David Baskerville lists more than 150 careers that involve audio, and many of them are highly specialized.

Students from Miami are employed by Lion Share Studios, Vision Records and Sony. Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts has placed graduates with CNN, Neve, the McCartney tour and a huge number of studios. Peabody Conservatory graduates are working for National Public Radio, Polk Audio (in loudspeaker design) and Alabama State (instructor). Berklee graduates have even gone on to law school.

Mix asked audio educators from around the country where their students are finding employment and, as important, how the schools are helping to place their graduates. There comes a time in most industries when jobs are no longer thought of as trades

but as professions. We have reached that time in the recording industry.

The Job Market

"Students do themselves a disservice

when they look at the narrow job market of just audio for albums or post-production," says Alan Kefauver, director of recording arts and sciences at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

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Trebas Institute production/audio engineering students, instructor (second from right) and David P. Leonard, president and founder of Trebas Institute, grouped around audio console in 24-track studio workshop class.



"There are many, many other opportunities in the communications field for qualified audio people. I was surprised, for instance, that the city of Baltimore has an audio engineer. It's a great gig!"

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"Computers, synthesizers and the marriage of audio to video seem to be the most significant new avenues of opportunity for our students," says Don Puluse, chairman of the music technology division at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Duke Gore, program director at

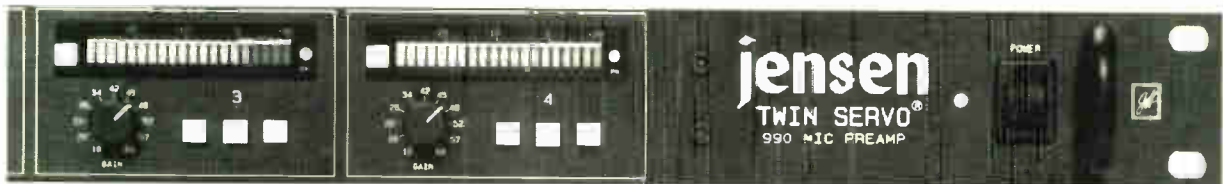
Grove School of Music in L.A., adds: "Some of the sharper students who are into computers, synths, MIDI and programming are finding they can move up quickly because there's not a lot of people from the 'old school' who can work the stuff. Students are finding themselves being hired just to

hook things up, and then moving up quickly."

Kefauver sums it up nicely when he says, "With the advent of the microprocessor, education has become a lot more important."

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the board. David Pickett, director of recording arts at Indiana University, where a bachelor's degree in audio recording was added this past fall, uses the school's world-renowned music performance program to expose students to classical recording and balancing.

"Jobs are on the increase," he says. "Symphony orchestras are getting into the game by hiring resident recording engineers. At the Indianapolis Symphony, a woman takes care of recording archive material, which at some stage will be aired on radio, and she also provides sound reinforcement when they go into the open-air. The Chicago Symphony has just taken on an archivist. And a lot of the local NPR-type radio stations now employ classical balance engineers."

The manufacturing sector has recently opened up to Miami graduates, and Pohlmann believes it's related to the cost of a four-year education and the appeal of a white-collar job. "It's tough to justify going to work as a second engineer in a studio when you've shelled out many tens of thousands of dollars on an education. There's a lot of pressure for students to go to work for, say, Sony, where it's a high pay scale with all the fringe benefits of corporate life.

"Plus, the expectations of kids are changing. They're not as wild and crazy as they used to be. They're more conservative about their careers, their livelihoods and job security. All those factors converge in a more conservative expectation."

Whether you're looking for a comfortable 9-to-5 slot at Sony or a 5-to-9 position at Power Station, recording schools can help you on your way—if, that is, you use your school's job placement services.

Career Planning

"We spend four years of college and many years after learning how to do a job," Puluse says. "But few of us spend even one hour determining that this is the job we want to be doing."

Don Geppert, professor of recording engineering at Fanshawe College, London, Ontario, says, "We get a lot of students who come into the program with guitars and rock 'n' roll on the brain, but as soon as they start putting sound to picture a lot of their thinking changes."

When you are 18 years old, or even 35 years old, rock 'n' roll engineering sounds mighty attractive. The audio

industry, however, is much more than rock 'n' roll, and part of a recording school's mandate is to expose students to a variety of careers, then help them find employment in their chosen field.

At New York City's Institute of Audio Research, students are required to take a Job Readiness course, a portion of which covers resume preparation, interview techniques, networking and career advancement. At Trebas, all students must take the Music Industry Overview course and a Communication Skills course. Full Sail has students build resumes in one-on-one sessions with one of three full-

time placement officers.

"If the student can't get a job after the education, then we've failed," says Garry Jones, senior vice president at Full Sail, which boasts a 92 percent placement rate in audio-related fields. "We put a lot of effort into telling them the truth about the job market, that jobs are not plentiful in the recording or video/film industries because it's such a glamour profession."

Some of the four-year colleges I talked to provide the luxury of a small number of students and the time to develop different interests. At Peabody, which had five graduates in

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1989, Alan Kefauver works one-on-one with students and helps structure individual curriculums according to the student's career path. That is followed by master's classes in the placement department, which cover everything from resumes to stage fright.

At Miami, individual counseling helps with job leads and pointers, but it's ultimately up to students to do the work of contacting a potential employer and following through with the job search. "It's just one more job skill we try to teach," Pohlmann says. "The idea of 'placing' students isn't fair to

them or the employer. We put a lot of burden on the student, but by the same token, our job vacancy board has anywhere from 30 to 40 jobs available on a typical day."

All the schools I talked to offer some type of career preparation and assistance with resume building. Some go the extra mile and bring in industry veterans to talk to students about career opportunities.

At the Institute of Audio Research, professional development seminars are a part of daily life. Manufacturers demo equipment; producers stop by to chat. Miriam Friedman, director of

the school, explains: "The whole role model concept is very important. It helps with spirit, and it helps rekindle the dream. For example, Keith Andoos came in—he's an engineer in the corporate sector, for a brokerage house—and he's tall and hip-looking, and he inspired the students in an area they thought would put them to sleep."

Most of the faculty at Grove are working professionals, and field trips to studios are part of the curriculum. According to Duke Gore, manufacturers are eager to endorse the school by providing free equipment, then following with a lecture series. Aphex Systems was due to stop in soon after our talk.

Miami hosts a weekly Audio Forum, where some industry-types stop by on their way through town. Berklee hosts alumni seminars. Full Sail and Trebas both bring in working pros. But the student AES chapter at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro went one step further by hosting a regional AES conference (see page 152) for manufacturers and reps this past March.

"We try to educate our students that there are a lot of jobs in audio that don't necessarily involve sitting behind a console," says Geoffrey Hull, chairman of the Recording Industry Management program. "There are jobs in live sound reinforcement. There are jobs with manufacturers and record companies. We have students who end up working as mastering engineers. There are lots of ways into audio other than being a second engineer."



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The Internship

Everybody wants to talk internships. To some schools it is the most critical part of the educational process, and they either provide an internship or place the burden on the student as part of the job-search training. To others, the time spent in an internship is better spent in the classroom. To students, it's often that first glimpse into a professional environment.

David Leonard, founder and president of Trebas Institute, comes to audio from the industrial training sector, where "internship" has a specific meaning. "The term 'internship' can be thrown around loosely these days," he cautions. "To me, an internship is a monitored course where the student gets college credit. Before a student goes out to a company, we make sure the company has a *meaningful* internship. If they're

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To ensure students find worthwhile internships, Trebas follows a complex monitoring process, whereby students evaluate employers and vice versa. Also, weekly reports are filed with the placement office, and files are kept on each employer so that next year's students can make an educated selection.

Middle Tennessee State has a similar evaluation process, and the department maintains ongoing relationships with a number of Nashville studios. The internship may take place at a record company, publishing house or recording facility, but only after the student has at least nine hours of college credit in the specialty course related to his or her internship. Usually, it takes place in the student's senior year, and the burden is on the student to find it.

At Full Sail, students walk into the placement office with a list of six companies where they want to spend their 240-hour internship. From there, the placement department takes over. "We have three full-time placement officers," Garry Jones states. "Their goal is to first find all our students internships—which we guarantee 100 percent—and second, to help find jobs if the internships don't work out."

Naturally, not all internships lead to jobs. Miriam Friedman says that roughly 50 percent of the IAR internships lead to immediate placement, but to her, that's not the point. "Part of the internship program is getting the internship," she says, "which provides a protected environment for what it's like to get a job. Students learn a lot of hard lessons that way, about behavior and protocol, about how to conduct themselves, about how to use the telephone and appear in person. We feel this is probably the softest way to learn.

"The big thing a student has to understand," she continues, "is that a recording studio is a commercial operation. The internship is sort of a halfway house where they learn the realities of the business world."

Peabody also requires an internship, 320 hours, and the student is responsible for nailing it down. Alan Kefauver provides a list to provide a starting point. but, like Friedman, he believes it's a skill worth learning by doing.

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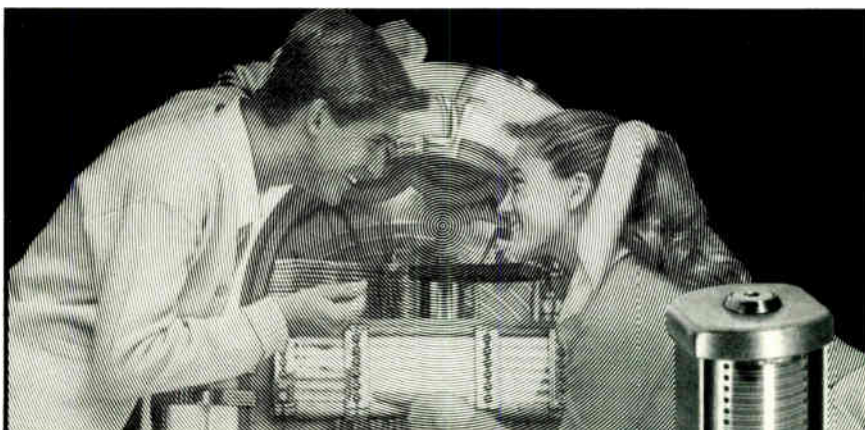


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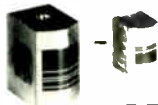
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Grove School of Music's Studio B during a film scoring session.

shawe works with a half-dozen studios in the Toronto area, some 200 kilometers away. Grove works informally with Group IV and other studios in L.A.

For students at Miami, Berklee and Indiana, the internship is strictly optional, though it can count toward college credit. Miami discontinued its formal internship program three years ago, because, according to Pohlmann, the student was served better by staying in school and working in the campus studios.

"Our [100 percent] placement record was so good that we didn't need the internship," Pohlmann says. "Three years ago we felt that students needed a bridge between academia and the pro world. What was happening, however, was that students were getting jobs and leaving school a semester early. So we discontinued it."

Berklee doesn't want to lose that one semester out of eight to an internship, either. Nor does Indiana. At both schools students are, however, responsible for student-run productions, which serve as an internship of sorts. "If studios are looking for second engineers, most studio owners name attitude as the number one criteria," Don Puluse says. "The proper attitude comes from being in those situations of seeing how a product or project comes together on a daily basis."


"What happens in these four years is an *introduction* to learning," he continues. "They will still have to learn the peculiarities of the studio they're going to."

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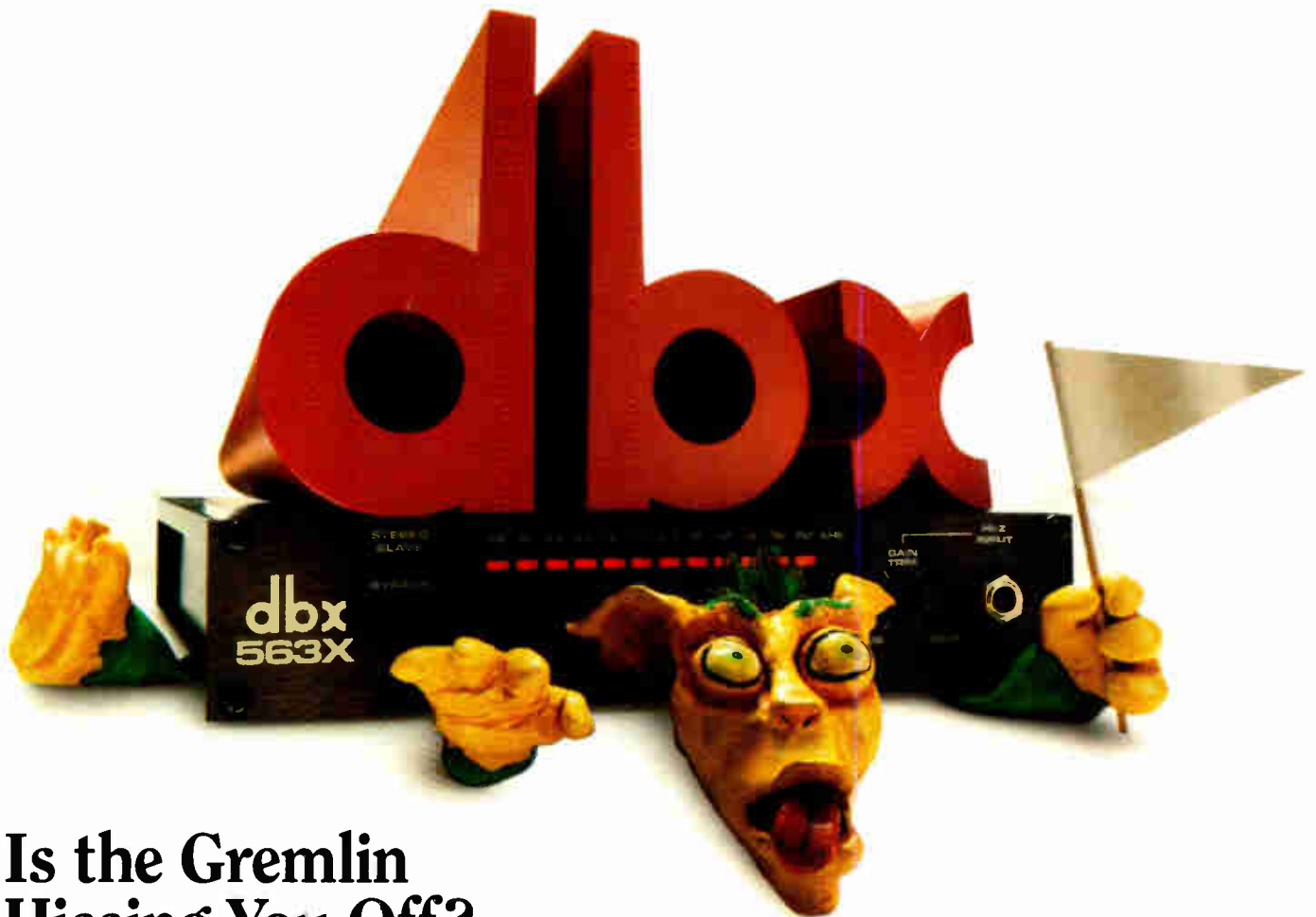
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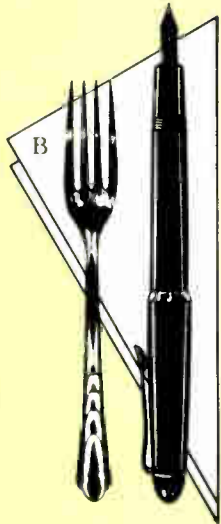
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by Mr. Bonzai

GRAHAM NASH

FEEL THE DREAMS



Sessions at the top can be pretty serious, what with the big meter running and careers forging on. But the mood today is relaxed, upbeat and friendly as Graham Nash steps out of the control room and joins me in the canteen. The pinball machine fires off a synth riff as the room fills with the aroma of freshly microwaved, gourmet popcorn.

Like millions around the world, I've been touched by this man's music for many, many years. He was a founding father of The Hollies, the only group to score more Top Ten hits in England than the Beatles. Perhaps the most enduring soldier of the British Invasion, he pulled up his roots and changed his life at the Woodstock

a "group" in the traditional musical sense.

"The individualism became a dominant part of what it was that we wanted to say," Nash explains. "We wanted to let people know that we were no longer going to be in a group, that we would be individuals who came together to make music and could make music with whomever and in whatever form we wanted. Consequently, when people say, 'They broke up, they re-formed, they re-broke up, they re-formed,' it's all bullshit."

Nash has had success as a solo artist, as a member of a group and as a member of a non-group. He's living proof of strong individuality working in harmony with others. When we look at his social activism, we might note that his first memories are of air-raid sirens and the bombing of England in the final days of World War II.

Before he goes back to work on the latest tale in the CSN saga, let's wake up, smell the corn and pop a few questions.

Bonzai: How are things going with the new album?

Nash: I couldn't be happier. From what we've finished and roughly mixed, I feel we are indeed able to move forward and take what it is we do best into the '90s. It's great as far as I'm concerned, because it would be very easy, especially with a band like ours, to rest on

our laurels and stay back there in the past. None of us has any interest in doing that.

Bonzai: Any particular departures from previous work?

Nash: We've been more open to being guided. We're working with Stanley



With Crosby and Stills, 1979

debut of Crosby, Stills & Nash.

It's appropriate that CSN is three names, three distinct musical personalities. What's remarkable is the harmonious blend that became a three-headed (and sometimes four-headed) chimera. But this group has never been

Johnston, our engineer/producer, and Joe Vitale, our musician friend/producer, with myself, David and Stephen as artists/producers. We're more open to suggestions, to a different direction, more open to different songwriters, and we've never done that in the past.

Bonzai: How do the songwriting credits break down on this album?

Nash: That's hard to say right now because we've cut 19 tunes, but the way it looks, the single may be "Live It Up," written by Joe Vitale. Stephen wrote "Tomboy" and "Standing Alone" with Tony Beard. Tony wrote "Straight Line." David and Michael Hedges wrote "Arrows" and "Street to Lean On." I wrote "House of Broken Dreams" and "Dolphin" with Craig Doerge, and "Yours and Mine" with Craig and David. We've split up the songwriting tasks. The ten songs we are concentrating on now seem to make the best album, the best balance between tempos, subject and melodic structure.

Bonzai: Wasn't Van Dyke Parks in conducting his orchestral arrangements for one of the songs?

Nash: That was for Stephen's song "Mystery." We're not sure if that will be on this album, but my feeling is that it's one of Stephen's best songs of late, and is a great solo Stephen Stills song. I'm not past helping with the vocals, and neither is David, but because of the melodic structure it's a difficult song to turn into a CSN three-part song.

Bonzai: A friend of mine and I were talking about the different identities within the group. He suggested that Stephen comes from a guitarist direction, David is more of an intuitive writer, and you are more of a writer in the structured sense of classic rock/popular songwriting. Does that make sense to you?

Nash: I think it makes perfect sense, although none of us likes to be pigeonholed. But it is true. I came from a past of 21 Top Ten hits with The Hollies. The Hollies were great at the three-minute pop song, and I was trained from the late '50s, early '60s in that vein. Most of my favorite records are around three minutes long. I figure if you can't say it in that length of time, you can't say it, although I've obviously written songs that are longer than that.

David definitely comes from a more intuitive place. He's the most interesting writer of the three of us, to my ear.

Bonzai: Let's jump back to your early days. You're from Manchester, Eng-

land, aren't you?

Nash: Yes, in the north of England.

Bonzai: Were you musically inclined as a child?

Nash: Yes, I was. Allan Clarke and I

music came to England from America via Lonnie Donegan. Skiffle was a simple form of folk music, basically three chords. It was fast and easy and fun. We got into skiffle in a big way.

Then with the coming into our lives of the Everly Brothers, Elvis Presley,



Nash onstage, 1989

met when I was 5 years old, and we started to sing together immediately. I don't know why, but we were singing school prayers, and we harmonized in school choirs and minstrel shows. Then in the late '50s, skiffle

Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly, Fats Domino, The Platters, Gene Vincent, etc., we began to really realize that, a) we needed drums and bass, and b) that this two-part singing which we had been doing for many years was coming

of age. So we found ourselves in the early '60s forming a band called The Hollies, with basically Allan and myself singing lead, occasionally three-part with Tony Hicks. We cut our first hit record in 1963, and I haven't looked back since.

I left the Hollies in 1968 because of several musical differences and personality conflicts. We had been coming to America since 1965, and this was an entirely different environment for me. It was one in which I thrived, one which I loved. I got turned on to smoking marijuana, hashish, to LSD

and expanding my consciousness. I gradually grew apart from the rest of The Hollies, who were basically more interested in their drug of choice: beer.

At that time I had been hanging out with David and Stephen, so I knew that we had something tremendously vital. I was writing songs that The Hollies were not interested in recording, songs that I felt were deeper, more meaningful than what we had done earlier. All those factors came together in late 1968, and I decided to live here.

Bonzai: So, 1968 saw The Hollies behind you, CSN ahead of you. Singles had been the style of the record business, and your formation of CSN

was around the time of album domination and FM radio.

Nash: Well, *Sgt. Pepper* helped change that a lot. But it began to be obvious that the art form of albums was much more interesting than singles. The singles were like ads for the albums. I knew when I sang with David and Stephen what it was I wanted to do. We also knew we had tremendous song potential because we were three reasonably strong writers—young, naive maybe, but interesting.

Our first record [*Crosby, Stills & Nash*] was brought out in the time of pre-heavy metal and stacks of Marshalls. We came out with this acoustic-feeling album, and it threaded right through everything and made its mark. We knew when we left the studio with that 2-track master that we had a hit record.

Bonzai: You've also had solo success, such as *Songs for Beginners*, which still sounds so fresh and alive.

Nash: I was very pleased with that record. I think I'm most pleased with its longevity. I get kind comments from people all the time about it being one of their favorite albums. I've tried to think what it was about that album that was so attractive, and I can't really figure it out. I think it was very simple, very straightforward, and it had a very live feeling. There are some good songs, but I've never been really able to pin what it was about that album. I'm kind of glad, because I certainly don't want to repeat it.

Bonzai: So much of your compadres' music captures a period. It's been said that if you want to go back and feel Woodstock, you listen to CSN and the Grateful Dead.

Nash: Kind of an awful place to be stuck, isn't it? [Laughs]

Bonzai: But let's talk about your music as historic anthems in times of social upheaval.

Nash: One of the things that was upsetting me during my association with The Hollies was that there were social things happening that were far more relevant than the kinds of singles we got into—the "moon, June, spoon," in the back of the car, summer days types of songs. I'm not against that, but there is certainly more to be concerned with.

So when I joined David and Stephen, I knew that we had three writers who felt similarly. Things were happening sociologically that were extremely important from our point of

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view, as artists, to make comments upon. I think it's been the role of the artist throughout history to bring news from one village to another, to spread

"If I wasn't an optimist, I wouldn't bother being here making a record. I'd just be watching TV with a beer."

tales of what's happening. In many ways, you're not getting the real truth from the mass media. You're only getting a part of the truth. What we have always tried to do as artists is reflect what is going on around us, reveal what is going on inside us, and express how we feel about certain subjects.

We have the ability, because we are writers, to internalize situations and then bring them out as music. I'm not sure what enables us to do that, but I guess that's what an artist is.

Bonzai: With the great effect you have on your audience throughout the world, where are you putting your energies in the '90s?

Nash: After thinking about it for many years, I've come to believe that the only true currency is time. Given that I believe that, to prioritize my time I have to find what is more important to me as a person. What's most important to me is the health and well-being of my wife and family, my music, and everything else follows.

Obviously there is a great demand on our time from people who want us to help. There are causes that at first might seem trivial, such as the problem of broken glass on the beach, which we were asked to do a benefit for. I realized as a parent what a drag it was that you couldn't let your children run on the beach for fear of slicing a foot open. Everything is important to somebody, but I have to figure what is most important to me right now, apart from the personal wants of my wife and family.

We need to unlock the paralysis of children's minds, to instill in them a sense of hope for the future, to overcome the vast damage that we have done to this planet in terms of the storage of nuclear waste, to try and combat environmental problems that run from the ozone layer to acid rain to fouling of the water and the soil. And that should take me a few lifetimes.

Bonzai: Are you an optimist?

Nash: I have to be. If I wasn't an optimist, I wouldn't bother being here making a record. I'd just be watching TV with a beer. It's easy to do, because the problems that face us are overwhelming. But I look in the faces of my kids and I get a sense of hope.

Bonzai: Let's talk about the chemistry of collaboration within the band. How has that evolved? Is it an extension of what it was in the past? How does it work?

Nash: The chemistry of CSN, of CSNY, has been an ever-evolving, ever-changing chemical equation. In the early days, a certain member of the band would be stronger and would be the guiding influence. In the middle period, that role was taken over by somebody else, and now in this later period, the role has been taken over by somebody else. It's a constantly evolving partnership that works. Our egos are such that we don't care who runs this as long as it's moving forward. So the chemistry is always volatile, always explosive. Crosby put it best when he said it's like juggling four bottles of nitroglycerine. It's okay to do that until you drop one. But you don't just drop one, you drop all of them.

Bonzai: We're talking about a lot of energy to deal with.

Nash: A tremendous amount—four very strong people with very divergent programs and different ways of looking at things. But we collectively know that the most important part of our existence as musicians is the *music*. There is nothing more important. Not the amount that we love each other. Not the amount that we hate each other. Not the amount of fighting we've done in the past, or maybe in the future. The most important thing is the music, and that will far outlive us.

Bonzai: Looks like it'll be around long after all of us are gone.

Nash: I hope so. I can see it in the faces of 14-year-old kids at our concerts who are singing the words to

"Teach Your Children." They are singing songs that were conceived before they were. I can only come to the assumption that the music has longevity, has lasting and staying power. As a musician, I can't ask for anything more than writing music that will outlive myself.

Bonzai: There's been a lot of talk lately about you and your collection of photographs.

Nash: I come from a poor family and my father was an amateur photographer. He first turned me onto the magic of photography, watching in my bedroom, as images appeared from a white sheet of paper in what looked like water. My dad would say, "Watch, just watch..." And all of a sudden, images floating into reality from nowhere. It was magic to me. That sense of wonderment has remained with me all my life.

Bonzai: What is your strongest human trait?

Nash: I think it is my incessant drive for people to be comfortable around me, and my appreciation of beauty.

Bonzai: In your long and varied career, what was the most exciting and heartfelt moment on stage?

Nash: There are many of them, going back to the trepidation we felt at Woodstock, to the 70,000 fans in Atlantic City in the stadium who had waited for four hours in the pouring rain. I remember our determination, against the advice of our crew, to play in a rainstorm with the hazard of lightning, and the way we felt playing for

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those people and their appreciation. Recently, I'm reminded of the Bridge Concert we played in San Francisco for the school for handicapped children that is run by Neil [Young] and

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his wife, Peggi, and seeing kids in wheelchairs, and this 10-year-old girl starting to cry and a little boy slowly moving to help her. It inspired a new song, called "Try to Find Me." There are many memories—I've had a fantastic life! I feel extremely lucky, and I will get away with it as long as the gods let me.

Bonzai: Were there any dangerous moments in your touring?

Nash: A few. One of them involved a helicopter when I was in The Hollies. The fans were so crazy that they had pushed to the helicopter to get to us with the rotor blades spinning. Another time I had my tie grabbed by an ardent fan and tightened so much that I was choking. The tail rotor of the helicopter that took us into Woodstock failed and slammed into the ground—pretty hairy. The helicopter ride to Atlantic City in the thunderstorm was not one of my favorite experiences either.

Bonzai: Do you have any thoughts for young people thinking about a career in music?

Nash: The only thing that kept me alive, that kept me moving forward, that kept me on the ball, is a love for what I do. I don't want to get heavy-handed, but there is a great responsibility as a musician to write true music, meaning that it comes from within your soul. I spent many years not doing that and I love those years, but I regret them at the same time. I realize it was part of the growth process that brought me to the point where I am right now. For the last 20 years, I've tried to write music that is truthful, that comes from within me, and which is not manufactured. When you do that, I've found, you change people's lives. You give them a different perspective to view and judge everything from.

It helps tremendously in realizing several things: that they are not alone, that they are not crazy, and that they are one of a race we laughingly refer to as human beings, with all its inherent problems and all its inherent greatness. We are all together in this incredible ride on this spinning ball of mud in space, and we better get on with it and make the best of it. ■

Contrary to popular belief, that is not roving editor Mr. Bonzai leading the muddy "No rain!" chant in the film Woodstock.

by Paul Potyem

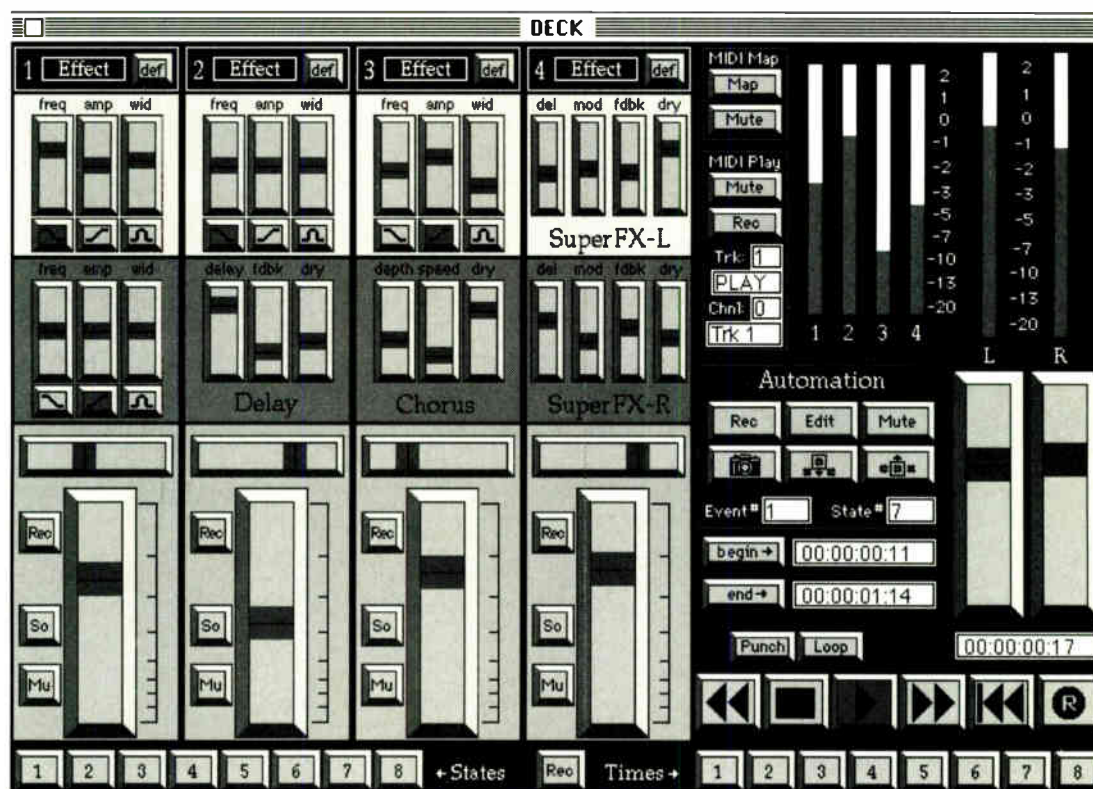
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Every time I walked by the Digidesign booth at San Francisco's MacWorld Expo in April there was a huge crowd on hand checking out the demos there. In this three-day event that had more than its share of remarkable new products, Digidesign's were among the most noteworthy, particularly for *Mix* readers. As a result of what I saw at Macworld, I decided to spend a day the following week at Digidesign's headquarters in nearby Menlo Park to learn more about the latest goings on there.

In the year since Digidesign's Sound Tools Digital Recording and Editing System for the Macintosh was released (see *Mix* 12/89 "Field Test"), the company has shipped over 1,600 units,

an impressive number for such a vertical market product. And as I walked down the hallway to the studio at the company's headquarters, I found myself negotiating my way around hundreds of boxes containing Sound Tools for the Atari about to be shipped to fill orders from distributors. But while Sound Tools is Digidesign's biggest success story to date, it's only one part of a larger, still developing story.

What had attracted my attention at Mac World Expo was Deck, a new software package that turns a Mac II into a CD-quality 4-track digital recording environment. And then there was MacProteus, Digidesign's \$895 NuBus card version of E-mu Systems' popu-



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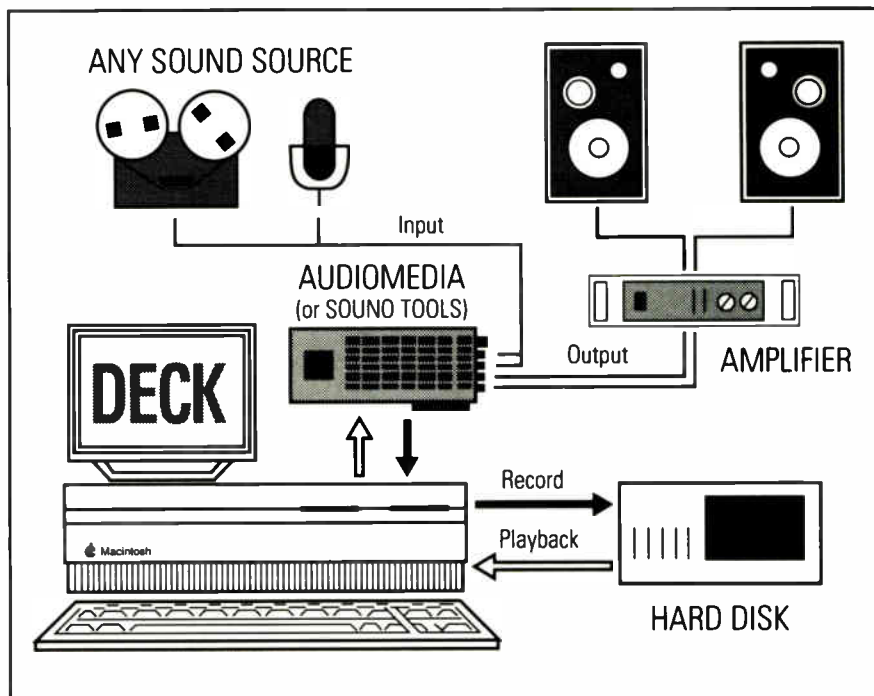
lar Proteus rack-mount sound module. My self-appointed mission was to use Deck with MacProteus (both were still in beta versions at this time), Opcode's front panel software (free with MacProteus), Opcode's Vision MIDI sequencer and Digidesign's Audiomedia, all wired together via Apple's MIDI Manager.

First, a little background info: Deck was developed by OSC, a San Francisco technology group that also developed Sound Access, the set of XCommands used to incorporate Digidesign soundfiles into Director and HyperCard. With Deck and either Sound Tools or Audiomedia, you can create up to four tracks of 44.1kHz digital audio, with the ability to record while playing back previously recorded tracks. It also offers automated mixing, digital equalization and effects, and support for simultaneous MIDI file playback.

While Deck is designed to work with both Sound Tools and Audiomedia, there are some differences in what you get from the two systems. You may

of the original system. As a result, the technology incorporated into the newer, leaner Audiomedia package allows for increased integration of some of Deck's features. (Don't worry, Sound Tools owners, you're not being abandoned. Keep reading.)

Here are the major differences between the two system configurations: signal-to-noise ratio with Deck and Audiomedia is less than with Sound Tools at >85 dBm vs. >90 dBm; and Audiomedia does not support SMPTE or digital I/O, as Sound Tools does. On the other hand, using Deck with Audiomedia real-time and non-real-time digital effects are available. You can monitor up to three tracks while recording; and you can record two channels simultaneously. The current version of Sound Tools allows only non-real-time digital effects, monitoring of two tracks and recording on only one channel at a time. I was assured that before the end of the year Digidesign will introduce a new multitrack version of Sound Tools with new hardware and software, and a professional version of Deck, with a generous upgrade policy for existing



A typical system configuration.

transfer tracks recorded using Deck to either Sound Tools or Audiomedia, for editing and more sophisticated processing, and then reload them into Deck. Audiomedia was introduced several months after Sound Tools to address the needs of users who did not need all the professional features

owners of these systems. (How many companies do you know that offer hardware upgrades?)

Anyway, back to my Mission Improbable. For my musical vehicle I chose to cover the classic theme "Fishing Hole" from television's *Andy Griffith Show*. After configuring the

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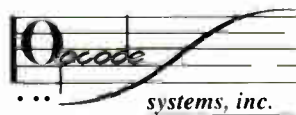
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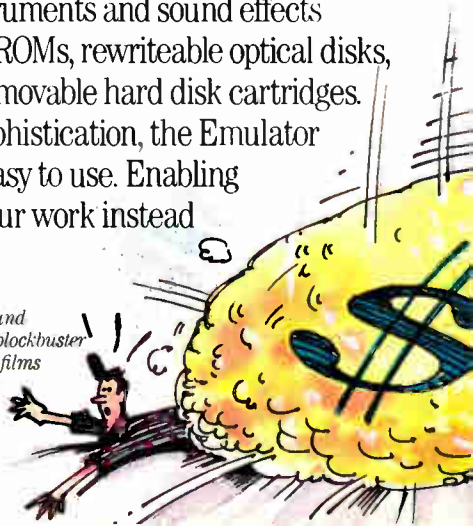
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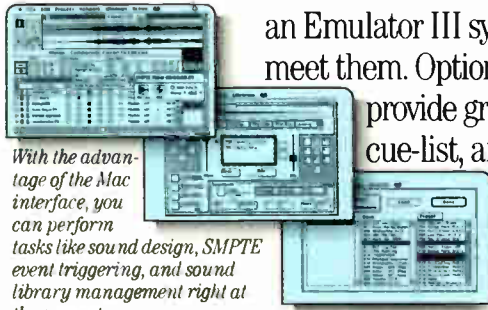
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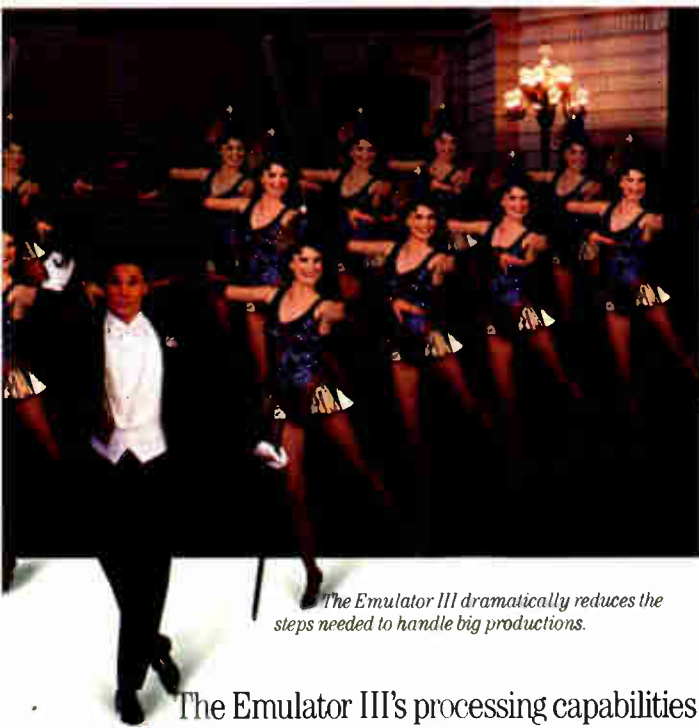
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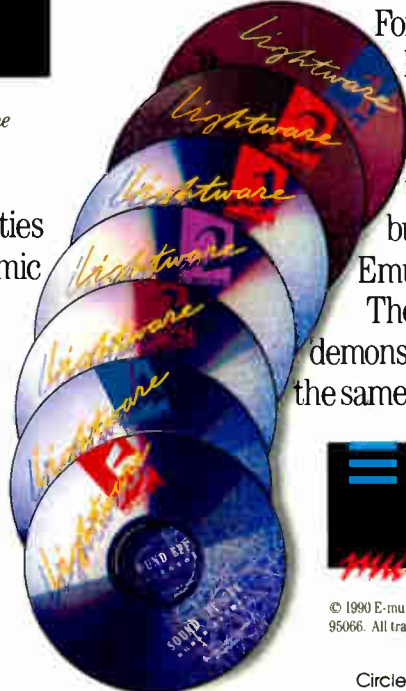


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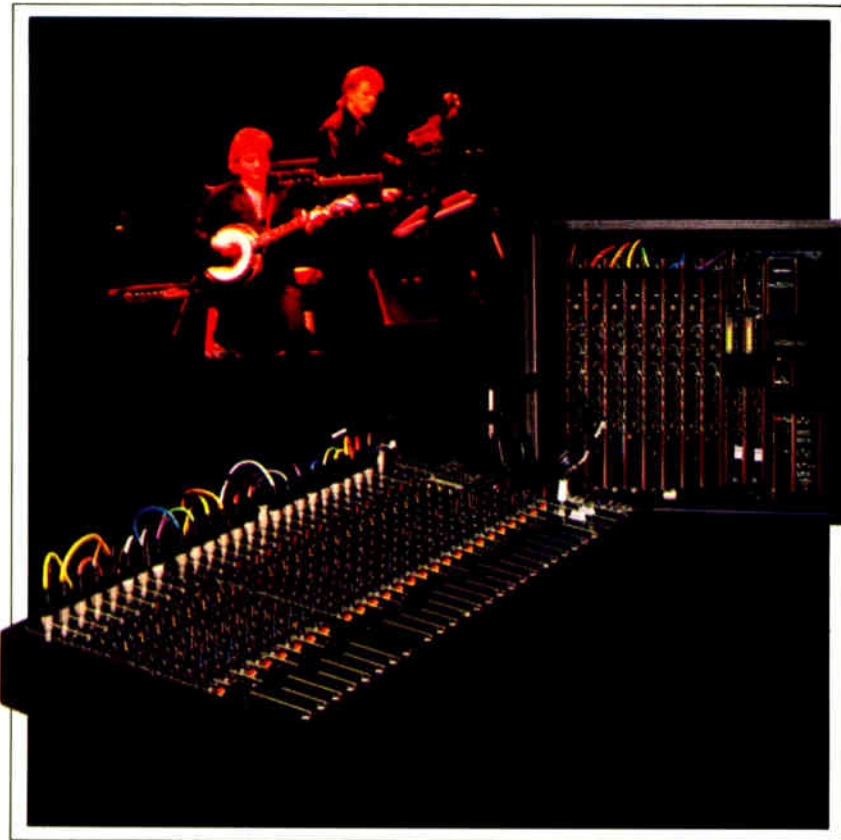
The Studiomaster Mixdown consoles are specifically for today's smaller studios; studios which are using more and more sequenced instruments, and need many inputs for them.

The 16.4.8 and 16.8.16 Mixdown consoles have 26 and 34 inputs at stereo mixdown, respectively. Put into perspective, other similarly priced 16.4.2 and 16.8.2 consoles would need to be in 24.2 or 32.8.2 formats before they could match this capability.

The main benefits of this are that re-patching during session is considerably reduced, if not eliminated, and a smaller multitrack tape machine can be used. This is because only the 'live' instruments need to go on tape, since MIDI sequenced drum machines, keyboards and effects can simply be monitored during the recording, then added at the stereo mixdown.

Few consoles rival the Mixdown's features, and fewer still match specifications like a T.E.I.N. of -129dB and cross talk between subgroups (at 1kHz) of -88dB. And with these features and specifications, none can match the price.

Key features of Mixdown include balanced inputs, 3 band sweep EQ, 6 auxiliaries, 'auxiliary line inputs' (on 16.4.8, 16 on 16.8.16), upper AL inputs have 2-band EQ, DIRECT OUTS, 48V Phantom Power, effects AND foldback sends on subgroups/AL inputs, fader reverse, stereo aux return, 100mm faders, expandable inputs to 40.



The Studiomaster Session Mix stereo consoles are ideal for P.A., club installations and keyboard and drum machine submixing. They are available in THREE formats: 8.2, 16.2 and 12.2R.

Though not expensive, the Session Mix range does offer features you may only expect on more costly alternatives. All models have electronically balanced inputs, 3-band EQ, 4 auxiliaries, 2 auxiliary returns, 5-pin DIN Record/Playback socket and 12 segment LED output meters. 12.2R and 16.2 versions have stereo returns. The 16.2 has in addition to the features above, a sweep on the Midrange EQ, EQ on the outputs (switchable on stereo returns), pre-fade SOLO, 100mm faders, post-fade DIRECT OUT sockets on inputs and channel mute buttons.

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MacProteus using the Opcode software, I used Vision to record guitar, bass and drum tracks. Then I saved the sequence as a MIDI file and opened up Deck. Importing the MIDI file was a snap, and it played perfectly from Deck. (It's worth mentioning that there are limited MIDI editing features, as well as the ability to record up to 16 MIDI tracks, all from within Deck. But don't think of it as a substitute for your sequencer.)

Then came the moment of truth: Would I be able to whistle on key? Let's just say that Deck faithfully and easily captured my lead and harmony whistling performances on tracks 1 and 2. I used track 3 in Loop and Sound on Sound modes to record four consecutive, continuous passes of finger snaps, while monitoring tracks 1 and 2 along with the MIDI file.

Then I unloaded the finger snap audio track into Audiomedia, where I eliminated some microphone noise in between snaps that resulted from my sloppy mic technique, and reloaded into Deck's track 3. I did the same thing with the lead whistle track, introducing a 60ms delay in front of the soundfile, and loaded the resulting delayed track into track 4. (I could have also accomplished the same thing using the digital effects option in Deck itself.)

In order to set up for a mix, you can take as many as 200 snapshots of fader/pan/EQ states, eight of which can be assigned to front panel buttons. You can use the automation options to specify begin and end times for a state, and transition times between them. Mixes are recorded separately from the soundfile data, making it easy and economical to try many different mixes of a recording.

There were too many features to elaborate on in this space, but here's an example: You can go back into your MIDI sequencer and edit it, and then easily reload it into Deck. No syncing problems here. It's modular recording and editing at its best.

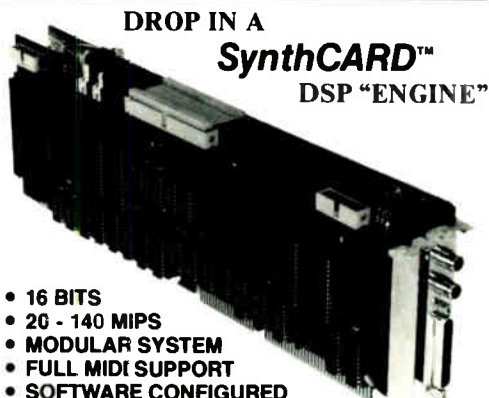
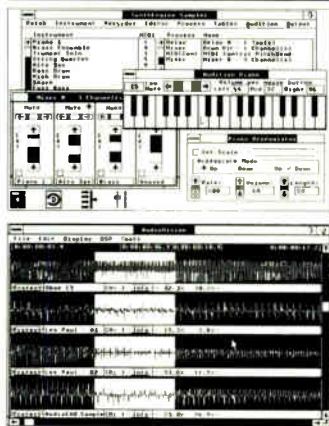
Here's another example: Deck offers 2:1 and 4:1 data compression options to save disk space. At 4:1 compression you can fit over eight minutes of 4-tracks on a 45Mb cart.

All the while I was playing with this stuff the people from Digidesign were wringing their hands, saying, "You

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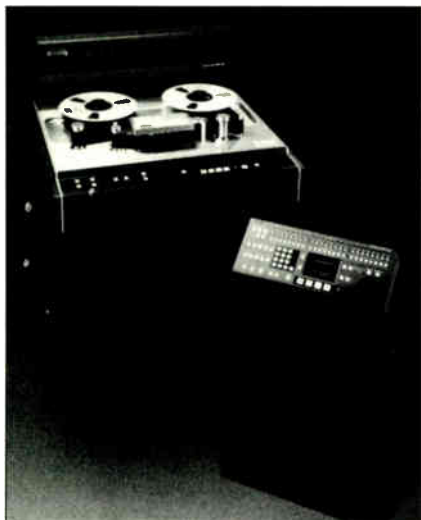
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by George Petersen

About a decade ago, most prophets and prognosticators of the audio realm predicted the eventual demise of analog multitrack. Certainly by 1990 we'd all be recording on digital bistorage silicon cubes, with unlimited tracks available to our every whim, or for that all-essential third tambourine harmony part on the second verse. Well, analog is still here, still selling well and probably sounding better than ever, especially with some help from a couple of nearby Dolby SR racks. Today's infusion of

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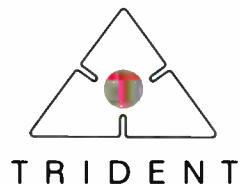
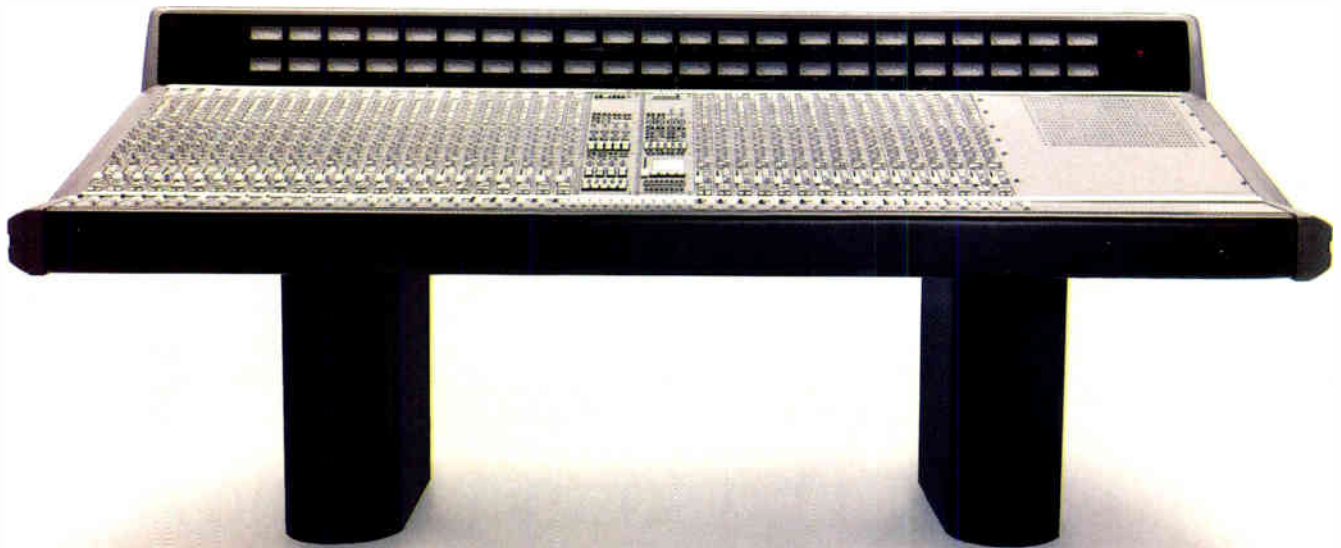
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First introduced in 1984, Akai's 12-track format (using proprietary 1/2-inch cassettes) still seems to be doing quite well. In fact, Akai has just completed the implementation of an improved transport, which begins shipping this month. Not to be confused with Akai's A-DAM digital 12-track system, the company's line of analog 12-tracks includes the MG14D rack-mountable recorder and the MG1214, which uses a similar tape transport in conjunction with an internal 12-channel mixer.

Priced at \$5,999.95 (or \$5,499.95 without an autolocator), the MG14D offers 12 tracks of recording capability, as well as two aux channels for control-track or SMPTE time code recording. With the Akai MK20 tape, the system has a maximum recording time of ten minutes at 7.5 ips or 20 minutes at 3.75 ips. Both XLR-type balanced and unbalanced RCA line inputs/outputs are provided. Other amenities include: $\pm 12\%$ pitch control; internal dbx Type I noise reduction; and a 25-pin "D" port for connecting external synchronization systems. The unit includes the ML14, a compact, programmable autolocator featuring full transport control, along with auto punch-in/out, fluorescent displays of real tape time and the next memory point, nine memory locations, auto playback muting, a numerical data entry pad, and the ability to store all memory points for up to one week.

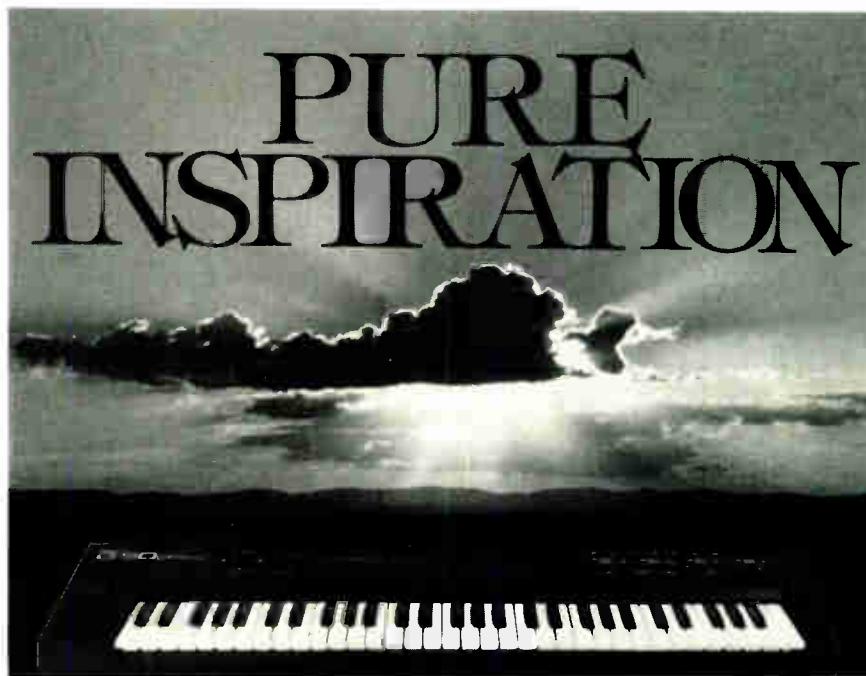
Akai's MG1214 (\$8,999.95) combines the MG14D's 12-track transport into an integrated package with a 12-channel mixer and unique computerized patching system that lets the user route any channel signal to any track with the touch of a button. The mixer section features: balanced XLR mic inputs; 1/4-inch line inputs; sweepable 3-band equalization on each channel; individual channel insert points; in-line track monitoring; and two effects sends (each with independent stereo effects returns).

Fostex

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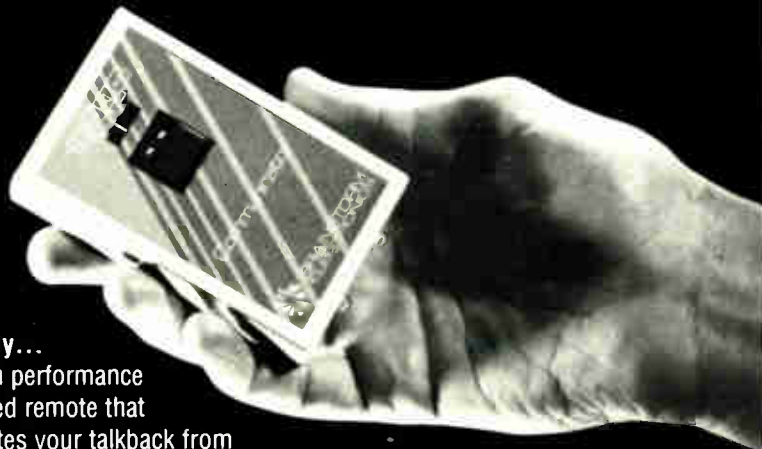
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With the optional sync card, the deck's transport controls can also be controlled externally by a keyboard or sequencer, and a serial port is provided for connection to RS-232 C22-equipped devices and PCs.

The G-16 operates at 15 ips ($\pm 12\%$ pitch control is standard) and features phono jack inputs/outputs; a built-in jog wheel with spot erase capability; defeatable Dolby C noise reduction; three metering modes—permanent peak hold, peak reading and temporary peak hold—as well as a fine mode that displays levels in 1dB increments for precise calibration; bright LED displays of real tape time and memory locations (used with a synchronizer, these show master and slave offset times in units up to 1/64th frame); and easy access to the alignment trim pots. Autolocation functions include up to ten memory points, one-to-nine-second preroll and auto play return modes, while the G-16's software-based design allows the user access to internal functions (such as defining spooling speeds or resetting the timer to display remaining time). A rack-mounting kit is optional.

The Fostex E-8 (\$4,095) is a 1/4-inch 8-track recorder featuring 15 ips operation ($\pm 15\%$ pitch shift), Dolby C noise reduction, unbalanced RCA-type inputs/outputs, 10.5-inch reel capacity and two memory location points. The first four inputs of the E-8 are normaled, so users don't have to repatch to record on tracks 5 through 8 when using the E-8 with a 4-bus console. The unit also includes a synchronizer port for interfacing with SMPTE-based systems. When used with the Fostex 4050 autolocator and MIDI-to-SMPTE synchronizer, the system provides auto punch-in/out, 100-point autolocate, and the ability to locate to the bar and beat.

Priced at \$2,800, the Fostex R-8 is a compact, 1/4-inch 8-track deck with 7-inch reel capacity. The recorder offers 15 ips operation (with $\pm 10\%$ pitch shift), defeatable Dolby C noise reduction, selectable meter ballistics and unbalanced RCA-type line inputs/outputs. Like the G-16, the R-8's front panel can separate from the deck for more convenient placement in a crowded control room. Autolocation features include up to ten memory

points, programmable preroll, auto return, auto play and footswitch-controllable play, locate commands. Built-in serial and synchronizer ports facilitate using the R-8 in a SMPTE- or MIDI-based environment, with the addition of the optional MTC-1 MIDI interface or 4030/4035 family of synchronizers.

Otari

Introduced at the winter 1988 AES convention in Paris, the Otari MTR-100A (\$59,950) is a high-performance, 2-inch 24-track that offers fully automatic record and reproduce alignment capability in less than four minutes. The MTR-100A uses a gentle, pinch-rollerless tape transport operating at speeds of 7.5/15/30 ips ($\pm 50\%$ varispeed), with a maximum reel capacity of 14 inches. Four non-volatile memory locations per tape speed are provided (12 total), storing alignment data for different tape types. A cue shuttle wheel allows jog and shuttle mode operations and the selection of library pack or fast winds, with speeds up to 474 ips. The flexible transport even permits phase-locked reverse play, as well as reverse recording and erase operations.

Some of the MTR-100A's features



Tascam ATR-80 24-track

include: internal Dolby HX™ circuitry (for enhanced HF performance at lower tape speeds); an automatic tape end detector for end-of-reel slow-down; a tiltable VU meter panel for better visibility and improved access for servicing; active, balanced XLR-type inputs/outputs; and room inside the machine for an optional Dolby SR card cage. A full-function remote session controller is standard and pro-

vides seven non-volatile cue memories and two speed-search functions. The controller can be placed up to 100 feet from the recorder. Among the available options are the EC-103 chase-lock synchronizer, an SSL console interface and the CB-120 autolocator (offering up to 99 memories, tach or time code operation, and automated rehearse and punch-in/out capability).

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come to be regarded as the mainstay of Otari's multitrack line, and has seen constant upgrades since its introduction. The current model, the MTR-90 Series II, is available in 2-inch 16-track (priced at \$36,750 and prewired for 24-track) and 24-track (\$39,950) versions. Two speeds (15 and 30 ips) are selectable, although a simple mod allows operation at 7.5 ips. The MTR-90 Series II offers: 14-inch reel capacity; bidirectional shuttle operation; $\pm 20\%$ varispeed; transformerless, balanced XLR-type inputs/outputs; and a full-function session remote controller. Options include phase-locked reverse play (with an accessory PCB),

plug-in chase synchronizer (EC-101), CB-115 ten-memory locator, and the 99-memory CB-120 autolocator.

Available in three 2-inch configurations (24-track, 32-track and 24 prewired for 32-track), the MX-80 is Otari's most affordable 24-track, priced at \$29,950. The transport handles 10.5-inch reels at speeds of 7.5, 15 or 30 ips, with $\pm 50\%$ varispeed. Inputs and outputs are transformerless, balanced XLR-type and switchable for operation at -10dBv or $+4\text{dBm}$ levels (outputs can be jumpered for unbalanced use). Like the MTR-90 Series II and the MX-70, the MX-80 includes a microprocessor-controlled, constant-tension

transport, a full-function remote session controller, and external control connections to interface to SMPTE-based editors, synchronizers or controllers. Other features include Dolby HX-Pro™ bias optimization circuitry, phase-locked reverse play and mini-autolocators on the machine and remote, with seven memory locations. The CB-119 (eight memory) and CB-120 (99 memory) locators are optional, as is an SSL control interface.

Otari's MX-70 line of 1-inch multitracks is available in three versions: 16-track (\$21,650), 8-track (\$17,200) and 8-track prewired for 16-track. Any of these can be converted to 1/2-inch 8-track operation via an optional kit. Tape speed is switchable between 7.5/15 or 15/30 ips pairs, with $\pm 20\%$ variable speed. Inputs and outputs are transformerless, balanced XLR-type and -10dBv or $+4\text{dBm}$ operation is possible. A CB-117 full-function remote session controller is standard, offering search-to-cue and return-to-zero memories, and the MX-70 can be operated via the optional CB-119 and CB-120 controllers.

In the 1/2-inch 4-track market, Otari has two models available based on its MTR-10 and MTR-12 lines. The MTR-12-I (\$13,525) offers 12.5-inch reel capacity, while the MTR-10-I (\$12,550) has a maximum reel size of 10.5 inches. Both feature three-speed operation (3.75/7.5/15 or 7.5/15/30 ips, user-selectable), come in floor console configurations and can be adapted to the 1/4-inch format via an optional kit. Inputs and outputs are balanced, transformerless XLR-types, and all transport functions, tach data, and 9,600Hz control signals are available on the rear panel for interfacing with SMPTE synchronizers and external controllers.

Otari's MX-5050 Series use a time-tested transport that easily interfaces to external synchronizers and a number of optional remote controllers. All are three-speed machines, with 3.75/7.5/15 ips in user-selectable pairs, and feature 10.5-inch reel capacity, $\pm 7\%$ varispeed, a three-head design, XLR-type unbalanced inputs/outputs with switchable -10dBV or $+4\text{dBm}$ operation, headphone output monitoring, internal 1kHz/10kHz oscillator, real-time LED tape counters with return-to-zero function, and compatibility with dbx noise reduction systems. The MX-5050 MkIII-8 (\$5,495) is a 1/2-inch 8-track in a tabletop, overbridge VU meter configuration. In a similar

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CASSETTE MULTITRACKS THE TINY FORMAT GROWS UP

It all began with the 1981 introduction of the Tascam Model 144 Portastudio™, a modest 4-track recorder with a simple 4-input mixer. Other developments followed, along with the adoption of 3.75 ips (double normal cassette speed) as an easy way to improve audio performance. By 1984, at least seven manufacturers had entered the fray, including Fostex, whose revolutionary X-15 (priced at \$495) made multitrack accessible to a wide audience. And British company Studiomaster made quite a splash with its rack-mount Studio 4, which featured a 6-input mixer with XLR mic inputs, 48-volt phantom power and 3-band EQ. The quest for hypertracking had begun.

Today, you can get just about anything you need in a cassette studio system, which is offered by Akai, Fostex, Sansui, Peavey/AMR,



Tascam 688 MIDIstudio

Tascam, Toa, Vesta, Fire and Yamaha. Both Toa and Tascam are now hawking units that pack eight tracks onto that tiny 1/8-inch ribbon of oxide, while Sansui's WS-

516-track recorder is an integrated unit that also includes an 8-channel mixer, stereo cassette deck and even a digital delay. Going a couple of steps further, Tascam's new 688

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MIDIstudio (\$3,299) combines an 8-track cassette and a comprehensive 10 x 4 mixer (featuring 20 inputs in remix, XLR mic inputs, 3-band EQ and four stereo subgroups) in an environment under MIDI-synchronous control of the transport with mix channel mute automation.

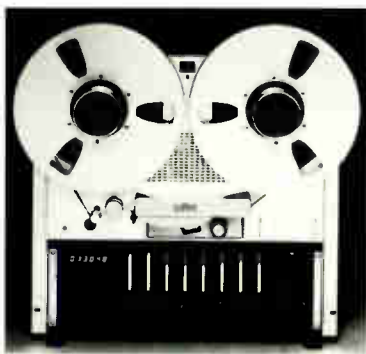
While Tascam's 688 probably has more technology than the average cassette multitrack "sketchpad" user is likely to need, it aptly demonstrates the power available to virtually anyone with a bit of ingenuity and even a modest home setup. Connect an inexpensive tape sync box—Yamaha YMC10, Cooper PPS-1, etc.—to a MIDI sequenced tune, overdub some vocals on your cassette multitrack, and you could be in for some hip sounds. Bruce Springsteen made audio history with his 1982 *Nebaska* release (the first major label album recorded on a multitrack cassette deck), but with the advent of affordable tape sync, the real revolution may be just around the corner.

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overbridge package is the MX-5050 MkIII-4 (\$5,935), a 1/2-inch 4-track, which, like its MX-5050 BQ-II cousin (a compact 1/4-inch 4-track priced at \$4,345), includes mic preamp inputs and onboard line/mic mixing.

Revox

The 270 Series from Studer/Revox is a line of rack-mount 2-, 4- and 8-track recorders designed for the pro user. The C278 is a 1/2-inch 8-track priced at \$5,995, while the 1/4-inch C274 4-track lists at \$4,995. Both feature three-speed operation (3.75/7.5/15 ips), +50/-33% varispeed, Dolby HX Pro, selectable library rewind, RS-232 port for externally controlling all machine



Revox C278 1/2-inch 8-track

functions, and internal monitor speaker and headphone output jack with track monitor select. Transport functions include one-hand cueing in edit mode, LED hours/minutes/seconds real-time display, and return-to-zero and search-to-cue memory points. The audio electronics on all models in the series are of a modular construction and are accessible from the front of the recorder, even when rack-mounted.

Sony

The APR-24 is the first analog multi-track recorder to be designed by Sony from the bottom up. Borrowing the audio cards, 16-bit microprocessor control and alignment system from Sony's successful APR-5000 Series of mastering decks, the 24-track APR-24 improves on the technology with a few tricks of its own, such as an internal SMPTE synchronizer for 48-track recording or locking to picture, and alignment preset storage capability. Basically, the APR-24 is a 2-inch, 15/30 ips machine with $\pm 50\%$ varispeed, displayed in percent, ips or semitones. Other features include transformerless, balanced inputs and outputs via rear panel Tuchel multipin connectors; XLR

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A full-function remote (with stand, in the U.S.) is included with the APR-24's list price of \$45,500. The remote duplicates the APR-24's transport controls (including the shuttle/jog wheel), and among its other features are selectable time code or tape timer displays, memory for up to 25 location points, rehearse functions, and five edit registers for storing record ready presets, pre/post-roll times, or any "snapshot" of the machine's operational status.

Studer

At a list price of \$74,900—including remote control, autolocator and pre-wired drawers for Dolby Spectral Recording (SR cards not included)—the Studer A820-24 is obviously *not* for low-budget recording applications. The microprocessor-controlled A820-24 is a 2-inch 24-track machine (also available in 8- and 16-track versions) featuring 14-inch reel capacity, three tape speeds, reverse play capability, precision modular headblocks for simplified interformat transitions, Dolby HX Pro, and fast wind speeds up to 600 ips.

All of the A820-24's operating keys are user-programmable, with a choice of more than 40 functions from its internal software. The machine also offers the automatic alignment of audio parameters for all 24 channels simultaneously, with onboard storage for two tape formulations, along with programmable control of tape tension, spooling speeds, etc. For convenience in machine room installations, the meter bridge can be located up to 300 feet from the transport (via a single 4-conductor cable), and Studer recently announced the availability of a compact bar graph meter option that mounts in the remote control stand.

Having exhibited its first production models less than a year ago, Studer has since delivered over 125 of the A827 multitracks worldwide. Priced at \$49,900 (including remote control and autolocator), the A827-24 is a 2-inch 24-track recorder (also available in 8- and 16-track versions) that offers the

same transport, head assembly and audio quality as its elder sibling, the A820-24. Features include: 14-inch reel capacity, three tape speeds, switchable Dolby HX Pro, microprocessor-assisted alignment, reverse play with varispeed, RS-232/422 ports and an optional chase-lock SMPTE synchronizer.

The A807 VUK-HS (\$10,995) is Studer's mainstay in the 1/2-inch 4-track market. This freestanding, console-mounted recorder features three-speed operation (7.5/15/30 ips), 14-inch reel capacity, tape shuttle control, overbridge metering and an RS-232 port for external control applications. The machine is also available in a 4-track version with center-track time code capability for \$12,995.

Tascam

The ATR-80 is a series of 2-inch recorders from Tascam, a company that makes an extraordinarily wide range of multitrack machines, from the \$499 Porta 05 Ministudio to the DA800/24 DASH 24-track digital at just under \$100,000. Available in 24-track (the ATR-80-24 is priced at \$34,999) and 32-track versions (the \$44,999 ATR-80-32), both recorders offer a microprocessor-controlled transport, with 14-inch reel capacity and a choice of 15 or 30 ips operation, with $\pm 20\%$ varispeed. Forward/reverse shuttle (at up to 150 ips) is provided via a rotary control found on the transport and the supplied RC-824 remote controller. Inputs and outputs are electronically balanced, XLR-type, and the outputs can be switched to unbalanced operation if desired.

Options for the ATR-80 include an RS-232/422 interface unit, a transformer-balanced input/output kit and the AQ-80 autolocator. The latter offers 20 memory locations, programmable preroll times of up to 20 seconds and a digital stopwatch for convenience.

For those who insist on 24-track flexibility, but are hampered by budget constraints, Tascam's MSR-24 is priced at \$13,999, making it the most affordable 24-track on the market. Using a 1-inch format with 10.5-inch reel capacity, the MSR-24 offers 7.5 or 15 ips tape speeds ($\pm 15\%$ pitch change), built-in dbx Type I noise reduction, two location memories (plus return to zero), tabletop or rack-mount use, onboard power supply,

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PRODUCT CRITIQUES AND COMMENTS

SSL Logic FX G383 Mic Preamp/Equalizer

SI don't own an SSL console; I probably never will. Not that I have anything against this company, it's just that the mid-priced 32 x 8 x 24 board that resides in my small studio is the audio equivalent of a Chevy, and I'm not ready to enter the big leagues. At least not this week. In the meantime—that is, for the past couple of months—I've had the world-class sound of an SSL G Series board, without having to take out a second mortgage on my house. Let me explain.

The Logic FX Series is a line of rack-mount outboard gear based

of the unit's internal circuit boards to reduce the size of the device. However, the layout of the internal circuitry is extremely clean—servicing should be no problem—and the construction quality and components used are first-rate throughout.

The preamp has a 66dB gain range, with an indented control for precise resetability. One of the G383's unusual features is an impedance adjust pot (with a 600 to 6.2k ohm range), allowing the user to match the preamp to the impedance of the input source. By pulling on this

on electronics designs from the Solid State Logic G Series consoles. Priced at \$4,475, the G383 is a stand-alone unit providing two channels of microphone/line amplification and two 4-band equalizers in one package.

Each of the G383's channels includes: electronically balanced XLR input/send/return/output jacks; switchable phantom power supply; phase reverse switch; six-element, LED input meter; 4-band parametric EQ with variable bandwidth on the two MF sections; 18dB/octave highpass filter; peak LED after the EQ stage; and a universal input amplifier for line or mic-level signals.

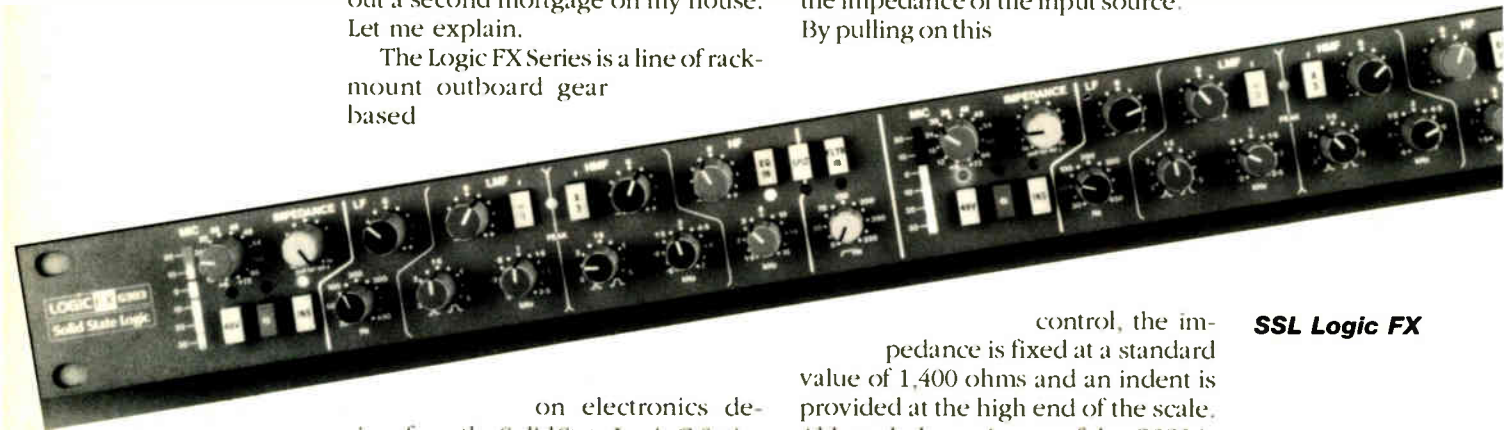
The first thing you'll notice about the G383 is its size. At 17 inches, this is one of the deepest signal processors I have ever encountered, and this dimension may cause mounting problems in some studio racks. Perhaps SSL should have considered stacking some

control, the impedance is fixed at a standard value of 1,400 ohms and an indent is provided at the high end of the scale. Although the main use of the G383 is as a mic preamp, the addition of the impedance matching feature (along with its wide-ranging gain control) makes the unit ideal as a matching amplifier for printing synth, sampler and drum machine tracks directly to tape.

The G383 is fast and straightforward to use, with several nice touches that simplify operation. A bicolor LED glows green when the unit is powered up, and changes to red whenever a signal overload condition exists past the EQ stage. Each channel has seven LEDs displaying operation status at a glance, and a "split" control allows the user to repatch the highpass filter to follow the mic preamp in the signal flow. This is useful for those situations where you want to use a bit of low-end rolloff on the mic before routing the signal to an outboard device via the insert send jack.

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AUDITIONS

period on a variety of projects, including vocals and guitars on an all-digital solo album featuring guitarist Danny Kalb (of the Blues Project), I became quite attached to the unit. Acoustic guitar tracks, in particular, really spotlighted the sonic transparency of the preamps, and the equalizer is musical and extremely versatile. For some reason, the cut/boost levels are not indicated on the EQ gain controls, and after making a quick call to SSL, I was surprised to discover that the two center bands are ± 22 dB while the outer bands are ± 20 dB. My guess was that the cut/boost range was in the ± 15 dB range. Be warned that the EQ is so smooth that you may be lulled into using more than is necessary. The four EQ bands are wide-ranging and overlap extensively. (LF: 30 to 450 Hz; LMF: 66 to 2,500 Hz; HMF: 600 to 21 kHz; HF: 1.5 to 16 kHz) and with 20 to 22 dB of cut available, the EQ section can also serve as a notch filter.

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tion's hi-fi speakers (such as its DL and SL Series) have found favor among both home listeners and many classical recording engineers. What is new, however, is that Celestion has begun marketing its monitors through pro recording outlets, and the Model 3 is the first product in this series.

The Model 3 is a two-way system consisting of a 5-inch, felted-cone, mid/bass driver combined with a 1-inch titanium dome tweeter crossing over at 5 kHz. The enclosure is sealed, constructed of half-inch particle board with a black ash or walnut vinyl veneer, standing just slightly over 12 inches and weighing 8.4 pounds. The grille covers remove easily for cleaning or to appease the majority of us who think that such attachments are unnecessary in the studio environment. Actually, the grilles do provide some protection for the drivers when transporting the speakers, a likely scenario for many traveling engineers.

Specs include a frequency response of 75 to 20 kHz (-3 dB), 60 watts of program handling and a sensitivity of 86 dB at 1W/1m. While the Model 3s are fairly inefficient, they are capable of delivering a maximum sound pressure level of over 100 dB at one meter (at the maximum recommended power)—adequate for my near-field listening needs, which are fairly conservative in terms of overall SPLs. If your taste for average listening levels runs in the greater-than-105dB range, then the Model 3s may not suit your needs (or eardrums).

Since the Model 3 has compact dimensions and lightweight cabinets (ideal for console-top mounting), I was anxious to try them out in a near-field listening environment. The speakers are equipped with what appears to be five-way binding posts, located in a recessed area on the rear baffle. However, the lugs are too widely spaced to accommodate standard, dual banana connectors, and the holes that allow wires to be inserted through the lug shaft are too small to handle wires thicker than 16 gauge. Perhaps this could be remedied in future versions for the pro market, as many studio installations use banana plugs as a convenient way of "quick changing" between various pairs of small, console-top reference speakers.

After listening to the Model 3s for a while, I became accustomed to their "sound." Stereo imaging was natural, especially with the speakers at a typi-

cal near-field listening distance of about one meter, with the enclosures about one meter apart. Midrange balance was consistent throughout the all-important vocal range (as well as at the 5kHz crossover point), while highs were crisp and free of exaggeration.

Low-frequency performance was certainly adequate, considering the system's small dimensions, and after reaching the Model 3's 3dB downpoint (75 Hz), the lows taper off quickly, reaching a 6dB downpoint at 60 Hz. However, bass reproduction is greatly improved when the Model 3s are placed near a wall, which is often the case when consoles are placed flush against a wall, as in many small studios, electronic music setups and video suites. Speaking of the latter, the speakers didn't cause any noticeable visual distortion when kept at least six inches away from a video or computer display, although I advise keeping magnetic media (disks, tapes, credit cards) away from the strong flux fields that may be encountered near any speaker.

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The solo violin disc includes *col legno* (with wood) sounds, along with knocks, crunches and scrapes. Speaking of the latter, with cuts #33 and #34 on disc 3 (scrapes and more scrapes), you can almost feel the rosin on the bow. This assortment of effects can add a nice touch of verisimilitude to

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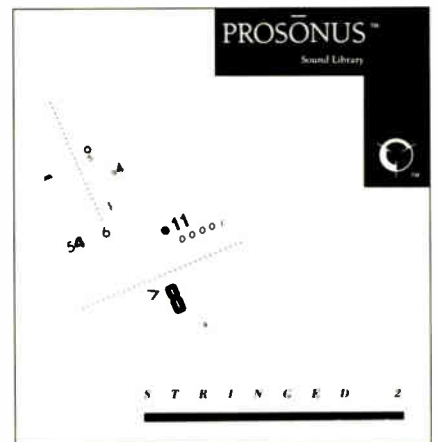
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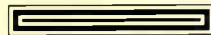
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A Maintenance Point of View



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little over three years ago, Muzak™, the background music industry leader, decided to go digital. The plan was to transmit several Muzak channel formats, via satellite, directly to end-users. An integral part of this plan was to automate playback using Sony CD jukeboxes.

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Since the decision was reached, Muzak has put almost 100

DAT machines into service, predominantly Sony DTC-1000ES decks, although the company also uses a dozen Sony PCM-2500s and a half-dozen Fostex D-20s. Muzak is the biggest user of DAT machines in the U.S. today.

The first units went online two years ago, and since that time Muzak has found itself intensively involved

with DAT maintenance. In fact, the Sony parts depot in Kansas City sometimes has a hard time keeping up with Muzak's orders for DAT spare parts.

This brings up the hidden cost of using DAT. The format seems fairly inexpensive at the start—under



\$3,000 for a semipro digital deck with specs that equal or beat the highest priced analog reel-to-reel machine. But with this new format, you must also factor in the cost of new test tapes, test fixtures, service manuals, specialized test gear and tools, and a raft of spares for those inevitable emergencies.

The bottom line: Even with an affordable format like DAT, digital audio doesn't come cheap. Whether maintenance is handled in-house or contracted

out, there are a lot of expenses that may not seem apparent at the onset.

Tooling Up for DAT

For most studio managers, tape deck maintenance is a cut-and-dried part of the budget. Regular cleaning and alignment is understood, as is the fact that heads wear out and must be reconditioned, reel table motors go south and must be rebuilt, and pinch rollers

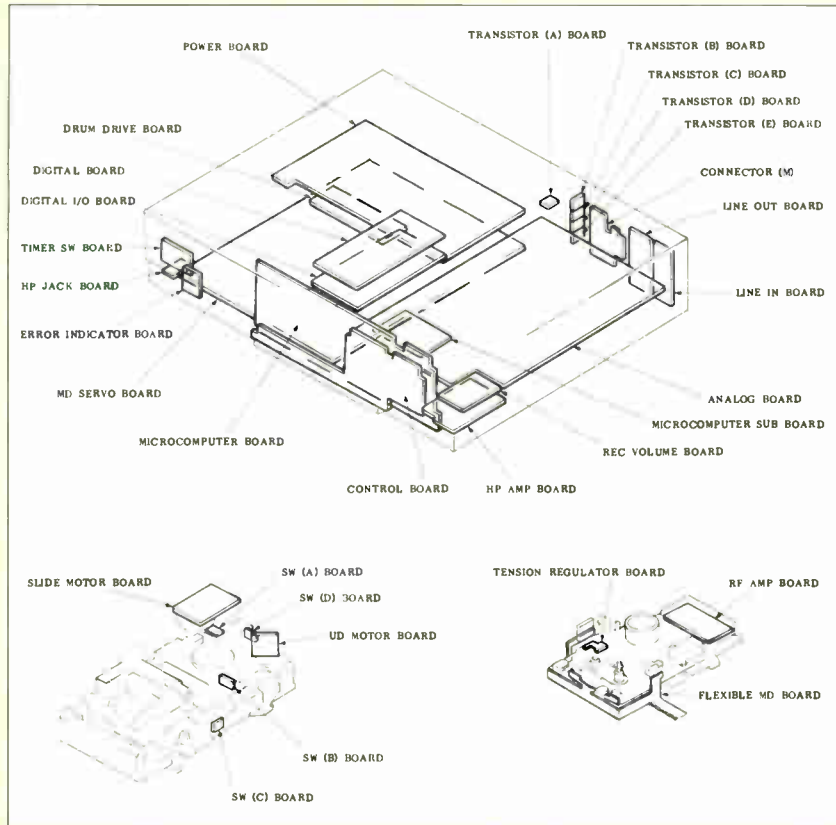


Figure 1: Circuit board locations in the Sony DTC-1000ES and PCM-2500.

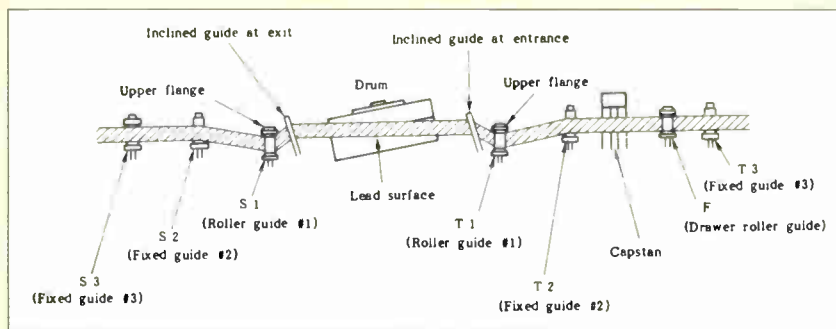


Figure 2: Tape path is very important to DAT reliability and tape interchangeability. In most cases only S1 (supply roller guide) and T1 (take-up roller guide) require adjustment. This is especially true when the head drum is replaced.

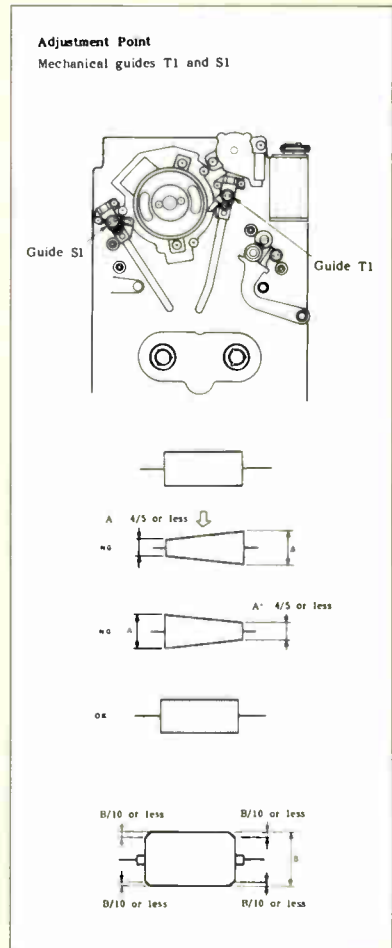


Figure 3: Mechanical adjustments are performed using an alignment tape and monitoring the RF envelope. The S1 guide controls the leading edge envelope squareness, while T1 adjusts the trailing edge squareness.

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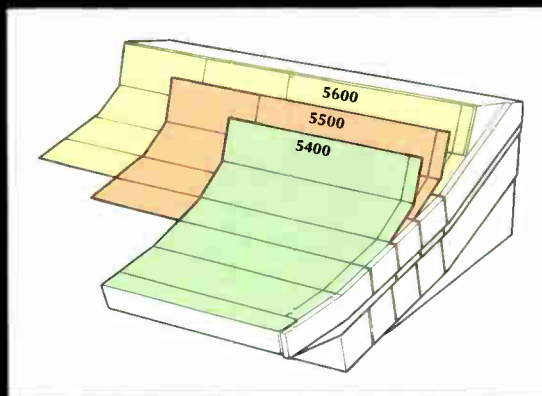
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harden and must be replaced.

But you cannot apply the same principles to DAT machines, because their maintenance requirements do not resemble reel-to-reel or cassette machines at all. Their maintenance budget and schedules are closer to those of VCRs, as are the requirements for test gear and procedures.

Table 1 lists some of the test tools, tapes and jigs necessary to do any alignment or service on Sony or Fostex DAT recorders. Other decks, such as Tascam, Nakamichi, JVC, Panasonic, etc., will require many of the same items, although their test tape requirements may vary.

It's not a long list, but the prices add up. For instance, the Sony head checker is \$141 and the Sony DAT test tapes run \$56 to \$79 each. Add in a torque tape or two at \$158 each, the error checker jig at \$31 (the best investment there is), the hold down jig at \$70 (for running tapes when the elevator assembly is out), a service manual or two at \$25 each, and you're in the \$800 range—just for test tapes and test fixtures for the Sony machines.

Add on top of this a dual-trace, 60MHz or better scope—without which you'll have a hard time doing several alignments—and specialized tapes and tools necessary for any other model DATs you may have, and you can see that maintaining your DAT machines will be an expensive proposition.

If you don't intend to do in-house repair on your DATs, you'll have to rely on factory service, as trained DAT technicians are not in abundance in most sections of the country.

Sony DAT Spare Parts

The availability of replacement parts for DAT recorders is currently unreliable. Typically, it takes Muzak up to three months to get parts from Sony, since Kansas City often doesn't have them in stock. Even head drums—a high usage item as the machines age—are not kept in stock.

Table 2 lists the most commonly replaced Sony parts and their prices, but you can figure any DAT will need similar parts (at equal or higher prices).

This is especially the case with head drum assemblies, since their lifespan is only 1,000 to 2,000 hours. In Muzak's case (running two shifts per day) some machines require head drum replacement after only six months of use. Even in machines that operate around 20 hours per week, 1,000 head drum

hours are achieved after only a year of use.

Troubleshooting DAT problems can be nearly impossible without a complete set of digital boards for substitution, since virtually any problem is manifested by audio dropouts or digital glitches in the music. There are so many LSI chips tying directly together that even Sony's service centers don't try to troubleshoot some boards to the component level. (See Fig. 1.)

However, most DAT problems are mechanical rather than electronic in nature, but without spare test boards

or a functioning second machine from which you can borrow parts, you can end up spending hours making mechanical and electronic alignments to no avail. The DAT's servo system is much like any modern tape transport system, with interlocking drive and feedback that can cause a problem in one section to show up everywhere in the loop.

DAT Maintenance

Regular cleaning and maintenance on all but the Nakamichi 1000 (which offers an easily exposed head drum) requires removing the top cover to

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**Table 1: Alignment Tapes and
Test Fixtures for Sony DAT Maintenance**

TOOLS

- ISO #1 and #2 screwdrivers
- #0 Phillips screwdriver
- #0 flat blade screwdriver
- Chamois tip swabs (Chemtronics CC50 or equiv.)
- Cotton swabs (3- or 6-inch wooden stick type)
- Alcohol
- Freon (or Trichloroethane)
- Rubber cleaner
- Metrix hex set

TEST TAPES & FIXTURES

- Service manuals
- DAT error indicator board (for Sony DTC-1000, PCM-2500)
- Sony TY-7111 test tape, for RF envelope
- Sony TY-7251 test tape, for ATF
- Sony TY-7551 test tape, for level and function
- Hold down jig
- Head checker
- Work stand for Sony DTC-1000/PCM-2500
(can be fabricated out of the wooden side panels that
come on the DTC-1000)

gain access to the transport area. Sony recommends head drum cleaning after every ten hours of use. Muzak's experience has shown that regular cleaning, every two to four weeks, is sufficient for decks that are used about 20 hours per week.

There are commercial cleaning tapes available, but most DAT users have found that these don't properly clean the head drum. The same is true of VCR cleaning tapes. These are a

poor substitute for using a deerskin or chamois head cleaning swab soaked in ethyl alcohol or another head cleaning chemical.

As with other tape transports, the DAT capstan needs cleaning on a regular basis, as do the pinch roller and tape guides. A standard 3-inch cotton swab, soaked in Freon or other light solvent, works well.

Muzak mounts its DAT machines on 19-inch rack shelves. On the Sony

Table 2: Sony DAT Spare Parts

<i>Sony number</i>	<i>Part Name</i>	<i>List Price</i>
X-3337-610-1	Pinch Roller Assy.	\$14.61
8-848-501-01	Head Drum Assy.	144.92
8-835-205-01	Reel Motor Assy.	169.88
8-835-206-01	Capstan Assy.	124.21
A-2020-081-A	MD Servo PCB	218.71
A-2096-052-A	RF Amp Assy.	64.78
A-2095-597-A	Drum Drive PCB	62.91
A-2097-007-A	Digital PCB	192.34
3-337-626-01	Pinch Roller Cap	—
3-701-436-11	Plastic Retainer Clip	—
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Opening the drawer moves the elevator assembly out, exposing enough of the drum area for manual cleaning of the heads with a chamois swab. This is preferable to the Sony-suggested method: removing the elevator assembly from the transport,

which means taking off the front panel of the machine.

Use a cotton swab to hold the drum still for cleaning and to turn it to gain access to both heads (or all four in the case of 4-head drums). The chamois stick should be lightly rubbed against the head in the direction of head rotation. No up/down movement should be used as the head is small and fragile and can be damaged with an up/down pressure. Clean the capstan and pinch roller at the same time. The guides rarely need cleaning, but should be inspected.

If you find that the head drum

becomes clogged (i.e., dropouts or digital errors are detected) after less than a week of steady use, it's a good indication that the heads are on their way out. This is especially true if the machine has over 1,000 hours of use. To simplify the determination of head drum wear, Sony added an elapsed time indicator in its TCD-D10PRO portable DAT machine.

Maintenance Tips

The Fostex D-20 comes with a series of DIP switches on the back panel that put the machine into various test modes and special functions. When DIP switch A-8 is turned on and PROG. NO. is selected using the Display Key, the display reads out the number of errors that are being detected as a tape plays back. It magnifies the accuracy over that shown by the front panel green and red LED error and correction indicators. An ideal count would be in the zero to four range, while a count of 20 or more errors will light the green correction LED.

To put the Sony DTC-1000 or PCM-2500 into test mode, one of the test points inside the machine (pin 2 of CNT51) must be grounded. The easiest method is to make a test lead by crimping a female RS-232 pin onto a 12-inch test lead with a mini-alligator clip on the other end. The alligator clip is attached to the chassis. The test mode can be confirmed by pressing the front panel Counter Mode key three times.

Sony's error checker board plugs into the digital board and uses three LEDs (green, yellow, red) to indicate relative error rates. A properly aligned head should show no LEDs, or at worst a few flashes of the green LED per minute. Solid green or heavy flashing of green and yellow indicates alignment problems or head clogging. Red flashes usually indicate serious misalignment or head clogging, and often can result in muting or audio dropouts. The error checker board is essential to monitoring head alignment accuracy.

When working on Sony DATs, you must swing the MD servo board out from the chassis. To operate the machine, you can construct a test stand. If three sets of the wooden side panels (from the DTC-1000ES) are available, they can be bolted together in a U-shape and then fastened onto the machine using the original cover mounting screws. This allows the MD servo board to hang vertically below

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Changing Head Drums

Sony offers a head-checker tool, which is similar to a battery tester in that it gives a simple yes/no indication of head wear. Once the scale indicates "replace head drum," it's time to change your head drum. Can't get much more simple than that.

Lacking a head-checker tool, you can check for excessive head drum wear by looking for dropouts and digital glitches shortly after cleaning the head drum. Recleaning the drum

will alleviate the symptoms for a short time (one or two tapes will play before dropouts start to occur again), a pattern that is identical to head wear on VCRs.

Changing a DAT head drum is easier than changing heads on a cassette machine since there is no physical alignment required on the drum itself. All models are keyed to simply drop in place and tighten down.

Alignment of the S1 and T1 roller guides (see Fig. 2) is usually required and is critical to proper functioning of the machine, as is RF gain and head switch timing. Fig. 3 shows the Sony

mechanical transport with examples of good and bad RF signals. The S1 guide adjusts the input side of the RF envelope, and the T1 guide adjusts the exit side of the envelope. Usually, most other alignments are within specifications after a head drum change.

The most time is spent getting to the head drum assembly in the first place. In the Sony machines, this requires that the top and bottom covers, the front panel and the elevator assembly be removed, and that the MD servo board be opened up (which requires the test stand).

The head drum is held in place by two #0 Phillips screws. A flat cable connects the head drum to the drum drive board, and two cables (for the heater and the RF in/out) go to the power supply board and RF amplifier. These must be unsoldered and then attached to the new head drum assembly.

When mounting the Sony head drum be sure that the flat cable going to the drum drive board is looped below the board rather than above, where it may rub against the drum.

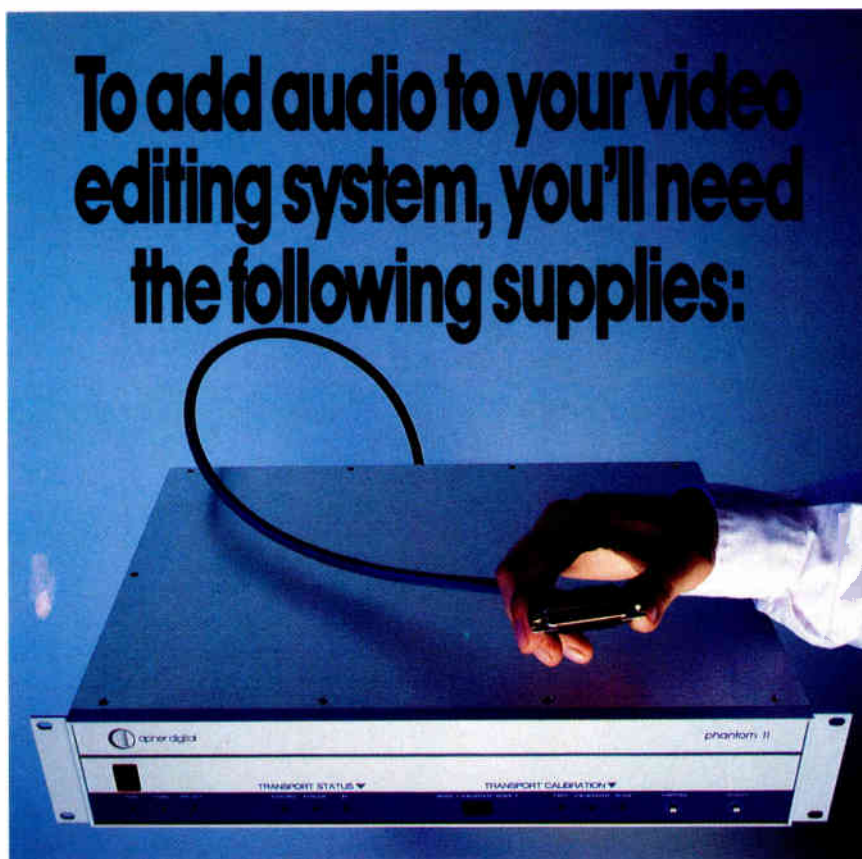
Typical Sony DAT Problems

As DAT recorders age, Muzak has noted certain recurring problems. Some of these are common to all machines, caused by mechanical and/or electronic drifting as components wear, but others are unique to the Sony DTC-1000/PCM-2500/TCID-D10PRO transport.

1. *Eating Tapes.* Check for sticky guide arms. This is especially prevalent after about six to ten months of use. The "F" drawer roller guide (after the pinch roller) is spring-loaded to easily retract as the tape is pulled back into the housing during unloading. If this guide becomes sticky, the tape will not be pulled into the housing completely before the elevator assembly lifts up, closing the cover onto the extended tape.

To clean the guide, the capstan assembly must be removed (this requires opening the MD servo board), and then the guide must be removed and cleaned with freon. It's held in place with a very small plastic retainer clip. Fortunately, the capstan is easy to remove, being held in place with three #0 Phillips screws accessed from the top side of the transport.

2. *Dropouts.* Muting, dropouts and digital glitches can be caused by anything and everything in a DAT machine. It is probably the most com-



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mon symptom. If there is a rhythmic quality to the dropouts or muting (occurring about every one to two seconds), then suspect the RF amp module. It normally switches the heads between record and playback, and if defective, can oscillate between recording/playback sections.

Dropouts are often caused by dirty or worn heads, although it is just as likely that either the S1 and T1 tape guides are off or an electronic adjustment has drifted.

Dropouts can also be caused by the DAT cassette cover slipping forward and hitting the reels during record or playback. Because the DAT transport has a very low torque, this extra drag can adversely affect transport operation. This can also cause the Caution indicator to be displayed. Sony DAT tapes are sometimes prone to this occurrence. Because of their construction, the holdback springs seem to loosen after only ten or 20 openings and closings. As a result, Sony alignment tapes typically must have their reel covers taped in the "open" position during use.

3. "Caution" Errors. The Caution light indicates that the tape has stopped moving or there is excessive moisture inside the machine (which can cause the tape to stick to the head drum). In many cases, this can be traced to sticky reel table brakes. Cleaning the reel table and brake pad will sometimes help, although replacing the assembly is an alternative if a spare is available. Often this will occur when the unit is first powered up after sitting in a cold studio overnight, so the easy solution is to leave it on full time.

In short, startup and maintenance costs for DAT can put a small studio in over its head financially. But in light of the fact that DAT is indeed the lowest priced digital recording technology available, these limitations may seem minor. Studio owners would be well-advised to weigh DAT's limitations (head wear, lack of servicing options, and the new test tools that must be acquired) against its advantages (signal-to-noise ratio, frequency response and distortion) to see how well DAT fits into their mix. ■

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In 1984 it was just an idea—a way to generate publicity and acknowledge a little-recognized segment of the audio industry. The publishers of *Mix* magazine sat down and decided to create an awards show with a twofold purpose: to honor the imagination and achievement of the people and products behind the scenes in professional audio; and to raise money for audio scholarships and charitable organizations that work in the field of deafness research and hearing disabilities. No one could have foreseen that the Technical Excellence & Creativity Awards would become such a respected part of the industry so quickly, with the unique TEC Award a coveted symbol of achievement.

“Nothing that *Mix* magazine has accomplished over the past six years has been more gratifying to me than the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our industry toward the TEC Awards,” says Hillel Resner, publisher of *Mix* magazine and executive producer of the TEC Awards. “No one had to support this effort. That almost everyone has is a real tribute to audio professionals.”

Now, six years later, the TEC Awards have been attended by almost 3,000 people and raised close to \$100,000, contributing nearly \$50,000 to scholarship programs for students in audio. Half of this money has gone to recording schools which have won the TEC Award for Outstanding Recording School/Program: Berklee College of Music (1985-87), University of Miami (1988) and Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts (1989). The other half has gone to the AES Educational Foundation.

In addition to audio education, the TEC Awards have made substantial contributions to research and education in the cure and prevention of hearing disabilities through the Deafness Research Foundation (1985) and the House Ear Institute (1986 to the present). Each year the TEC Awards target a different area to receive the money. This year the funds generated will go to the House Ear Institute's Hearing Is Priceless (HIP) campaign, co-sponsored by *Mix* magazine.

“*Mix* magazine and the TEC Awards are doing something wonderful,” says Dr. John House of the House Ear Institute. “They are helping to prevent hearing loss by educating the public.”

In an effort to build upon the accomplishments of the TEC Awards, *Mix* magazine and ACT III Publishing have created the Mix Foundation for Excellence in Audio, a tax-exempt charitable organization incorporated in the State of California. The foundation was formed to encourage public interest in and understanding of the audio, video, music and other communications media arts. As part of this general purpose, the foundation will support and/or present charitable and educational programs to encourage excellence in this field, as well as programs which work to cure, prevent and promote understanding of hearing impairment and other hazards related to the communications media arts.

The TEC Awards will be a cornerstone of this new foundation. Beginning this year, all proceeds of the TEC Awards will be donated to the Mix Foundation for Excellence in Audio, which will be responsible for distributing the funds to the beneficiaries.



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The awards are divided into three major categories—Technical, Institutional and Creative Achievement—and 21 sub-categories. Choosing the TEC Awards winners is a two-step process. The initial selection is made by the Nominating Panel, comprised of prominent members of the audio industry. *Mix* subscribers then vote on the 126 nominees whose names appear in this issue; the ballots are tabulated by a certified public accountant. The results will be announced at a gala ceremony to be held on Sunday, September 23, at the Biltmore Bowl in Los Angeles.

In 1988, the producers of the TEC Awards created the TEC Awards Hall of Fame in order to recognize the contributions of those special individuals who, during their lifetimes, have exemplified the pursuit of excellence in our industry. Past inductees are Wally Heider, Bob Lifting, Les Paul, George Martin and Rupert Neve. This year the Hall of Fame will honor Deane Jensen, Quincy Jones and George Massenburg.

If you would like more information about the TEC Awards or the Mix Foundation for Excellence in Audio, contact Karen Dunn, TEC Awards Executive Director, at (415) 420-0144.



HEARING IS PRICELESS

No human faculty is more critical to our own industry than the ability to hear. Ironically, as the technological knowledge of sound reproduction has developed to previously unimagined levels, so to has the threat to our hearing from sophisticated sound sources. It seemed both sensible and responsible to the founders of the TEC Awards to contribute a part of the proceeds to the research and prevention of hearing disabilities.

For the past five years, 50% of the ticket revenues have been donated to the House Ear Institute of Los Angeles, California.

HEI is a world-renowned research center dedicated to clinically applied research, professional education and the prevention, treatment and diagnosis of hearing disorders. Affiliated with the Saint Vincent Medical Center and the USC School of Medicine since 1960, HEI is best known for its development of the cochlear implant, which provides some hearing capability to the profoundly deaf. Contributions by the TEC Awards have been used for general research, a cochlear implant for a needy child, and scholarships for families to the "Sharing is Caring" family camp, which brings together families with both deaf and hearing children in an attempt to help all members of the family better understand each other's worlds.

HEI's share of this year's proceeds will go to the Hearing Is Priceless (HIP) campaign. Co-sponsored by *Mix* magazine, this nationwide effort is attempting to increase the public's awareness about the adverse effects of loud noise on hearing. The program will include two phases. The first, launched at Hollywood High in Los Angeles in January 1990, targets the youth audience and emphasizes the dangers of loud rock music. The second phase will be aimed at excessive noise in other forms of recreation, including motorcycles and race cars.

In Southern California, the campaign included the distribution of a record espousing the virtues of HIP and hearing safety, featuring lyrics and music by Brooks McCarter, at Musicland and Sam Goody music stores. Nationally, there have been media interviews with HEI physicians (including a recent piece by Dr. Art Ulene on the *Today Show*), public service announcements and resource literature.

The HIP advisory board is headed by guitarist Jeff "Skunk" Baxter" (former member of Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers), and is composed of leading





recording and entertainment figures from around the country, including *Entertainment Tonight's* John Tesh, soap opera star and musician Michael Damien, one of the original MTV VJs Nina Blackwood and former Ambrosia band member David Pack.

If you are interested in learning more about the HIP campaign or the House Ear Institute, contact Charlie Lahaie, Director of Public Relations for the House Ear Institute, at (213) 483-4431.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE EDUCATION OF OUR FUTURE

Over the past six years, the TEC Awards have contributed nearly \$50,000 to three different schools of audio and the AES Educational Foundation. The money has been used in a variety of ways, but in all cases it has helped students further their education in audio.

Berklee College of Music, of Boston, MA, won the award for Recording School/Program in 1985, '86 and '87. With its share of the proceeds, the college created an endowment fund—the Mix Magazine Scholarship Fund.

"We look for the top student with the highest levels of performance and achievement," says John Collins, director of development for Berklee. "We generate about six scholarships a year.

"The money helps," Collins continues, "but its more an acknowledgement of the student's achievement in front of his or her peers."

The University of Miami, winner in 1988, put its portion of the proceeds into the bank, creating the TEC Awards Scholarship Fund. A cash award, based on the interest of the principal amount, is given each year to an outstanding senior. The first award went to Paul Griffith, who is currently working at a recording studio in Poland.

"Winning the TEC Award made a lot of difference," says Ken Pohlmann, director of Music Engineering. "It's an honor winning the award, and an honor picking out the outstanding student. Money is not the issue, although it doesn't hurt."

Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts, in Winter Park, Florida, won the TEC Award in 1989. They created the TEC Scholarship Fund for Needy Students with their portion of the ticket proceeds. "It's for students who have enrolled in the course, run into financial trouble, and need our assistance," says Garry Jones senior vice president and director of education for Full Sail. "It will benefit students who are here in class, devoted and already with us."

Jones says that he has already interviewed 21 students over the past eight weeks. The next step is to take the list of students before the Board of Directors and determine the students who are most in need.

"It was a big deal for us to win the TEC Award," says Jones. "Many of our new students are aware that we're the TEC winner. It's a nice prestige thing."

Each year since 1985, the Audio Engineering Society Educational Foundation has received 25% of the ticket proceeds. The money has gone into a general fund that furnishes grants for graduate students in the field of audio engineering. Since 1984, grants have been issued to 24 students, with the TEC Awards contributing almost \$30,000.

"The money received from the TEC Awards has definitely made a difference," says Emil Torrick, AES Educational Foundation president. "We've been able to do a significant amount more than we would have without it."



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A. Recording Devices/Storage Technology

Akai A-DAM System: Akai's original digital recording format, A-DAM (Akai Digital Audio Multi-Track) uses six helical scanning heads (three for recording, three for playback) and can record 12 digital channels on 8mm tape. A special analog track can record SMPTE time code or other sync signals. The DL1200 autolocator provides 105 memory locations, 4 channel-status presets, a variety of locating functions, and can be used to simultaneously control three DR1200 transports, creating a 24- or 36-channel digital multitrack recording system.

Lexicon Opus/e: This random access digital audio production system is designed to bring the Opus editing capabilities to existing film, video or music production environments. Opus/e edits, time-aligns and processes audio signals in the digital domain, stores more than 14 hours of material on hard disk, and archives on 8mm streaming tape. Opus/e can be used with any analog or digital mixer or as a stand-alone digital editing or mixing system with its internal 8 x 2 stereo digital mixer.

Panasonic SV-255 Portable DAT Recorder: The SV-255, a lightweight, portable DAT recorder, features a multi-function LCD display, auto or manual program number recording, end-search, 32-step playback programming, high-speed number search and digital output (SPDIF). The SV-255 samples incoming audio at 64 times oversampling, using Panasonic's "MASH" 1-bit delta/sigma A/D conversion system. The newly designed, low-noise mic preamps feature a trim-type input level control (not a fader) to maintain a -128dB EIN specification from low-level mic to line source.

Solid State Logic ScreenSound: This multitrack digital recorder and automated mixing console offers comprehensive editing capabilities. Designed for audio post-production, it provides machine control of multiple VTRs, ATRs, film dubbers, laserdiscs, and Quantel Harry. Edit and sound clip review is immediately available from the hard disk store. All functions are accessed and executed through menu boxes, using only a pen and tablet. Other features include digital audio sample rate conversion of inputs and outputs, and the capability to use multiple working disks.

Sony TCD-D10PRO: The TCD-D10PRO is a compact, portable DAT recorder, featuring balanced inputs, AES/EBU I/O, a built-in speaker, a bright multi-function display, pistol-grip remote control, oversampling A-to-D and D-to-A converters, and a limiter. Its compact size and all-in-one design makes the D10PRO suitable for a variety of location recording tasks.

Studer Editech Dyaxis System 2.4: This hard disk recording and editing system offers advanced digital signal processing power with a wide spectrum of recording and editing capabilities for use in music production, broadcast production, CD mastering, and video and film production. Features include a SMPTE/VITC reader/generator that syncs the Dyaxis system to video sync, film tach or LTC; time code playback and master control for two Dyaxis processors in the 2+2 configuration; the Excelerator card (a Motorola

56001-based card that provides real and non-real time digital signal processing functions); and streaming tape backup system running StuderBacker 2.3 backup software.

B. Signal Processing Technology

Alesis MIDIverb III: The MIDIverb III offers 100 factory presets, along with space for an additional 100 user programs—all with 16-bit clarity. Up to three effects—delay, reverb, chorus or flange—can be used simultaneously, as well as high-frequency roll-off. Other features include real-time MIDI parameter control, MIDI mapping and the system exclusive program dump capability.

ART SGE Mach II: Offering 12 simultaneous audio functions, the SGE Mach II features an exciter, compressor, limiter, noise gate, expander, equalizer, envelope filter, pitch transposer (over two octaves), 12 different distortions and overdrives, 24 different reverb algorithms, stereo chorusing, flanging, panning, and more than 20 types of delay. All parameters are fully programmable and some patches offer more than 30 different parameters. The LCD will also display real time MIDI information as it happens, and will give a numerical readout of aftertouch, channel pressure, note on/off, pitch bend, etc.

Bedini BASE™ (Bedini Audio Spacial Environment): BASE cues the brain with a simulated binaural signal producing a sound with minimal cancellation, more highs, better clarity, more accurate point source and better separation of instruments. It can be adapted to all recording systems in real time. The operator can separate the center information from the complete mix and move it forward, backward or side to side, while simultaneously increasing or decreasing the stereo spread. This multi-dimensional effect can be heard through any conventional stereo system.

DigiTech MEQ Dual 14 MIDI Programmable Equalizer: The MEQ 14 is a 2/3-octave, stereo graphic EQ with 14 bands per channel, utilizing 12 dB cut/boost. It sports 99 memory locations and has the first constant EQ curve readout. Specifications include 90 dB S/N ratio, less than 0.03% THD, 20 Hz to 20 kHz bandwidth, independent MIDI continuous control of each channel, standard ISO frequency centers and a nonvolatile memory. The MEQ 14 is designed for professional and home studios, live sound applications, sound contractors and home system audio-philes.

Eventide H3000SE Studio Enhanced Ultra-Harmonizer®: The H3000SE is the most powerful multi-effects device manufactured by Eventide. Its 19 pitch shift, reverb and delay algorithms include Instant Phaser®, band delay, stutter, string modeller and patchfactory, natural Reverb II, a linear predictive vocoder and multishift, and the first 6-octave, multi-internal pitch shifter. The 200 presets are arranged by type, with thickeners, reverbs and pitch shifters grouped together. Other features include a function generator modulating any parameter with one of 19 LFO waveforms, soft functions for customizing the front panel, MIDI program change and real-time parameter control.

Lexicon LXP-5: The LXP-5 is a compact digital effects processor that provides five simultaneous effects, 64 preset sounds, 128 user-programmable sounds, and comprehensive MIDI implementation for effects networking. The LXP's repertoire includes pitch shifting over a 3-octave range, delay effects with continuous sweep delays, high and low pass equalization filters, ambience and reverbation. All effects parameters can be controlled from the front panel or via MIDI using Lexicon's MRC MIDI Remote Controller.

C. Console Technology

Alesis 1622: Using a monolithic Integrated Surface™ design, the 1622 is suitable for 4- and 8-track recording, MIDI production and sound reinforcement applications. The unit features 16 input channels (eight with XLR mic inputs), two subgroups, six aux sends with eight returns, solo and mute switching on all inputs, and a design that accommodates freestanding or rack-mount installations.

Amek Mozart: The Mozart has two principal formats: All-Input, (input modules are identical and function as mic, line, DI, bus or tape inputs, as required); and In-Line, (inputs use an in-line monitoring system, but in the dual-path mode—each channel accepts two signals simultaneously). Chassis are configured for 40, 56 and 80 inputs and All-Input, In-Line and stereo modules can be mixed. Other features include 32 buses, up to 16 aux sends and comprehensive 4-band EQ. The on-board computer offers "master status" control over many switching functions such as record/mix, bus/tape, EQ in/out, aux sends on/off and mute groups.

Neve VR Series: Designed to easily perform the most complex track laying, overdubbing and mixdown operations, the VR can accurately store console settings (of rotary, pushbutton and fader controls) and recall the configurations from memory. A high-resolution, color graphics display gives a precise representation of the actual control surface. Other features include: Neve Formant Spectrum Equalization; in-channel dynamics control; a mix cue system with variable balance on each overdub track; a solo system combining the advantages of in-place solo, after-pan listen and pfade listen with versatile latching and eight mono/four stereo auxiliaries.

Otari Diskmix 3: Diskmix 3 automation provides for unlimited mix data storage on hard or floppy disks, as well as complete offline editing, including splice, merge, copy, and fader and mute set. The Diskmix 3 Moving Faders is a time code-driven system combining the power of multiprocessors with Penny & Giles fader technology. Diskmix 3 VCA provides all the features and performance of Diskmix 3 Moving Faders, except the motorized fader-specific functions, but includes such VCA specific features as auto-nulling entry into write and update.

Soundcraft 200 Delta: The creation of individual group modules and a separate master section enables the 200 Delta to be configured with less than four subgroups or even as a straight stereo mixer with no subgrouping facilities. Soundcraft's proprietary padless mic pre and patented active pan pots provide the most advanced low-noise circuitry available. The Delta offers access to six aux sends, and the console can be user-specified with any combination of input modules: standard, deluxe, stereo or dual line, available in four frame sizes (8, 16, 24, 32) or as an 8-channel rack-mount.

Trident Vector: Available in frame sizes from 32 to 72 inputs, the Vector features four stereo buses, a 16-mute programmable system that can operate from SMPTE or MIDI time code, and 32 group outputs. Its comprehensive central facilities section includes an extensive cue system, a compressor/limiter on the main output and a matrix system for applications requiring multiple stereo buses. Sonic specifications, including input and output headroom and noise, exceed the requirements of digital recording.

D. Transducer Technology

AKG C-426 Stereo Microphone: A direct descendant of AKG's large-diaphragm stereo microphones (the C-422 and C-24), the C-426 features two twin-diaphragm condenser capsules in a coincident pair, rota-



table over 270 degrees, with LED aiming lights for remote operation. The S-426 remote control unit allows the user to select one of nine settings between omni, cardioid and figure-eight pickup patterns for each capsule. The change in polar patterns is completely free of noise and can be made during the recording process, if necessary. A 10dB pad and a 12dB/octave, 75Hz bass roll-off filter are supplied.

Apogee AE-4 Speakers: The single-amped AE-4 loudspeaker and A-4 processor comprise a music and/or speech reproduction system ideal for churches, clubs, auditoriums and portable A/V usage. The 18 ply per inch, Finland birch enclosure is loaded with a 12-inch high-power cone driver and 1-inch, fluid-cooled compression driver coupled to a uraltite horn. The system processor features a "user preset" mode, which tailors the limiter circuit to the amplifier's dynamic headroom characteristics to prevent clipping.

Crown SASS Microphones: Utilizing a patented design, the SASS-P (Stereo Ambient Sampling System) stereo condenser mic is configured in a near-coincident array featuring two high-grade PZM microphones mounted on boundaries, making each mic directional. To reduce the chance of phase cancellation (resulting from acoustic crosstalk) when operating in mono, a foam barrier divides the mic capsules. A similarly shaped SASS-B, built as a stereo boundary mount for Bruel & Kjaer 4003/4006 microphones, is available for applications requiring extremely low noise.

Intersonic ServoDrive Bass Tech 7: The ServoDrive Bass Tech 7 loudspeaker is a horn-loaded subwoofer, utilizing Intersonics' patented ServoDrive operating principle, which substitutes a high-speed servomotor and belt-drive system for the traditional loudspeaker voice-coil/magnet transducer. The Bass Tech 7 also includes Intersonics' patented Power Cooling system, which virtually eliminates efficiency loss due to power compression. The Bass Tech 7's frequency response is flat to below 28 Hz. A single unit will deliver an SPL of 134 dB (137 dB peak) at full rated power (400 watts RMS).

JBL 2200 Series Low Frequency Transducers: The JBL 2206, 2226 and 2241 low-frequency transducers use Vented Gap Cooling™ (patent pending), a direct voice-coil-to-air heat dissipation method. This process pumps air through the magnetic gap and directly over and around the voice-coil to provide immediate heat transfer, thus reducing operating temperature. Computer-aided magnet optimization and analysis techniques make the 2200 Series speaker lighter with lower distortion characteristics.

Meyer HD-1 Monitors: The HD-1 loudspeaker system is designed for critical sound reproducing applications such as close field monitoring or as a reference for acoustical and psychoacoustical research. Each unit is aligned and optimized to closely approximate a true point-source radiator. The system is comprised of proprietary drivers (8-inch low-frequency cone and 1-inch high-frequency silk dome) housed in a compact, vented cabinet with built-in power amplifiers. The unit also features an active crossover, driver protection circuitry and optimized pole-zero response correction filters for flat phase and frequency response.

E. Musical Instrument Technology

E-mu Proteus™: Proteus is a family of 16-bit, 32-voice polyphonic, digital sound modules. Housed in a one-rack-space enclosure, Proteus uses custom E-mu VLSI technology to combine true 16-bit Emulator III sound quality with a comprehensive level of creative control. Proteus/1 contains 4MB (expandable to 8MB) of high-quality, 16-bit "pop/rock" samples selected from the Emulator III sound library

and stored in ROMs for instant access. Proteus/2 contains 8MB of "orchestral" sounds. Proteus can take apart and reassemble sounds in an almost limitless number of new sounds, combining parts of one sound with another or with any of a selection of digital waveforms also stored in ROM.

Ensoniq VFX-SD Music Production Synthesizer: The VFX-SD brings together wavetable synthesis, effects processing, sequencing and disk storage into a single keyboard. Each sound is composed of six independent sound sources with over 1,900 wave possibilities, including 41 drum and percussion samples. They are layered to create new textures combining analog, sampled and digital sounds. Features include custom 24-bit signal processing, a 24-track sequencer with 25,000-note memory (expandable to 75,000 notes), automated punch/edit points and polyphonic outputs.

Korg T-Series: The T-Series keyboards feature a four Megaword (8 MB) PCM sample ROM, a 50,000-note sequencer, master MIDI controller functions and a disk drive for storage of programs, combinations, global data, sequence data and PCM data. The T1 offers an additional 512K Word of RAM memory for loading new samples through MIDI, T disk or DSM1 performance disks. The T1 has an 88-note weighted, wooden keyboard, the T2 has a 76-note non-weighted (synthesizer-type) keyboard, and the T3 has a 61-note non-weighted keyboard. The entire M1 card library is fully compatible with the T-Series.

Peavey DPM-3: Peavey's first keyboard product, the DPM-3 uses a digital phase modulation synthesis scheme. With a 27MHz voice data rate, the unit offers the processing power of six personal computers in a totally software-based architecture. Other features include an onboard 9-track, 20,000-note sequencer; dual multi-effects signal processing with up to six simultaneous effects; 61-key velocity-sensitive keyboard; and internal floppy drive for storing program, effects and sequence data.

Roland U-220 RS-PCM Multi-Timbral Sound Module: The U-220 has 128 multi-sampled sounds stored in 24 MB of ROM, and two slots allow access to additional sounds from Roland's U-Series Sound Card library. The U-220's multi-timbral capabilities and 30-voice polyphony allow the user to play up to six instrument parts and a separate rhythm part simultaneously. Sounds can be routed to any of three sets of stereo outputs that can be set to function as six polyphonic individual outputs. Other features include onboard Chorus/Flanger and Reverb/Delay effects.

Yamaha SY77 Digital Synthesizer: The SY77 not only allows sampling and frequency modulation to be used separately or combined, but it also allows sampled waveforms to be integrated into the advanced frequency modulation. Part of the SY77's power comes from its Realtime Convolution and Modulation Synthesis (RC&M). Up to eight digital filters per voice allow real time filtering of all sound. The synthesizer also includes four digital signal processors, a 16-track sequencer, 61-note velocity and aftertouch keyboard, a large backlit display and a 24-bit output digital-to-analog converter.

F. Computer Software/Peripherals

Lone Wolf MidiTap: MidiTap is a rack-mount unit using a new protocol—Media Link. It provides bidirectional, fully merged, high-speed communication equal to 32,000 separate MIDI cables over one fiber optic cable. MidiTap provides for configuration of all devices with full electronic patch bay capability from any MidiTap. MidiTap has four MIDI ports, two fiber optic ports and a RS-232/422 port. The fiber optics can link to 255 MidiTap-4s communicating at 2 megabaud. The protocol allows for other

types of data such as SMPTE, video, digital audio, etc., to simultaneously share the cable.

Mark of the Unicorn Performer 3: Performer Version 3 is the first sequencer on the Mac to incorporate editing of music using notation on a grand staff. Notes can be inserted or moved to any pitch or beat. Automated Sliders offers real time control over continuous controller data such as volume and pan. A graphic sequence chaining feature called Chunking™ allows the user to build songs and live performance sets quickly. With chunking, sequences and songs appear on a Song Grid as icons that can be arranged in any order and stacked for consecutive and simultaneous playback.

Passport Designs Pro-4: Pro-4 combines an intuitive, logical user interface with professional features in a flexible sequencer for the creative musician. The program features an integrated track editor for recording up to 64 tracks, a unique graphical song editor, graphic and event list step editing, complete graphic editing of MIDI controllers, a playlist for live performance, support of industry standard MIDI files, real time editing, a global change filter, and a system exclusive utility and keyboard control mapper. Recording and playback can be synchronized to film, video or multitrack audio tape for audio or video post-production work.

Spectral Synthesis SynthCARD™ DSP System: The SynthCARD is a two-board, high-quality digital signal processing system for IBM PC/AT. A unique system architecture allows total freedom in the creation and manipulation of sound and music completely in the digital domain. The SynthCARDs each have two TMS320C25 DSP devices sharing data over the Spectral high-speed FlyBy Bus™. Up to seven SynthCARDs may be paralleled for over 140 MIPS. SPDIF (CD/DAT) digital I/O is built into the system. A separate "daughter" board containing 4 MB of RAM can expand the system to a 16-bit polyphonic sampler.

Steinberg/Jones Cubase Version 1.51: This Atari ST-based system incorporates Visual-Song-Processing (VSP) and Steinberg MIDI-Realtime-Operating System (M.ROS), allowing users to record, edit, arrange and save an entire song without stopping the sequencer. Cubase uses a flexible window-management environment with 16 Arrange-Windows, each with 64 tracks. All patterns are displayed graphically. Edit windows include Key Edit, Drum Edit, Score Edit and Grid Edit. The Dynamic MIDI Manager allows the user to draw their own faders, knobs, buttons, etc., which can produce virtually any MIDI command, so an entire MIDI studio can be automated.

Words & Deeds Archie 2.0: Archie is a complete recording studio information management system for the Mac, written by a record producer and former studio manager. It creates track sheets including setup, microphones, track allocation (to 48 tracks), start/stop cues on titles (tape or SMPTE), artists, producers, engineers, master tape ID, and outboard equipment for up to 12 studio rooms. Archie can also prepare time sheets and invoices automatically, using negotiated or book rates; maintain payable and receivable ledgers and checkbooks; manage master tape libraries; and keep inventory of equipment and supplies, and maintenance scheduling.

G. Ancillary Equipment

Adams-Smith Zeta-3B Synchronizer: The Zeta-3 "B" is identical in performance to its parent, the Zeta Three audio/video/MIDI synchronizer, except that all of the front panel controls and displays have been removed from the "B," and its price has been substantially reduced. The "B" is designed to operate in conjunction with the Zeta Remote Autolocator/



Controller, which contains the controls in a convenient, compact package. The synchronizer features a time code generator, two time code readers, tape synchronizer, and a MIDI synchronizer with tempo, map storage, and a computer interface.

Ampex DATpak™ Mastering Storage System: The DATpak Mastering Storage System is a packaging/labeling system designed specifically for problems associated with the DAT cassette's smaller size. The DATpak includes a two-cassette storage tray with or without the album box; documentation storage for track sheets, recording information and/or duplicating instructions; and a professional labeling system with check-off boxes, track sheets, cassette labels and extended insert cards. Smaller APRS/SPARS-style labels also fit the DAT cassette, while a reduced-view window maximizes labeling space.

Audio Precision System 1+DSP Test System: The System One Dual Domain provides digitally based analysis and synthesis of test signals in both analog and digital domains. Harmonic and spectrum analysis is available for making precision analog measurements. By operating the DSP as a programmable high-selectivity bandpass filter, the system can measure individual harmonic distortion, erasure depth and other wave analyzer-type measurements. System One Dual Domain is the only commercially available test set to allow full testing of consumer and professional digital audio equipment in the digital domain, showing the separation and measurement of the effects of the A/D and D/A conversion system on the audio.

Jensen Twin Servo® 990 Microphone Preamplifier: The Twin Servo 990 mic preamp, housed in a rack-mount unit that holds up to four channels, features front panel-switchable VU/peak LED meter, stepless level control, and back-lighted switches for phantom, polarity and impedance. Dual patented, JE-990-C amplifiers exhibit distortion of less than .003%, even at the maximum gain of 60 dB. DC servo amplifiers and bias compensation eliminate DC currents in the transformers. Overall response, flat from under 1 Hz to over 100 kHz, is the result of computer-matched components and no phantom blocking capacitors.

Tascam MIDlizer Synchronizer: Designed for a wide range of music production applications, the MIDlizer functions as a transport synchronizer that chases lock time code between two multitrack recorders, a MIDI synchronizer for locking virtual MIDI tracks to tape transports, and a MIDI synchronizer. Features include sub-frame accuracy, LCD status display, tempo mapping, SMPTE-based locating and 20-point cueing.

TimeLine Lynx Keyboard Control Unit: The KCU is a six-machine post-production center. It can be used in a variety of applications, including multitrack music recording, dialog re-recording, spotting of effects for video and film, and digital audio sequencing. In addition to operating tape and film transports, the KCU provides two GPI relays for events triggering or talent cueing.

H. Sound Reinforcement Product of the Year

Apogee AE-4 Speakers: The single-amped AE-4 loudspeaker and A-4 processor comprise a music and/or speech reproduction system ideal for churches, clubs, auditoriums and portable AV usage. The 18 ply per inch, Finland birch enclosure is loaded with a 12-inch high-power cone driver and 1-inch, fluid-cooled compression driver coupled to a uraltite horn. The system processor features a "user preset" mode, which tailors the limiter circuit to the amplifier's dynamic headroom characteristics to prevent clipping.

Crown System IQ-2000: Powered by custom Macintosh or IBM software, enabling the user to remotely monitor and control the functions of up to 2,000 amplifiers in a single sound system, the IQ System 2000 is made up of three components: a host computer, an IQ-PIP Card and an IQ System Interface. The IQ System has ten major monitoring functions, including the ability to review the on/off status of each amp channel, input and output, and the IOC (Input/Output Comparator) and ODEP (Output Device Emulator Protection) signals.

Crest/Gamble Series EX House Console: The Series EX console is designed for high-quality, live sound reinforcement work. The standard console consists of 56 input channels, eight stereo subgroups, eight stereo matrices and a comprehensive internal patch bay packaged in 74 inches. Features on each input channel include a 4-band fully parametric EQ, 24 dB per octave sweepable low cut filter, ten aux sends, eight programmable scene mutes and a 20-segment LED meter.

JBL 2200 Series Low Frequency Transducers: The JBL 2206, 2226 and 2241 low-frequency transducers use Vented Gap Cooling™ (patent pending), a direct voice-coil-to-air heat dissipation method. This process pumps air through the magnetic gap and directly over and around the voice-coil to provide immediate heat transfer, thus reducing operating temperature. Computer-aided magnet optimization and analysis techniques make the 2200 Series speaker lighter with lower distortion characteristics.

Showco Prism™ Digital Control System: Based on the latest DSP technology, the Prism Digital Control System is the self-contained control system for Showco's Prism sound system. All functions are software-controlled. The system has in-depth diagnostic capability with clear status indications for the operator. Protection circuitry prevents damaging signals from reaching the power amplifiers as well as level display feedback from all inputs and outputs. The application of proprietary DSP circuitry and software enables precise, integrated control of the Prism system operating parameters.

Soundcraft 200 Delta: The creation of individual group modules and a separate master section enables the 200 Delta to be configured with less than four subgroups or even as a straight stereo mixer with no subgrouping facilities. Soundcraft's proprietary padless mic pre and patented active pan pots provide the most advanced low-noise circuitry available. The Delta offers access to six aux sends, and the console can be user-specified with any combination of input modules: standard, deluxe, stereo or dual line, available in four frame sizes (8, 16, 24, 32) or as an 8-channel rack-mount.

I. Recording Product of the Year

Akai A-DAM System: Akai's original digital recording format, A-DAM (Akai Digital Audio Multi-Track) uses six helical scanning heads (three for recording, three for playback) and can record 12 digital channels on 8mm tape. A special analog track can record SMPTE time code or other sync signals. The DL1200 autolocator provides 105 memory locations, 4 channel-status presets, a variety of locating functions, and can be used to simultaneously control three DR1200 transports, creating a 24- or 36-channel digital multitrack recording system.

Gotham CDR-90 CD Reference System: Combining advanced technology from companies such as Yamaha, Dell Computer, Harmonia Mundi Acustica and Fuji Film, the CDR-90 is an integrated system allowing studios and mastering houses to cut reference CDs for clients. The CDR-90 discs are an exact replica of the final CD product, including all track

and indexing data. Other applications for the system include the production of CDs for radio spots, effects libraries, A/V displays and other short-run applications.

Neve VR Series: Designed to easily perform the most complex track laying, overdubbing and mixdown operations, the VR can accurately store console settings (of rotary, pushbutton and fader controls) and recall the configurations from memory. A high-resolution, color graphics display gives a precise representation of the actual control surface. Other features include: Neve Formant Spectrum Equalization; in-channel dynamics control; a mix cue system with variable balance on each overdub track; a solo system combining the advantages of in-place solo, after-pan listen and prefade listen with versatile latching and 8 mono/4 stereo auxiliaries.

Solid State Logic ScreenSound: This multitrack digital recorder and automated mixing console offers comprehensive editing capabilities. Designed for audio post-production, it provides machine control of multiple VTRs, ATRs, film dubbers, laserdiscs, and Quantel Harry. Edit and sound clip review is immediately available from the hard disk store. All functions are accessed and executed through menu boxes, using only a pen and tablet. Other features include digital audio sample rate conversion of inputs and outputs, and the capability to use multiple working disks.

Studer Editech Dyaxis System 2.4: This hard disk recording and editing system offers advanced digital signal processing power with a wide spectrum of recording and editing capabilities for use in music production, broadcast production, CD mastering, and video and film production. Features include a SMPTE/VITC reader/generator that syncs the Dyaxis system to video sync, film tach or LTC; time code playback and master control for two Dyaxis processors in the 2+2 configuration; the Excelerator card (a Motorola 56001-based card that provides real and non-real time digital signal processing functions); and streaming tape backup system running StuderBacker 2.3 backup software.

Tascam MSR-24 24-Track Recorder: Using a 1-inch tape format with 10.5-inch reel capacity, the MSR-24 offers 7.5 or 15 ips speeds with +/-15% pitch change, built-in dbx Type 1 noise reduction, two location memories (plus return to zero), table-top or rack-mount use, bargraph meters with peak hold, and parallel and serial control ports.

II. Outstanding Creative Achievement

Awarded to those individuals or teams who, during the eligibility period, have achieved the highest levels of excellence in professional audio.

A. Recording Engineer

Ed Cherney: During the past year, Ed Cherney engineered and mixed Bonnie Raitt's Grammy Award-winning album *Nick of Time*, mixed the single "Anything Can Happen" for Was (Not Was); produced, engineered and mixed the Bonedaddy's *World Beat-nicks*; and recorded and mixed the new Was (Not Was) LP *Are You OK?*. He also engineered and mixed music for other projects, including Cry Before Dawn's *Witness to the World*, Michael McDonald's *Take It to The Heart* and *Get The Word Started*, the



debut album *Janata*, and Nathalie Archangel's debut LP, *My Older Lover*. He also recorded and mixed tracks for such films as *Dick Tracy* and *Always*, and recorded the TV themes for *Sister Kate* and *Jesse Hawkes*. Jingle work included The Home Club's "Do It Yourself" and Burger King's "Break the Rules."

Bob Clearmountain: During the eligibility year, two-time Grammy winner Bob Clearmountain produced albums for King Swamp and Cindy Bullens, and mixed tracks on albums for Michael Penn and Tears for Fears.

Keith Cohen: During the eligibility year, Keith Cohen's mixing credits included work for Paula Abdul, Prince, Bobby Brown, Miami Sound Machine, After 7, Earth Wind & Fire, Robert Palmer, Louis Louis, Callows, Aftershock, Brother Beyond and Glen Medeiros.

Kevin Killen: Over the past year, Kevin Killen co-produced, engineered and mixed Elvis Costello's *Spike*; mixed and did overdubs on Kate Bush's *Sensual World*; mixed Jane Siberry's *Bound By The Beauty and Shawn Colvin's Steady On*; and mixed Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire" single for re-release in the movie *Great Balls of Fire*.

George Massenburg: During the eligibility period, George Massenburg engineered Flim & the BB's *New Pants*, Little Feat's *Representing the Mambo* and Linda Ronstadt's *Cry Like A Rainstorm, Howl Like the Wind* album (given the Best Engineered Non-Classical Grammy Award in 1990).

Shelly Yakus: Shelly Yakus, of A&M Records, engineered Belinda Carlisle's latest LP and Don Henley's *End of the Innocence* album during the past year.

B. Remote/Broadcast Recording Engineer

Guy Charbonneau: Last year's projects for Guy Charbonneau included tours with Bad Company, Joe Cocker and dates with Metallica. In Seattle, Charbonneau recorded Fine Young Cannibals using Westwood One's remote truck. Special events included the Montreal Jazz Festival; the AIDS Benefit in Oakland, CA; songs for Cirque de Soleil; the EICC Benefit Concert for Cinemax/HBO; and the Roy Orbison Tribute to Benefit the Homeless. Soundtracks for feature films included *Dick Tracy* and *Postcards From the Edge* with Record Plant and Studio on Wheels remote trucks. All projects, except the Jazz Festival, were recorded with Le Mobile.

Bob Clearmountain: During the eligibility year, two-time Grammy winner Bob Clearmountain mixed live broadcast concerts of the Rolling Stones, The Who's rock-opera "Tommy," and the Roy Orbison Tribute for the Homeless.

Ron Estes: Ron Estes has been with NBC for more than 20 years. During the eligibility year he was the audio mixer for *The Tonight Show*.

Randy Ezratty: Randy Ezratty has been making location recordings since 1980, when he established E-fanel Music. During the past year, Ezratty worked on major live recording events including The Who's "Tommy" pay-per-view special and album; The Rolling Stones' "Steel Wheels" pay-per-view concert; Depeche Mode's *101* LP and film soundtrack; Prince's "Saturday Night Live—15th Anniversary" performance; Carly Simon's *My Romance* HBO special; Ruben Blades *Live*; and "Late Night with David Letterman 8th Anniversary Special."

Ed Greene: Over the past year, Ed Greene worked on the 1990 Grammy Awards; the Emmys; the Tony Awards; Kennedy Center Honors; Christmas in Washington; AFI Salute to David Lean; Easter Seal Telethon; Grammy Living Legends; "Kenny, Dolly and Willie" (which won an Emmy); *Star Search* and

Carol & Co. Greene is a partner at Greene, Crowe & Co., and consults with Complete Post.

David Hewitt: David Hewitt is president of Remote Recording Services, Inc., based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. During the past year, Hewitt worked on Neil Young's album *Freedom*, Van Morrison's live video and Lou Reed's *Live in Montreal* video.

C. Mastering Engineer

Gregory Fulginiti: During the eligibility year, Fulginiti mastered the Grammy Award-winning Album of the Year, *Nick of Time*, by Bonnie Raitt, *Pump* for Aerosmith, and *The Chess Box Set* for Chuck Berry, as well as records by Cher, Jan Child, Eric Clapton, Andrew Dice Clay, Joe Cocker, Great White, Chris Isaak, Elton John, Kiss, Randy Newman, Starship, Vixen, Muddy Waters, Whitesnake and The Who.

Bernie Grundman: Bernie Grundman, owner of Bernie Grundman Mastering in Hollywood, mastered recordings by such artists as Michael Jackson, Billy Idol, Anita Baker, Prince, Barbra Streisand and Quincy Jones during the past year.

Ted Jensen: Ted Jensen is chief engineer for Sterling Sound. During the past year he mastered albums and CDs for Billy Joel, Duran Duran, Special EFX, Spyro Gyra, Carly Simon, Winger, The Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton.

Bob Ludwig: Masterdisk Corporation vice president and chief engineer Bob Ludwig mastered work for Phil Collins, Lou Reed, Tracy Chapman, Pat Metheny, and many jazz and classical projects such as the Kronos Quartet during the past year.

Steve Marcussen: During the eligibility year, Steve Marcussen mastered many albums, including work by Don Henley, Bruce Hornsby, Roy Orbison, XTC, Chicago, Gary Numan, Yellowjackets, Belinda Carlisle, Madonna, Fleetwood Mac, Julee Cruise, Bobby Z, Youssou N'Dour, Cold Cut, Lonesome Romeos, Trevor Rabin, Black Velvet Band, Michelle Shocked, Dwight Yoakam and Martika.

Denny Purcell: Denny Purcell, owner and president of Georgetown Masters, mastered work for Take Six, BeBe & CeCe Winans, Sandi Patti, Whitney Houston, Hank Williams, Jr., Ricky Van Shelton, Garth Brooks, Don Williams, Highway 101, The Highwaymen, Vern Gosdin, Restless Heart, Alabama, Kathy Mattea and Dolly Parton during the eligibility year.

D. Sound Reinforcement Engineer

Rob Colby: During the eligibility year, Rob Colby was house engineer with The Cure, Prince and Phil Collins.

Clive Franks: Clive Franks spent almost all of 1989 working on The Who's 25th Anniversary World Tour, and is currently on tour with Robert Plant.

Dave Kob: During the eligibility year, Dave Kob engineered on tours by Don Henley and Elton John.

Benjamin Lefevre: Independent sound reinforcement engineer Benji Lefevre designed the stadium sound system and mixed the "Steel Wheels" American tour for The Rolling Stones during the eligibility year.

Mike Ponczek: Employed by Showco, Inc., since 1977, Mike Ponczek served as audio mixing engineer for Eric Clapton's Europe/Israel tour, and Mike and the Mechanics' European tour in 1989/90. He is currently mixing the Paul McCartney World Tour throughout the UK, Europe, North America, Japan and Brazil.

Brian Ruggles: During the past year Brian Ruggles worked with Billy Joel, mixing the world "Storm Front" tour.

E. Record Producer

Peter Asher: During the past year Peter Asher produced Linda Ronstadt's *Cry Like A Rainstorm, Howl Like The Wind* and was awarded the 1989 Grammy for Producer of the Year. He also produced 10,000 Maniacs' *Blind Man's Zoo* and seven tracks on Peter Dinklage's *Harry's Cafe De Wheels*.

Jimmy Jam/Terry Lewis: During the eligibility year, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, owners of Flyte Tyme Studios, produced Janet Jackson's *Rhythm Nation: 1814*. They also completed work on albums for Johnny Gill and Michael Jeffries.

Quincy Jones: Quincy Jones produced his own *Back on the Block* album during the eligibility year.

Daniel Lanois: During the past year Daniel Lanois produced Bob Dylan's *Oh Mercy*, The Neville Brothers' *Yellow Moon*, and his own album, *Arcadia*.

Hugh Padgham/Phil Collins: During the eligibility year the team of Hugh Padgham and Phil Collins produced and recorded Phil Collins' *...But Seriously*.

Don Was: 1990 Grammy Award winner Don Was produced Bonnie Raitt's *Nick of Time*, four tracks on the B-52's *Cosmic Thing* (including the single "Love Shack") and work by Carly Simon, Mitch Ryder, Iggy Pop, Dion, Voice of the Beehive, Andrew Dice Clay, Was (Not Was) and the Rolling Stones (12-inch remixes) during the past year.

F. Audio Post-Production Engineer

John Alberts: During the past year, John Alberts' credits included audio post-production for "Late Night with David Letterman 8th Anniversary Special" and *Sensibilities and Sense* for PBS/American Playhouse; sound design and audio post-production for The Who—"Tommy" for FBN/CBS Home Video and *Spike Lee Presents Doin' It Acapella* for PBS; and music mix, sound design and audio post for *Spy Magazine—How To Be Famous*. Alberts also did audio post work for *Michelob Presents Sunday Night and Saturday Night Live*, including all videotaped segments, music pre-records and all shows for rebroadcast.

Bruce Botnick: During the eligibility period, Bruce Botnick produced and engineered the soundtracks for *The Burbs* and *Star Trek V: The Last Frontier*, and engineered the soundtrack for *Blaze*.

Ben Burtt/Richard Hymns/David Slusser/Gary Summers: During the eligibility year, the team of Ben Burtt, Richard Hymns, David Slusser and Gary Summers worked on *Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade* and *Always*.

Tom Fleischman: During 1989 Tom Fleischman, of Sound One in New York, worked on *New York Stories*, *Second Sight*, *Little Monsters*, *Do The Right Thing*, *Miami Blues*, *An Innocent Man*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *She Devil* and *A Shock to the System*.

Scott M. Gershin: During the eligibility year, Scott Gershin, a sound editor at Soundelux, worked on *Born on the Fourth of July*, *Honey, I Shrank the Kids*, *Glory*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Uncle Buck* and *Christmas Vacation*. *Born on the Fourth of July* won Gershin and the Soundelux team a Golden Reel award for best sound editing for a feature film. *Glory* won an Oscar for best sound.

Ken Hahn: Ken Hahn, a partner at Sync Sound in New York City, worked on a variety of projects during the eligibility year, including the *Luther Vandross Live at Wembley* home video, the NBC-TV series *True Blue*, the *Van Morrison Live at the Beacon* video, the "Bud Bowl II" Super Bowl series for Anheuser-Busch, Barbara Walters' specials, Howard Stern's *Open Soars* home video and the Grammy Award-winning cast album *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*.



III. Outstanding Institutional Achievement

Awarded to those companies, facilities or institutions that have contributed most significantly to excellence and innovation in audio during the eligibility period.

A. Acoustics/Studio Design Company

Tom Hidley Design Service, Montreux, Switzerland: During the eligibility year, Tom Hidley completed King Records in Tokyo; Kiva Sound in Memphis, TN; Odyssey Studio in Nashville, TN; the fourth room at Masterfonics in Nashville, TN; and Nomis Studios in London.

The Joiner-Rose Group, Inc., Dallas, TX: During the nomination period the Joiner-Rose Group, under the direction of Russ Berger, performed work on NBC's *Saturday Night Live* audio post facilities; audio studios at National Capital Music Building, Washington, DC; JC Penney's corporate television studios and A/V/V facilities; Middle Tennessee State University's 100,00-square-foot Mass Communications facility; a personal studio for Steve Miller; WLS-FM, Chicago; WLUP-FM, Chicago; W*USA-TV, Washington, DC; WFDD-FM, Winston-Salem, NC; South Carolina Educational TV; and USA Radio Network.

Perception, Inc., Los Angeles, CA: Founded in 1970 by George Augspurger, Perception, Inc., is a consulting group specializing in architectural acoustics and studio design. A list of clients during the eligibility period was not available at presstime.

RLS Acoustics, San Francisco, CA: RLS is a full-service technical facilities design and engineering firm. Specializing in broadcast, audio and video production facilities, RLS provides architectural acoustic and systems design. Recent projects include on-air broadcast facilities for Tandem Computer, Inc.; business television and production facilities for Hewlett-Packard, Inc.; audio production and telecine suites for One Pass, Inc.; TV production facilities for Stanford University's Hoover Institute; the corporate boardroom for the GAP, Inc.; the Center for New Music Technology at UC Berkeley; full-service video production facilities for Flesling & Flesling Co.; conferencing facilities for Digital Equipment Corporation's Systems Research Center; and building acoustics and HVAC noise control for the Shearwater Complex in San Francisco.

John Storyk Design Group, New York, NY: John Storyk has provided design and construction supervision services for the professional audio recording community since 1969. During the past year his media facility projects included completion of the 23,000 sq. ft., six-studio complex for Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts and Platinum Post (Winter Park, FL); audio room installations for Soundshop (Nashville, TN); Crawford Post (Atlanta, GA); a private studio designed for Taylor Dayne's producer, Rick Wake; a new HDTV video post facility for Rebo Video (New York, NY); a five-studio complex for the L.A. Studios, "Margarita Mix"; installation of the newest room for Howard Schwartz Recording (New York, NY); and completion of the 15,000 sq. ft. Bearsville Theatre (Woodstock, NY).

Waterland Design, Hollywood, CA: During the eligibility period, Waterland Design executed the design and construction of Post Logic Studios in Hollywood; worked in cooperation with Studio Works (Venice, CA) to write a programmatic report on the proposed addition of two recital halls and additional rehearsal spaces on campus for USC's School of Music; added a mix room to One on One Studio (North Hollywood, CA); and designed Saturn Studio (Burbank, CA). All design was under the direction of Vincent van Haaff

and George Newburn, with construction by Lawrence Buckley, Lyle Ireland and Paul Reynolds.

B. Recording Studio

A&M Recording Studios, Hollywood, CA: Founded in 1967 by Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss, A&M's Studios include five recording studios, a post-production duplication facility operating 130 cassette machines in real time and a digital mastering suite featuring the Sonic System. Artist credits were not available.

Conway Recording Studios, Hollywood, CA: Musical ventures performed at Conway over the past year include Billy Idol's *Charmed Life*, Cher's *Heart of Stone*, and work by artists such as Quincy Jones, Aretha Franklin, Al B. Sure, Jackson Browne, Steve Perry and Jeffrey Osborne. Soundtrack work included *Pretty Woman*, *Hard to Kill* and *Another 48 Hours*. Conway's Studio A and B are both equipped with Neve VR 72s and GML moving fader automation and recall. In addition, the studio provides three 24-track Studer A827s, three 32-track digital Mitsubishi X-880s, two 2-track digital Mitsubishi X-86HS, and an extensive assortment of outboard gear.

Ocean Way Recording, Hollywood, CA: During the eligibility period, Ocean Way Recording worked with numerous artists including Anita Baker, Barbra Streisand, Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Springsteen, Cher, Linda Ronstadt, Madonna, Mike and the Mechanics, Michael Jackson, Paula Abdul, Taylor Dayne, Was (Not Was), Bette Midler, Bruce Hornsby & the Range, Iggy Pop, Kenny G, and Roy Orbison, among others. Film and TV credits included the Academy Awards, *Cheers*, *Dear John*, *Mancuso*, *Blaze*, *Dick Tracy*, *The Guardian*, *House Party*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Star Trek V*, *Wild at Heart*, *Shirley Valentine*, *Karate Kid III*, *Opportunity Knocks* and *Wild Orchids*.

Power Station, New York, NY: Power Station's four studios house a Neve 8068 Series console (Studio A), an SSL SL4000E with Total Recall (Studios B and Studio C), and an SL4000E. The new Audio-Video IU mixing suite has an SSL 4072 G Series console that enables recording and mixing audio as well as post-production for film and video. Recent clients include Eric Clapton, Judy Collins, Whitney Houston, Billy Squier, Rolling Stones, James Taylor, Grateful Dead and Carly Simon. Film credits include *Cadence*, *Turner and Hooch*, and *Lethal Weapon 2*. National commercial work includes Chevy, Coca-Cola, American Express and Budweiser.

Real World Studios, Bath, England: Founded in 1986 by Peter Gabriel, Real World Studios houses three control rooms and five live spaces which can be connected in any way to suit individual projects. All control rooms have SSL consoles, and both analog and digital recording equipment is available. Recent clients include New Order, Wet Wet Wet, Clannad, The Guo Brothers, Geoffrey Oryema, The Mighty Lemon Drops, Carmel, Mica Paris, Hue & Cry, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Oleta Adams and Breathe. Real World Studios is also the center for Real World Design, Post Haste Television and Real World Records.

Skyline Studios, New York, NY: Recent upgrades at Skyline include the renovation of the third-floor studio and control room, with the installation of a 64-input SSL G Series console and two Studer A800s. The past year's projects include tracking for Eric Clapton's *Journeyman* and the latest releases by Lloyd Cole, Tom Jones and Buster Poindexter. Skyline also recorded and mixed Suzanne Vega's most recent release (with Hugh Padgham mixing). Other albums included They Might Be Giants' *Flood*, the B-52's *Cosmic Thing*, Seduction's debut LP, and Shawn Colvin's album (Kevin Killen mixing). Neil Dorfsman's projects at Skyline included mixing Laurie Anderson's *Strange Angels*, the upcoming album from Tom Kimmel, and Just William's debut. Skyline also mixed Michael Bolton's single "Georgia" and jazz albums by Mike Stern Najee and John Zorn.

C. Sound Reinforcement Company

Audio Analysts, Plattsburg, NY: Now in its 22nd year, Audio Analysts worked with such groups as Billy Joel, New Kids on the Block, Heart and Richard Marx during the eligibility year. The company has also installed permanent house systems at the Montreal Forum and the National Arts Center in Ottawa, Canada, and a semi-permanent installation at Pacific Amphitheater in Costa Mesa, CA. Last year Audio Analysts opened a Los Angeles office and now keeps full systems on both coasts. The company has also been busy in the R&D Department, and in December launched its first custom console, the AA/CADD-SM-1H, a 64-input house console.

Clair Bros., Lititz, PA: Clair Bros. is a worldwide business, with offices in London, the U.S. and Tokyo, capable of fielding 14 sound systems on the road simultaneously. Company credits include sound reinforcement for Bon Jovi, R.E.M., Kenny Rogers, Elton John, Duran Duran, Amy Grant, Paul Simon, The Who, Don Henley, Stevie Nicks (including Fleetwood Mac in Australia), Janet Jackson, Fine Young Cannibals, The BoDeans, The Waterboys and Madonna. Clair Bros. also provided the sound for "Hollywood Rock" in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Electrotec Productions, Inc., Canoga Park, CA: Electrotec Productions, Inc. provides touring sound production services from Canoga Park, CA, Nashville, TN, and London, England. During the past year, touring clients included Alabama, Barry Manilow, Randy Travis, Cheap Trick, Ozzy Osbourne, Rod Stewart, Hiroshima, Elvis Costello, Tesla, Great White, Marlboro, Tom Petty, Cher, Jefferson Airplane, Eurythmics, Trevor Rabin, Alice Cooper, Rush, Rickie Lee Jones and Lenny Kravitz. Principals include Pierre D'Astugues, president and chief operating officer; Mick Whelan, research & development division; Jim Douglas, equipment manager; and David Gautrey, chief service engineer.

Maryland Sound Industries, Inc., Baltimore, MD: Maryland Sound specializes in custom audio engineering and design services for international installations and touring. The Permanent Systems Department is currently providing design services for Sanrio and Oita Theme Parks in Japan, and is doing installation services for Sandcastle, Inc., in Guam; NASA Space Station Freedom Headquarters in Maryland; and 11 attractions at Universal Studios in Florida. The Touring Department's client roster during the eligibility year included Pink Floyd, David Bowie, Depeche Mode, Chicago, Neil Diamond, Tears for Fears, Dan Fogelberg, Bobby McFerrin, the Pointer Sisters, Belinda Carlisle, Joe Jackson, Paul Simon, Debbie Gibson, Whitney Houston, Hall & Oates, Dolly Parton, Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Neil Young, Sheena Easton, Frankie Valli, The Cure, Anne Murray, Kenny G, Patti LaBelle, Peter Allen and Roberta Flack.

Showco, Inc., Dallas, TX: Recently celebrating its 20th anniversary, Showco added a European operations base during the eligibility year and had 1989/90 touring credits on all the inhabited continents. Over the past year, the Showco Prism sound system was the choice of the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, Phil Collins, Eric Clapton, Diana Ross, Linda Ronstadt, Stevie Ray Vaughan & Double Trouble, Jeff Beck, Little Feat, Carole King, the Bee Gees, Reba McEntire and Joe Satriani. Showco also introduced the Prism Digital Control System in September 1989.

Ultra Sound, San Rafael, CA: Ultra Sound is an audio service and development company started in 1978 by Don Pearson and Howard Danckick. The company has provided sound for many bands, with the Grateful Dead their oldest and largest account. Their systems feature Gamble house and monitor consoles, Crest amplifiers and Meyer speakers. Ultra Sound also builds custom cases and cabinets for their clients.



D. Mastering Facility

Artisan Sound Recorders, Hollywood, CA: Artisan Sound Recorders was the first independent mastering studio on the West Coast. During the eligibility year, Greg Fulginiti mastered the Grammy Award-winning Album of the Year, *Nick of Time*, by Bonnie Raitt, and *Pump* by Aerosmith, as well as recordings by Cher, Jane Child, Andrew Dice Clay, Joe Cocker, Black Crowes, Chris Isaak, Elton John, Kiss, Randy Newman, Vixen, Muddy Waters and Whitesnake.

Fullersound, Inc., Miami, FL: Fullersound is a state-of-the-art, full-service mastering facility. Catering to all musical fields, Fullersound can accommodate almost all analog and digital formats and is equipped with Neve DTC, Sony 1630, DAT, F1, Mitsubishi, Sony DASH and Dolby SR. Clients during the past year included Expose, Julio Iglesias, Barry Manilow, Nestor Torres, Kashif, Jimmy Cliff, 2 Live Crew, Shana, Bandera, Marcia Griffith, Betty Wright, The Young & The Restless, Professor Griff, Jose Luis Rodriguez, Ricardo Montaner, Paris By Air, Company B and Luis Enrique. Staff engineers are Michael Fuller and Rod Fuller.

Bernie Grundman Mastering, Hollywood, CA: During the eligibility year, Bernie Grundman Mastering worked on recordings for such artists as Michael Jackson, Billy Idol, Anita Baker, Quincy Jones, Barbra Streisand, Rickie Lee Jones, Janet Jackson, Prince, Eazy-E and Depeche Mode. Bernie Grundman Mastering offers three fully equipped studios, capable of all-digital domain processing, with a hard disk editing system and a digital evaluation room complete with a CD reference disc cutting system.

Masterdisk, Corp., New York, NY: During the eligibility period, Masterdisk Corp. worked with 3rd Bass, The Beastie Boys, De La Soul, Debbie Gibson, Justice, James Brown, Jethro Tull, Tina Turner, Tone-Loc, Young MC, Sinead O'Connor, Sound Garden, Stetsasonic, The Ramones, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, LL Cool J, New Kids on the Block and Public Enemy. They also worked on Prince's *Batman LP*. Masterdisk engineers include Bob Ludwig, Howie Weinberg, Tony Dawsey, Scott Hull, Andy VanDette and Don Grossinger.

Precision Lacquer, Hollywood, CA: During the eligibility period Precision Lacquer mastered over 120 albums. These included work by Don Henley, Bruce Hornsby, Roy Orbison, XTC, Chicago, Gary Numan, Yellowjackets, Belinda Carlisle, Madonna, Fleetwood Mac, Julee Cruise, Bobby Z, Youssou N'Dour, Cold Cut, Lonesome Romeos, Trevor Rabin, Black Velvet Band, Michelle Shocked, Dwight Yoakam, Steve Jones, Vonda Shepard, Eighth Wonder, Sadao Watanabe, Bonham, Lou Gramm, Bang Tango, Peter Case, Tragically Hip, Mary's Danish, The Creatures, Laura Branigan, Havalinas, Alisha and Martika, and soundtrack albums for *Born on the Fourth of July*, *The Last Temptation of Christ* and *Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade*.

Sterling Sound, New York, NY: Sterling Sound is outfitted with Neve DTCs, Sony and Mitsubishi digital playback systems, the Teldec DMM system and the Audio Animation Muse Digital Transfer system. Mastering engineers include George Marino, Ted Jensen, Greg Calbi and Jose Rodriguez. During the eligibility year, Sterling Sound mastered projects for Heart, Eric Clapton, the Rolling Stones, Motley Crue, Luther Vandross, Bad English, Warrant, Skid Row, Taylor Dayne and The Cult, and the soundtrack for *Pretty Woman*.

E. Remote Recording Facility

Effanel Music, New York, NY: Established in 1980, Effanel Music has two trucks and features an SSL G Series console, Meyer HD-1 monitors and dual Sony 3348 48-track digital recorders. Credits for the past

year include The Rolling Stones' "Steel Wheels '89"; The Who's "Tommy"; NBC's "Late Night with David Letterman 8th Anniversary Special"; the *Night Music* TV series, the Daytime Emmys, Depeche Mode's *101*; "Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman—Live From Carnegie Hall"; and "New Kids on the Block—Live From Nassau Coliseum." The Effanel team is Randy Ezratty, John Harris, Mark Shane and Adam Pinch.

Fanta Professional Services, Nashville, TN: Fanta Professional Services specializes in mobile recording for the entertainment industry. Clients include all four major TV networks, several major film companies, radio networks and syndicators, and most major record labels. During the past year, projects included *Super Bowl XXIV*, *Night Before Super Bowl*, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, *Hank Williams Story* on PBS, and a long-form video for Kitaro. Fanta president Johnny Rosen serves on the boards of the AES, NARAS, NATAS, NEA, SPARS, Nashville Symphony Association, and the advisory board for the Belmont College Music Business Program.

Le Mobile, North Hollywood, CA: Le Mobile is a fully equipped mobile recording studio with an automated Neve 8058 console, two Studer A800 24-track recorders with Dolby SR and an array of outboard gear. During the past year, Le Mobile did tours for the Grateful Dead, Joe Cocker and Bad Company. Special events included the Roy Orbison Tribute to Benefit the Homeless at the Universal Amphitheater in L.A.; the AIDS Benefit in Oakland, CA; and the *EICC Benefit Concert* for Cinemax/HBO. At Universal, Le Mobile recorded Madonna for *Dick Tracy*. Le Mobile also recorded the audio for concert videos for Carole King, Chick Corea, and Anderson, Bruford, Wakeman & Howe. Other recordings included Pat Benetar and Metallica.

Record Plant Remotes, Los Angeles, CA: The Record Plant Remote mobile unit II is a specially designed 44-input API console with JBL monitors. Mobile unit III offers a 44-input API with John Meyer monitors. Otari MTR-90IIs come stock with the mobile unit package, with any digital configuration available as an option. During the past year Record Plant Remotes has worked with Neil Young, Reba McEntire, The Gatins, Ringo Starr's All Starr Band, Chicago, the San Francisco Opera, New Kids in Town, Don Henley, Jefferson Airplane, Melissa Etheridge, Sound Garden, Kenny G, the Academy Awards, the Grammy Awards and the Country Music Awards.

Remote Recording Services, Lahaska, PA: Probably best known for operating the "Black Truck," Remote Recording Services started 1990 with the "Silver Studio," a brand new, 41-foot tractor-trailer specifically designed for large-scale concerts, with a massive TV and broadcast interface. It features a 48 x 48 API console, Studer A820s with Dolby SR or optional Sony 3324/3348 digital recorders. Recent credits include Neil Young's *Freedom* album, Van Morrison's live video, and Lou Reed's *Live in Montreal* video.

Westwood One Mobile Recording Division, Culver City, CA: The Westwood One Companies are the world's largest producer of nationally and internationally sponsored radio programs, specials and concerts. During the past year, Westwood One worked with such artists as Randy Travis, K.T. Oslin and Hank Williams, Jr.; Guns N' Roses, Living Colour, Bon Jovi, Skid Row, Steve Miller, Jackson Browne, Don Henley, Fine Young Cannibals, Bobby Brown, Cowboy Junkies, Stevie Nicks, The Who, The Winans and Frank Sinatra. Chief recording engineers Biff Dawes (Los Angeles) and Dale Peters (Cleveland Mobile) are headed by vice president Richard Kimball.

F. Recording School/Program

Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA: The Music Technology Division offers a four-year degree/diploma program focusing on professional production,

engineering, music synthesis skills and extensive hands-on training. The Berklee facilities include seven fully equipped studios (three 24-track); a digital/video post-production editing room; three synthesis rooms with individual workstations and MIDI-equipped ensemble/recital rooms. Courses include analog/digital audio, automated mixing, digital/video post-production, maintenance, music business, sound reinforcement and MIDI-SMPTE synchronization systems.

Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts, Winter Park, FL: Full Sail's emphasis is on in-studio, hands-on, practical experience in recording/engineering, film and video production and other industry-related fields. The school is situated in a 30,000-sq.-ft., nine-studio mega-complex, with a Neve VR 60-input console, five 24-track tape machines, three Synclavier suites with Direct-to-Disk, and a MIDI studio. The school is the official training center for both Neve and New England Digital.

Institute of Audio Research, New York, NY: In 1989, IAR started a new training program with Solid State Logic, assuming all training responsibilities for SSL in the U.S. The program features training for SSL employees and clients, as well as the freelancing engineering community. All IAR students are able to take sessions specifically geared to operational familiarity with the SSL G Series console. Founded in 1969 by Al Grundy, IAR is now graduating over 200 students a year. IAR is currently introducing advanced training programs so that working engineers can keep abreast of rapidly emerging technologies and developments.

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN: The Recording Industry Management (RIM) program stresses both the audio/production and business side of the music industry. Audio and production classes are taught in two on-campus studios—24-track analog and 24-track digital. Construction is underway for the new Mass Communications building that will house two new digital studios, a MIDI lab, a digital editing room, TV soundstage and remote truck, and other mass communications facilities. Each recording studio will have a unique teaching lab attached to the control room.

Trebas Institute of Recording Arts, Hollywood, CA: Trebas Institute offers over 50 courses in three Diploma programs: Recorded Music Production, Audio Engineering and Music Business. Trebas recently moved the Hollywood flagship of its five campuses to the former Motown penthouse, increasing space by 300%. The new site includes multitrack audio-for-video studios; and music technology and computer labs. The library has 1,000 books, 3,000 magazines and 600 articles on the music business. The school also offers an internship program with major companies. Trebas placed 100% of last year's Hollywood graduates. They have worked on projects with Paula Abdul, Robert Palmer, Michael Jackson, Madonna, Richard Marx and Barbra Streisand. Trebas has sponsored conferences with ASCAP, BMI, NARAS and SPARS.

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL: The Music Engineering Program placed 100% of its graduates in the professional audio industry during the past year. Two compact discs of UM ensembles were recorded by students and released on Bainbridge Records. Students also completed research projects on cochlear implant simulation, auditory localization and fiber optic MIDI. Faculty member Ken Pohlmann was presented with the AES Board of Governors award for chairing the Digital Audio Conference in Toronto; John Montforte presented technical seminars in Latin America on behalf of Sony; and Clyde Hagler supervised the design of Saban's new post-production complex. George Augspurger also completed the acoustic design of the program's new \$2 million recording and performance center.

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As close as one sample apart! Some other manufacturer's systems can't place edits any closer than 17 milliseconds (a half a frame), and many systems limit the number of edits allowed on a track or project. The ProDisk, however, can place as many edits as you need, with no limit — and these edits may be as close as one sample apart!

3. Can each edit have an individual crossfade time? How long can each crossfade be?

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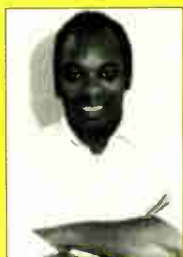
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RECORDING IN THE PACIFIC RIM

Tracking Down Japan

by Paul Jackson

Editor's Note: Noted bassist Paul Jackson, former member of the Head-Hunters, lives in Japan with his Japanese wife and son, where he is recording, producing, playing and supporting a huge sushi habit. We asked him to offer his unique perspective on Japanese recording studios.



Hello, America; music is alive and well in Japan! Somewhere out there is the Japanese Prince, but producer/musicians like myself have not been able to get him or her to

drop the "I want to be a cute idol singer" act yet. Hey, just sing your butt off for once will ya! Oh, well, maybe next year.

There *is* significant talent here that is not being developed, but it is not because there's no place to record. However, studio costs are as high as everything else in Japan.

The Japanese music industry is



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growing much faster than a lot of other businesses, but in the world market it mostly imports talent for concerts, etc., rather than exporting domestic talent—at least so far.

The Japanese do not have a lack of facilities, as indicated by the following stats:

- There are at least 147 24-, 32- or 48-track rooms in the Tokyo metropolitan area (according to *Nikkei* entertainment magazine). These range from tiny mixing rooms, sometimes only big enough for the engineer to slide behind the console, to huge rooms with 96-input consoles and 9-meter ceilings.

- Forty percent of all rooms use SSL consoles, with the other 60 percent divided between Amek, API, MCI, Neve and custom-made units.

- Two out of three rooms in

Studio Terra

Tokyo are equipped with digital recorders, and one-third of these have both 24- and 48-track Sony digital recorders.

It breaks down like this: Studer A80 or A800 Series recorders are predominant in most studios, whether they have digital or not, with more than 87 recorders in place; next popular is Otari, followed by MCI recorders. The studio owners are constantly upgrad-

Photo below: Sound Design



ing their equipment, so it is difficult to keep track of who has what over here. Sometimes it seems that everybody has everything. Now, you might ask, what does all this wonderful stuff cost?

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Recording in Hong Kong: Four Case Studies by Clement Choi

It is not too surprising that most people consider Hong Kong to be one of the few truly cosmopolitan cities in the world, on a par with New York or Paris. People from nearly every part of the world come to Hong Kong and find jobs easily. And they enjoy a much lower cost of living compared to other major cities.

True to that cosmopolitan reputation, Hong Kong welcomes people from many different cultures. Music, as an indispensable part of this unique cultural mix, has changed considerably during the last decade in terms of style, content and production techniques.

Hong Kong's first multitrack studio opened in the late '70s, and, subsequently, the number of recording studios grew rapidly, with many facilities being constructed to attract clients from independent record companies, advertising agencies and video/film post-production houses.

Today there are about 20 24-track music studios, and over 40 16- and 8-track music and post-production studios in operation in Hong Kong. Perhaps the biggest news is the recent opening of three digital 8-track audio



TRACKStudio, Philippines

workstation facilities mainly for post-production.

A current trend in the industry is toward more original local production. There is currently much conjecture concerning how the industry can further develop, since the local market is relatively small. It is a subject of interest to studio owners, sales consultants, equipment suppliers and audio engineers in Hong Kong, as well as to foreign equipment manufacturers and overseas artists and production companies, especially from Southeast Asia, who are looking for a favorable recording environment. By looking closely at several

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Media Business Services audio/video post-production room in Hong Kong

Recording in the Philippines: A Tropical Music Paradise by Mike Pedero

Recording in Southeast Asia—despite any previous notions based on old information—can be a surprisingly worthwhile experience. While the Philippines may not have its share of SSLs or 3348s, there is an increasingly broad choice of well-equipped facilities doing brisk business. Add to that unspoiled, lush tropical vegetation, vast white beaches and friendly people, and the Philippines begins to look like an attractive recording alternative.

Located in the middle of the Pacific Rim, the Philippines is 14 hours by jet from San Francisco, four hours from Tokyo, three hours from Singapore and less than two hours from Hong Kong. The islands boast a healthy recording industry rich with musical talents (several are now mainstays in the hit London musical *Miss Saigon*).

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Well, dig deep, buddy, because the pricing structure over here will wear out some of the deepest pockets unless you have a recording contract to fall back on, or have a deal with a production company to cover your expenses.

The list price of the studio (\$56 to \$340 per hour) does not *always* include the use of the recorder; sometimes it's extra! In quite a few cases the list price means only use of the room and not the use of the equipment in that room. The price of recorders range from \$37.50 per hour for an analog multitrack to \$75 for a Mitsubishi or Sony digital, *on top of* the base studio price. You must also add up to \$75 per hour for the engineer and/or assistant to the base price. Add to that extras such as outboard equipment, and you're talking about an average cost range of \$330 to \$550 per hour for making your dreams come true in Tokyo.

Let's briefly look at three studios. Pan Studio features a 24-track Studer A800. This Yokohama studio is owned by producer/composer/musician

Micky Yoshino, who is a Berklee School of Music graduate. He and one of Japan's ace SSL engineers, Tsuneo Matsumoto, have created a super environment mostly to deal with Yoshino's many ongoing projects. Yoshino is a well-known keyboard artist here, as well as an adviser to Roland and IBM Japan. The studio, located on the second floor of a new four-story building, has some unique features.

The first floor is a combination office and lounge, but it also has three small rooms used for programming sequences before they are taken upstairs for recording. The entire third floor is sealed off as a bass trap, with only a staircase going up to the fourth floor where Yoshino has his apartment (no zoning problems here; L.A. eat your heart out!), and Matsumoto has his apartment in an adjoining building. Rates for the studio are \$210 per hour, all-inclusive, with use of an optional 32-track Mitsubishi X-850.

There is no sign on the door outside Sound Design Studio, located near the Olympic pool in central Tokyo. This wonderful little room with a 24-track Studer A80 MkII, Sony 3348 and Neve V console is set up to do video

as well as audio. The going rate is \$340 an hour, also all-inclusive. It's the centerpiece of an operation that is also presently constructing the only privately owned mobile recording (48-track Sony PCM-3348/Neve V Series console) truck in Japan. The truck? What else but a Mercedes-Benz, semi-imported for the occasion.

All this is held in place by a guy who makes me lose weight if we're in the same room together. Mr. Nanri is an individualist—atypical of most businessmen in Japan (or in the USA for that matter)—and the sole owner of Sound Design, with the exception of his wife, Moko, whom he calls "Boss." He has gone up against the system here by importing his equipment directly from the USA and England, thereby avoiding a 40 percent service charge nailed on by Japanese distributors. Pretty daring. Maybe more people over here will catch on to what the real prices are for the equipment they buy. His operation as a record company in Japan will soon be expanding to L.A. by 1991. Watch out for this guy—he's hot!

"Down by the Riverside" is not only a song, in Tokyo it's a place. Toshiba-EMI has spared little and bought much here. Located in a new building in a waterfront section of town, studio-TERRA even has an elevator for your car to the rooftop parking lot, plus kitchen, sleeping and shower facilities, all under the same roof. Here is one of the all-the-way-uptown, get-down studios in Japan. You want something? Name it and it'll be there in an hour! (Although the hour will cost you \$440 and up.) There are three main rooms: A and B studios, which together can be opened to form one huge space with two complete control rooms connected to it, and C studio, which is used mostly as a video/mixdown room. It has a small booth for recording vocals. There's a separate air-conditioned soundproof machine room for each studio that has what looks like a million dollars worth of digital multitrack recorders in addition to the normal complement of Studer A80 and A800s. What you get is what you pay for.

I have a partnership in a small 16-track MIDI studio (STUDIO BE) with sound engineer Hidekazu Noritake, where we produce commercials, videos and soundtracks. We also rent out the space for rehearsals.

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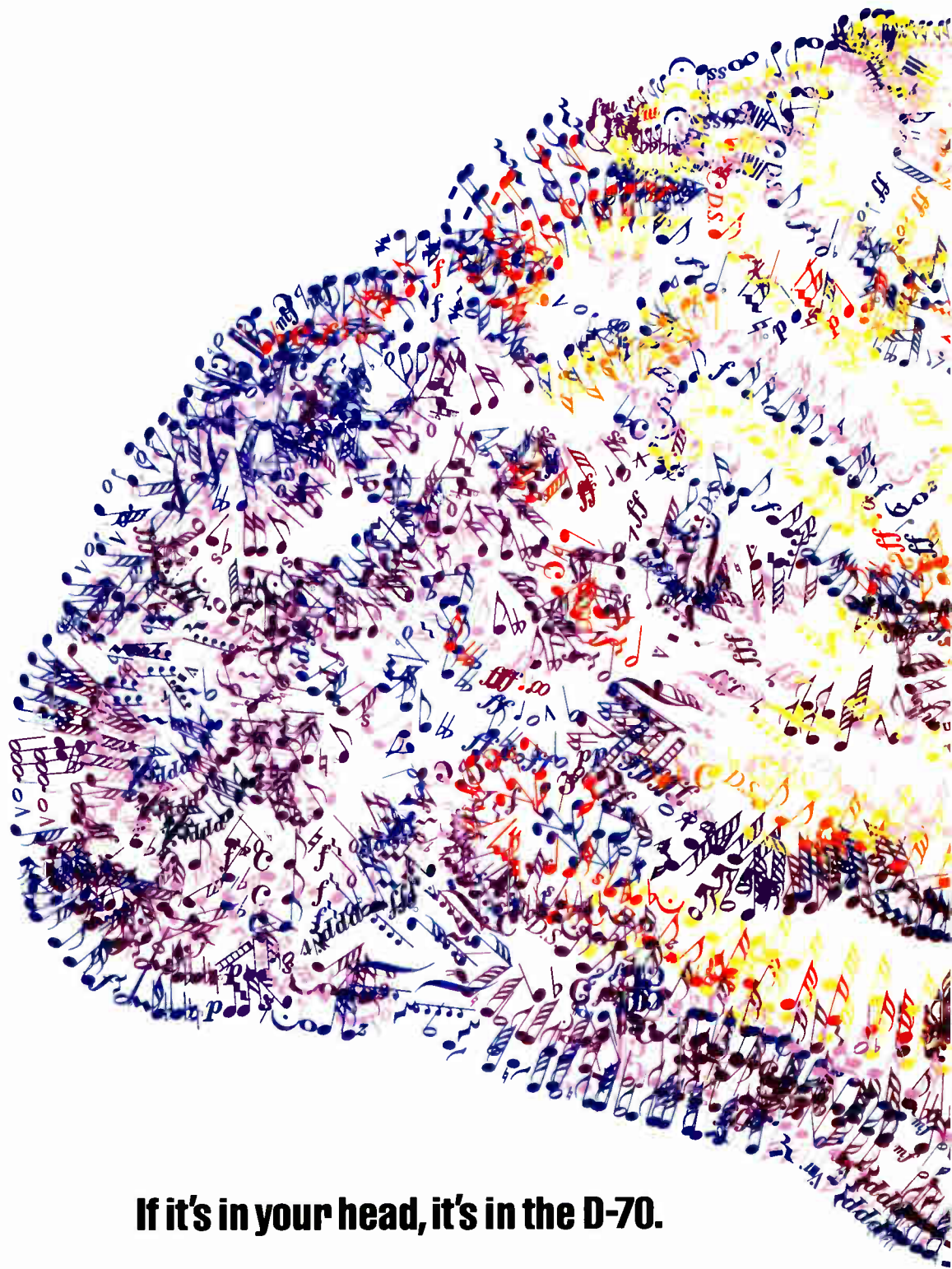
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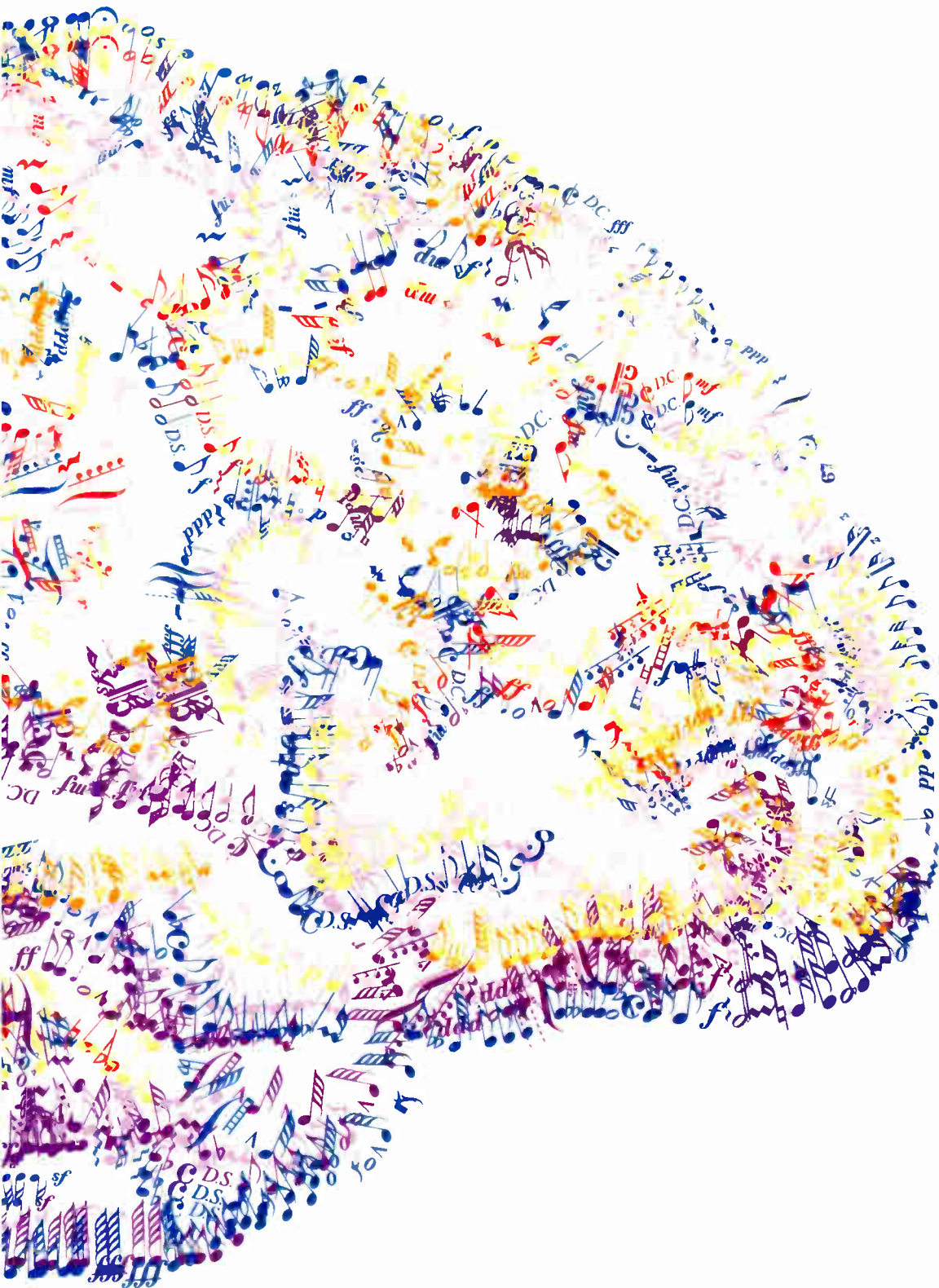
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—FROM PAGE 100, JAPAN

print space than I have available to make a thorough investigation of the many multitrack studios in the Tokyo metropolitan area. The listing by *Nikkei* is updated only twice a year and does not even take into account the number of house/apartment-run businesses (you can do that here). Who knows how many 4/8/12/16/24-track private studios there are here?

Japan has an urgent need for engineers/producers with the creative talent to use all these wonderful toys. Don't get me wrong; there are some great engineers here. Anything they record will go on the tape perfectly, but there is a lack of engineer/producer types who can give a strong, creative input to the artist over here. Engineers tend to be primarily technicians who record well and balance the sound in a mix. I heard recently that SSL consoles shipped to Japan have some of their features disconnected, because there is almost never a situation where there would be a single operator. (This is a fact, Jack!) This is in part a fault of the nature of the music business over here, which is controlled more by advertising interests than by artistic talent. A first consideration for a Japanese artist is how you look, and not how you sound.

They have the tools here in Japan to do anything they want (albeit expensively). However, there needs to be a movement in the recording/advertising/production industry to make more music along with making money. ■

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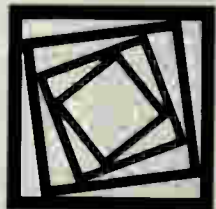
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—FROM PAGE 99, HONG KONG

typical operations, a clearer picture of the whole scene may be painted.

At a time when most people in the Hong Kong audio industry were budget-conscious, Media Business Services spent about \$800,000 last year on audio equipment alone. MBS set up a new audio/video post-production center, as well as one of the biggest touring P.A. systems in Southeast Asia, both equipped with state-of-the-art gear.

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An AMS Audiofile is installed as a central audio workstation in the post-production studio. Other equipment includes an Amek BCII mixing console, Crown and QMS monitoring systems, Fostex D-20 and Sony PCM-2500 DAT machines, and Otari MX-55 2-track recorder. With the recently purchased Sony PCM-1630 processor, the studio has further expanded its

business to include digital mastering.

"Professional means quality, and quality usually means money," says Kinson Tsang, general manager of MBS, who strongly believes that there is a market for high-end production in Hong Kong. "We don't mind spending money, because we think that we can get it back by providing professional services, and actually we are quite happy so far with the outcome." MBS has recently finished some Karaoke productions featuring high-quality audio and interesting video special effects. These productions of songs, minus the lead vocal in video format, include lyrics for people to sing along with, and can be found in nearly every popular Karaoke club in downtown Hong Kong.

MBS is affiliated with Asia Television (ATV), one of the major television stations in Hong Kong, and, as such, handles a lot of post-production work for that station.

EMI HK represents another kind of studio operation in Hong Kong. The studio, located near the airport, is built to have good isolation from the outside world and has a large studio area for acoustic recording.

The studio recently installed a new Solid State Logic 4040E-32 console. "Nearly every engineer likes to work in front of an SSL desk," studio engineer David Sum says. "It's so easy and efficient to use. We know that there are other alternatives in the same class, such as Amek, Sony or Neve, but we still think this console is the best buy for the money."

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After the complaint was filed, the prosecutor's office of the Taipei District Court, with the assistance of the Taipei police, conducted raids on Flive Computer Corporation and premises occupied by persons doing business under the name Akkord Technology, Inc. The prosecutor's office is now examining the evidence for the purpose of issuing indictments against the five individuals.

nies in Hong Kong, the studio is guaranteed basic studio bookings. Still, EMI welcomes outside clients. Having standard studio equipment like the SSL desk, Studer A80 24-track, Dolby XP24A noise reduction, Lexicon 480L reverb, a good environment for acoustical recording, and perhaps most importantly, a modest studio rate has attracted clients from Japan and Taiwan to EMI recently.

Studio S & R is one of the most familiar names on the back of the latest hot albums in Hong Kong. The studio is run as an independent commercial studio.

The studio is located on the ninth floor of a commercial building with just ten feet of ceiling height for each floor. Its two rooms are packed into a 1,500-square-foot space. Studio A was the first to open, with a MasterMix automated Amek G2520, Otari MTR-100, Dolby XPR24 SR, Lexicon 480L, AMS RMX 16, Eventide H3000 and a Macintosh. The smaller Studio B opened at the end of last year with an automated Amek Angela, Otari MTR-100, Dolby XPR24 SR, Lexicon PCM70, Yamaha SPX and a Macintosh.

"We like automated mixing because it allows fine adjustments of nearly all important parameters at the final stage. Also, we like to use many different effects for different tracks, because this helps us a lot in making good sound images for a mix," states studio manager and mixing engineer David Ling.

In spite of the limited space for conventional acoustical recording, the studio has produced many albums using MIDI instruments in the two studios, which are synchronized to tape via the Macintosh and SMPTE/MIDI converter boxes.

Besides providing attractive studio facilities for recording and mixing, the studio also employs four experienced engineers—certainly one reason for the success of Studio S & R.

As space is so precious in Hong Kong, most of the studios have size restrictions. Musicad, a successful personal studio, is another case in point. The studio occupies 300 square feet and is situated on the 16th floor of a residential building. Little acoustic treatment was used inside the studio. Nevertheless, it is equipped with nearly everything one needs in a personal studio. One of the owners, Romeo Diaz, who is also a talented musician/composer, brought many

MIDI samplers and synthesizers, such as Emulator III, Oberheim expander, Roland Jupiter, Akai samplers and Yamaha DX7IIFD, into the compact facility to provide a wide choice of sound combinations for his film music scoring and jingles. Since getting the studio in operation almost two years ago, Diaz has written music for nearly 20 films and jingles.

"We are happy with our gear: the MIDI equipment, the Soundtracs MR24/8 console and the Fostex B-16. I think they are good for our scale of production," Diaz says.

In the near future, Diaz and his partner, James Wong, will open a 24-

track studio. "We are not a big company that can afford to spend much money without sufficient return. We have to calculate very carefully, especially taking the recent political situation in mainland China into account. We are confident with our production from our past experience, but sometimes we just cannot control everything!" ■

Clement Choi is a graduate in electronic engineering from the University of Hong Kong. He is now an independent pro audio sales consultant in Hong Kong.

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Sound on Sound U.K. David Hughes, Aug '89.

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Gesamtwertung: Sehr Gut"

Translation:

Evaluation:

Use friendliness: Excellent

Number of functions: Very good

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ST Magazine (Germany), Sept '89.

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MIDI Magazine (Holland), Armand Ten Dam, Sept '89.

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ST World USA, Mike Rosen, Nov '89,

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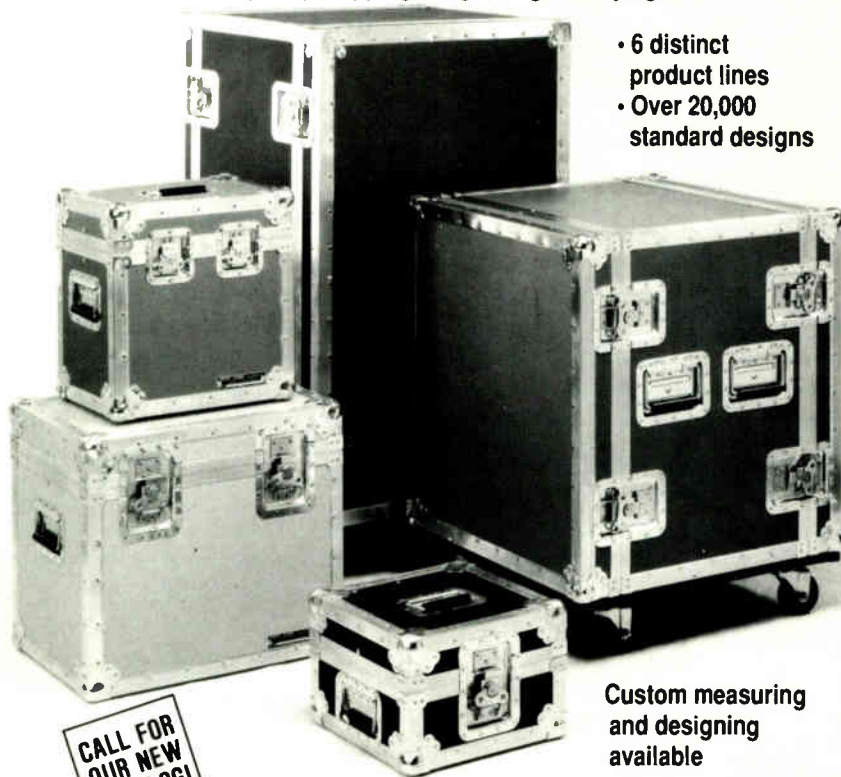
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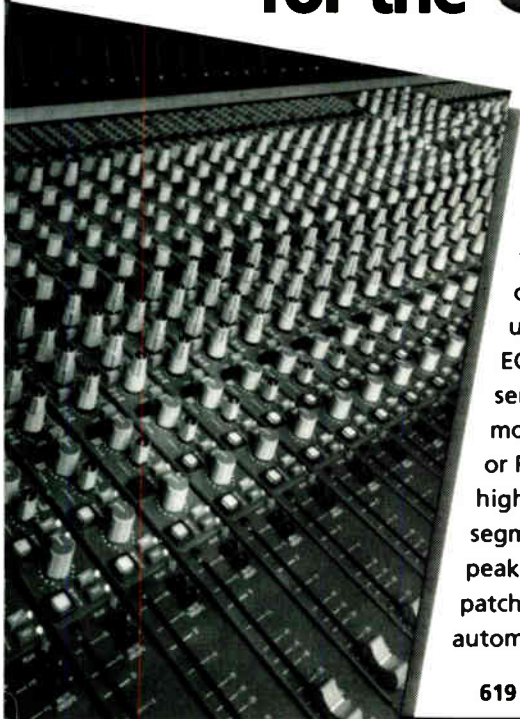
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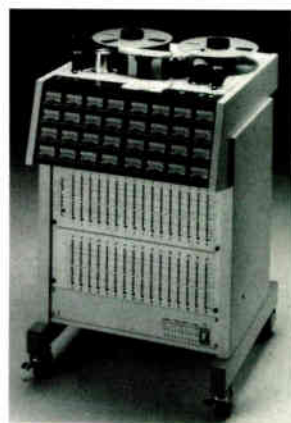


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In a recent field test in the April 1990 issue of **MIX magazine**, reviewer Mel Lambert praised **Solid State Logic's ScreenSound** digital audio-for-video editing suite as an advancement in digital technology that will replace analog as "the definitive way of the future."

The following month a MIX Magazine Panel obviously agreed: they nominated ScreenSound as the **TEC Awards "Recording Product of the Year."**

"Given the amount of conventional hardware that it replaces in a music recording, broadcast production, or video post facility — not to mention the enhanced creativity and sonic quality offered by digital recording and processing," says Lambert. "The asking price (of ScreenSound) seems extremely reasonable...I was surprised at how quickly I became used to this new way of working."

SoundCastle/Post Modern was the first L.A. studio to install ScreenSound.

"ScreenSound is a new frontier for us and for the entire industry," says SoundCastle/Post Modern owner-manager **Buddy King**. "Recently, we were the first to use ScreenSound with the **TEAC WORM** laser optical disc for ADR work, giving us instant audio and picture access. We did 44 lines and the director saved five minutes a line. That really adds up."

SoundCastle/Post Modern L.A.



The first ScreenSound-posted project to come out of the recently merged SoundCastle/Post Modern facility is the recent "**Steven Spielberg Presents — Tiny Toon Adventures.**"

This optical-disc/hard-disc sound editing innovation allows digital soundtrack assembly, complete with music, dialogue and effects from a tablet and wireless pen controller.

changeable and moveable. I've demo'ed it for my clients and they're all completely blown away."

Soundtrack is currently in the process of using ScreenSound to transfer its effects library to optical disc, Giammarco says. "We're uploading as we go along," he explains. "Ultimately, there will be no more need to run the CD catalog. It will be phenomenal."

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SoundCastle is currently refurbishing its facilities to create a new "digital editorial suite" especially for ScreenSound. A dubbing theater and Foley/ADR room will be constructed next door to the suite, King says.

Soundtrack Recording Studios in New York debuted ScreenSound's ed-

Soundtrack N.Y.

iting and assembly powers to the east coast market — for commercial as well as album work.

"Its performance is fantastic — we've done 90 spots in 10 hours," says chief engineer **Bob Giammarco**. "It lets the user interface with the mixing process, and the clients can see how things operate. It gives you the tape feel with all the benefits of digital audio — and everything is instantly

Digital Services, one of the nation's leading digital recording specialists in Houston, Texas, installed ScreenSound after an extensive 18 month evaluation of all competitive products.

"After it was installed for our evaluation, we never let it leave," explains Digital Services owner **John Moran**. "We tested every manufacturers' units in our facilities and nothing else came close to ScreenSound in terms of audio-for-video applications."

Among the features that impressed Moran and his clients most was the way the system interfaces with all the other equipment in the room. "It is the only system that is capable of complete machine control without



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the need for an external controller," he says.

Digital Services uses ScreenSound to control their Sony video machines, Sony PCM 3324 multitracks, and also Otari 1/4-inch center-track recorders.

Craig MacGowan, agency producer at Lintas-Campbell Ewald in Detroit, and a leading advocate of quality sound in commercial production, is hooked on using ScreenSound for his projects.

Creator of the award-winning "Heartbeat of America" campaign for Chevrolet, MacGowan explains, "I've used about every audio workstation out there, and ScreenSound is *it*. It's the easiest to use. It is the best laid out and best thought out sound device for this purpose. If you are dealing with advanced editors who are heavily into the electronic editing systems, ScreenSound will become their right hand.

"I foresee the day when everyone is going to have to have one of these."

MacGowan works on ScreenSound at Detroit's **Image Express**, which selected the machine after two-years' evaluation of competitive products. Says **Bill Riss**, Image Express vice president and senior editor, "ScreenSound is a natural progression from digital picture editing. This way we handle our digital audio the same way we do our digital video."



WGBH/Boston

Image Express is using ScreenSound to control a 3/4-inch tape machine as well as a TEAC optical disc recorder. It has also been interfaced with a Gefen System compact disc jukebox upon which the company has built and data-based its entire sound effects library.

Vancouver Studios, which recorded

and ADR work for a major new television series and for the company's production unit, West Coast Post.

ScreenSound™

WGBH in Boston demonstrated ScreenSound to complete audio/video post production on a broadcast of the **Boston Pops**. While the entire process was completed in half the usual time, the overall sound quality was improved by more than three generations. **WGBH** audio post supervisor for the project, **Steve Colby**, used the system's visual references to build a mix without being hindered by time synchronization problems.

this year's Grammy Award-winning album "Torch & Twang" by k.d. lang, is diversifying into audio-for-video post production with the purchase of two Solid State Logic ScreenSound digital audio-for-video editors.

ScreenSound mixes are built by using visual references to mix the audio with the video, but timecode is also available.

"ScreenSound proved itself on its speed and flexibility," proclaims

V. P. Bruce Levens. "The fact that the very top film and television studios are moving toward the system was another factor. So was the strong support we have received from SSL over the years."

The ScreenSound editors will be used for dialogue editing, sound effects editing,

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Mega EQ. Clair Bros. Audio (Lititz, Pa.) just received two of 30 custom-built TC 6032 graphic equalizer remote controllers ordered from TC Electronic of Denmark, along with 130 of the popular TC 1128 programmable EQs. TC, in conjunction with

Clair Bros., designed the controllers to assist monitor engineers in controlling of multiple 1/3-octave graphic equalizers. Each TC 6032 is packaged with 16 TC 1128s.

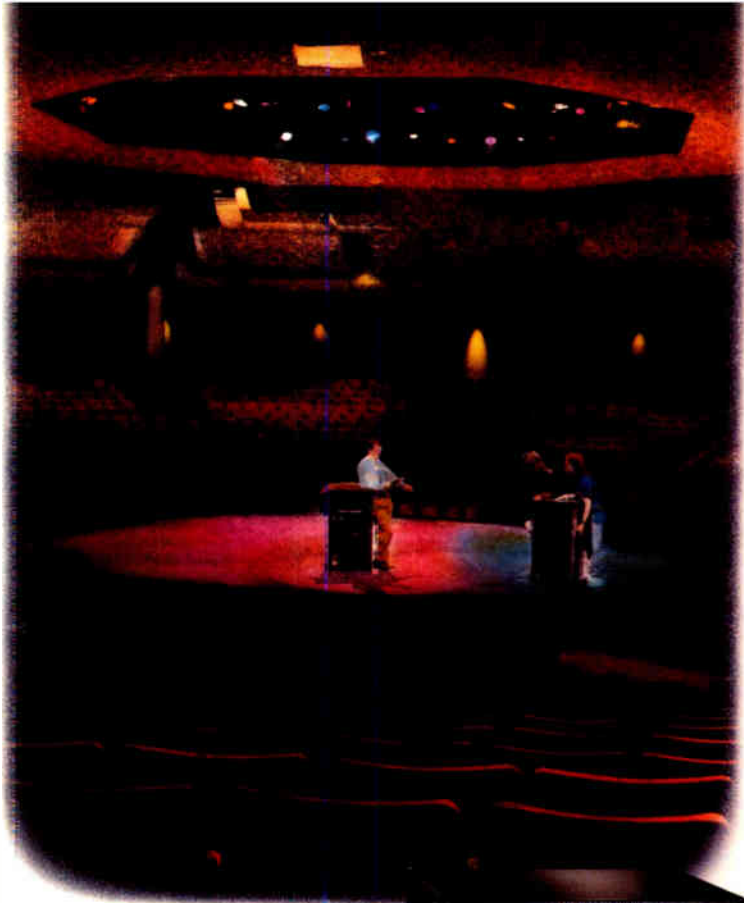
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Above: Main dance floor at the King & Queen nightclub in Kobe, Japan. The reinforcement system, designed by Marsato Machino of Sound System Research, Ltd., uses Toa sound components throughout. The left inset shows how various elements of the sound system (15 Toa P-300D power amps) were utilized as part of the club decor. Right inset: The DJ mixing position.



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added 16 KF850s to its existing 24-box KF600 system...**All Pro Sound** (Pensacola, Fla.) installed eight KF600s at the 5,000-seat Word of Faith Church (Dallas)...**Tech Audio** (Paris) installed a KF600 system in the Notre Dame Cathedral...**Entertainment Sound** (Washington, D.C.) added six KF300s and six SM222s to its rental gear that already includes 16 KF850s and many FR253s...**Audio 300** (Albany, N.Y.) added six DS123Hps...**Concert Sound** (Lon-

don) has taken delivery of a 16-box 850 system...Two new systems for Disneyworld (Orlando, Fla.) used EAW: one KF850 system for the Muppet Theater, and weatherproofed KF850, 600 and 300s for Pleasure Island...**Pro Sound & Lighting Service** (Miami) completed an installation at the Jackie Gleason Performing Arts Center that required KF600s, KF300s and SM202 stage monitors...**Scorpio Sound** (Bridgewater, Mass.) added ten MH102-60 mid/high cabinets...**Staging Techniques** (New York)—one of the original

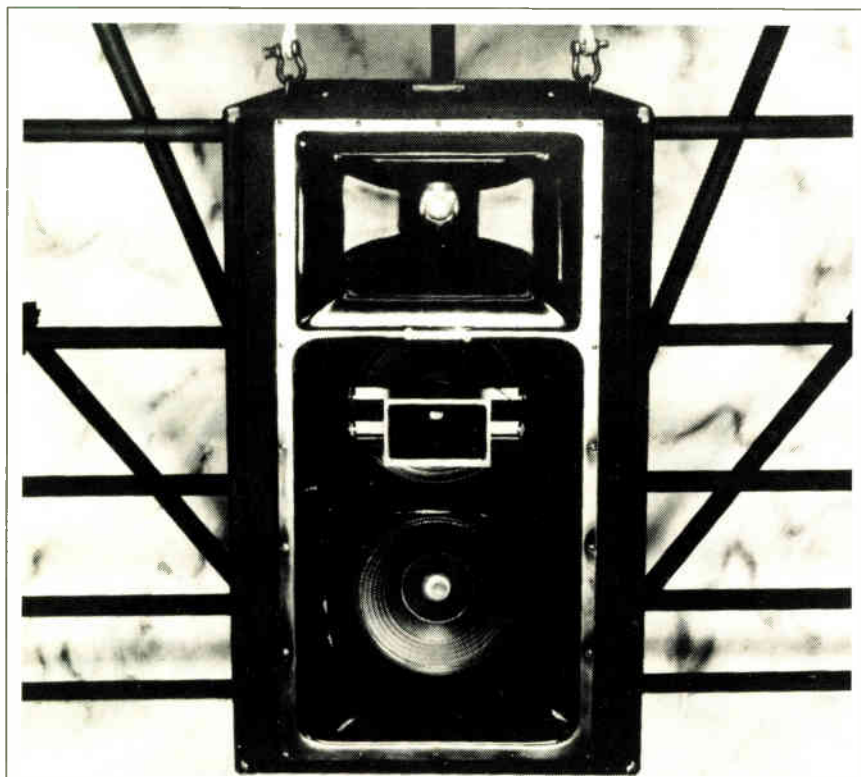
KF850 users—expanded with eight KF850s and four SB850s...**Superior Productions** (Shreveport, La.) took delivery of eight KF600s.

First Paragon Sold...South-eastern regional production company **Frank Mayes Associates Sound & Lighting** (Atlanta) became the first to purchase the new high-end ATI Paragon 40-channel house/stage mixing console. Owner **Chip Mayes** says, "We wanted to stand out above our competition with a superior product. It should enable us to break into a larger market, including touring and large summer festivals. After first using it, we found the Paragon to be very user-friendly, and it sounded great."

Mayes originally started the company in the late '70s, but in 1984 began acquiring more equipment and clients. Frank Mayes Associates works several country music parks and summer festivals with up to 30,000 people, provides full production for many events with the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta, regularly services several artists, and has traveled on small venue tours throughout the East Coast and parts of the Midwest and Texas. Now it's a full production company with its own tractor trailer for touring, full sound and lighting rigs, and stages complete with tops, sound wings and several sets.

For main P.A. loudspeakers, Frank Mayes Associates has 26 FM-3 full-range, proprietary, three-way JBL-loaded enclosures (with another eight under construction). Mike O'Rourke (from speaker manufacturer OAP) helped Mayes design the cabinets with the aid of a JBL computer program. The 4 ft. x 4 ft. flyable box consists of two 18-inch and two 12-inch direct-radiating speakers and a 2-inch 2445 driver on a bi-radial horn. "We build them four to a pod," says Mayes. "They are mirror-imaged in order to be acoustically coupled. When the cabinets were built we called on the independent Acoustic Physics Lab in Atlanta to help us fine-tune them and set the crossover frequencies. We use a BSS 360 crossover with our special cards."

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like the house FM-3, except that it's loaded with the 60° instead of the 90° radial horn. Special drum monitors are similar to the FM-3 except they're smaller and loaded with 10s instead of 12s. Floor monitors are FM's custom JBL-loaded, dual 15-inch wedges with a 2-inch JBL short exponential horn. The wedges are also equipped with flying hardware. Mayes says, "Our newest version is loaded with the new neodymium 2450 compression driver. We think they sound very smooth."

The main boxes are driven by Crown Macro-Tech 2400 (lows) and Macro-Tech 600 (highs) power amplifiers loaded with the IQ 2000 modules. Floor wedges are powered by Crown Micro-Tech 1200s, 1000s and 600s; sidefills use PSA-2s. Mayes plans to incorporate the IQ 2000 system sometime soon. "I've been using Crown amps since the '70s and have seen them dropped, eat dust, have water, beer and coke spilled on them—and they still keep on working. I've had nothing but constant, reliable service from my Crown amplifiers."

House consoles are the new ATI Paragon and a 32-channel Soundcraft 800B for support acts. The primary monitor console is a new Ramsa WR-S840 40 x 18, and the backup is a Soundcraft 400B. Signal processing devices include Yamaha REV-7, SPX90, Lexicon PCM70, dbx 166, 160A, DDL and Roland SDE-3000. Monitor output EQs are Klark-Teknik DN360s for the ten main mixes and Yamaha 2031s for the other eight. BSS 310 cross-overs handle the bi-amped wedges and BSS 360s for the tri-amped drum boxes. Other new equipment includes a new four-way splitter system from Whirlwind.

Odds & Ends...Sound reinforcement company **Ultrasound East** is no more. **Ultrasound** (San Rafael, Calif.) and **Audio Support** (Irvington, N.Y.) have dissolved their joint association. All of Ultrasound's gear is returning to the West Coast. **Sean McCormick** is overseeing Audio Support's former

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equipment inventory, which includes Crest-powered Meyer main and monitor systems... Mixing console rental specialists Hi-Tech Audio Systems (Half Moon Bay, Calif.) announced the recent purchase of new Yamaha PM3000 40C, Ramsa WR-S840 (monitor), TAC Scorpion II and TAC Scorpion (monitor) mixing consoles. Other new equipment includes two complete Crest-powered MacPherson monitor systems. Hi-Tech's Louis Adamo says, "The MacPherson wedges have

been well-received by our rental clients; their initial skepticism of the small LPM-2 wedge quickly turns into acceptance after actually using it. For their size they are hard to beat."

NSCA Observations (Las Vegas) ...Soundcraft pulled one of the few pro mixing console surprises at the April NSCA show when it unveiled its new Venue 8-bus house mixing console, which will soon be available in the U.S. with seven combinations of four frame sizes. The standard input module features 4-band EQ (two sweepable mids), six aux

sends, four programmable scene muting groups, insert points, phantom power, phase reverse, high-pass filter and an active pan pot. Four stereo return modules are standard, while stereo input and dual matrix modules remain optional. The Venue is targeted for the same market as the recently discontinued Soundcraft 500 line. A monitor version of the Venue is expected to be debuted at the fall AES convention (September 21-25) in Los Angeles... The J.L. Cooper SA-1000 scene automation system for sound reinforcement mixing consoles provides computer-automated control of audio levels, MIDI parameters and muting, as well as instant recall of thousands of mix scenes. It is currently available for installation on selected manufacturers' consoles. The SA-1000 seems suited for theatrical and custom install applications.

Lester Audio Labs caused quite a stir in the fiber optic field with its DAS 2000 Series optical splitting, digital distribution and routing, fiber optic snake system with A/D and D/A converters and a programmable SOFT PATCH™ 64 x 64 matrix. The DAS 2000—now being beta-tested by many of the industry's leading sound companies—is capable of driving signal 15,000 feet with no appreciable RFI interference or signal loss. This could be the cabling wave of the future... Meyer Sound showed off its impressive Meyer-powered MSL-10A speaker system in the parking lot of the Las Vegas Hilton. Two MSL-10 cabinets bolted together produce an incredible SPL level that parallels the hefty \$35,000 price tag. The MSL-10 is ideally suited for large stadium use.

Proshow USA (Bellevue, Wash.) reports the installation of 24 new Electro-Voice MT-4H and six MT-4L cabinets in the Seattle Kingdome. The MT-4s are hung in six clusters of four enclosures each. According to Proshow's **Mike Fisher**, "The new ownership of the American League Seattle Mariners baseball club wanted a system that would really rock 'n' roll. They didn't want a typical stadium announcing system. Something more exciting was required, so we chose the MT-4. We wanted

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something with a pretty tight Q, and the MT-4s seem to have a good pattern."

Making life challenging for Proshow's stadium install was the fact that there wasn't much time before the opening of the baseball season. The Kingdome was so heavily booked this spring with conventions and trade shows that only two days were available for the actual installation (where Proshow had to bring in a 180-foot crane). Crown Macro-Tech amplifiers and Crown's IQ 2000 system were located together in a special air-conditioned room. Fisher says, "We put in 21 Crown Macro-Tech 1200 and 2400 amps, all controlled by the IQ 2000. Even with speaker cable runs up to 1,400 feet, the powerful Macro-Tech 2400s still provide plenty of power for the high SPL MT-4 boxes."

Electro-Voice MT-4, DeltaMax and Sentry speaker systems were installed in the new Club Quick in Manhattan...The large indoor Forest Fair Mall in Cincinnati had

E-V components installed in the main assembly area...The **Lenin Circus** of Moscow now uses central and surrounding clusters of DeltaMax DML-1152, DML-2181 and S-80 boxes... Singapore's Hard Rock Cafe recently put in a DeltaMax system.

George Relles Sound (Eugene, Ore.) was started in 1975 by owner **George Relles**. "When I first started the sound company I was the banjo player in Mason Williams' [Classical Gas] band. I was always disappointed in the way sound companies handled acoustic music in the '70s, so I started a company oriented toward superior acoustic sound reinforcement. Gradually, I've gained a reputation around the Northwest for symphony, jazz, folk and bluegrass productions for up to 10,000 people. I also do smaller mainstream rock and pop shows. We're still a small regional company but we travel quite a bit."

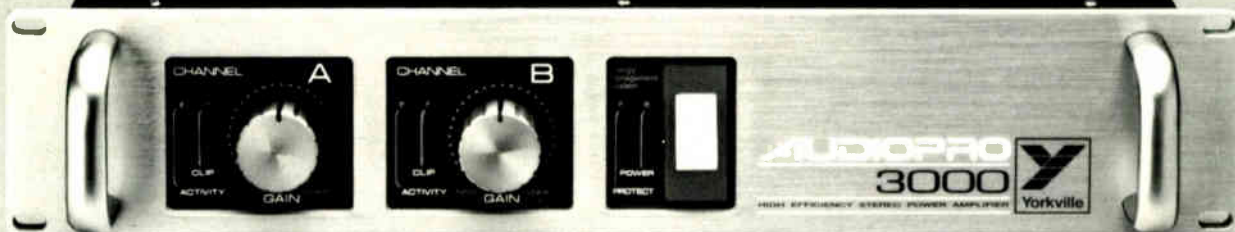
An interesting story accompanies Relles' current Meyer speaker system. In '86 he bought his first Meyer system boxes from the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's notorious cult that was located in Oregon at the time.

When the Bhagwan himself was forced to leave the country, the seldom-used Meyer sound system went up for sale. Six MSL-3s and several UPA-1s had been hung in the cult's sacred cathedral, with only the Bhagwan allowed to speak through them. They were even called "the Sacred Speakers" by the cult's followers. Ironically, several weeks after taking shipment the Bhagwan spoke through the Meyers twice and then proceeded to take a two-year vow of silence. Relles has since added two more MSL-3s, six 650 subwoofers, four UPA-1s and four UM-1 wedges.

Relles' other main P.A. system is composed of six Harbinger 508 and six 512 cabinets. Amplifiers for the Meyer house and monitor systems use the new Hill LC 1200 Series. According to Relles, "The Hill amps have worked out well. They sound good and have always been very reliable." Mixing consoles are a Gamble HC 40 x 16 x 2, Hill 4400 Concept 32 x 8 x 2

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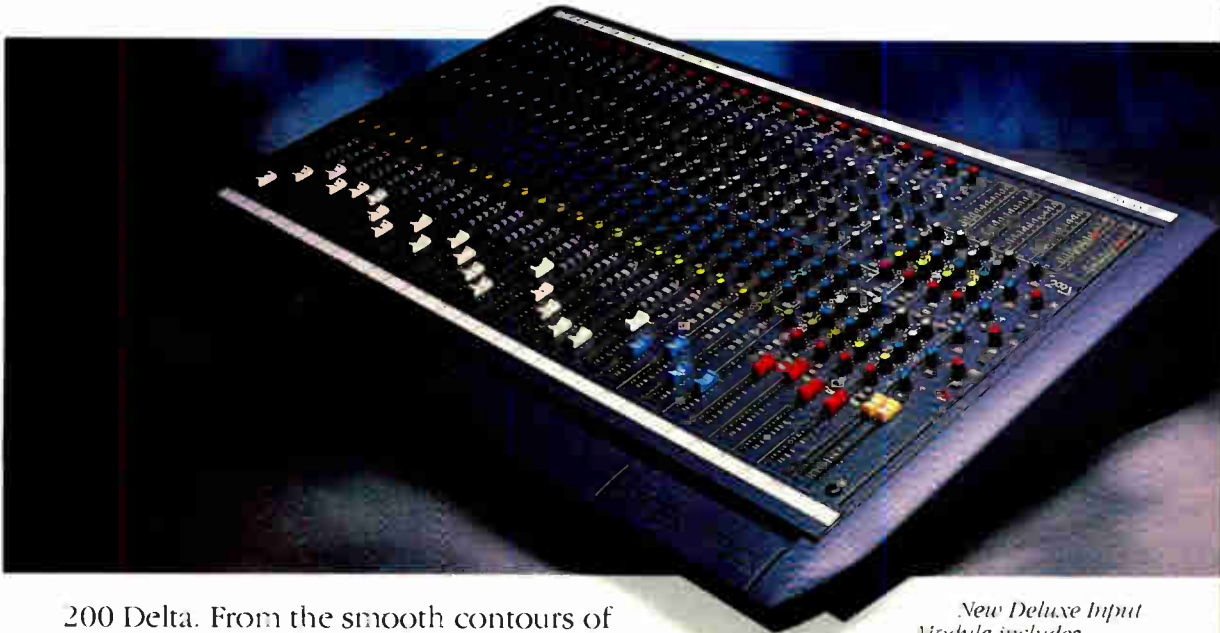


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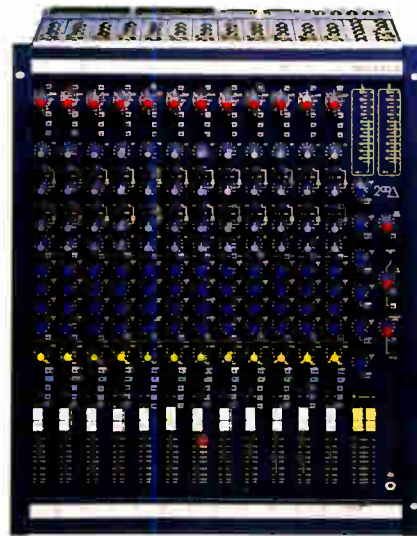
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In order to keep the charts from becoming unmanageable, I have limited their scope to dual-channel amplifiers with a rating of at least 100 watts at 8 ohms. It should be noted, however, that an increasing number of companies—such as Altec, BGW, Rane, Soundcraftsmen and Australian Monitor—are now marketing multichannel models that are becoming popular, particularly in stage monitoring applications.

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	1100A	\$1,199	40	2	NA	C	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	40	32	104
	1200C	\$2,495	65	3	NA	F	0,S,C,L	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	40	NA	104
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Altec Lansing (415) 324-5311	9442A	\$770	32	3	11	C	0,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BS	>18	30	100
	9444A	\$990	38	3	12.75	F	0,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BS	>25	33	100
	9448A	\$1,890	52	3	15.75	F	0,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BS	>30	38	>100
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	FET-1000N	\$788	37	2	18	F	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	50	28	>110
	FET-1500C	\$798	39	2	18	F	0	1/4",BS	Y	BP	50	29	>110
	FET-1500M	\$899	38	2	18	F	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	50	29	>110
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Australian Mon. (213) 488-2418	AM 1000	\$2,150	55	3	14.8	F	0,C,P,L	XLR	Y	XLR,BP	80	34	105
	AM 1800	\$2,580	68	3	14.8	F	0,C,P,L	XLR	Y	XLR,BP	85	38	105
B&W Systems (213) 873-8080	200	\$999	14	1	11.8	C	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	20	29	U/103
	320B	\$999	38	3	11.75	C	0,C	XLR,BS	N	BS	20	32	U/100
	350A	\$1,349	34	3	11.8	C	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	20	30	U/108
	820B	\$1,329	58	5	11.75	C	0,C	XLR,BS	N	BS	20	35	U/100
	7500T	\$849	36	3	10.78	C	S	1/4",BS	N	BS	20	30	U/110
	750G	\$1,849	55	4	15	F	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	20	30	115
	8500T	\$1,289	50	3	14.1	F	0	1/4",BS	N	BS	20	30	110
	GTA	\$2,189	78	3	14.5	F	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	20	30	110
	GTB	\$1,539	50	3	13	F	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	20	30	110
	Blomp Systems (513) 841-7287	Adv. CPA 850	\$798	33	3	11	C	0,C	BS	Y	BP	NA	32
XA 1000		\$1,349	35	3	12	F	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	30	31	NA
XA 300		\$899	21	2	15	F	0,S	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	30	28	NA
XA 800		\$899	24	2	15	F	0,S	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	30	28	NA
Bryson (800) 873-7898	3 B	\$1,275	35	3	9	C	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	80	38	U/100
	4 B	\$1,875	45	3	13.5	C	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	80	38	U/100
Carver Corp. (800) 443-2287	PM 1200	\$1,250	21	2	12	F	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	25	32	110
	PM 300	\$890	13	1	12	C	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4",BS	Y	BP	25	28	95
	PM 800	\$820	23	2	12	C	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4",BS	Y	BP	25	28	110
	PM 800	\$895	24	2	12	F	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4",BS	Y	BP	25	31	110
	PT 1250	\$1,500	11	2	11	F	0,S,C,P,L	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	25	32	195
Carvin (800) 854-2235	FET 400	\$518	31	3	10	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP,1/4"	30	30	U/100
	FET 900	\$889	35	3	10	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP,1/4"	50	30	U/103
Crest (201) 423-1300	4801	\$1,589	48	3	15	F	0,S,C,P	XLR	Y	BP	35	32	105
	8001	\$2,189	51	2	15	F	0,S,C,P	XLR	Y	BP	35	32	105
	7001	\$2,589	52	2	15	F	0,S,C,P	XLR	Y	BP	35	32	110
	8001	\$3,189	80	3	15	F	0,S,C,P	XLR	Y	BP	35	32	100
	CC151	\$1,189	38	3	14	C	0,S,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BP,BS	35	32	100
	CC301	\$1,889	51	3	14	C	0,S,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BP,BS	35	32	100
	CV801	\$1,989	51	3	14	C	0,S,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BP,BS	35	32	100
	FA1201	\$1,315	38	2	13	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BP,BS	35	38	103
	FA2401	\$1,785	55	2	15.25	C	0,S,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BP,BS	35	37	103
	FA801	\$879	33	2	13	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,BS	Y	BP,BS	35	38	183
Crown Int. (218) 284-8080	0C 300A S-II	\$1,985	45	4	9.75	C	0	1/4"	N	BP	8	29	110
	MacroTech 1200	\$1,585	44	2	18	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",P	Y	BP	13	28	110
	MacroTech 2400	\$1,985	52	2	18	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",P	Y	BP	13	29	110
	MacroTech 800	\$1,285	40	2	18	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",P	Y	BP	13	28	110
	MicroTech 800	\$985	38	2	18	F	0	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	13	28	110
	MicroTech 1200	\$1,285	41	2	18	F	0	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	13	29	110
	Power Base 1	\$789	30	3	18	F	0	1/4"	Y	BP	13	28	100
	Power Base 2	\$1,049	32	2	18	F	0	1/4"	Y	BP	13	28	100
	PS 200	\$850	25	2	10.25	C	0,S	1/4"	N	BP	12	29	112
	PS 400	\$1,089	55	4	10.1	C	0,S	1/4"	N	BP	12	28	112
PSA 2X	\$1,985	57	4	14.75	F	0	1/4"	Y	BP	30	28	115	
Dyncord Elect. (213) 438-2870	PCA 2250	NA	35	2	17.8	F	0,S,C,P,M	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	70	32	101
	PCA 2450	NA	38	2	17.8	F	0,S,C,P,M	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	100	32	101
	PCA 2544	NA	84	5	17.8	F	0,S,C,P,M	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	100	32	101
Electro-Voice (818) 895-8931	7300	\$884	39	3	12.75	F	0,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	30	32	>100
Harner (802) 987-3585	Pro 2400	\$830	27	3	10.5	C	None	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	45	28	>100
	Pro 5000	\$1,200	45	2	14	F	0,S,C	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	40	31	>105
	Pro 8000	\$1,350	40	3	12	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",ACA	Y	BP	75	38	>100
Hill Audio (800) 445-5178	DX1000 A	\$2,489	40	3	12	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	>80	NA	>100
	DX2000	\$2,799	78	3	18	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	>45	NA	>100
	DX3000	\$3,099	81	3	18	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4"	Y	BP	>80	NA	>100
	LC 1200	\$1,749	35	2	14.25	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",BS	Y	BP	>40	NA	>100
	LC 400	\$1,249	17	2	14.25	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",BS	Y	BP	>40	NA	>100
	LC 800	\$1,389	30	2	14.25	F	0,S,C,P	XLR,1/4",BS	Y	BP	>40	NA	>100

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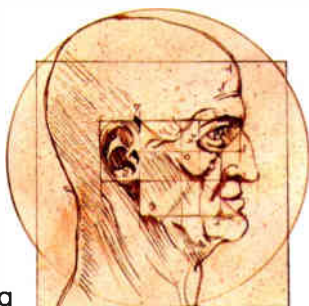
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THD @	THD %	Damp. %	Power factor	Pwr. Method	Dist. at 0.5% 2	Pwr. %	Dist. at 4.5% 2	Pwr. %	Dist. at 2.5% 2	Model	Manufacturer (Telephone No.)	
0.01	0.1	250	FTC	144	0.1	NA	0.1	-	-	400	AB International (818) 783-7800	
0.01	0.1	250	FTC	450	0.1	881	0.1	940	0.1	1100A		
0.01	0.25	250	FTC	800	0.1	1380	0.15	1500	0.3	1200C		
0.01	0.1	250	FTC	244	0.1	370	0.1	-	-	808LX		
0.01	0.1	250	FTC	298	0.1	453	0.1	504	0.1	800A		
<0.1	<0.1	>200	EIA	100	<0.1	150	<0.1	-	-	9442A	Altec Lansing (415) 324-5311	
<0.05	<0.1	>200	EIA	200	<0.05	300	<0.1	-	-	9444A		
<0.05	<0.1	>250	EIA	400	<0.1	800	<0.1	-	-	9448A		
NA	0.03	200	RMS	425	0.03	625	0.05	-	-	SS1209VC	ARX Systems (714) 848-2348	
0.004	0.05	>100	EIA	120	<1	180	<1	225	<1	FET-1000C	Ashby Audio (718) 544-5181	
0.004	0.05	>100	EIA	300	<1	500	<1	885	<1	FET-1000M		
0.004	0.05	>100	EIA	120	<1	190	<1	225	<1	FET-1808M		
0.004	0.05	>100	EIA	200	<1	300	<1	408	<1	FET-1500C		
0.004	0.05	>100	EIA	200	<1	300	<1	400	<1	FET-1500M		
0.004	0.05	>100	EIA	300	<1	500	<1	885	<1	FET-2080C		
<0.15	<0.05	850	FTC	380	<0.05	520	<0.05	700	NA	AM 1000	Australian Mon. (212) 488-2418	
<0.15	<0.05	850	FTC	470	<0.05	810	<0.05	1100	NA	AM 1800		
0.02	0.08	480	FTC	180	0.08	NA	-	-	-	280	BGW Systems (212) 873-8800	
0.05	0.2	150	FTC	100	0.2	NA	-	-	-	320B		
0.03	0.02	400	FTC	280	0.03	325	0.08	-	-	358A		
0.08	0.25	120	FTC	200	0.25	NA	-	-	-	820B		
0.05	0.1	300	FTC	280	0.1	380	0.15	-	-	7500T		
0.01	0.03	500	FTC	380	0.03	450	0.08	-	-	750C		
0.05	0.1	380	FTC	300	0.1	450	0.15	850	0.3	8500T		
0.03	0.1	580	FTC	380	0.1	825	0.15	1000	0.3	CTA		
0.03	0.1	500	FTC	300	0.1	450	0.15	850	0.3	GTB		
0.3	0.08	NA	<80kHz	200	0.08	325	0.08	-	-	Adv. CPA 850		Bimpo Systems (512) 841-7287
0.1	0.1	>150	<80kHz	300	0.1	500	0.1	-	-	XA 1000		
0.1	0.07	>150	<80kHz	190	0.07	150	0.07	-	-	XA 300		
0.1	0.07	>150	<80kHz	280	0.07	380	0.07	-	-	XA 800		
<0.1	<0.1	500	EIA	100	<0.1	200	<0.1	-	-	3-B	Bryson (808) 873-7898	
<0.1	<0.1	500	EIA	250	<0.1	400	<0.1	-	-	4-B		
0.1	0.5	200	FTC	450	0.5	800	0.5	-	-	PM 1200	Carver Corp. (800) 443-2287	
0.1	0.5	280	FTC	110	0.5	150	0.5	-	-	PM 380		
0.1	0.5	200	FTC	280	0.5	380	0.5	-	-	PM 680		
0.1	0.5	200	FTC	350	0.5	450	0.5	-	-	PM 880		
0.1	0.5	200	FTC	485	0.5	825	0.5	-	-	PT 1250		
NA	<0.05	>500	@ 1kHz	100	<1	200	<1	-	-	FET 400	Carvin (800) 854-2235	
NA	<0.05	>500	@ 1kHz	280	<1	300	<1	450	<1	FET 800		
<0.15	<0.08	400	EIA	400	0.05	575	0.05	750	0.1	4801	Crest (281) 423-1300	
<0.05	<0.08	480	EIA	525	0.05	780	0.05	880	0.1	8001		
<0.01	<0.08	480	EIA	579	0.05	810	0.05	850	0.1	7001		
0.015	<0.08	400	EIA	750	0.05	1225	0.05	1400	0.1	8001		
<0.15	<0.08	400	EIA	280	0.05	325	0.05	-	-	CC151		
<0.025	<0.08	400	EIA	380	0.05	540	0.05	-	-	CC301		
<0.02	<0.08	400	EIA	850	0.05	NA	-	-	-	CV801		
<0.04	<0.08	400	EIA	300	0.05	475	0.05	680	0.1	FA1201		
<0.04	<0.08	400	EIA	350	0.05	600	0.05	770	0.1	FA2401		
<0.04	<0.08	400	EIA	280	0.05	375	0.05	440	0.1	FAD01		
<0.05	<0.01	>400	MAP	175	0.1	385	0.1	-	-	DC 300A S-II		Crown Int. (212) 294-8800
<0.05	<0.02	>400	MAP	320	0.1	485	0.1	680	0.1	MacroTach 1200		
<0.05	<0.02	>400	MAP	535	0.1	820	0.1	1100	0.1	MacroTach 2400		
<0.05	<0.02	400	MAP	235	0.1	340	0.1	410	0.1	MacroTach 680		
<0.05	<0.02	480	MAP	235	0.1	340	0.1	410	0.1	MacroTach 880		
<0.05	0.02	480	MAP	320	0.1	485	0.1	680	0.1	MacroTach 1200		
<0.05	0.02	480	MAP	205	0.1	230	0.1	-	-	Power Base 1		
<0.05	0.02	>400	MAP	320	0.1	400	0.1	-	-	Power Base 2		
<0.05	<0.01	>400	MAP	100	0.1	170	0.1	-	-	PS 200		
0.05	<0.01	>400	MAP	180	NA	330	NA	-	-	PS 400		
<0.05	<0.05	400	MAP	275	0.1	480	0.1	700	0.1	PSA 2X		
NA	0.03	>380	EIA	180	NA	150	NA	-	-	PCA 2250	Dymond Elect. (213) 430-2878	
NA	0.03	>300	EIA	300	NA	250	NA	-	-	PCA 2450		
NA	0.03	>300	EIA	380	NA	300	NA	-	-	PCA 2544		
0.03	0.05	>200	FTC	280	0.05	380	0.1	-	-	7300	Electro-Voice (818) 885-8831	
<0.05	<0.025	380	RMS	120	0.03	175	0.04	-	-	Pro 2480	Hofner (802) 867-3585	
<0.07	<0.015	250	RMS	250	0.02	350	0.03	-	-	Pro 5000		
<0.1	0.1	>500	RMS	380	0.1	500	0.1	845	0.1	Pro 8000		
<0.002	0.02	800	RMS	500	0.02	800	0.02	-	-	DX1000 A	MM Audio (800) 445-5178	
<0.002	0.02	2000	RMS	400	0.02	850	0.02	1080	0	DX2000		
<0.002	0.02	2000	RMS	550	0.02	900	0.02	1500	0	DX3000		
<0.1	<0.3	>300	RMS	350	0.03	800	0.03	-	-	LC 1280		
<0.1	<0.3	>300	RMS	120	0.03	280	0.03	-	-	LC 400		
<0.1	<0.3	>300	RMS	250	0.03	480	0.03	-	-	LC 880		

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Manufacturer (Telephone No.)	Model	Retail Price	Lbs.	Rack- space	Depth (in.)	Cooling*	Indicators**	Input Conn.***	Balanced Inputs	Output Conn.***	Shew V/LR
I. R. P. (708) 840-8553	OH-4020	\$885	14	1	10	C	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4", BS	Y	BP, BS	20
Intl. Strength (213) 821-2341	PA700	\$888	28	3	13.5	F	O,C,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	NA
Intl. P.A. (213) 802-8842	MA-420	\$848	30	2	15.5	C	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	85
	MA-820	\$788	40	3	15.5	C	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	85
	MA-920	\$875	48	3	15.5	F	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	85
HH Electronic (213) 373-2034	VK 450	\$1,898	35	2	15	F	O,C,S,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	XLR, BP	70
	VK 600	\$2,148	38	2	15	F	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	XLR, BP	70
	VK 900	\$3,288	48	3	15	F	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	XLR, BP	70
	VK 1200	\$3,048	54	3	15	F	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	XLR, BP	70
	V 800	\$2,388	47	4	15	F	O,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	XLR, BP	45
JBL (818) 893-8411	B280	\$1,045	45	4	11	C	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	>40
	B290	\$1,570	83	4	14	C	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	>40
	SR 8630	\$895	34	2	17.5	F	O,C,S,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	>40
	SR 8650	\$1,185	42	2	17.5	F	O,C,S,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	>40
	ES 800	\$895	40	2	18	F	O,C,S,P,I	XLR, BS	Y	BP	>40
	ES 800	\$1,285	38	3	18	F	O,C,S,P,I	XLR, BS	Y	BP	>40
	ES 1200	\$1,585	38	3	18	F	O,C,S,P,I	XLR, BS	Y	BP	>40
Meyer Sound (415) 488-1188	MS-1000A	\$2,284	88	3	18.8	F	O,S,C,P	XLR	Y	BP	50
Parsons (800) 822-8802	NCA-2200	\$1,385	55	4	14	C	O,P	XLR, RCA	Y	BP	88
	NCA-1200	\$895	38	4	14	C	O,C,P	1/4", RCA	N	BP	45
	NCA-800 II	\$385	24	4	12	C	O,P	1/4", RCA	N	BP	28
Peavey Elec. (801) 483-5372	CS-1000	\$1,000	53	3	14.25	F	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	N	BP, 1/4"	50
	CS-1200	\$1,400	71	4	18	F	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	N	BP, 1/4"	50
	CS-400	\$780	40	3	12.38	F	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	N	BP, 1/4"	40
	CS-800	\$880	45	3	14.38	F	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	N	BP, 1/4"	40
	DECA 1200	\$1,400	37	2	18	F	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	NA
	DECA 528	\$880	12	1	13.5	F	C,P	1/4"	N	1/4"	NA
	DECA 724	\$1,000	37	2	18	F	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	NA
Perrenn Corp. (714) 877-3000	E-1000	\$1,088	18	3	12.75	C	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	NA
	E-2000	\$1,388	28	3	17.75	C	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	NA
QSC Audio (714) 845-2540	1200	\$588	24	3	8.5	C	O,C	XLR, 1/4", BS, D	Y	BP	12
	1400	\$788	34	3	8.5	F	O,C	XLR, 1/4", BS, D	Y	BP	18
	1700	\$1,248	54	4	10.8	F	O,C	XLR, 1/4", BS	Y	BP	21
	3500	\$1,488	50	2	15.8	C	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4", BS, D	Y	BP, BS	20
	3800	\$1,858	75	2	NA	C	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4", BS, D	Y	BP, BS	20
	MX 1500	\$1,098	47	2	17.0	F	O,C,P	1/4", BS	Y	BP	20
	MX 2000	\$1,488	70	3	17.0	F	O,C,P	1/4", BS	Y	BP	20
	MX 4000	\$2,788	84	3	17.0	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, BS	Y	BP, SD	20
	MX 700	\$588	75	2	NA	F	O,C	1/4", BS	Y	BP	20
Ramsa (714) 373-7277	WP-8110	\$840	28	2	15	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	NA
	WP-8220	\$1,060	38	3	15	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	NA
	WP-8440	\$2,180	75	3	18	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	NA
Rass (817) 338-5114	Mega Amp 400	\$588	40	2	NA	C	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	N	BP, 1/4"	15
	Mega Amp 800	\$788	38	3	NA	C	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	15
Sound Code Sys. (714) 554-8803	2150A	\$858	24	2	11	C	O,C	1/4"	Y	BP	70
	2200S	\$1,148	28	2	13.1	C	O	XLR	Y	BP	40
	2350A	\$828	38	3	14.5	F	O,C	1/4"	Y	BP	70
	2450A	\$888	44	3	14.5	F	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	70
	2800A	\$1,188	48	3	14.5	F	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	70
Sound Tech (788) 541-3520	A 1000	\$1,148	47	3	15.75	?	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	85
	A 300	\$588	18	2	15.5	C	O,S,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	85
	A 800	\$778	38	3	15.75	C	O,C,P,I	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	85
	PL 500	\$588	38	2	18	F	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	40
Soundcraftsmen (714) 558-8181	450 X2	\$848	30	2	11.75	F	C	XLR, 1/4", BS	Y	BP	50
	900X2	\$1,588	85	3	18.5	F	O,C	XLR, 1/4", BS	Y	BP	50
	PM 880	\$588	20	2	13	F	O,C	1/4"	N	BP	50
	RA 7501	\$848	50	2	15	C	O,C	1/4"	Y	BP/Intl.	50
Sumi/Fender (714) 880-0808	SPL 7250	\$750	25	2	12.5	F	O	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	30
	SPL 7450	\$888	38	3	13.4	F	O,C	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	20
Tan Electronics (415) 588-2538	P-150 D	\$1,238	44	3	18.8	C	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	20
	P-300 D	\$2,218	77	5	18.8	C	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	40
Yamaha (714) 522-8811	P1150	\$545	28	3	NA	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	90
	P2150	\$745	37	3	NA	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	50
	P2250	\$845	42	3	NA	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	80
Yorkville Sound (718) 287-2820	Audiopro 1200	\$1,200	35	2	15	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	30
	Audiopro 3000	\$1,588	40	2	15.75	F	O,S,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP	30
	Audiopro 500	\$788	40	2	13.5	F	O,C,P	XLR, 1/4"	Y	BP, 1/4"	30
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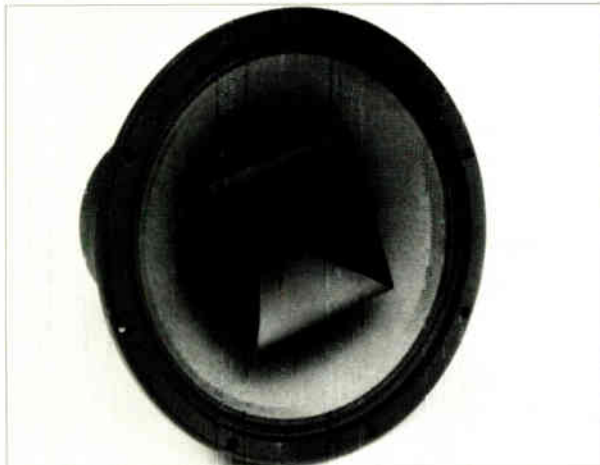
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20	105	NA	0.1	100	CONT.	100	0.1	140	0.15	-	-	DH-4020
NA	115	NA	NA	300	NA	250	NA	400	NA	-	-	PA700
20	115	0.01	0.01	300	FTC	130	0.01	180	0.01	225	0.1	NA-420
20	115	0.01	0.01	400	FTC	240	0.01	325	0.01	385	0.1	NA-620
32	115	0.01	0.01	400	FTC	315	0.01	480	0.01	500	0.1	NA-820
NA	100	0.03	0.03	300	EIA	138	0.03	225	0.03	-	-	VX 450
NA	100	0.03	0.03	300	EIA	185	0.03	300	0.02	-	-	VX 600
NA	100	0.03	0.03	300	EIA	280	0.03	450	0.02	-	-	VX 900
NA	100	0.03	0.03	300	EIA	350	0.03	800	0.02	-	-	VX 1200
NA	100	0.03	0.02	300	EIA	280	0.03	400	0.02	-	-	V 800
30	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	150	0.1	300	0.1	-	-	0200
33	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	300	0.1	800	0.1	-	-	0200
31	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	180	0.1	300	0.1	500	1	SR 0830
33	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	300	0.1	500	0.1	850	1	SR 0850
31	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	180	0.1	300	0.1	-	-	ES 000
33	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	300	0.1	450	0.1	-	-	ES 000
34	>100	<0.05	0.1	>200	FTC	300	0.1	800	0.1	-	-	ES 1200
20	>100	<0.1	<0.1	>1000	FTC	800	<0.1	1000	<0.1	-	-	MS-1000A
NA	115	0.05	0.05	140	NA	220	0.05	305	0.05	850	0.1	HCA 2200
NA	110	0.05	0.05	130	NA	200	0.05	300	0.05	-	-	HCA 1200
NA	110	0.05	0.05	>100	NA	100	0.05	140	0.05	-	-	HCA 800 H
30	U/100	NA	0.03	400	RMS	300	0.03	500	0.03	-	-	CS-1000
31	U/100	NA	0.03	400	RMS	350	0.03	800	0.03	-	-	CS-1200
20	U/100	NA	0.05	400	RMS	120	0.03	200	0.03	-	-	CS-400
20	U/100	NA	0.03	400	RMS	240	0.03	400	0.03	-	-	CS-800
31	U/100	NA	0.15	NA	RMS	NA	-	800	0.15	-	-	DECA 1200
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31	U/85	NA	0.1	NA	RMS	NA	-	350	0.1	-	-	DECA 724
NA	U/100	0.003	0.003	500	NA	200	0	300	0	-	-	E-1000
NA	U/100	0.003	0.003	500	NA	100	0	180	0	-	-	E-2000
20	100	<0.025	<.1	200	FTC	100	0.1	150	0.1	-	-	1200
32	100	<0.025	0.1	200	FTC	200	0.1	300	0.1	-	-	1400
34	100	<.01	<.1	200	FTC	325	0.1	500	0.1	-	-	1700
34	100	0.015	0.1	200	FTC	300	0.1	450	0.1	700	1	3500
35	100	0.025	0.1	200	FTC	375	0.1	800	0.1	850	0.2	3800
34	100	0.02	0.1	200	FTC	330	0.1	500	0.1	750	1	MX 1500
34	100	0.025	0.1	200	FTC	375	0.1	800	0.1	1000	1	MX 2000
34	100	0.05	0.1	200	FTC	750	0.1	1125	0.1	1500	0.1	MX 4000
31	100	0.025	0.1	200	FTC	150	0.1	225	0.1	350	1	MX 700
27	>100	<.05	<.1	100	NA	100	<.05	150	0.05	-	-	WP 8110
30	>100	<.05	<.1	100	NA	200	<.05	300	0.05	-	-	WP 8220
33	>100	<.08	<.08	150	NA	350	<.05	NA	-	-	-	WP 8440
40	100	0.05	0.1	150	EIA	150	0.1	200	0.1	-	-	Mega Amp 400
40	104	0.05	0.1	250	EIA	245	0.1	400	0.1	-	-	Mega Amp 800
30	105	0.175	0.088	350	EIA	100	0.04	150	0.08	-	-	2150A
30	88	0.5	0.5	18	EIA	125	0.4	200	0.05	310	1	2200S
30	105	0.025	0.080	350	EIA	245	0.1	350	0.1	-	-	2350A
30	108	0.025	0.205	350	EIA	275	0.1	440	0.1	-	-	2450A
30	110	0.028	0.198	350	EIA	350	0.1	584	0.1	-	-	2800A
32	115	NA	0.005	400	NA	312	NA	480	NA	-	-	A 1000
28	115	NA	0.01	300	NA	124	NA	188	NA	-	-	A 300
28	115	NA	0.008	400	NA	240	NA	324	NA	-	-	A 800
28	100	NA	0.05	300	NA	185	NA	250	NA	-	-	PL 500
NA	105	0.05	0.05	200	FTC	205	0.05	300	0.05	-	-	450 X2
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NA	105	0.05	0.05	200	FTC	205	0.05	300	0.05	-	-	PM 880
NA	105	0.05	0.05	250	FTC	250	0.05	375	0.05	-	-	RA 7501
28	105	<0.01	<0.01	>400	EIA	150	0.1	250	0.1	-	-	SPL 7250
30	105	<0.1	<0.01	400	NA	280	0.1	450	0.1	-	-	SPL 7450
30	110	0.05	0.1	150	FTC	150	0.1	220	0.15	-	-	P-150 0
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28	115	0.005	0.003	110	FTC	100	0.05	150	0.05	-	-	P2150
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38	U/115	0.01	0.04	>800	FTC	425	0.04	850	0.05	950	0.1	Audiopro 3000
30	U/84	0.01	0.1	>200	FTC	125	0.1	200	0.1	-	-	Audiopro 500
30	U/100	NA	0.1	>400	cont.	250	0.1	400	0.1	-	-	BETA 800

NOTES: * C=Convection F=Fan ** D=Dr; C=Clip; S=Signal present; P=Protect; L=Level *** B=Barrier Strip; BP=Binding Post; P=Plug-in Point; O=Open circuit; SO=Speak-on

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Electro-Voice (Buchanan, Mich.) has unveiled the MT-2, a half-sized version of the popular MT-4 Manifold Technology speaker system. The MT-2, consisting of the MTH-2/94 mid/high-frequency cabinet and a matching MTL-2 LF box, can be used as a mains system in smaller venues, or as an expansion option with the MT-4 system in down-fill and medium-throw applications. Highs are handled by two modified DL10X drivers manifolded into a 90° x 40° horn and two DH1A drivers manifolded into a smaller 90° x 40° horn. Both horns can be rotated for horizontal or vertical coverages. The MTL-2 LF box is a manifold design with two DL18MT woofers. Both are carpeted 36 x 22.5 x 30-inch boxes and include Aeroquip L-track flying hardware.

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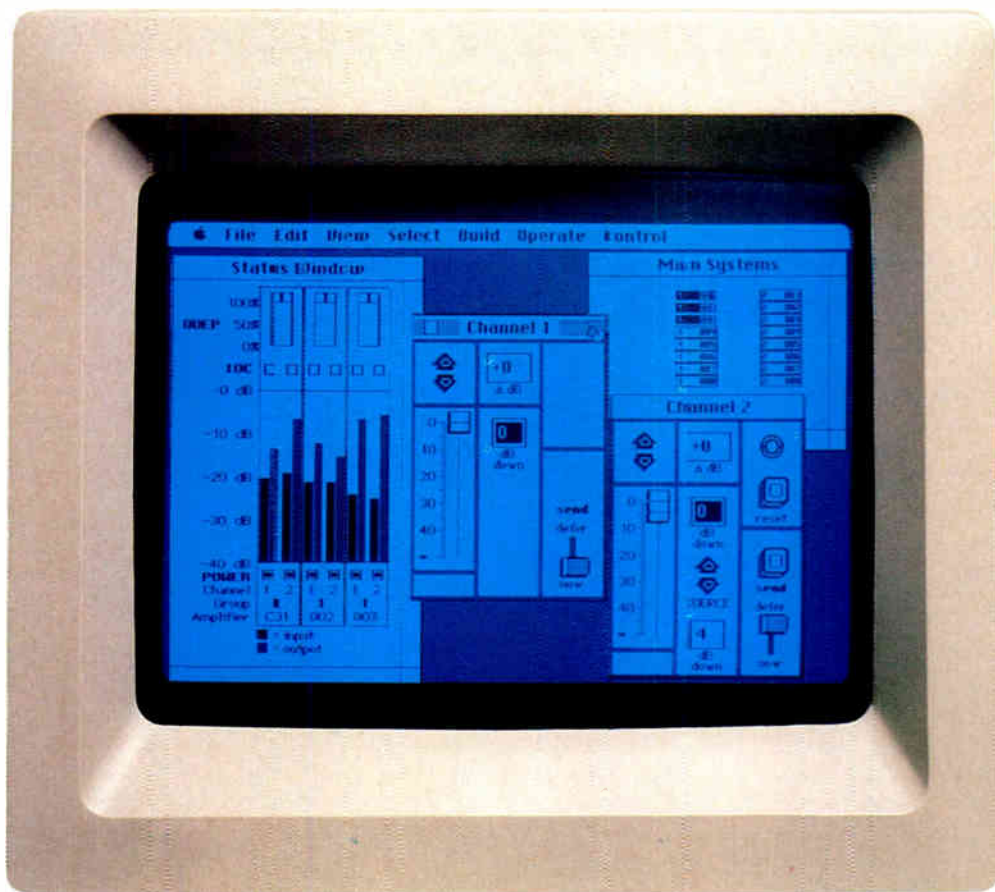
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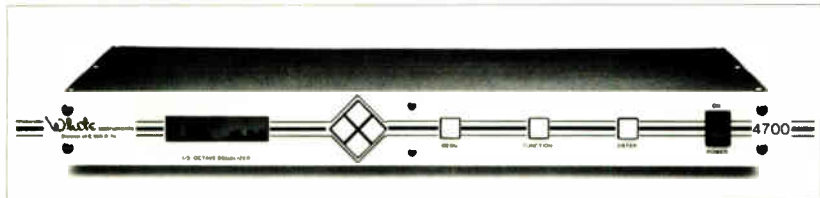
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Featuring optional powered FM antennas—said to increase transmission range by over 25 percent in crowded RF areas—and a sensitive receiver for improved headroom is the Super TD VHF wireless system from Samson of Hicksville, N.Y. The receiver uses a Cavity Tuned design with twice the sensitivity of its predecessor, along with inductor decoupling of internal stages to reduce the chance of RF entering the audio path. Transmitters include a powerful belt-pack system and handheld units offering popular condenser and dynamic mic elements.

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**JL COOPER SA-1000
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Based on the successful Magi II system, the SA-1000 from JL Cooper Electronics (Marina Del Rey, Calif.) installs in any sound reinforcement console to provide computer-assisted control of channel faders and mute information. Thousands of mixes can be selected as "scenes" and can be programmed, stored and recalled for later use. Features include up to 64 channels of high-quality dbx VCA control, disk storage and archiving, auto punch-in of changes, moving fader graphics, online or cue list editing, 16 software-based subgroups, and MIDI automation events. Other aspects include signal processing, equalizers, lighting effects and more. The SA-1000 requires a Macintosh or Atari ST computer with at least 1MB of RAM.

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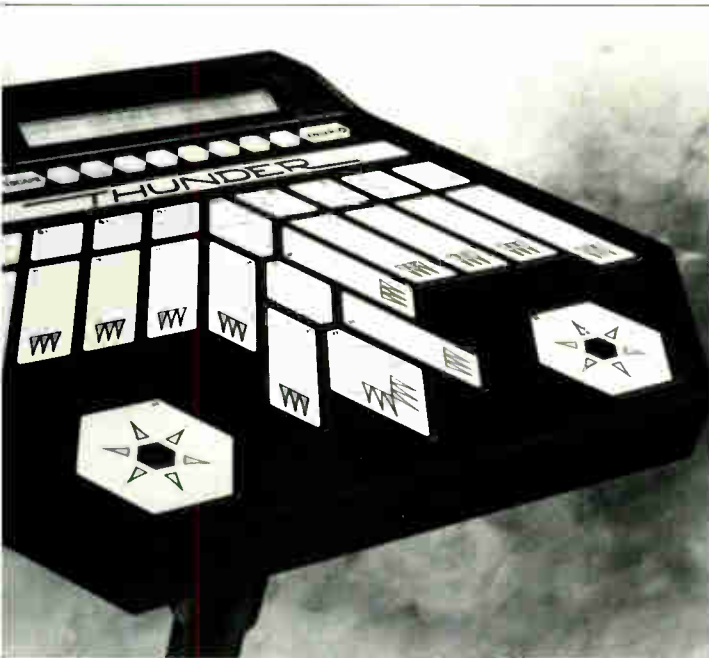
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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ALTERNATE CONTROLLERS



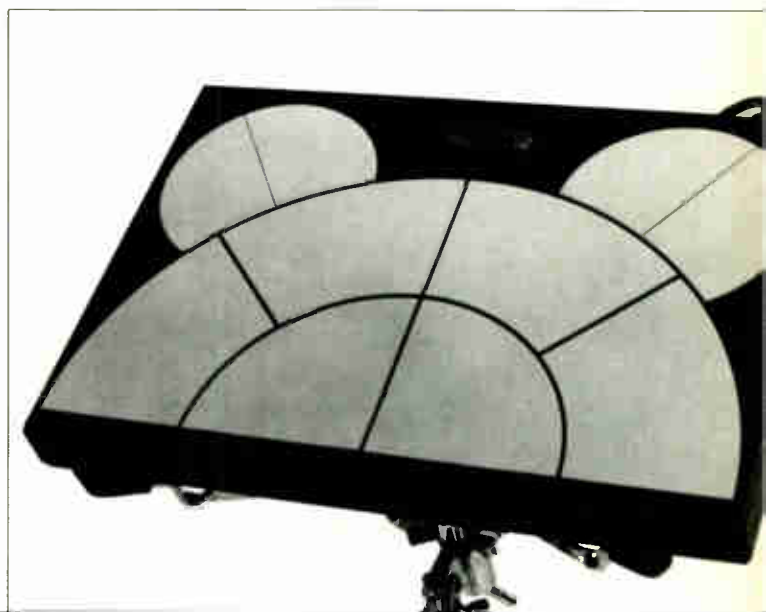
"kiddie guitar" controllers any more; Stepp is out of business; Yamaha has discontinued the G10; and the Quantar is (at least for the present) languishing in product limbo. Roland is still actively pursuing the market, buoyed by the relative success of the GR-50; but then again Roland has stuck with guitar synthesis through thick and thin, so by now it's offering a mature and cost-effective product.

On the wind side of things, matters haven't been much better, with early entries being discontinued often due to lack of sales. Drum controllers? Simmons has been on the ropes, although devices like the Kat and the Octapad remain popular. Marimba/vibe controllers are few and far between: Fairlight's VoiceTracker is but a memory; and MIDI accordions and harmonicas haven't exactly taken over

Left: Don Buchla's new Thunder.
Bottom: The Drum Kat.

When most people think "synthesizer," they think "keyboard." Although alternate synthesizer controllers designed for guitarists, wind players, drummers and vocalists have existed for years, they've never really caught on in a big way. Compare the number of keyboard synths and pianos sold, then compare the number of guitar controllers and guitars sold, and you'll see what I mean.

For years, mass-market guitar synthesis has been touted by many (including this author) as being "just around the corner." Yet at the last NAMM show, only Gibson showed new guitar synth technology, and that was an (admittedly major) update of its existing Photon system. Suzuki doesn't make its woefully underrated



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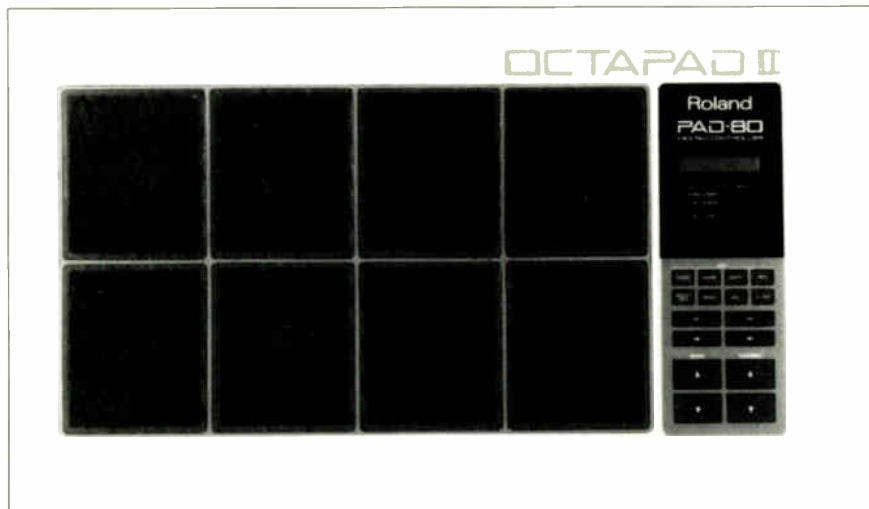
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the world.

The implications of this have been felt mostly in the softening keyboard market. Several companies realized

cilessly hyped and hopelessly over-sold, it couldn't deliver one-tenth of what it promised. Guitarists were unimpressed with the sound, tracking and reliability. Dealers were unimpressed with the sales. A short time



Roland Octapad II

that this market was being saturated by the influx of hundreds of thousands of DX7s, CZ-101s, D-50s, MIs and so on, and hoped to stake out new territory by getting guitarists, wind players, percussionists and others into the MIDI fold. This would not only open up a new market for controllers, but also stimulate sales of MIDI rack-mount expander modules, voicing software and other accessories. The numbers were impressive. The huge, untapped market of non-keyboard musicians was enough to make a marketing department salivate. Capturing even a fairly small percentage of those players would provide a much-needed new market, as well as some stability in the otherwise topsy-turvy, fashion-driven music market.

later ARP went out of business, and according to some people close to the company, the dismal failure of the Avatar was a big contributor. Thus the era of guitar synthesis was born, or perhaps I should say stillborn.

Price is another factor. A guitarist can spend \$1,500 and get an excellent guitar and amplifier. A top-of-the-line MIDI system based on a controller, like the G10, lists as follows: G10 (\$2,500), suitable multitimbral synth module (\$500 to \$2,000), new amplifier since guitar amps don't work all that well with synths (\$??) and MIDI paraphernalia such as cables. But it doesn't stop there. Patches for guitar synth have to be modified to accommodate both the player and controller, so not only does a guitarist have to spend a lot of money, but also has to deal with a MIDI implementation far more complex than that of a keyboard—and know enough about synthesis to at least customize existing patches.

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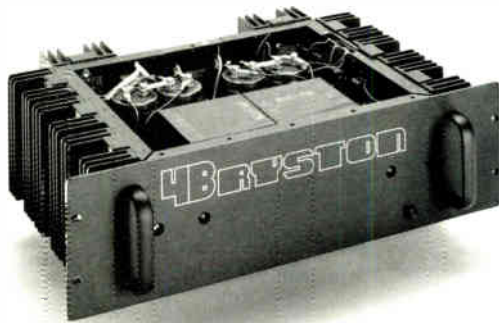
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produce anywhere near the degree of subtlety associated with a standard electric or acoustic guitar. And just for fun, every now and then a MIDI guitar will glitch itself into hyperspace. According to Murphy's Law, hyperspace will always be in the wrong key.

A further complication is the two divergent philosophies of guitar synths. In one camp, Roland, Zeta, Casio and several others believe that any guitar system should be based on a standard guitar and that the guitarist must be able to play conventionally as well as through MIDI on the same

instrument (and in the case of Roland, on the instrument the guitarist normally uses). The trade-off is that converting a conventional guitar signal to a glitch-free MIDI signal is a difficult task. The other camp (including Yamaha, Quantar, Stepp, Gibson and SynthAxe) has taken the approach of using a dedicated controller, which cannot be played like a conventional guitar (e.g., all the strings may be the same gauge, or the controller may not even use conventional strings). This can offer much better tracking, but sacrifices the great layered effects that can be obtained by playing synth and guitar together, as well as loses the

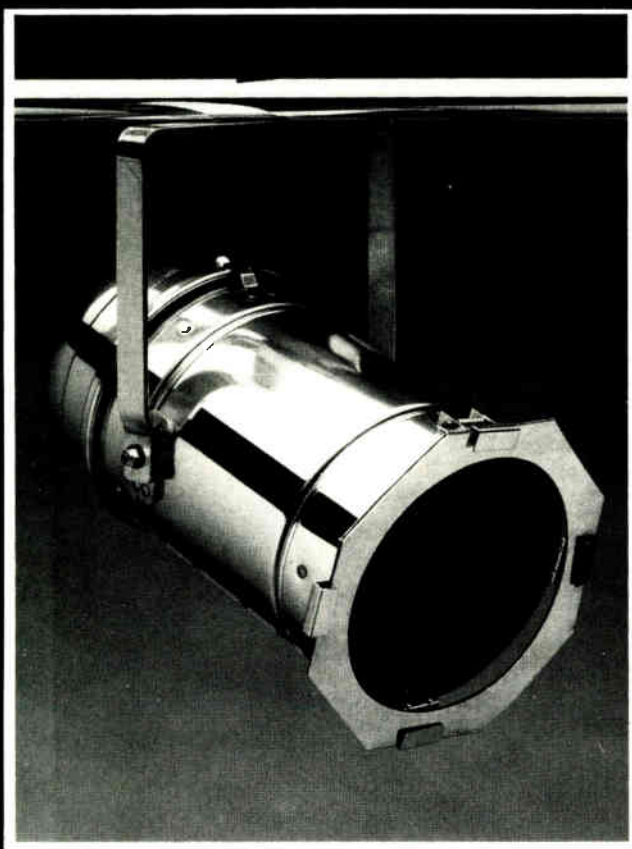
natural "feel" of the guitar.

Wind players face similar problems. Not being a wind player, I asked industry consultant and MIDI wind player Tim Tully for his take on why more wind players haven't gotten MIDI-fied. According to Tully, "The controllers are fine as far as they go, but there are problems with transducer technology, the MIDI standard itself and synthesizers. A reed instrument sounds as expressive as it does because it's controlled by the human vocal organs, whose muscles are extraordinarily flexible and sensitive. The interface a natural reed instrument provides between those organs and a sound-producing apparatus is sensitive to all these subtle gestures, which affect pitch, coloration and level. With a MIDI controller, you have a limited number of gestures feeding a limited number of synth parameters. Just controlling level with breath and opening a filter with lip pressure doesn't come close to capturing the nuances of an acoustic instrument.

"FM synthesis is capable of a great degree of expressiveness, but it would require multiple continuous controllers and a great deal of programming to get the same level of expressiveness. Also, people haven't been hip to programming synth patches that worked well with the gestures these devices could produce. As to why they've never taken off—to a horn player who isn't a techno-junkie—the first reaction is usually, 'It just doesn't feel like a horn.' The musicality you get by using those intimate speech organs is just not there."

Nonetheless, Tully still uses wind controllers a lot in his own work because he finds that "you do get a lot of additional timbres, and something like the WX7 is more expressive and easier for me to play than a keyboard."

MIDI guitar offers many of the same advantages to guitarists. You have access to more sounds, using an interface that more closely resembles a guitar than a keyboard. MIDI guitar opens the world of sequencers, notation and all those other MIDI goodies; despite the occasional quirks, I use MIDI guitar (Roland GM-70 and Yamaha G10) quite a bit. But I always stress to would-be MIDI guitarists that you have to realize you are not playing *guitar*; you are playing *synthesizer* through something that just happens to be a bit more guitar-like. Some people might actually find it easier



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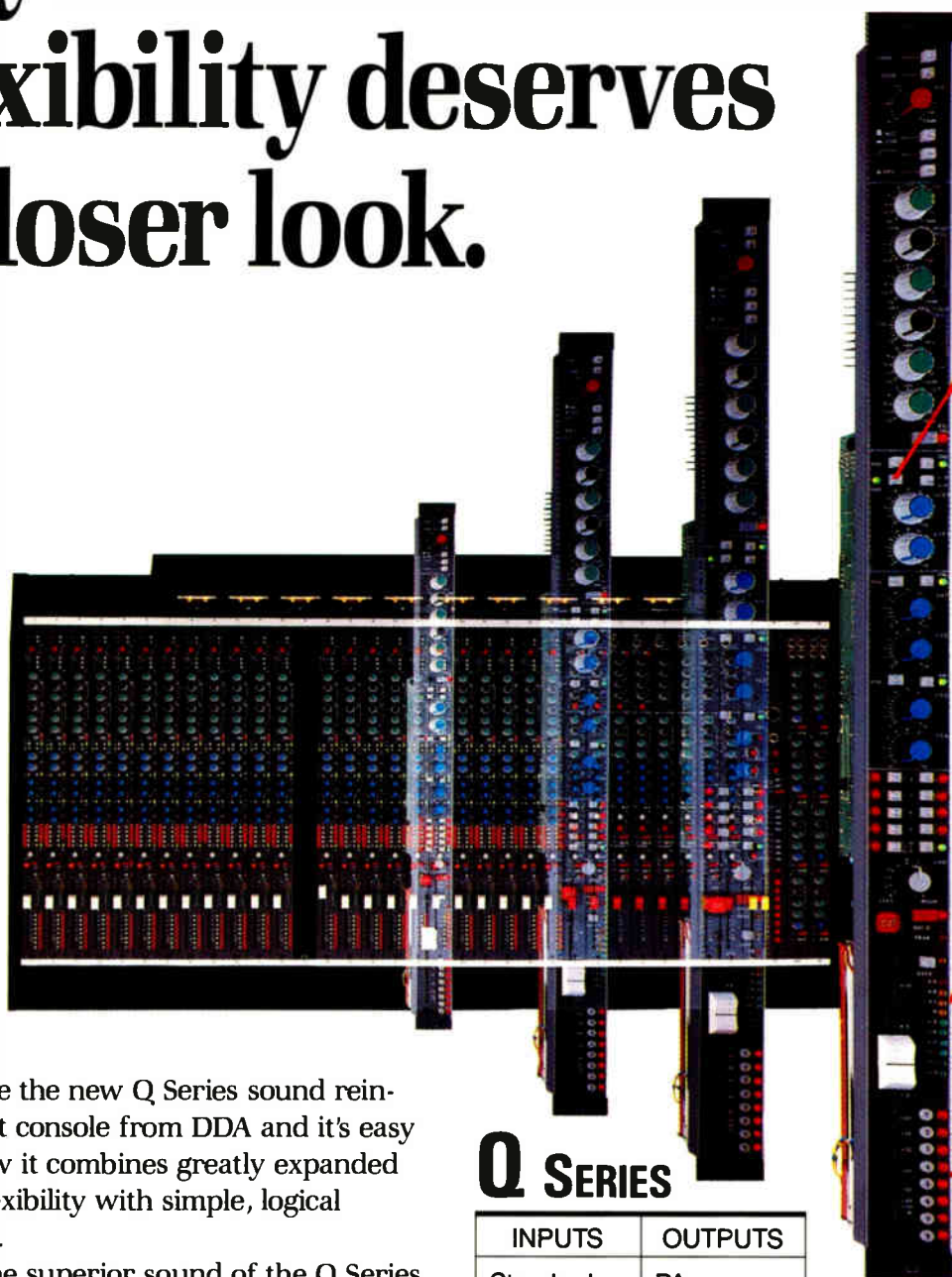
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(and more glitch-free) to play a MIDI-fied Chapman Stick than guitar if they're willing to make more of a conceptual leap.

We also must recognize that the problem lies not just with technology or manufacturers, by any means. In fact, Yamaha provided a great deal of support for G10, and Roland's GR-50 MIDI guitar is as close to "plug and

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play" as you can get (as is the Yamaha WX11 wind controller). Those musicians who have taken the time and trouble to master these new tools have acquired new and exciting means of expression, but many musicians simply can't be bothered to expend the effort necessary to learn new ways of playing and thinking. That's a tough obstacle to overcome for any manufacturer or technology.

So where do we go from here? I see two main options. Option #1 is more of the same. The idea of making controllers that appeal to players other than keyboardists has such economic appeal that companies will continue to pursue the Holy Grail of perfected instrument-to-MIDI conversion. Option #2 is to make a controller from scratch that may or may not have anything to do with traditional musical instruments, but is instead optimized to interface with electronic music devices. I sometimes think that conventional alternate controllers are analogous to trying to make a wind instrument by using a piano and blowing real hard on the strings to make them vibrate. Obviously, hav-

ing a cavity that you blow into is a better approach; there are probably several great ways to trigger electronic devices that nobody has thought of yet. Not that people aren't trying.

Robert Moog has done a lot of work with controllers (starting with Theremins and ribbon controllers a couple of decades ago), but most of these have never been mass-produced. Don Buchla has favored alternate controllers from his earliest instruments. His most recent controller, Thunder, looks very promising from an ergonomic standpoint. Meanwhile, Atari has released the Hotz Translator, an alternate controller that also represents a

fundamental rethinking of how to trigger electronic sounds from a non-traditional control surface. Whether these two latest entries become The New Standard or another footnote in the history of musical electronics is yet to be determined. But one of these days, someone will invent a controller that takes to electronics as comfortably as a guitar takes to strings. When that happens, look out. ■

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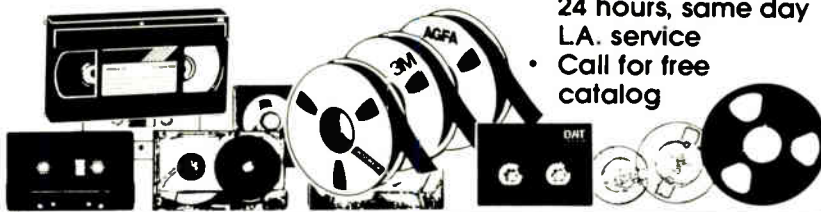
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The MS-16 (\$8,999) is a 1-inch 16-track in a rack-mount configuration. Features include: 10.5-inch reel capacity, 15 ips tape speed, separate coarse and fine pitch controls, and both RCA unbalanced and XLR balanced line inputs and outputs. Options include: the AQ-65 autolocator, dbx noise reduction, a remote transport control, and a roll-around console and overbridge meter mount.

Tascam's MSR-16 (\$7,499) is a 1/2-inch 16-track that shares a common transport design with the MSR-24 24-track recorder. The rack-mount MSR-16 operates at 7.5 or 15 ips, with $\pm 15\%$ pitch control. Other features include: 10.5-inch reel capacity, unbalanced RCA line inputs/outputs, two autolocation points and internal dbx Type 1 noise reduction (switchable). Serial and accessory ports allow use of the unit with external synchronizers, such as Tascam's MIDiiZER and ES-50/ES-51. The TSR-8 (\$3,499) is similar to the MSR-16, but offers eight tracks on 1/2-inch tape at a fixed, 15 ips speed with $\pm 12\%$ pitch control.

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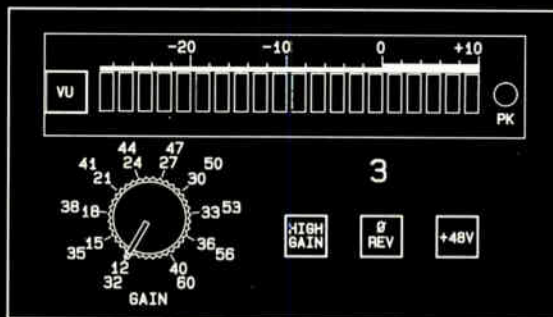
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DAT AND CD-R

VIABLE FORMATS FOR CD MASTERS?

When tape recorders replaced cutting lathes in recording studios, the need arose for a place to transfer master recordings to the formats used by manufacturers in making products for consumers. In the days when phonograph records were king, this transfer function required a lacquer cutting system. But today, with vinyl in decline, what's really needed is the Sony PCM-1630/DMR-4000 combination for recording CD "pre-masters." The 1630's dominance in this area has been virtually complete since the CD first emerged, but new possibilities have recently arisen that may eventually break the 1630's hold.

The first and most obvious challenge to the 1630 comes from DAT. With agreement imminent on

a SMPTE time code standard for the format, the cost barrier to acquiring truly professional digital recording capability will soon evaporate. On first thought, that might be seen as bad news for mastering houses, because recording studios that had been previously inclined to let someone else pay big bucks for a 1630 system might now be tempted to make their own CD masters on DAT. The world would be awash with studios expanding their services into the mastering business, and traditional mastering houses would be reeling from the one-two punch of lacquer's demise and increased CD-prep competition.

The above scenario is flawed because the cost of a 1630 setup, though extremely high for a stereo recorder, isn't enough to explain the fact that there hasn't already been a stampede of studios onto mastering turf.

It continues to have their hands full with new product and reissues in up to three release formats.

It's not merely the fact of owning a lathe, a 1630 or any other transfer device that has set mastering houses apart and kept them viable as independent entities. It's the expertise they've developed by specializing in the integration of individual selections into a unified whole. Clients bring their projects to mastering engineers for a combination of fresh and objective ears, experience in stereo program enhancement (as contrasted with enhancement of individual instruments in a mix) and familiarity with the requirements of each release format and the plants that manufacture them. DAT with time code might lower the ante for would-be competitors, but existing houses whose efforts have added to their clients' success should continue to thrive.

Instead of being a threat, what SMPTE-capable DAT could do for the mastering business is to lower the capital costs of expansion. At the same time, if it proves feasible as a CD mastering format, it might open the door for other formats as well. That brings up the possibility of using a recordable CD setup, such as that introduced by Sonic Solutions and Start Lab (see "Tape & Disc News," June 1990), to make CD masters. The cost of such a system becomes far more palatable if it can be used to record not only reference discs, but masters too. But are DATs and CD-Rs readily adaptable to the working environment and procedures of CD plant cutting rooms? Will replicators be willing to cut their glass masters from these alternative for-



While the Sony PCM-1630 digital audio processor is the worldwide standard for CD master tapes, new technologies—such as DAT with time code—may be a viable alternative to this format in the future.

ignores the reasons for which independent mastering houses developed their current place in the record industry. The demand for such facilities arose even though most pressing plants already offered in-house cutting services. Despite the tapering off of demand for lacquers, mastering engineers

mats instead of 1630 tapes? Or are there technical factors that preclude their consideration for use as cutting masters? To find out, I posed some basic questions to cutting room supervisors at three domestic replicating facilities.

Mix: What is technically required of a digital recording format in order for it to serve as a master from which glass CD masters may be cut?

Allan Hardigree, associate engineer, Denon Digital Industries, Madison, Ga.: It must have SMPTE time code available for one minute before the beginning of the first track. It must record and play back at 44.1kHz sampling rate. The hardware must have an SDIF output to interface with our encoding equipment. And since we have no control over errors that are present at that point, we have to be able to verify that the data being delivered to the encoder is accurate. So whatever playback format we use, we would have to have the same degree of connections with our control computer that we have using the 1630 to feel confident we are recording good data. There would have to be some handshaking going on. It would also have to have a transport control mechanism compatible with the control computer so the computer can tell it when to start and when to stop.

Right now we run the DMR-4000 in remote control, so it is not operator-dependent. The computer rewinds the tape to the beginning and puts the machine in standby mode. When the proper position is reached on the cutting machine, it starts the tape. As far as P&Q subcode editing, some plants are set up to work with P&Q encoding on audio track 1 of the 1630. But we don't use that track on the tape. Instead, we store it on a floppy disk, which travels with the master to the mastering room. There the information is loaded into the control computer and preverified before we begin cutting the glass. During cutting, the computer watches the time code. When the proper time codes occur, the proper P&Q codes are

inserted.

Tom Sweeney, CD mastering technologist, Specialty Records, Olyphant, Pa.: It would need a time code track free of any jumps. It would probably have to have an A>B confirming head set-up for error checking. We need SDIF ins and outs. The way we are set up right now, there would have to be an audio channel for PQ codes, which go on in table of contents in the first 30 seconds of the tape. And you would definitely have to have some kind of error-checking device like the DTA-2000, with hard copy for verification, or else you are going to be recording errors onto the disc without knowing it.

Chris Formato, manager of mastering and electroplating, U.S. Optical, Sanford, Maine: We would need a format that has time code on it and has a provision to store cue codes. Error-checking would have to be incorporated in some way. All machine functions would need to be remote-controllable. That includes insert editing, because our Philips subcode processor allows us to add text information to the subcode like titles, client and mastering date. That information never gets to disc, but we can store it on tape on channel 1 with the system we have right now. As far as interfacing goes, we would need to have SDIF.

Mix: Are there things about the Sony PCM-1630 format that make it particularly well-suited to be the CD mastering source format? And what, if any, are its drawbacks?

Hardigree: A large part of the reason the 1610/1630 is used is that that's what Sony came up with first. One nice thing about the 1630 is that when we play a tape back we can have a high degree of confidence that we won't have a problem with errors. We run it in read-after-read mode, so errors are corrected before they reach the cutting equipment. And our control computer is set up to monitor the 1630 and duplicate the functions of the DTA-2000. It watches for those flags that occur when data is not readable by either the A or the B head. So if we

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have an "Average," "Hold" or "Mute," we know it, and we have a print-out that tells us what happened. If we used some other equipment that does not have the 1630's level of integrity of error-correction, we would have a higher risk factor. The 1630 is also a very rugged device. We've never had a unit fail. It works day and night without causing any problems. We haven't had mechanical problems with the 1630 tapes either, to any great degree. But the tape life is fairly limited. Four or five years is the limit, and that's for tapes that have been kept in a temperature- and humidity-controlled room. Beyond that, I wouldn't have any confidence that a tape is going to play. For archiving the music, the CD itself is probably the best device.

Sweeney: The advantage of sticking with the 1630 is that right now there is one accepted standard, so everything is compatible. That's what the studios give us, and that's what we're geared up for. And as far as I know the 1630 is superior.

Instead of being a threat, SMPTE-capable DAT could lower the capital costs of expansion for the mastering business.

Ours is part of a turnkey system that has been tested for performance and longevity, so we're sure that all the components work well together. We did have problems with some 1630 tapes before we instituted our pre-mastering studio. Now the tapes are all screened before they reach the actual cutting stage. We do find some damaged tapes and tapes with high errors.

Formato: As far as I'm concerned, the 1610/1630 format is used because that's all there was. But if we are looking just at the process of transferring the signal to the cutter, then I'd say that the tape-based system

works well. We've only had a handful of instances where we've had to ask that a tape be replaced.

Mix: Both the DASH and ProDigi open-reel digital 2-track machines were designed with the requisite features for CD mastering, but 1630 remains the format of choice for that purpose. What are the reasons that the others haven't really been accepted?

Hardigree: The obvious reason is the handling of the tape. A cassette format is much more convenient. It's quicker and easier to load. You don't have to take the time to cue up the tape, and you don't have tape running off the end of the reel.

Sweeney: Convenience is the biggest thing. It's nice to have the complete package to just throw in the DMR. And with an open-reel there is always the possibility of edge damage.

Formato: One reason is the size of those machines. You can just mount a DMR-1000 right into a rack, versus having a tape machine that you have to thread up

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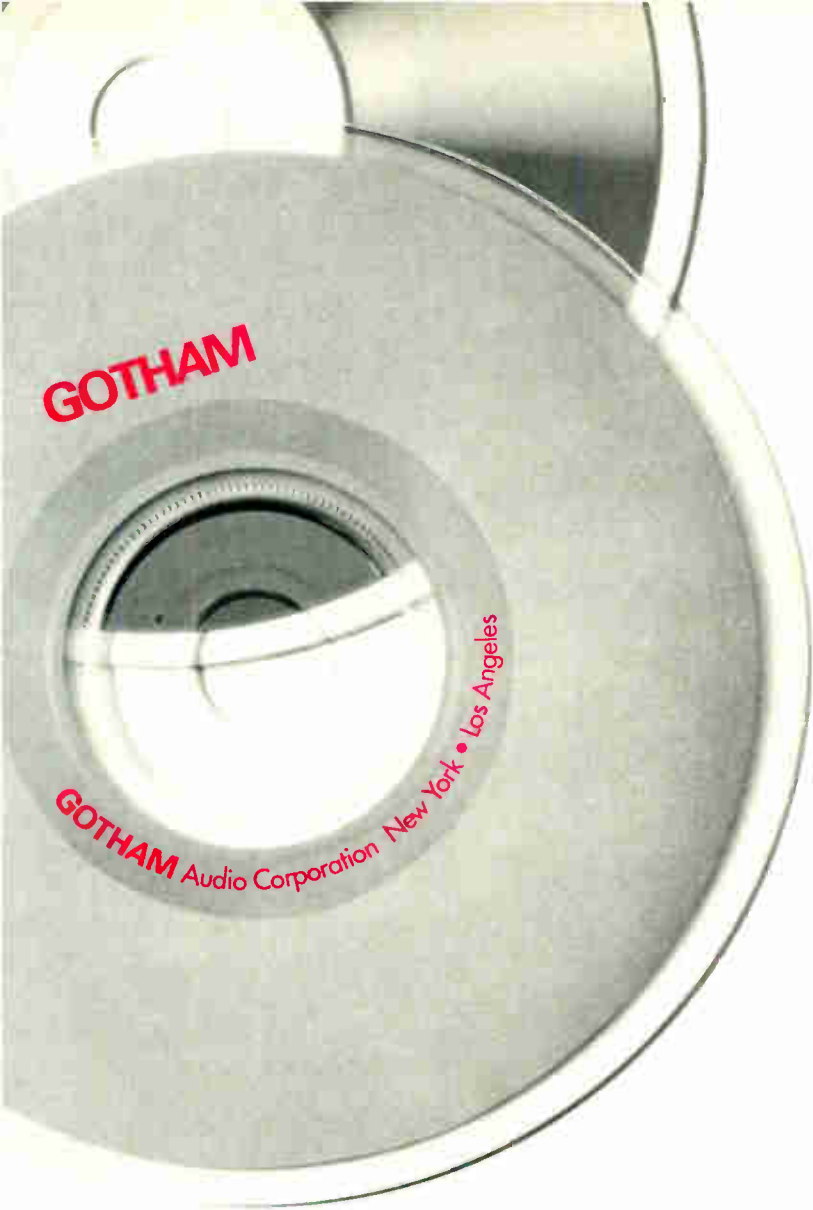
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With the seemingly overwhelming demands of a full academic workload, and a typically hectic class schedule determining the events of their daily life, how can audio engineering students find time to travel to four-day audio conventions, or even drive across town to attend local AES meetings? Not very easily.

The AES recognizes the time and scheduling restrictions of its student members and encourages the formation of local AES student chapters. Local AES chapter activities typically include: guest lecturers discussing current developments in their areas of expertise; field trips to audio production and audio manufacturing facilities; and hands-on workshops, where industry professionals demonstrate modern production techniques and manufacturers demonstrate recent technologies. The only visible differences between a student chapter meeting and a regular local meeting are the worn-out backpacks and lecture rooms with permanently affixed chalkboards.

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The incentive for audio production facilities to host AES tours is obvious. The average meeting turnout of approximately 50 to 60 members of the local audio community represents a healthy group of potential clients. Likewise, the opportunity for manufacturers to present their newest products facilitates greater product awareness among present and future customers.

That same incentive applies to student chapters. Students are industry professionals in training. They represent informed future clients and customers from all over the country, enabling broader national recognition for the participating local manufacturers and facilities.

The AES is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to meet the needs of its members and the industry. By supporting student chapters, the AES is not only encouraging continued communication in the audio industry, but it is also establishing "farm clubs" of future AES members. Historically, student members will upgrade to full members once they've become working professionals.

The first step to becoming an AES student member is to be enrolled currently in a recognized school, college or university for a course of academic or practical training in science, technology, audio engineering or its allied disciplines (music, acoustics, broadcast, film, video, etc.). The next step is to submit an AES membership application. The student application dues are \$30

(\$60 for full members) per year. Student applicants must include a reference (preferably two) from a faculty member or administrator who can attest to their student status and curriculum.

Student AES members are entitled to all rights and privileges of the society except the right to vote, hold office or serve on a standing committee. However, students are eligible to serve on committees in their student chapter. In fact, serving on the executive committee of a student chapter is an excellent opportunity for student members to work directly with national officers.

The first and most important step toward organizing an AES student chapter is the appointment of a faculty member or administrator to act as an ongoing adviser. This faculty adviser assists the student AES executives, helps organize on-campus events and equipment rentals, and serves as liaison between the local student chapter and the society. Additionally, as new student AES executive committees come and go with each graduating class, the faculty adviser helps maintain continuity.

The organization of an AES student chapter is identical to that of all other national and international AES chapters. The elected representatives of the executive committee, consisting of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and several committee members, organize events that meet the needs of their chapter.

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by Dan Daley

HIGH TOPS SHOWS HIGH-TECH

THE NEW MIDDLE-CLASS PROJECT STUDIO

The scuffy sneakers in High Tops Music House's logo might readily bring up images of a recording environment for NRBQ or a Joey Ramone Christmas card. Actually, they're high irony. As project studios go, High Tops is high-tech.

Dennis Michaels, High Tops' founder and creative director, opened the production house a little over a year ago in the SoHo loft he and his wife have occupied for more than a decade. A guitarist who soured on the reptilian Manhattan bar band scene, Michaels wanted to pursue the lucrative but

exigencies of the jingle field, then providing them with modems, software and access to a Proteus/1. Each



tightly knit commercial and industrial music field. He purchased some advanced yet affordable technology and then went one step further. He cast about for a way to attract a consistent pool of talent without having salaries drain start-up capital.

Michaels hit upon the idea of setting up contracts with a group of talented writers, initiating them to the

of the five writers continues to work at home, but they receive their projects via modem; in the same way, drafts are sent back to Michaels for client approval and changes. Then the writers can finish the projects themselves or send the sequence and sound information among themselves for finishing, all over phone lines.

"I may have one writer doing most of the work on a project," Michaels explains. "Then I might decide that another could do the bass part better, so I send it to him over the modem. A number of writers can have input on a given project, all bringing to it what they do best."

High Tops is, then, less a studio than an electronic hub. Phone lines connect satellite writers in a two-way web with more interconnection pos-

Above: Looking from the voice-over room into the control room. Left: High Tops founder Dennis Michaels at the helm.

sibilites than a 300-point patch bay. Clients this year for the fledgling operation include Aramis and Getty Petroleum.

Michaels built the High Tops space himself with fine-tuning by local acoustics maven Al Fierstein. Taking up about one-third of the loft's 4,000 square feet, the physical studio is made up of a small iso booth facing onto a control room, which is the leg of the L-shaped office. Voice talent in the booth can gaze through the large windows of the office/control room out to the spectacularly ornate loft building across Broome Street, 11 floors below. "That's one of the aspects of this space that attracts people," says Michaels. "The sense of light and space has a good effect on people's attitudes and creativity."

In terms of hardware, an Akai MG1212 combination 12-track recorder/console sits on a desk. Mixdowns are done to a Revox PR99 2-track. The computer is an Atari. Outboard is minimal: a Yamaha SPX90 and a Symetrix compressor among the sparse rack. An Emax is used for keyboard and sampling work. The critical pieces, according to Michaels, are the Proteus/1 rack-mount unit and the Creator/Notator software program, standard issue to High Tops writers. "Proteus is more powerful than people are aware of," Michaels says. "This is the key tool that makes the technology accessible and inexpensive. Its multitimbral capabilities mean we don't have to have racks and racks of sound modules, and each writer has access to the same sounds, making the communication aspect easier." The Creator/Notator software package allows users to simultaneously load the music program and the Flash communications program that High Tops uses during modem sessions.

The spartan interior of the studio reflects its creator's belief that the '90s will be considerably stripped down compared with the preceding decade. "The '80s were a fat decade, like the junk bonds that characterized them," Michaels says. "The '90s will be slimmed back. Agencies like Saatchi & Saatchi are moving into this neighborhood [on nearby Hudson Street]. The era of the agencies all on Madison Avenue is changing, and they're cutting back on their staffs and expenses."

High Tops' approach, he claims, dovetails with the expediencies of the new decade. With modems, he can offer a wide range of talent on a real-time basis without the overhead of a staff. Further, while High Tops' five writers—Chris Thall, Paul Morris, Chris Haynes, Maurice Minchino and Dave Smith—are spread out over Manhattan, Queens, New Jersey and Westchester, he envisions eventually contracting with writers in Los Angeles and Chicago via modem, offering advertising and industrial clients a national talent pool.

"It doesn't have to cost as much as it has cost [to do commercials in the past]," he says. "There's always been so much fat at the agencies; and, like the stock market, it reaches a point where it can't go anywhere but down. Technology will make it happen; talent is the key."

Michaels uses traditional commercial multitrack recording studios on some of the larger-budget finals, but they're the last link in the process and serve little of the creative aspect. He generally goes in with a disk and simply downloads sound to tape. "I'm not trying to compete with them," he explains. "It's just a lot of what they offer isn't as necessary as it once was." His future plans for High Tops include a Dyaxis 2+2 disk-based recording system, reflecting his feeling that tape is a doomed medium on the front lines. "For \$31,000 I can have an hour of recording time on disk," he says.

Michaels says the future bodes well for musicians in the field, as well as the new approach studios like his are taking. Smaller, more prolific creative enterprises will spread the work around. And the fear that home recording will turn us into a community of technological bookkeepers working in sterile environments out of touch with each other is displaced, he counters, with the interaction offered by modem connections. "There's something great about bringing musicians together again," he sighs. "We've gotten lost into our own little environments. I want us to get back to communicating, and the only way to do that is through technology." ■

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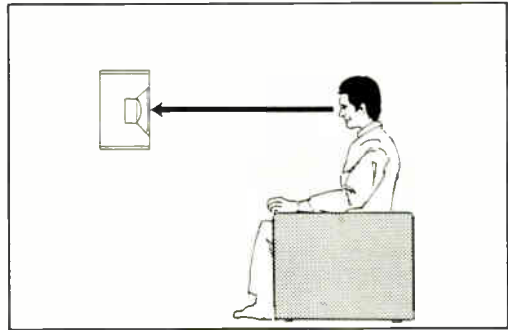
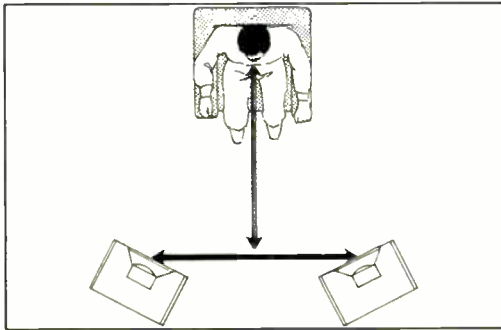
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every time sitting next to all your other equipment.

Mix: Do you feel that DAT could be an acceptable alternative to 1630 once a SMPTE time code standard for the format is finalized?

Hardigree: From what I know about it now, I don't see why not. We've talked about it internally here at the plant, and I think the day is coming when we will see DAT. I don't see any large obstacle that couldn't be overcome, though I haven't really had enough experience with the error-correction capability to be sure on that. A provision I read from Sony allows a DAT machine to be connected to a 1630 decoder, using AES or some other interface. Then it would simply be a matter of plugging in the DAT, and all the error-monitoring is taken care of. Apparently, there is also a device available from Sony as an extension of the interface on the 2500 Pro DAT machine that logs error rates. So there is movement in that direction. If they provided us with something that has the same plugs, we could just slide it in the rack and replace—or supplement—the DMR 4000/1630 combination. You could just flip a switch and go to either format. For one thing, DAT would be much easier to store. We've done over 6,700 albums, and we've got several rooms filled with tapes. As far as degradation over time, DAT might not be any better, but I don't think it would be any worse than what we are running into with the 1630 tapes.

Sweeney: I wouldn't see any objection to DAT once there is standardization. It's the same theory as the 1630. As long as you have that pure digital information on tape, and you've got something correcting the errors, it's going to be the same output as a 1630.

Formato: Yes. I think DAT could be used, if you can control all the remote functions on the player. A lot of our clients are really interested in giving us DATs. You would have to be sure that the music on the DAT doesn't begin until a minute or two into the tape. Then you could store the cue codes at the head on either of the digital audio channels, recording it through the

analog inputs and retrieving it through the analog outs. There is no requirement that the space on tape for cue codes is available once the actual program starts.

Mix: WORM CD recording systems are available from both Start Lab through Sonic Solutions, and Yamaha, through Gotham Audio. Would a WORM CD make an acceptable source for glass master cutting?

Hardigree: It could, but the equipment I've seen would have to be modified to be able to read the lead-in area of the disc and verify time code prior to the start of music. We encode approximately three minutes of information prior to the first track, and I don't know if that is also done on these WORM drives. We've got to have time code at least 15 seconds before the first cue point. But the CD cues up right to the first cue point, and you would have some disagreement in your time code, possibly several frames, even if the machine started when a remote-control device told it to. I can see some problems there, but nothing insurmountable. Even if WORM recording isn't being done exactly the way we need it right now, it certainly could be.

Sweeney: In the future, yes. It would be beneficial, because you wouldn't have the problems of edge damage or other physical damage that can't be corrected. The CD players are capable of playing just about anything. So it would definitely be a superior format, but it would be a matter of gearing up for the hardware to accept that incoming format. It would have to interface with the rest of our electronics through IC communication to the mainframe.

Formato: We could cut from CDs, if the player had digital outputs and could interface with the Philips control rack. The Philips is going to want to see the table of contents to dump into its processor, and if you could shuttle through the lead-in, and it was formatted to be Red Book-compatible, you could get that off the disc. So yes, I can foresee eventually being able to do that. ■

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by Philip De Lancie

TAPE & DISC NEWS

E Media's CD RackPack offers an innovative solution to the CD packaging dilemma, while providing storage for up to 18 discs.



In the wake of Earth Day, worldwide awareness of our planet's precarious environmental condition has been heightened. In developed countries, overpackaging contributes to both resource waste and refuse disposal problems. The U.S. has the unfortunate distinction of being the sole remaining nation in which CDs are sold in packages that, at 6 x 12 inches, are more than twice the size of the product they enclose. Record companies blame the practice on retailers, who claim the larger packaging is needed to discourage shoplifting. According to *Billboard*, some companies, including Elektra, Warner Bros. and Rykodisc, have responded to the problem by using recycled paperboard for their longboxes. Other major labels have made token gestures of concern, issuing a few releases incorporating recycled materials, but usually only at the insistence of eco-minded artists.

Now E Media of Kennebunkport, Maine, has come up with an idea to minimize the disposable content of CD packaging. The CD

RackPack is a rigid plastic (recycled and recyclable) rectangular frame, the same size as a longbox, into which one or two jewel-boxed CDs may be snapped. In retail, the shrink-wrapped package allows easy viewing of jewel box insert graphics on both sides and fits standard display bins. At home, removal of the purchased CD leaves a rack into which up to 18 CDs may be inserted for storage and flip-through viewing. The company is promoting the combination of merchandiser and storage rack sales premium for its appeal to socially conscious labels, retailers and consumers.

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Fast-Trax Digital Technologies has introduced an encoding system using still-frame video signal storage and 300:1 compression to record vast amounts of audio on CAV and CLV videodiscs. The Music Archiver combines a WORM drive with a set of three encoder boards that fit in IBM AT-compatible computers. The system allows one side of a 12-inch laser disc to store up to 150 hours of lim-

ited bandwidth mono audio, or ten seconds per video frame. For stereo program with dynamic range of 78 dB and frequency response of 11 kHz (which the company charitably calls hi-fi), capacity is 23 hours. Audio capacity is reduced as video, still pictures or digital data are added to the program. To owners of Pioneer's LVD 8000 CLV machine, the company promises even greater capacity, up to 92 hours of stereo hi-fi. Fast-Trax plans to market its system as an alternative to CD-I and DVI for interactive applications in business and educational markets.

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Sony Classical will be among the first labels to release prerecorded DAT product, and the company is also leading the way introducing DAT to U.S. consumers. But according to Jim Pagliaro, director of Sony's Duplication Systems division, Sony isn't rushing into the sale of high-speed DAT duplication gear. Most of the basic product development is already

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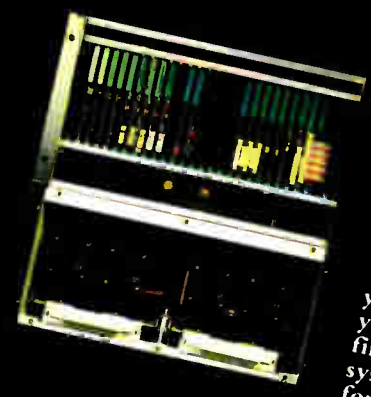
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complete, because such a system would be largely based on Sony's Sprinter line of high-speed video duplicators. But the current market, Pagliaro says, doesn't justify introduction of a DAT Sprinter, though Sony could be "very responsive" once a decision is made to go forward.

Video Sprinters are now available incorporating factory-installed improvements previously offered in the form of an upgrade kit. The 5000-C combines higher print speed and faster rewind to raise output 12 percent to 18 percent depending on program length. The new model also uses an iron transfer drum for improved signal transfer, yielding higher output from copy tapes, which may now be wound onto hubs rather than take-up reels.

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Personics (Redwood City, Calif.) has added "Intelligent Couponing" to its in-store custom cas-

sette duplication system to allow record companies to target purchase incentives to likely buyers. A customer who selects a given artist for inclusion on a custom cassette could receive a coupon, laser-printed by the system on the spot, good for a discount on a regular prerecorded album by the same artist. Or someone who chooses music from a given style category (country, heavy metal, etc.) could be given a discount coupon for product on the same label by other artists working in the same style. MCA and EMI are among the labels participating in the program, whose redemption costs are shared by retailers and labels. Personics absorbs the costs of administration.

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Real-time duplicator Clarity Cassettes is working with Shape Inc. to provide field test feedback for further improvement of Shape's Mark 10 Generation II audio cassette shell. The new shell is already in production at Shape's plant in Biddeford, Maine. But according to Mike Pepin of Clar-

ity, Shape is taking advantage of Clarity's ability to computer monitor the performance of prototype shells as tapes are being recorded. Results are analyzed as designs are refined. He says the biggest improvement in newer shells will be a "revolutionary" design to optimize the tension of the pressure pad spring.

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Akai Digital of Fort Worth, Texas, is offering a stereo disk-based recording and editing system using rewritable optical media. With the rack-mountable DD1000, removable disks can record 25 minutes of audio per side at 44.1 or 48kHz sampling rates. An external drive may be connected via SCSI for additional capacity. The companion DL1000 is a remote control for the unit featuring a built-in time code generator and control of editing functions for up to seven DD1000s, including splicing, fades and SMPTE-referenced random access replay of samples.

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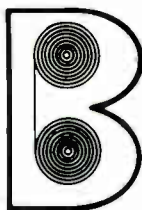
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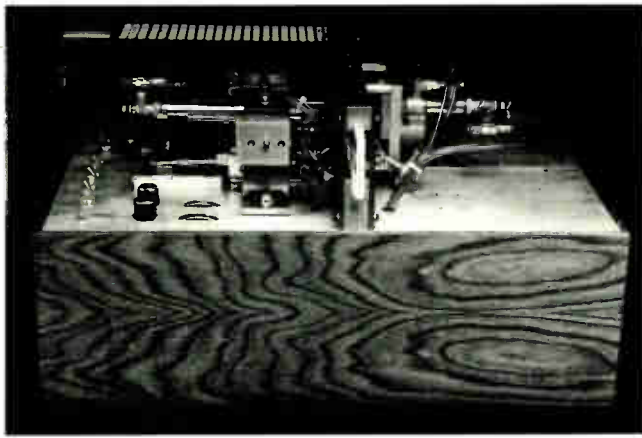
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Memory-Tech, a CD replication venture started in Plano, Texas, by Mitsubishi and ElectroSound Group, has been acquired by Discetronics. The plant joins Discetronics facilities in California, Alabama, Australia and the UK... **Digital House**, a New York City-based purveyor of CD and cassette production services, has announced the appointment of RPS Communications as its public relations consultant... **Optical Disc Mastering** (Charlotte, N.C.) is targeting its new CD-Integrated Manufacturing System to companies with annual production needs of about 2,000 masters and 2 million discs. Billed as an all-in-one tape-to-disc production facility for CD-Audio or CD-ROM, the modular system requires the addition only of floor space (60 ft. x 60 ft.), electrical, water and drainage provisions. Elapsed time from data formatting to finished discs is only six hours. The company has also introduced the LHH 3200 Data Formater for



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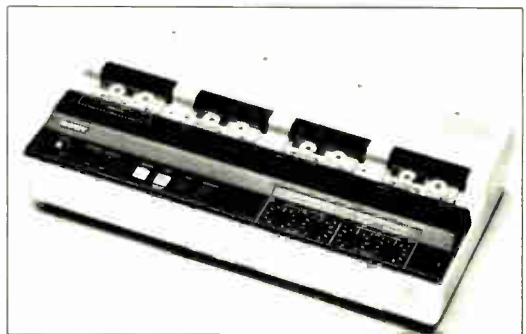
Archon Corp. of Danvers, Mass., is now shipping its Arcoset Mini Printer, an on-cassette printing system. The modular and expandable units are available in models ranging from manual to two-sided fully automatic... Seattle's **Martin Audio Group** has teamed up with CD replicator **American Helix** to offer CD "Airplay Packages" that include glass mastering, pressing, label printing (two-color) and a Tyvek sleeve. Three sizes are available, from \$999 for 50 discs to

\$1,425 for 200... A pair of complementary, free-standing Portable Reference Conversion Systems are now available from **Apogee Electronics** of Santa Monica, Calif., for audio conversion to and from the digital domain. The units offer a variety of professional digital interfacing capabilities, including AES EBU. They also feature company-designed dither, clock and filter systems, also available for OEM applications. Apogee claims that its dither design yields the equivalent of three added bits, decodable by any replay system. The AD1000 and DA1000 list for \$999 each. ■

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But as I write this in early May, I have more questions than answers about the goings-on in the very strange, even surreal, world of *Twin Peaks*, and like millions of other

viewers around the country, I'm basically living for Thursdays to come around so more of this prime time puzzle will be revealed. It's not that I'm a TV junkie—far from it, actually—but this one snared me from the opening theme on the two-hour pilot back on April 8, all that slow, twangy guitar over a pretty dirge of a melody, like Duane Eddy on Quaaludes.

The very thought that David Lynch—the director of what is unquestionably the most twisted popular film of the '80s, *Blue Velvet*—could make it to network TV with a series as weird as *Twin Peaks* boggles the mind. After all, this is the network that gave us *America's Funniest Home Videos* around the same time, and Lynch doesn't exactly have a track record with mainstream America. But occasionally something odd slips through the cracks and—surprise, surprise!—even becomes a hit. The pilot was one of the most-watched programs of the season. Just think, right now hundreds of would-be screenwriters living in the L.A. area are probably working on rip-offs of *Twin Peaks*, each one trying to write more unusual story lines than the others. A lucky handful will make it into development, and one or two particularly rotten ones may even make it to the pilot stage. Why, it makes me proud to be an American!

But this spring's *Twin Peaks* (its eventual fate as a series is still in question as we go to press) really *was* different than regular TV, in its characters, the way it looked and even the way it sounded. The two-hour pilot, directed by Lynch, was surely one of the most intriguing "TV movies" ever aired, and the world that was created—aurally and visually—formed the basis for the episodes that followed. So even though Lynch directed only one other episode, the series as a whole had a textural continuity that was in keeping with Lynch's original vision.

Lynch was heavily involved in every aspect of the pilot, including the sound. According to Doug Murray,

sound designer on that show, "David likes to keep an eye on everything that's going on, but at the same time, he gives people room to be creative. In the case of the sound, he certainly had some ideas that he vaguely sketched out to me, and there were a few instances where he had very specific ideas of what he wanted to hear, but he gave me a lot of latitude and was always open to new things. He told me that he liked the general style of the *Blue Velvet* [sound] track, and asked me to, where appropriate, emulate some of the things done in that film, but most of what we ended up with was pretty original."

For most of his films, Lynch has worked with sound designer Alan Splet; together they've forged a style that combines the use of unusual natural and machine noises, and music that is alternately lulling and jarringly melodramatic, into a strangely cohesive whole that inexplicably *works*.

Lynch and Splet still work together, but for this TV project, Lynch chose Murray, an independent who works out of Bay Area's Saul Zaentz Film Center, to handle the sound chores. Murray's previous sound editor credits include the excellent "little" films *River's Edge* and *Smooth Talk*, and the big-budget hit *Colors*. "It was a three-week cut and mix schedule, which is more than some TV schedules, but less than a conventional feature film," Murray says. "It was pretty intense." Just like the show.

"One of the things David likes," Murray says, "is to take sound effects of machines and slow them way down to make almost musical textures

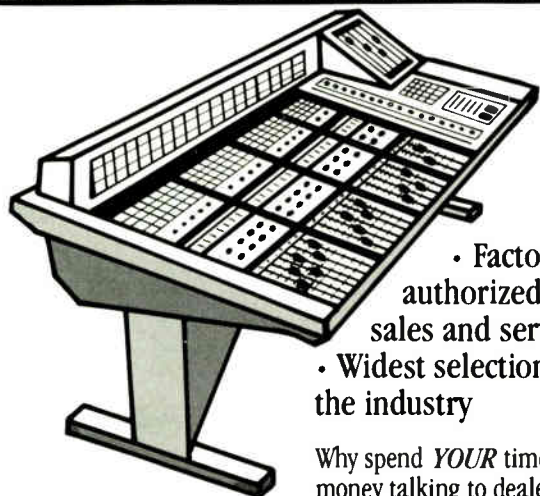
out of them and mix them together in abstract ways to create backgrounds that have emotional impact the way music often does. I'd done a little of that sort of thing before, but most directors aren't interested in pushing things in that direction."

No doubt about it, Lynch dares to be weird. For instance, to make the dream sequence mentioned above



Doug Murray at work in Berkeley's Saul Zaentz Film Center

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as bizarre as possible, the actors actually spoke their lines and performed all their motions *backward*, and then the film was shown in reverse so it all looked and sounded "normal." Well, almost. But it's those odd, unexpected touches that Lynch and his crew come up with that make his work so memorable. Weeks after the airing of the pilot, I'm still haunted by scattered sounds and images—the mournful ringing of a lone bell-buoy, the grating intermittent buzz of a defective light in the morgue, the horrifying blue-gray pallor of the victim's skin.

The sound effects Murray worked with came from a number of sources: Alan Splet's personal library of sounds ("David had a few specific ones he liked from previous films," Murray notes); sound libraries of other friends in the business; DAT recordings made on the show's Washington state locations by John Wentworth, who went on to be the post-production supervisor on the series; and recordings Murray made himself after seeing a rough cut of the pilot.

"I also used a couple of things from commercial sound effects libraries," Murray says, "but I prefer unique stuff." Murray used an Emulator III as his primary tool, and also made extensive use of an Eventide Ultra-Harmonizer.

Wherever possible, Murray and his assistant Donny Blank (developer of Alchemy software, which they used as an editor, librarian and sound processing tool) did their own effects premixes. "That meant there were fewer choices when it came to the main mix, but it worked out very well," Murray says. "We used a Dyaxis and it proved to be a very useful tool for mixing down and bouncing tracks. So we could lay down six tracks of sound, then mix down to the Dyaxis and lock that to picture, lay it back over to the multitrack recorder, which is an 8-track with six usable tracks, because of the sync."

Since Angelo Badalamenti's music for the show was layed in after the FX were completed, Murray was unsure of how prominent his work would be until the final mix. "It was a little competitive," he admits. "I tried to get the effects so good that they would be featured instead of the music whenever possible."

"In the boxcar scene [an eerie, abandoned train that police investi-



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gators hypothesize was the murder site), the sound effects were very textural and musical in a way that was evocative of a train graveyard. I used slowed-down train whistles and train tracks rat-a-tat-tatting, and dogs and drips and all kinds of other sounds mixed in there, and it got used without any music at all. They went into the scene with music, then favored the effects, and then went out of it musically. It happened so seamlessly you didn't realize it wasn't one continuous flow of sound. It was all part of the 'musical score,' and it took you down to this deep, dark place."

The actual music in the pilot and the weekly series that followed was similarly unconventional. According to Murray, Badalamenti "created a number of themes, arranged them in different ways and recorded a lot of variations of the themes in different arrangements, with different tempos, different instrumentation. None of them had any hard sync reference to any scene in the movie, which is somewhat unusual.

"Then David and [music editor David] Slusser would cut from one arrangement to another during the course of a scene," Murray continues. "They would take a 24-track with different instruments on the separate tracks and mix down a selection into one possible arrangement. Then they'd try other combinations, so on one there might be guitar, drums and harmonica; on another, just strings and guitar. So there might be the same guitar part on these different variations on the theme, but the way the instruments were combined changed their effect on the scene. There were half a dozen different arrangements of the various themes at each tempo. Lots of really interesting things were tried out along the way. I really think it's the most unusual music I've ever heard on television."

Murray's involvement with *Twin Peaks* ended after the pilot, but it's fair to say that his sound work on that show established a mood that continued on the series, which was posted at Todd A0. "They didn't need to create a whole new world," he says of those who came after him, "because the world is already there. It's more like they're exploring the mansion we've already built." ■

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SESSIONS & STUDIO NEWS

SOUTHEAST

Way down yonder in New Orleans—actually the New Orleans suburb of Metairie—**Southlake Recording Studios** reports: **The Subdudes** recorded tracks for their upcoming album, with producer **Rob Fraboni** and **Steve Himelfarb** assisting; and new band **RagDoll** recorded five songs for **Feldsott Productions** with **Kirk Yano** producing...At **Digital Recorders** of Nashville, TN, **Eddie**

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▲ **Record producer and industry veteran David Kershenbaum announced the addition of Hollywood's Studio 55 as the third facility in the Powertrax Entertainment Studio Group. The studio will now be the headquarters for the entire Powertrax Entertainment organization. Pictured left to right: David Dubow, Powertrax/55 studio manager; Sheila Minard, Powertrax/55 executive vice president; David Kershenbaum, Powertrax/55 president; Richard Perry, former owner of Studio 55.**

FRIENDS stopped by to celebrate the release of Hal Blaine's autobiography, *Hal Blaine and The Wrecking Crew*, April 19, at the Baked Potato Club in Studio City, Calif. The party, hosted by *Mix* and Ramsa, attracted many of the original Wrecking Crew studio musicians responsible for hundreds of hit records recorded in Hollywood during the '60s and '70s. Hal's book is available through Mix Bookshelf (800) 233-9604.

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N.Y. METRO REPORT

Whether working in New York or in other parts of the world, we as audio professionals need to know all we can about the special dynamics of the New York market-

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(l to r) Hal Blaine, ▶
Wrecking Crew mate
Al Casey, super-producer
Phil Spector, arranger
Jack Nitsche and
renowned session
drummer Earl Palmer.



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◀ **Record producer Al DeLory (left) and Beach Boy Brian Wilson join Hal in the celebration.**

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**Beach Boys ▶
Bruce Johnston (left)
and Al Jardine
boogie with Michelle
"Mama" Phillips.**



place. After all, the city contains not only some of the world's top recording facilities, but an equally strong representative sampling of every kind of professional sound application imaginable. And so, starting in the next issue a new column will report on the latest news, trends and developments in the vibrant New York music, recording and professional sound market.

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Rabbitt was in doing a project for Capitol Records, with **James Stroud** and **Randy McCormick** producing and **Lynn Peterzell** engineering; **Vanessa Williams** did overdubs with **Keith Thomas** producing and **Jeff Balding** engineering; **Johnny Van Zant** was in doing a tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd, with **Robert Johnson** and **Brian Foraker** producing and Foraker at the board... **Soundtrax Recording Inc.** of Johnson City, TN, had **Brian Courtney** recording his debut hit "I Believe" for Cameroon Records, and **Bad Influence** recording an upcoming project. **Rick Monday** engineered the sessions. ... **The Neville Brothers** completed the recording of Cole Porter's "In the Still of the Night" for the Chrysalis anthology of Porter songs benefiting AIDS research, *Red, Hot and Blue*... In Atlanta, jazz artist **Jim McConnell** produced his own three-song demo, with **Sam White-side** engineering and **Bret Richardson** assisting at **Master Sound Studios**...

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

At **Larrabee Sound Studios** (West Hollywood), **Keith Cohen** mixed the 12-inch version of **Earth, Wind & Fire's** "For the Love of You" and "How the Heart Behaves" by **Was (Not Was)**. Also at Larrabee, producer **Don Gehman** and **Bruce Hornsby** were in mixing "Carry the Water" with engineer **Ed Thacker** for the new **Bruce Hornsby & the Range** album... At **Studio Masters** of L.A., **Sheena Easton** was in doing vocals for a new album. **David Frank** produced and **Peter Arata** engineered with **Wolf-gang Aichholz** assisting... At **Sunnyside Recording Studios** (L.A.), roots-rockers **The Paladins** recorded and mixed their new album, *Let's Buzz!*, with **Mark Linnett** and **Steve Berlin** (Los Lobos) producing and Linnett engineering. The song "Kiddio," off the new LP, features veteran New Orleans tenor sax player Lee Allen, and Berlin on baritone sax... At the **Sunset Sound Factory** in Hollywood, **Mr. Mister** was in working on their new album along with Trevor Rabin of Yes doing guitar overdubs. Producer/engineer was **Paul De Villiers**, assisted by **David Knight**. **Tom Waits** was in recording the Cole Porter tune "It's Alright with Me" for the Chrysalis project *Red, Hot and Blue*. **Bill Jackson** engi-

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neered and **Tom Nellen** assisted. ...**REO Speedwagon** was in at **The Enterprise** (Burbank) laying down vocal, guitar and organ overdubs for their forthcoming album. **Tom Alge** engineered with **Fred Kelley** assisting...Also in Burbank, **John Mayall** was at **Master Control** tracking his new record, with **Bobby Fields** producing and **Dave McNair** engineering; **Devo** were in tracking, overdubbing and mixing their latest record, with **Bob Casale** engineering and **Femi Jiya** and **Jeff Lord-Alge** mixing; and **The Pixies** were in with producer **Gil Norton** and engineer **Al Clay** doing work on their new record...At **Skip Saylor Recording** (L.A.), **Kim Basinger** was mixing a song with **Jeff Lorenson** engineering and **Chris Puram** assisting; **The Jets** were mixing "Question of Time" with engineer **Liz Cluse** and producer **Greg Royal**...At **Hit City West** of Los Angeles, **Thelma Houston** was programming and doing 24-track transfer of the upcoming song "A Man Who Isn't So Smooth," with producers **Richard Perry** and **Andy Goldmark** and engineer **Kevin O'Connor**...

NORTHWEST

Digital Underground was in at Hyde Street Studios in San Francisco mixing a project for an upcoming release. **Matt Kelley** engineered with **Tom Doty** assisting...**Erasure** took a quick break from touring to record a new single at **Different Fur Recording** (San Francisco). **Mark Slagle** engineered and **Ron Rigler** assisted. Also at Different Fur, **Boz Scaggs** produced San Francisco's own funksters **Smoking Section**. **Dan Garcia** engineered and **Ron Rigler** assisted...Up in Portland, OR, **The Polka-tones** returned to **Spectrum Sound Studios** to record their latest record project; **Bob Southard** produced. Spectrum also provided the sound design and audio sweetening for the *American Fisherman's* one-hour television special on halibut fishing in Alaska...At **Dave Wellhausen Studios** of San Francisco, harmonica ace **Gary Smith** and his band were cutting a new album with **Dave Wellhausen** engineering. The **Nite-cry Band** were also in the studio recording their new album, with Wellhausen engineering and producing...At **Soma Sync Studios** in San Francisco, **Bonnie Hayes**, songwriter for a couple tunes on **Bonnie Raitt's**

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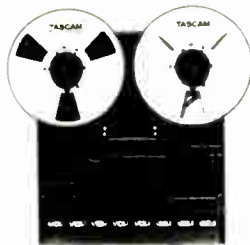
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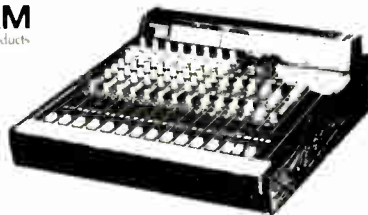
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Nick of Time, was working with producer/engineer **Steve Savage** on an album project...

NORTH CENTRAL

Heavy metal group **Battalion** was in recording and mixing their new album at **Dave's Tracks** of Ft. Dodge, Iowa... At **The Recording Workshop** of Chillicothe, Ohio, **Tony Cottrill** engineered **Southpoint's** smash single "Love Games"; **Alice Jeffers** recorded the upcoming album for **Bad Reputation**; and **Steve Albanese** recorded the soundtrack for the feature film *Invasion of the Cliché Men*... **ARS Recording Studios** of Alsip, IL, reports that **Michael Houston** completed mixdown of his upcoming album release, with Houston producing and **Gary Cobb** engineering... At **Studio A** (Dearborn Heights, MI), gospel singer **Alexis** was working on tracks for her upcoming album, with **Michael Brooks** producing and **Randy Poole** engineering; jazz fusion guitarist **Spencer Barefield** was mixing tracks for his latest, self-produced release with **John Jaszcz** behind the board...

NORTHEAST

At **Calliope Productions** of New York City, **De La Soul** was in cutting their second album with producer **Prince Paul** and engineer **Mike Teelucksingh**; the **Jungle Brothers** were in working on their new album; **Lenny Kravitz** was working with engineer **Ez Reed** on a remix for Virgin Records; **Deee Lite** was remixing **They Might Be Giants**, as well as cutting their tracks with **Robert Power** on the faders... **D&D Recording** (NYC) reports producers **Tommy Musto** and **Frankie Bones** of **Northcott Productions** were in working on a remix of "If You Love Someone" for the **Blow Monkeys**, with **Mike Rogers** engineering; and **Tommy McCook** dropped in with the **Ska-Ta-Lites** to do vocal tracks for an upcoming release with **Dennis Thompson** at the board... **Left Exit** was in at **Sure Fire Studios** of Long Branch, NJ, recording their first, self-produced album, entitled *Do It Anyway*. Due out this summer, the project was engineered by **Jan Topolski** and **Michael Hommel**... The New School jazz master classes were recording at **Crystal Sound Recording** of Manhattan. Under the direction of re-

owned jazz musicians including Donald Byrd, Andrew Cyrille and Joanne Brackeen, the direct-to-DAT project was engineered by **Steve Vavagiakis** and **Larry Buksbaum**... At **Power Play Studios** of Long Island City, NY, **LL Cool J** joined veteran producer **Marley Marl** for his next 12-inch release, **David Kennedy** engineered with the assistance of Rob Sutton. **Ladysmith Black Mambazo**, the South African choir from *Grace-land*, was also working with Marl for an upcoming release. **KRS-One** was working on his next release... **James Earl Jones** was recently at **Soundwave** in Washington, DC, to record voice-overs for Bell Atlantic. **Monica Petersmidt** engineered the session in Soundwave's Studio A on a Neve 8232 console... At **Sabella Recording Studios** of Roslyn Heights, NY, alternative music artists **Lifehouse** cut a three-song demo, and **Crystal Clear** were in working on a four-song, jazz-influenced, psychedelic demo; **Jazz Sabella** produced both sessions...

SOUTHWEST

Doug Sahn, Augie Meyers, Flaco Jimenez and Freddy Fender, going under the name the **Texas Tornados**, recorded their debut album at the **Fire Station Studios** (San Marcos, TX) for Warner Bros. The album was engineered by **Bill Halverson** and **Gary Hickenbotham**, and produced by **Bill Halverson**... **Manuel R. Guerra**, owner of **Amen Recording Studio** in San Antonio, reports **Richard Castillon y La Diferenza**, **Oskar G.**, **Cindy and Klazz**, **Ernie Martinez**, **Los Hermanos Farias**, **Laura Reyes** and **Joe Bravo** were in to record... **Jeff G. Peters**, owner of **Chateau Productions** (Arlington, TX), completed arranging and recording the music for two review shows at Six Flags Over Texas, a theme park in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Also at Chateau, *The Razzmajazz Dixieland Band* album was produced by **Jon Stutler** and engineer/producer Peters.

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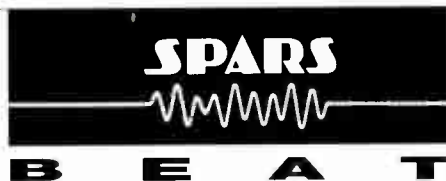
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This is the first in a series of reports to be published regularly in *Mix* concerning the activities of the Society of Professional Audio Recording Services. It is the hope of the SPARS board of directors and all of the society's members that this column will become a forum for information about the organization's programs and events.

The Manufacturer Interface program is one of our cornerstones. These meetings were a *raison d'être* for the formation of SPARS ten years ago, and they continue to be one of the most successful. They're simply an open exchange of ideas between SPARS member studio owners and manufacturers of the equipment they use. Discussion topics stretch from industry trends and prognostications to the nuts and bolts of equipment design, application, interface and cost. It is a chance for manufacturers to see how their products are perceived and used in the field, and to understand some of the real-world challenges of running a recording studio. Studio owners can see and hear first-hand the problems of manufacture and sales of professional audio equipment. These discussions are rarely dull.

The manufacturers who participate in this program are SPARS advisory members; the list is impressive, a roll call of virtually all the major manufacturers of audio recording equipment in the world.

Most recently, SPARS members met with Sony, Studer/Revox and Dolby Labs. The discussions with Sony in Ft.

Lauderdale, Fla., centered around serial interface protocol and the design of the console of the future. There was particular interest in the configuration of future console control surfaces.

At Studer/Revox in Nashville, Tenn., Studer North American president Tore Nordahl summarizes the SPARS Manufacturer Interface program, "We at Studer see this as an opportunity to come closer to reality in getting direct feedback from the leaders of our studio industry." A detailed discussion took place about why digital has been slow to take an industry-wide hold in professional audio, and members talked at length about DAT and its future.

Dolby president Bill Jensen hosted the most recent interface at Dolby headquarters in San Francisco. Technical discussions of noise reduction systems were followed by an informal analysis of analog recording's future and an evaluation of Dolby's image in the industry and marketing strategies.

Detailed reviews of SPARS Manufacturer Interface meetings are available to SPARS members on a timely basis in *Data Track*, our newsletter. The next interface is scheduled in August of this year. SPARS members will travel to Vermont to meet with New England Digital.

For SPARS membership information call (407) 641-6648. ■

Pete Caldwell, president of Doppler Studios in Atlanta, is currently first vice president of SPARS.



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—FROM PAGE 173, SESSIONS & STUDIO NEWS

its existing Otari MX-70, Poolside's new setup makes 40-track recording and mixdown possible...Recording engineers **Brian Tarner** and **Lew Hahn** have joined **Superdupe**, a New York-based audio facility....**Video-mix** audio-for-video post-production studios added sound mixer **Barbara Flyntz-Bradley** to its staff...**Foto-Kem/Foto-Tronics**, a Burbank-based motion picture laboratory and post-production facility, purchased its first Sony digital 2-track PCM-3402 DASH recorder. The unit has already been used in a project to save rare film footage of some early Neil Young performances...NYC's **Rawlston Recording** updated its facility, adding equipment such as a Mac SE 30 and a Panasonic SV-3500 DAT machine. The studio is also under new management. For further information contact **Akili Walker** at (718) 622-0010...Minneapolis' **Metro Studios** added a second 24-track studio and named **Tommy Tucker Jr.** chief engineer...Noted studio designer/architect **John Storyk** announced his latest project: the improvement and redesign of **Crawford Post Production's** (Atlanta) largest control room, Audio A. Storyk will also be designing and supervising construction on two new audio post-production suites at Crawford...**Ron Montgomery** of **Technical Audio Systems**, Norcross, GA, and the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame announced the installation of a new stereo surround sound system at the Space & Rocket Center theater in Titusville, FL...To prepare for the upcoming release of a new album, **Nona Hendryx** outfitted her studio with a Tascam MM-1 keyboard mixer...After ten years on the North Shore of Oahu, **Sea-West Recording Studios** and **Sea-West Productions** have moved to the island of Hawaii...**Pro Mix**, an audio systems company of Farmingdale, NY, installed three DDA consoles at New York's prestigious Lincoln Center. Two S Series consoles were installed at Avery Fisher Hall and a Q Series 16 was plugged in at Alice Tully Hall. ■

CORRECTION: In the May Northeast Studios Directories cover, the photograph of Messina Music in New York City was reversed. Messina still features a new 56-input API Discrete Series console. The photo is still by Lightscaapes. Our apologies.

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—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 124. SR NEWS (with four VCAs) and Soundcraft 500 32 x 12 for monitors. Signal processing gear includes Lexicon PCM70, LXP-1s and LXP-5s, Valley PR10 rack, and the new Drawmer M500. "I've tried to build a company that offers high-quality sound in a relatively small package," he comments.

Northeastern regional sound reinforcement company **Audio Technologies Inc.** (Watertown, Conn.) works national one-offs, mini tours and dates throughout the Northeast. The company specializes in jazz, symphony and artists such as NRBQ and Donald Fagen. It also does some installations, dance and ballet productions, and a large number of college functions. Owner **Gary Peck** started the company in 1983.

Audio Technologies' main P.A. system is comprised of 16 proprietary ATI MH-3 55° horizontal-dispersion, three-way trapezoidal boxes loaded with dual 12-inch E-V M Series 2 speakers, a Renkus-Heinz 3301 2-inch compression driver on a DDS horn, and a JBL bullet tweeter. For the low end there is a choice of 16 triple 15-inch ATI 315 folded horns or ten dual 18-inch ATI 218 direct radiators. Crest 4001 and 7001 amps power the main system, with 4001s and 3001s for the three proprietary monitor wedge models. House consoles are a TAC Bullet 30x8x2 and two Yamaha 2404s; monitors are handled with Yamaha 2408M monitor consoles. House processing uses Ashly equalizers and crossovers, dbx compressors on the mains, and Yamaha reverb devices.

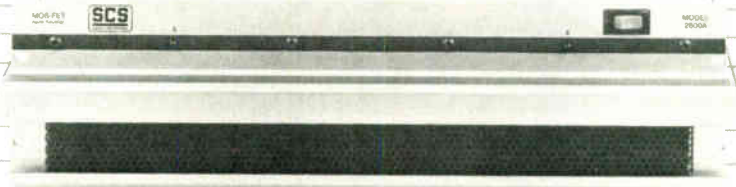
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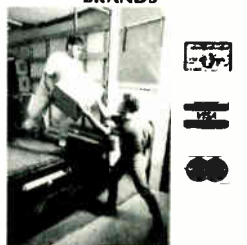
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—FROM PAGE 42, SCHOOLS

fice. Most placement offices keep data on alumni—where they're working, how to contact them—and the alumni network has become increasingly valuable. Business schools and liberal arts programs have used it for years. And now recording schools have caught on.

"We get a lot of calls from former graduates who have risen through the ranks and are now in a position where they are hiring employees," Pohlmann says. "And, of course, the first place they look is their alma mater."

Though Fanshawe College has placed a dozen students in California studios, the target of their alumni drive is Toronto. "Our market has been primarily recording studios," Don Geppert says. "Having been in business for 15 years and having so many students find work in Toronto, we now have an awful lot of people in the upper echelons, and they're doing the interviewing."

At Middle Tennessee, Grove, Trebas and others, the alumni network typically involves phone calls

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justify going to
work as a second
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from graduates with job openings. Informal but effective. A recent graduate from Full Sail, working in live sound, stopped by the facility as the Richard Marx tour moved through Orlando. He brought a class of 60 out to the venue, took them through the stage setup, then ran through a soundcheck. Hands-on and effective.

Berklee and IAR, meanwhile, have gone to great lengths to reach out to alumni. The placement office for the music technology division at Berklee maintains a HyperCard stack containing voluntary data on all alums and an industry-wide database on manufacturers and facilities, to quickly identify who has hired Berklee grads in the past.

"[The alumni network] is a very powerful thing," Puluse says. "We also have a volunteer contact in each geographical area. If a student is going to L.A., for instance, we put them in contact with this one person who kind of keeps an ear to the ground for opportunities and even knows where the kid can stay for a couple of days while relocating. We

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call that person the 'hub,' and we have them in foreign countries as well." Both the contact person and the HyperCard stack are available to every Berklee grad, past and present.

IAR, which considers itself a feeder school for New York City, convenes a Board of Technical Advisers annually. The board is made up of alumni and heavy hitters in the industry who help direct the curriculum in response to the job market and offer time and assistance to grads.

More impressive, however, is the alumni newsletter that goes out first-class, once a week. (Trebas also circulates a newsletter, though less frequently.) The newsletter lists job openings at all levels, so alumni who are moving up can take full advantage. The computerized database even breaks it down so that if the listings are strictly entry-level, the newsletter will be targeted toward graduates of the past year. "It's expensive," Friedman says, "but oh, so valuable."

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record credit or a breakthrough in product design. Whatever a school offers in terms of job placement services is only as strong as its curriculum and a student's desire to become well-grounded and well-rounded.

Friedman says, "You have to be technically sophisticated to be employable. I wouldn't call that the news of 1990. It's been the key all along."

"Any education is only as good as its building blocks," Kefauver continues. "If the fundamentals are not solid, the more advanced concepts are shaky. If you can't refer back to why a circuit does this, to the fundamental principles, it's difficult to conceptualize the whole chain of events, whether you're working with a microprocessor, an input/output console or a hard disk-based system. We take it even further in that you have to understand the music before it becomes electronics." ■

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—FROM PAGE 153, STUDENTS & THE AES

Executive committee meetings are the planning sessions where local activities are discussed, arranged and executed. Once the committee decides on an event, the chairman is responsible for seeing that all members of the committee carry out their allotted tasks. The vice chairman assumes specific duties upon the request of the chairman. The secretary prepares meeting notices to be mailed out to the local members, arranges for the location of the activity and records the proceedings of the activity for publication in the *AES Journal*. The treasurer approves and authorizes payment of checks for expenses involving: printing of meeting notices, mailing and postage, equipment rentals, etc. Committee members assist section officers in their duties and are expected to keep up with these offices so that they can step in if needed.

The term of office for AES executives is one year. Students in four-year audio degree programs can run for election to a committee position during their freshman year, move on to a treasurer or secretary position during their sophomore year, and

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MTSU Students Produce More than Music

Nashville has long been considered a music industry center, but it is often overlooked when it comes to trade shows. After attending the

Audio Engineering Society convention in New York last fall, a few ambitious students at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro decided to put together their own trade show.

"The idea came up before then," says Rick Jensen, secretary of

Jerry Bruck speaks to a full house about microphone techniques.



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MTSU's AES student chapter and an executive coordinator for the convention. "That's one of the reasons why we wanted to go to New York."

With a staff of about 12 people, the students pulled together to organize and successfully execute Audio Education for the '90s. This was the first event of its kind in the Southeast. The technical trade show was presented March 28-29 on the MTSU campus. "All of the real work was done by the students," says Christian Haseleu, MTSU AES adviser.

Though the students had a little difficulty getting things off the ground, they found support in Nashville. "All of the vendors we talked to have been incredibly understanding of our position," Jensen says. "We told them right off the bat that this has never been tried, but we're going to do the best job we possibly can."

For many of the exhibitors at the show, the tide is turning toward education. Steve Smith, Ampex marketing manager of audio and

tape production, agrees. "We feel that the future of our business is in the students and up-and-coming artists and engineers. We try to talk to people at the beginning of their careers. We see all major companies doing this."

"It's not just digital keyboards

anymore," says Vincent Smith, district sales manager for Korg. "The old guard who says, 'That's electronic, it's not music' is starting to fall by the wayside. You're seeing huge MIDI labs. Now it's such an essential part of learning because

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SSL gives a demo of its ScreenSound system.



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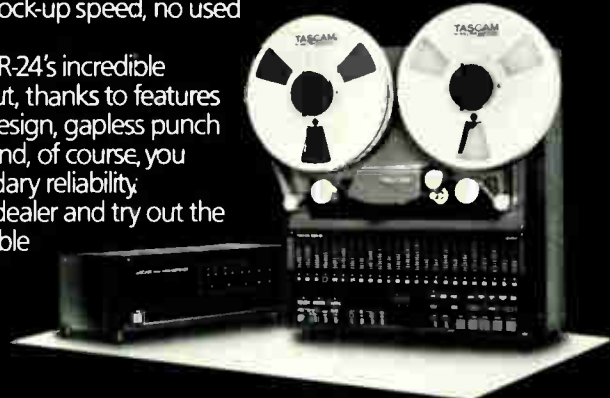
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then, with a solid background of experience in the activities of their chapter, run for the office of vice chairman or chairman during their junior and senior years. While that would be an ideal route to a chairman's position, there is always room for an enthusiastic committee member to earn a nomination to the chairman's seat at any time.

Stimulating enthusiasm in the audio industry is a large part of what the AES is all about. All AES members receive: ten issues of the *AES Journal* per year, advance notice of AES conventions and conferences, meeting notices and newsletters on local activities, reduced admission to AES conventions and conferences, and are eligible to participate in AES group insurance programs. Furthermore, through the AES Awards Program, students at the graduate level qualify for achievement-based scholarship money from the AES Educational Foundation.

The AES encourages all its student members to actively participate in AES-sponsored events. If you are a student AES member attending an institution that does not have an established student chapter, you can still attend

Students can make valuable industry contacts as well as get the jump on job opportunities.

and benefit from all the activities of other student chapters or local chapters in your area. In fact, even if you are a member of an active student chapter, by participating in the events of local non-student chapters you can make valuable industry contacts, as well as possibly getting the jump on local job opportunities that are often posted at the meetings.

In its continuing effort to promote audio education and allow schools with audio programs to make them-

selves available to potential audio students, the AES is sponsoring an Education Fair on Saturday, September 22, at the 89th AES convention, being held at the downtown Convention Center in L.A. Schools and universities from throughout the world will be on hand to distribute literature and answer questions on their programs.

Immediately following the Education Fair at the Convention Center, an AES-sponsored student reception will be held at the Hilton. Student members are invited to join in this opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow student members, student chapter leaders, educators and members of the AES education committee. Finally, on September 23, an open-panel education workshop will address issues in education, including curriculum design, internships and educational trends. The workshop and fair will be open to all students. For more information, contact your local AES chapter. ■

Guy DeFazio is a past chairman of the University of Miami student chapter of the AES and is currently a committee member of the Los Angeles chapter.

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—FROM PAGE 181, MTSU STUDENTS

MIDI systems are such great tools to learn on. We'd like to see more of this on a university level."

In addition to vendor exhibits, the show featured several workshops and demonstrations. Agfa provided a slide/lecture presentation on the restoration of audio tape. New England Digital demonstrated its Synclavier Direct-to-Disk™ system in the university's 24-track studio. Other demonstrations included Korg current products, a WaveFrame digital editing system, Meyer Sound SIMcad and Neve Flying Faders. The highlight for many who attended the program was a seminar by Jerry Bruck of Posthorn Recordings on stereo microphone techniques.

Other vendors included Analog Devices, Audio Animation, Audio Prints, BASF, Bose, Neotek, Neve, Pro Audio Shoppe, Redwood, Sam's Music, Studer-Revox and Trident. According to Smith, "It's a first-class job. Everything is exactly like it's supposed to be."

Chairman of the MTSU AES and

event executive coordinator Rodney Morgan says: "Our goal is to get the AES or some other organization to start having a convention here in Nashville. Nashville is always competing with New York and L.A. Yes, it's a recording center, but it is not equal. It would be wonderful if we could have a trade show here every year or two."

This show was a little different from other trade shows. Neither the vendors nor the public was charged. "We tried to pull this off as a service to the community, the school and the students, as well as for our own experience," Jensen states.

"This was done on no budget at all," adds Morgan. "This is a convention on a shoestring." Funds for the convention were allocated to the students from the national AES in New York and the university.

"We were basically doing this blind," says Jensen. The students sought advice from teachers and other students, as well as industry people.

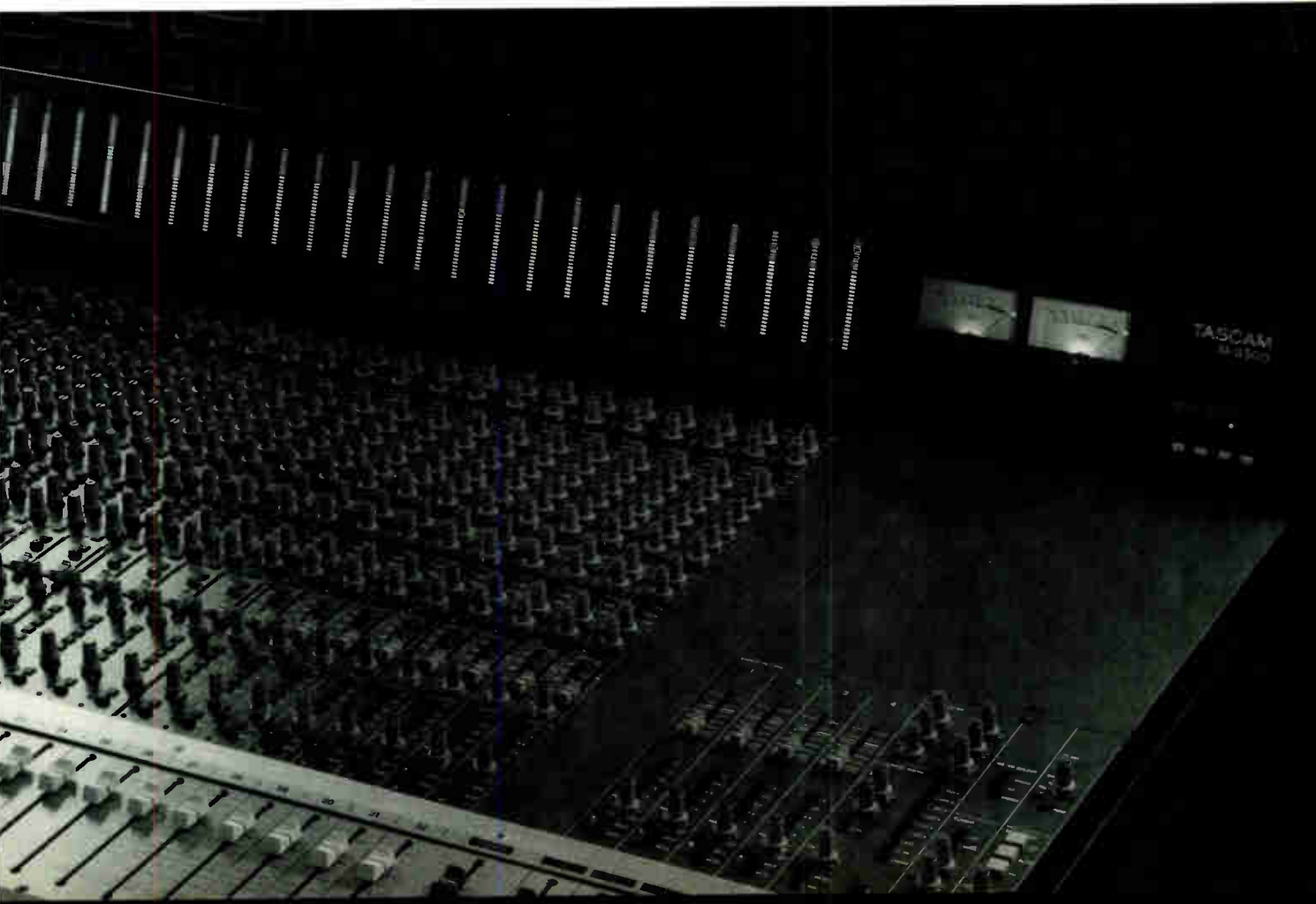
According to Haseleu the show

was very successful. Attendees included professionals from Nashville, MTSU students and students from Belmont College and Vanderbilt University in Nashville. The registered guests totaled nearly 350, but it is estimated that at least 100 others visited the convention.

"One of the things we're trying to do here at MTSU is not just train fader-pushers," Haseleu says. "We want to produce people who understand about marketing, about vending, about running shows like this. This was really an educational experience that [the students involved] can take with them. I'm sure some of these students are going to end up working for an organization like the AES or maybe work for one of the manufacturers. They understand now what it takes to get something like this together."

"People who come here become engineers, and we want to help those people," he adds, "but we also want to make sure that they know there are other options in the industry."

—Missy Baker



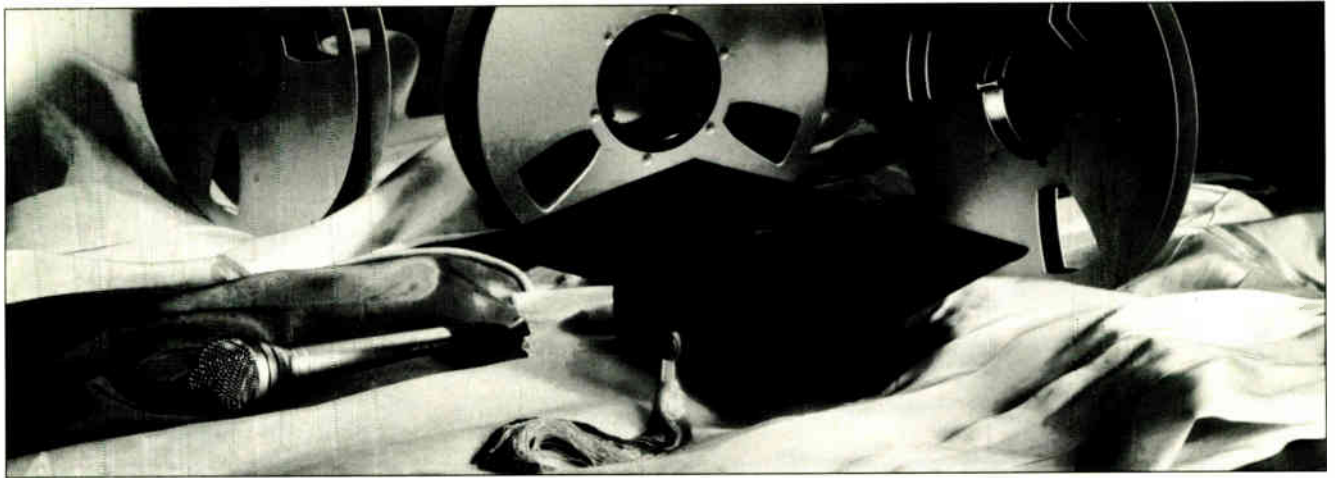
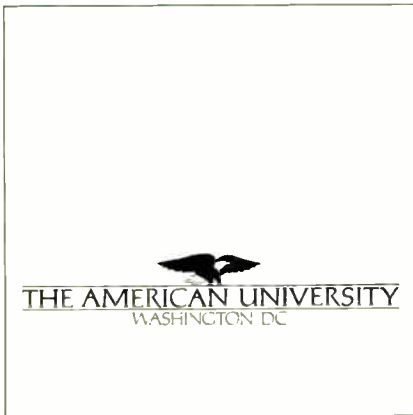


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Following is a briefly annotated list of schools and programs offered in the areas of audio and music education, compiled from questionnaires received from those institutions earlier this year. The courses vary greatly in scope, intent and cost, and we urge those interested in attending any program to investigate very carefully before making their decisions. *Mix* claims no responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided by the institutions.

and sales. The music, video and entertainment industries are among the fastest growing in the country. With new developments in videodisc technology, videocassette, cable television and compact discs, the entertainment industries are on the verge of even greater expansion. This growth creates a demand for individuals trained in music and video's technical and business aspects. The Music and Video program is taught by an experienced group of professionals. Students learn recording and video with engineers and producers, legal issues with lawyers, and concert promotion with promoters. They study the development of a hit record and the production of live concerts and videos. In addition to classroom lectures, there are scheduled hands-on classes in the college's recording studio and live performance venues. Guest speakers frequently lecture and share their experiences with students. The college also assists graduates in their job search.

AUDIO RECORDING TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Theory & Practice of Audio Recording; 756 Main St.; Farmingdale, NY 11735; (516) 454-8999; (800) 543-ARTI (in NY or CA). Chief Administrator: James J. Bernarc. Program: Theory and practice of Audio Recording, 90-hour semiprivate, hands-on course. Classes held during evening hours. Extensive, hands-on experience, affordable tuition w/financing. Graduates qualify for membership in REA (Recording Engineers Association). Use of studio for their own private recording sessions. Locations in N.Y. and California.

THE AUDIO WORKSHOP SCHOOL (DIV. COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH GROUP); Course/Program Title: Studio and Stage Sound Production: SSP 300 + 400 Series; 119 Fresh Pond Pkwy.; Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 547-3957. Chief Administrator: Steve Langstaff. Program: New England's oldest audio school has been guiding aspiring engineers, producers and musicians since 1972. We offer comprehensive training in theory and techniques of sound engineering in collaboration with top 24/32/48-track Boston studios. Four-month program meets weekday evenings and weekends in classes that are small and personal. Program covers Acoustics, Hearing and Perception, Microphones, Analog and Digital Media and Processing, Mixing, Automation, MIDI, SMPTE, Studio and Location Production of Music, Commercials, and Audio Post for Film, Video, Vinyl and CD, Equipment Interface and Maintenance, Sound Reinforcement, Audio Business and

Finance. It includes 24-track analog and 32-track digital student projects. Harvard-educated instructor Steve Langstaff is a respected music and acoustical engineer, consultant and producer, and a member and former chairman of the New England section of the Audio Engineering Society. Noted guest instructors include Paul Lehrman, Walter Lenk and Stuart Cody. No prerequisites for SSP-301. Licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Modem to Macintosh (617) 876-5159.



BELMONT COLLEGE
Nashville, TN

BELMONT COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Music Business; 1900 Belmont Blvd.; Nashville, TN 37212; (615) 388-4504. Chief Administrator: Robert E. Mulloy. Program: Established in 1974. The program leads to a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), a professional degree. Students who complete the degree requirements graduate with a major in Music Business. The program stresses a strong liberal arts emphasis. Music business and traditional business courses complete the four-year degree. Forty-four courses offered allow for electives to determine the industry direction of the student. The program discourages "glamour and glitter" concept. A 24-track professional analog recording studio is housed on the campus with a second studio scheduled for completion this year. Both studios are available to Music Business majors. An industry intern program complements the academic work. An active Music Business Board of Advisors from the Nashville Music Industry serves as an advisory system for the program. The program stresses the real-world application to the academic classroom setting. Four full-time faculty and 19 adjunct professors.



BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Boston, MA

BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Music Production and Engineering; 1140 Boylston St.; Boston, MA 02215; (617) 266-1400. **Chief Administrator:** Lee Eliot Bark, president. **Program:** The Music Technology division offers four-year degree/diploma programs focusing on professional production, engineering, music synthesis skills and extensive, hands-on training. Courses include analog/digital audio, automated mixing, digital/video post-production, maintenance, music business, sound reinforcement (MIDI/ SMPTE synchronization systems, sampling, sequencing, sound design, and computer-based synthesis, processing and editing). Internship program is available. The Berklee facilities include: seven fully equipped studios (three 24-track), digital/video post-production editing room, three synthesis labs with individual workstations and MIDI-equipped ensemble/recital rooms. Our graduates are employed at A&M, BMG, CBS, GRP and PolyGram Records; Capitol, Conway, Criteria, Masterdisk, Hit Factory, Power Station, Record Plant and Unique Studios; Korg, Kurzweil, New England Digital, Roland and Yamaha. Selected production projects are included in an annual CD release. We are proud to have received three consecutive TEC Awards.



CAREER INSTITUTES OF AMERICA
Miami Beach, FL

CAREER INSTITUTES OF AMERICA; Course/Program Title: Audio-Video Training Center; 1205 Washington Ave.; Miami Beach, FL 33139; (305) 531-3300; (800) 762-4466. **Program:** Learn audio recording and production. Train with Mert Paul, former VP, CBS Records. Intensive one-year program also includes video production; promotion, marketing and airplay; copyright law; contracts; artist management; music publishing; and concert production. Financial aid for those who qualify. Employment assistance. Housing available. Call for free brochure.

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Telecommunications Technology—Audio Specialization; Franklin St.; Auburn, NY 13021; (315) 255-1743. **Chief Administrator:** Steven Keefer.

CENTER FOR THE MEDIA ARTS; Course/Program Title: Audio Arts; 226 W. 26th St.; New York, NY 10001; (212) 929-6999; (800) CMA-2297 (outside NYC). **Chief Administrator:** Michael Martin, vice president of admissions. **Program:** Supervised by an experienced team of recording industry professionals, students at CMA learn audio production through equipment-intensive training. The Basic Audio Recording Techniques core curriculum explores a broad range of areas within the audio and music industries, including music recording, mixing and editing, and business practices. Students then specialize in one of three areas: Audio Engineering (training for careers in recording studio engineering and management);

MIDI/Synthesizer Specialist (the study of synthesis techniques, digital sampling, sound design and its application to MIDI-sequenced music and video soundtracks); Music Producer (training in music production including composition, arranging and recording). All students receive hands-on training in the main 24-track studio as well as in our mixing, editing, post-production and MIDI suites. The Center for the Media Arts is accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools (NATTS) and licensed by the New York State Education Department.

COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE; Course/Program Title: BS in Music, concentration in Studio Music; 432 Western Ave.; Albany, NY 12203; (518) 454-5178. **Chief Administrator:** Mary Ann Nelson. **Program:** The College of Saint Rose's Studio Music program leads to a BS degree in music with a concentration in studio music. The studio music component focuses on strong musical performance, writing, arranging and improvisation, as well as studio production, recording technology and television production. Admission is by audition. Catalog and application information: CSR Admissions Office (518) 454-5150.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Master of Arts in Electro-Acoustic Music; **Department of Music, Hopkins Center;** Hanover, NH 03755; (603) 646-2520. **Chief Administrator:** Jon Appleton. **Program:** A two-year program combining study in music, computer science and engineering for students with a bachelor's degree in one of these fields. Other requirements include ability to play musical instrument and knowledge of music history and theory. Intended for those who will work in the music industry as designers, producers, artists or consultants involved with new technology. Seminars in timbre, musical systems, computer music languages, acoustics, music cognition, history and analysis of electro-acoustic music and composition. Collaboration with New England Digital Corp. and Apple Inc. Three students admitted each year, all guaranteed fellowships and stipends. Faculty: Jon Appleton (director), Kathryn Alexander, Jamshed Bharucha, Larry Polansky, Michael Sturge. Not a recording arts program.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY—SCHOOL OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Bachelors of Music in Sound Recording Techniques; 600 Forbes Ave.; Pittsburgh, PA 15282; (412) 434-6081. **Chief Administrator:** Dean Michael Kumer, Tomas J. Kikta, Jr., dir. Rec. Arts. **Program:** Duquesne University's new four-year program fills a void in existing offerings elsewhere by combining the music and technical aspects of today's musical fields into a single, comprehensive package. In addition to their major instrument, students will gain exposure and hands-on expertise in such areas as electronics, recording theory, computerized music application, music production, acoustics and studio design and management. At the same time, student will complete traditional elements of the music curriculum such as piano, theory, solfège, eurhythmics, composition, conducting and music history and literature. All recording training takes place in Duquesne's new multitrack/synthesis facility. For additional information and equipment list, please contact the School of Music at (412) 434-6080.

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Communication and Media Arts; 53 Pendell Rd.; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-1595; (914) 471-4500. **Chief Administrator:** Eric Somers. **Program:** Audio coursework is part of a larger audio/video production program leading to an AS degree. Facilities include 30 x 40 16-track recording studio, three radio production rooms, 40 x 60 television studio with high-end broadcast equipment, SMPTE editing, animation lab, etc. Open admissions policy. Scenic Hudson Valley location. Easy access by commuter train or car to NYC.



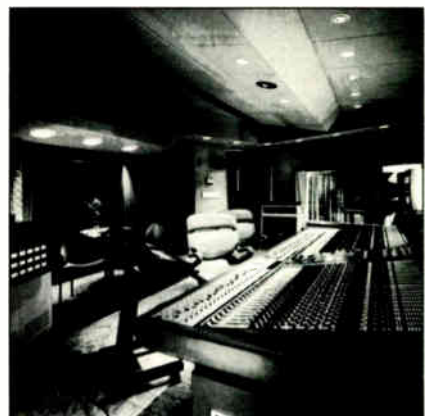
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Elizabeth City, NC

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: BS in Music Industry Studies w/Music Engineering & Technology; ECSU Department of Music; Elizabeth City, NC 27909; (919) 335-3359. **Chief Administrator:** Dr. Willie Sullivan, Barry R. Hill. **Program:** As a rapidly expanding constituent of the University of North Carolina, Elizabeth City State University offers quality education within a small campus environ-

ment. With the music degree program, ECSU offers a BS in Music Industry Studies with a concentration in Music Engineering & Technology. Our newly completed 24-track facility features a Trident console with Otari multitrack and mastering tape machines, DAT mastering and remote recording, and an array of outboard gear and microphones by Lexicon, Neumann, AKG, etc. The curriculum involves studies in studio recording and production, acoustics and studio design, digital audio, MIDI, computer applications, electronics and sound reinforcement. Our MIDI/Electronic Music Laboratory, scheduled for completion by fall 1990, will facilitate studies in music synthesis and electronic music production. ECSU offers low in-state and out-of-state tuition (\$591/\$2,512 per semester) and is located within 60 miles of Norfolk, Virginia, and the North Carolina Outer Banks resort areas.

FIVE TOWNS COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Audio Recording Technology; 2165 Seaford Ave.; Seaford, NY 11783; (516) 783-8800. **Chief Administrator:** Dr. Stanley Cohen. **Program:** The AAS degree program in business management with a concentration in audio recording technology is intended for those students who wish to enter the recording field directly after completion of their studies at the college. Students will acquire a knowledge of the technical equipment and processes used in recording studios; the ability to produce both an artistically and commercially acceptable master recording for a record company, publishing company, broadcasting company, etc.; and an understanding of the various financial aspects involved in establishing and operating a recording studio business. All courses are taught in the new state-of-the-art 24-track recording studio. The college also offers two-year degree programs in jazz/commercial music, music business, music instrument technology and video arts. It is fully accredited by the Middle States Association (MSA).

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF RECORDING SOUND TECHNOLOGY (F.I.R.S.T.); Course/Program Title: One-on-One Engineering Course (18 weeks); PO Box 1121; Franklin, TN 37065; (615) 794-3660. **Chief Administrator:** Danny M. Hilley.



FULL SAIL CENTER FOR THE RECORDING ARTS
Winter Park, FL

FULL SAIL CENTER FOR THE RECORDING ARTS; Course/Program Title: Recording Arts Comprehensive Program/Video on Film Production; 3300 University Blvd.; Winter Park, FL 32792; (407) 679-0100; (800) 221-2747 (outside FL). **Chief Administrator:** Jon Phelps, Garry Jones. **Program:** Comprehensive programs in audio and/or video and film cover the major aspects of their respective industries including recording engineering, record production, post-production, the tapeless studio, digital recording, music video, concert sound and lighting, MIDI music business, video production, cinematography, set design and special effects. 2,613 contact hours are offered with over 1,350 hours of hands-on labs utilizing equipment including: Neve, SSL and Sony consoles; Studer, Otari and Ampex recorders; Synclavier and Direct-to-Disk™ digital recorders; and CMX, Chyron, Grass Valley and Ikegami video gear. Programs offer six-week externships where students choose the facilities/locations whenever possible. Short courses are available. Full Sail is the winner of the 1989 TEC Award for best audio school; the official training center for New England Digital and Neve; nationally accredited by NATTS; capable of offering financial aid to those who qualify. Call and tell us about your career goals. We take your dreams seriously.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Commercial Music/Recording Program; University Plaza; Atlanta, GA 30303; (404) 651-3513. **Chief Administrator:** Frederick J. Taylor. **Program:** The Department of Commercial Music/Recording offers the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Commercial Music/Recording. Student may pursue a four-year program of study with a concentration in music business or engineering/production. The purpose of the program is to prepare students for entry positions in many areas of the music industry—such as record promoters, studio managers, copyright lawyers and recording engineers. Recording courses

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INSTITUTE OF AUDIO RESEARCH
New York, NY

INSTITUTE OF AUDIO RESEARCH; Course/Program Title: Multitrack Recording Technology Program; 64 University Pl.; New York, NY 10003; (800) 544-2501; (212) 777-8550 (NY, NJ, CT). **Chief Administrator:** Albert B. Grundy, Miriam Friedman. **Program:** The 600-hour program features the techniques and technology of the multitrack recording studio. Students perform hands-on recording sessions with professional bands in IAR's studio complex with both analog and digital consoles and tape machines, outboard equipment, as well as a complete MIDI studio with 64-track digital sequencer. IAR offers a unique training opportunity through its cooperative program with Solid State Logic. IAR students receive special training in signal flow and console operation on the SSL 6000G. (Advanced SSL training is also available in both operations and maintenance for working engineers.) Each student can intern at one of the top recording studios in New York City and lifetime graduate placement assistance is available from the first job on up. IAR also offers a comprehensive Video Technology Program and an assortment of short courses, such as live sound reinforcement, advanced MIDI, maintenance engineering and more. IAR is fully accredited by NATTS and offers federal financial aid programs to eligible students, as well as veterans' benefits.

THE INTERNATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION WORKSHOPS; Course/Program Title: Workshops in Film Location, Sound and Music; Rockport, ME 04856; (207) 236-8581; FAX: (207) 236-8581. **Chief Administrator:** David H. Lyman. **Program:** The International Film Workshops: film's largest and most respected workshop program and center. Seven one-week summer workshops in: Location Sound Recording for Documentaries and Commercials, Feature Film Sound Recording workshops, Film Scoring workshops, Electronic Music for Video and Film. Tuition: \$800. Room and board begins at \$375. Write or call for a free 60-page catalog listing more than 100 workshops.

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE; College Ave.; Annville, PA 17003; (800) 223-6181 (PA); (800) 445-6181 (outside PA). Chief Administrator: John J. Uhl. **Program:** The Sound Recording Technology program at Lebanon Valley College is a comprehensive course of study combining the art, science and philosophy of recording. The students follow a variety of disciplines involved in the field of audio engineering including: recording technology, music, physics, electronics, mathemat-

ics, computer science, business administration and selected courses in the liberal arts. Emphasis is placed on student usage of equipment in laboratory and level 500 courses. All applicants to the program must pass a musical audition for acceptance. The degree conferred is a Bachelor of Music: Sound Recording Technology and meets NASM standards.



MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Memphis, TN

MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Commercial Music; CFA 232; Memphis, TN 38152; (901) 678-2559. **Chief Administrator:** Larry Lipman. **Program:** Bachelor of Music in Commercial Music with concentrations in recording technology and music business. Fully accredited by NASM. A thorough understanding of fundamental concepts and techniques is stressed within each concentration. Equal emphasis is placed upon developing the student's ability to adapt quickly to new practices, technologies and creative direction. Our faculty members have been carefully selected to ensure that students work with instructors who possess a broad knowledge of music industry practices and who are actively involved in today's commercial music industry. Modern production facilities include a comprehensive 24-track studio, video production suite, electronic music lab and Synclavier digital audio workstation. (See Southeast Studios Master Directory for complete equipment list.) The Memphis arts community offers diverse cultural opportunities and a rich assortment of internship possibilities. A commitment to personal attention and quality instruction requires that enrollment be limited and based on selective procedures.

MIAMI SUNSET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL; Course/Program Title: TV Production/Electronic Music; 13125 SW 72nd St.; Miami, FL 33183; (305) 385-4255. **Chief Administrator:** Daniel B. Sell. **Program:** Sunset offers a three-year curriculum in television production and electronic music (recording engineering). Students in TV work in a four-camera color studio with computer-assisted editing, telecine and intermat; dubbing. Students produce commercials, live closed-circuit broadcasts and daily news, and record schoolwide events including four camera remotes. Students involved in audio use the eight-channel Tascam/Tapco studio complete with dbx and many outboard accessories. Students also study sound reinforcement using our Yamaha P.A. system. Most projects include combining the TV, recording and sound reinforcement equipment. These programs are open to all full-time students in the school.



MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Murfreesboro, TN

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Recording Industry Management; PO Box 21, MTSU; Murfreesboro, TN 37132; (615) 898-2578. **Chief Administrator:** Geoffrey Hull. **Program:** Recording Industry Management (RIM) is a four-year Bachelor of Science degree pro-

gram in music business and audio engineering. RIM offers 64 semester hours of courses in audio and the recording industry, ranging from acoustics, maintenance and survey of the record industry to concert promotion. Audio students work in two studios on campus, a 24-track digital room and a 24-track analog room. Internships are available for senior-level students in audio and music business. Approved minors include mass communications, business, music, electronics and entertainment technology. Video instruction is available. Three MIDI/electronic music courses are offered. The School of Mass Communication is accredited by ACEJMC. A new building with video soundstage and two recording studios is planned for fall 1991. The program has eight full-time faculty and over 500 majors from 35 different states. Current tuition, full-time, \$616/semester in-state; \$2,093 out-of-state.

THE MUSIC FACTORY ENTERPRISES, INC.; Course/Program Title: Audio Engineering/The Recording Arts; Ste. 300, Ford & Washington Sts.; Norristown, PA 19401; (215) 277-9550. Chief Administrator: Jeffrey Calhoon.

MUSICATION MEDIA; Course/Program Title: Music Technology/Multimedia Applications; 1600 Broadway, Ste. 1000A; New York, NY 10019; (212) 957-9100. Chief Administrator: Jamie Blackman. Program: Musication offers individual instruction geared to the needs and interests of the performer, composer, arranger, producer and engineer. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the language of MIDI, music technology and multimedia applications. Participants can design their own curriculum and do individual study on state-of-the-art music, computer, video and audio equipment. For more information please contact or write. Rates are based on an hourly or course fees. For a free catalog please call or write.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Music Business and Technology; Dept. of Music and Music Education; 35 W. 4th St., Rm. 777; New York, NY 10003; (212) 998-5432. Chief Administrator: Dr. Ken Peacock (tech.), Steve Engle (business manager). Program: New York University offers specialized courses in analog synthesis; computer music, FM synthesis, MIDI, electronic music composition, film scoring, studio production and audio engineering. Four-year programs lead to Bachelor of Music degrees in music business and technology, composition, performance, jazz studies and music education. Non-degree, special-student status is available to those wishing to enroll only in specific classes. Graduate studies leading to MA, DA, Ed.D. and PhD degrees are also offered. NYU recording and electronic music studios are continually being upgraded. Current facilities include a 16-track recording studio, three 8-track studios and two 4-track studios. All are MIDI-equipped with computers (IBM, Atari, Macintosh, Amiga, Yamaha) and a varied selection of synthesizers (Yamaha, Korg, Fairlight, Voyetra, McClavier, Arp, Buchla, Serge), mixers, monitoring systems and a wide assortment of outboard gear. Research laboratories provide opportunities for the application of computers and MIDI in music education and music therapy. Advanced techniques in digital synthesis and computer-aided composition are explored using the school's DEC PDP11-44 computer system.

JOSH NOLAND MUSIC STUDIO; Course/Program Title: Introduction to the Art of Recording; 760 W. Sample Rd.; Pompano Beach, FL 33064; (305) 943-9865. Chief Administrator: Josh Noland.

THE OMEGA STUDIOS' SCHOOL OF APPLIED RECORDING ARTS AND SCIENCES; Course/Program Title: Studio Techniques, Advertising Production, MIDI; 5609 Fishers Ln.; Rockville, MD 20852; (301) 230-9100; FAX: (301) 230-9103. Chief Administrator: W. Robert Yesbek. Program: The Omega Studios' School, presently in its 14th year, offers a Basic Program (32 hours, \$595), an Intermediate Program (32 hours, \$795), an Advanced Program (40 hours, \$995), an Advertising Production Program (24 hours, \$695), a Basic Electronic Music and MIDI program (32 hours, \$795) and an Advanced Electronic Music and MIDI program (40 hours, \$995). The courses include lectures and workshops covering acoustics; microphone, signal processor and tape machine theory; console operation (taught on SSL, API and Audiotronics consoles); computer sequencing; synthesizer operation and programming; audio-for-video; jingle production and voice-over techniques. All programs include extensive hands-on training in all four of Omega's control rooms and studios. Approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, approved for veterans' training, and certain courses are available for accreditation by The American University in Washington, D.C.

PEABODY INSTITUTE OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Bachelor of Recording Arts and Sciences; 1 East Mt. Vernon Pl.; Baltimore, MD 21202; (800) 368-2521. Chief Administrator: Alan P. Kefauver. Program: The Recording Arts and Sciences department of the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University offers a five-year program of training culminating in a Bachelor's of Music degree. The program combines the musical strengths of the world-famous Peabody Conservatory of Music with the technical expertise of the electrical engineering program at Johns Hopkins. Approximately ten students per year meet the qualifications for acceptance into this prestigious program, which requires a musical audition and high math SATs. Students are trained in the conservatory's automated analog/digital 24-track recording studio with a variety of music. From classical string

quartets through high-intensity techno-popular styles, hands-on training and in-studio lectures are combined with the classroom in music and engineering to produce highly qualified recording engineer/producers whose technical abilities match their musical expertise. Scholarship aid is available, and all students are employed by the studio during their course of study.

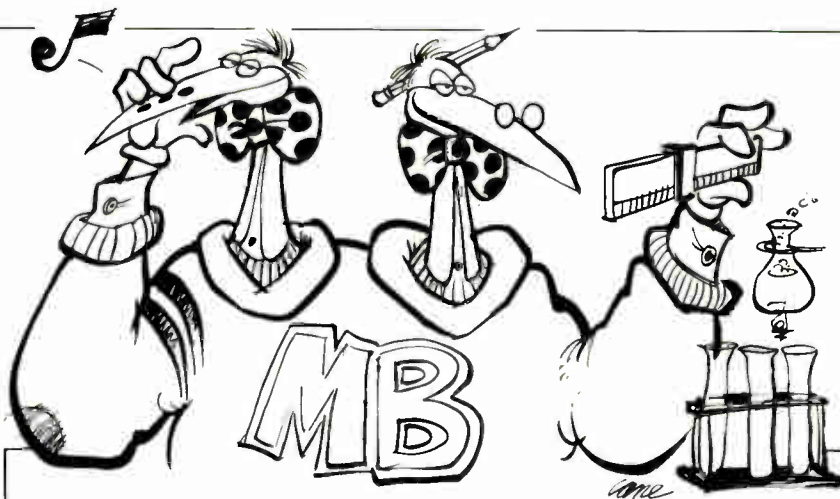
SCHOOL OF MODERN RECORDING; Course/Program Title: Recording Techniques; 753 Capitol Ave., Media Arts Center; Hartford, CT 06106; (203) 951-8175. Chief Administrator: Jack Stang.

SONY PROFESSIONAL AUDIO TRAINING GROUP; 1400 W. Commercial Blvd.; Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309; (305) 491-0825. Chief Administrator: Raymond Callahan. Program: All courses are offered as either factory training in Fort Lauderdale or on-site at the customer's location. The curriculum is two-fold: 1. Technical service training classes designed to provide technical service engineers with knowledge and confidence to service and maintain Sony Professional Audio products in the field. A two-year electronics degree is required for this training. 2. Applications engineering classes designed to provide the sales/recording/service engineers with the knowledge necessary to effectively recommend, demonstrate and specify Sony Professional Audio equipment. All courses stress hands-on time, enabling students to become confident with operating and/or servicing the specific equipment. Call our

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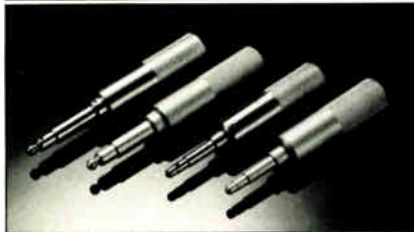
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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT FREDONIA; Course/Program Title: Sound Recording Technology; c/o School of Music; Fredonia, NY 14063; (716) 673-3151. Chief Administrator: Ros Ritchie.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT OSWEGO; Course/Program Title: Radio-Audio Production/Broadcasting/Mass Communication; Lanigan Hall; Oswego, NY 13126; (315) 341-2357. Chief Administrator: Frank J. Messere.

UNITY GAIN RECORDING INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Audio Recording Comprehensive Program; 2976-F Cleveland Ave.; Fort Myers, FL 33901; (813) 332-4246. Chief Administrator: Anthony Iannucci. Program: Fort Myers' newest recording institute offers a 36-week program in Audio Recording. Classes are limited to five, providing each student with semiprivate instruction. Our 108-hour program includes over 70 hours hands-on time utilizing the institute's professional multitrack facility. The course is comprised of three levels: Introduction to Audio Engineering, Advanced Techniques in Audio Engineering and the Audio Recording Workshop. Throughout the course each student participates in recording 14 different musical groups. Equipment used in lab include: Soundtracs PC MIDI 24 console; Lexicon, Eventide, Korg, Aphex and dbx outboard gear; Mac SE, Professional Performer sequencer, Akai sampler and Roland D-50 synthesis, AKG, Sennheiser, Electro-Voice, Neumann and Shure microphones. Upon completion of course, each student receives a certificate of completion, a complete listing of all audio facilities nationwide and is provided with placement assistance in the area of his/her choice. For further information, or to receive a free catalog, please call or write.

UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL; Course/Program Title: Sound Recording Technology; College of Music; Lowell, MA 01854; (508) 934-3850. Chief Administrator: Dr. William Moylan. Program: The University of Lowell offers three degree programs in Sound Recording Technology: the Bachelor of Music degree with a major in Sound Recording Technology, and minors in SRT for Electrical Engineering and Computer Science majors. The program's facilities include: 24-track studio (automated and digital), video post-production and multitrack studios, concert recording and sound reinforcement facility, sound synthesis and MIDI studio, equipment design and maintenance laboratory. The Bachelor of Music degree in Sound Recording Technology is offered through the College of Music. The program produces musically sophisticated and sensitive professionals with sufficient technical knowledge to excel in the present production industry and to easily keep pace with the changing technology. The program combines studies in physics, electrical engineering, computer science and calculus with traditional studies in music, and at least nine courses in the art and technology of recording. The University of Lowell's interns have been placed from Tanglewood to Hollywood.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI; Course/Program Title: Music Engineering; School of Music; Coral Gables, FL 33124; (305) 284-2439. Chief Administrator: Ken Pohlmann. Program: The Music Engineering program at the University of Miami offers a four-year Bachelor of Music Engineering degree, with a minor in electrical engineering, as well as a two-year Master of Science, Audio Engineering degree. Courses in the undergraduate curriculum include recording engineering, digital audio, acoustics and studio design, studio maintenance, video production, computer programming, circuit theory, music business, music theory, arranging and performance. The graduate curriculum includes study in advanced digital audio, video, psychoacoustics, electrical engineering and a research thesis. Only students of the highest caliber are considered for admission to these programs. The principle recording studio houses an automated Sony MXP-3036 console, MCI 24-track and Sony 2-track recorders, 3M digital recorder, dbx digital audio processor, Audio Kinetics synchronization system, Sony 3/4-inch video recorders, a Synclavier system and other equipment. Our recent graduates enjoy the highest placement rate in the professional audio industry, and have engineered gold, platinum and Grammy-winning albums.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN; Course/Program Title: BA/BS in Music & Sound Recording; 300 Orange Ave.; West Haven, CT 06516; (203) 932-7102. Chief Administrator: Michael G. Kaloyanides.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA; Course/Program Title: Bachelor of Arts/Science in Commercial Music; Box 5040, Univ. of North Alabama; Florence, AL 35632-0001; (205) 760-4361. Chief Administrator: Dr. James K. Simpson. Program: General Studies: 44 to 55 semester hours. Music Core: Music Theory, 12 to 15 sem. hrs.; Music Literature & Music History, 9 sem. hrs.; Conducting, 2 sem. hrs.; Orchestration, 2 sem. hrs.; Musical Activities, 5 sem. hrs.; Class and/or Applied Music, 7 sem. hrs.; Music Electives, 4 sem. hrs. Prescribed Business Administration minor and supporting sources (24 semester hours): Accounting 291, 292 (6) Elementary Accounting, Business Law 280 (3) Business Law I, Management 330 (3) Principles of Management, Marketing 360 (3) Marketing 373 (3) Principles of Advertising, Math & Computer Science (6). Commercial Music (18 semester hours): Music Publishing (3), Record Company I & II (6), Studio Techniques (3), Production (3), Commercial Music Production (3). Music Dept. is a member of the National Assoc. of Schools of Music.

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PHILIP J. WEAVER EDUCATION CENTER; Course/Program Title: Electronic Music—high school students; 300 S. Spring St.; Greensboro, NC 27435; (919) 370-8282. Chief Administrator: Dr. Howard Braxton, Ronald W. Follas.

WIDENER UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Musical Aspects of Recording; Widener University; Chester, PA 19013; (215) 499-4338. Chief Administrator: John Vanore.

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AUDIO ENGINEERING INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Modern Recording Techniques I & II, 8535 Fairhaven; San Antonio, TX 78229; (512) 340-8776. **Chief Administrator:** Marius Perron III.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Recording Technology Minor, College of Musical Arts; Bowling Green, OH 43403; (419) 372-2181. **Chief Administrator:** Dr. Robert Thayer. **Program:** The Recording Technology Minor is a supplementary program that provides students with classroom and lab experiences that familiarize them with the equipment and techniques used in a modern recording studio. By means of elective courses, students can emphasize either the business or technical aspects of the industry or create any combination of these. The studio houses 16 tracks, many of the most popular: sound processors, over 80 microphones, and the latest in computer-assisted digital editing and hard-disk recording.

BROWN INSTITUTE; 2225 E. Lake St.; Minneapolis, MN 55407; (612) 721-2481. Chief Administrator: Donald W. Swanson, electronics dept. chmn. **Program:** Brown Institute, a National Education Center, is a technical school that offers an associate degree program in electronics technology. We are accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. Audio recording technology is one of several areas of specialization that students may choose to pursue after having completed five quarters (1,200 hours) of electronics fundamentals. Students in the audio program are trained in systems analysis, as well as component-level troubleshooting. Topics covered in the program include the following: 1) sound, hearing and acoustics, 2) audio amplifier design and troubleshooting, 3) studio/tape recorder maintenance and repair, 4) editing and master tape preparation, 5) mixing console operation, maintenance and troubleshooting, 6) signal processing equipment operation, maintenance and troubleshooting, 7) synchronization techniques, MIDI and SMPTE, 8) microphone types, applications and placement techniques, 9) digital audio media. NEC-Brown Institute's audio recording technology program combines operations training with equipment maintenance in order to meet the needs of the industry.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Music Industry; 2199 E. Main St.; Columbus, OH 43209; (614) 236-6411. **Chief Administrator:** Paul K. Formo, dean. **Program:** A bachelor's degree (four-year program) with elective options in music merchandising and music media. Designed to provide undergraduates with a solid base of traditional and contemporary musical training. Music study is supplemented with studio recording techniques taught in conjunction with The Recording Workshop in Chillicothe, Ohio. This degree can be combined with a second major (business, communication, etc.) or a minor in one of the liberal arts areas.

CEDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Commercial Music Recording Technology; 3030 N. Dallas Ave.; Lancaster, TX 75134; (214) 372-8127. **Chief Administrator:** Helen Spencer, Ph.D. **Program:** Commercial Music Recording Technology (two-year associate degree). This two-year program is designed to provide the technical and musical skills necessary in the field of recording technology. Musical skills include vocal, instrumental and MIDI-based, computer-driven synthesis. Technical skills include electronic and acoustical theory, multitrack recording, automated mixing, session planning, session procedure, digital recording and troubleshooting.

THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Audio Recording degree program; 11021 East Blvd.; Cleveland, OH 44106; (216) 791-5000. **Chief Administrator:** Tom Knab, department head. **Program:** The Cleveland Institute of Music offers a unique conservatory setting for learning audio/music production while pursuing a BM in Audio Recording. Courses cover a audio system design and operation, digital audio, advanced microphone techniques, multitrack recording, signal processing, audio for video production and post, and MIDI/synthesis. Internship, independent projects and four years professional experience in audio service round out the program. Classical music recording studies are done under the guidance of multiple Grammy-winner Jack Renner of Telarc International. Guest lecturers include Dr. Peter D'Antonio, John Earle and Shawn Murphy. The Institute offers excellent orchestras and top-quality musicians for collaboration. We emphasize musical and aural acuity development as well as technical excellence. Two well-equipped studios and limit of 16 majors allow for plenty of hands-on time and personalized instruction. Strong musical and academic entrance requirements. Minor in Electrical Engineering available through Case Western Reserve University.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Sound Engineering; 600 S. Michigan Ave.; Chicago, IL 60605; (312) 663-1600, ext. 354. **Chief Administrator:** Douglas R. Jones. **Program:** The Columbia College Sound Program is designed to educate tomorrow's professional sound person. Our classes include basic sound practices, electronics for audio, mix-down, sound system design, digital audio and the first Time Delay Spectrometry Lab anywhere, with six Tachron Tef 12 Plus computers. The dept. of Radio and Sound offers 53 credit hours in audio (14 classes) with an additional 50+ credit hours from other depts. in the college. Students can earn either a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree or a 36-credit hours, two-year certificate.

ELMHURST COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Music Business Program; 190 Prospect; Elmhurst, IL 60126; (708) 617-3515. **Chief Administrator:** Tim Hays. **Program:** Located in the Chicago metropolitan area, Elmhurst College is a nationally accredited institution that offers both a BS and a BM in music business. In addition to classwork in music, business and business of music, students get hands-on industry experience through internships, industry speakers and course tours to locations as diverse as Los Angeles, New York City and West Germany. Resources include a 16-track studio with digital mastering that has just come online in the college's new Computer

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HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM; Course/Program Title: Commercial Music, Audio Engineering Technology; **901 Yorkchester; Houston, TX 77079; (713) 468-6891. Chief Administrator:** Aubrey Tucker. **Program:** Fully accredited college offering two-year associate degree and certificate programs in audio engineering. Cost of instruction is extremely competitive in this field, consisting of normal tuition and fees. Great emphasis is placed on practical, hands-on experience. Two fully equipped studios. Studio A features MCI JH-536 automated console, MCI 24-track recorder with 24 channels of Dolby A noise reduction, two MCI 2-track recorders, Lexicon 200 and 224 digital reverb units, full Scamp rack and a wide variety of professional microphones. Studio B contains Tascam 520 20-channel mixing console, Fostex 16-track recorder and similar outboard equipment and microphones. New inventory of keyboards, synthesizers, drum machines and sequencers.

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Associate of Science in Audio Technology/Bachelor of Science in Audio Recording; **School of Music MU 4C; Bloomington, IN 47405; (812) 855-1613; (812) 855-1900. Chief Administrator:** David A. Pickett. **Program:** The Associate of Science in Audio Technology, lasting approximately five semesters, offers training in audio recording, reinforcement and media production, with emphasis on classical music recording techniques and multitrack studio. The Bachelor of Science in Audio Recording is a four-year program that offers training in audio recording and reinforcement with emphasis on classical music engineering and producing. Applicants must demonstrate a keen interest in classical music and aptitude for core music studies. Performance not required. Students record all official concerts ranging from solo and chamber music through symphony orchestras, jazz ensembles and opera. In total, about 1,000 performances are produced annually in a 500-seat recital hall and the 1,460-seat Musical Arts Center. Classes in recording techniques, electronics, acoustics, maintenance and musical styles. Professional equipment includes 2-track digital and up to 16-track analog. University financial aid and some work scholarships available. Departmental assistance offered in job placement.

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Media Technology; **52-Media, PO Box 40010; Lansing, MI 48901-7210; (517) 483-1670. Chief Administrator:** Dr. James C. Greene, program director. **Program:** The Media Department at Lansing Community College offers a variety of courses in Audio Production, Audio Recording and Sound Reinforcement. These courses are geared toward developing entry-level skills for students interested in these fields. The courses are progressive and offer a balance between theory and practice. Lab facilities offer modern analog and digital processing equipment. A two-year degree in Media Technol-

ogy is available for students wishing to pursue an academic degree. The Media Department also offers courses in radio, video and photography (including film). Lansing Community College offers an open enrollment policy.

MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Audio Technology/Commercial Music; **1400 College Dr.; Waco, TX 76708; (817) 750-3578. Chief Administrator:** David Hibbard. **Program:** Broad-based program offering three degrees (A.A.S.) in Audio Technology, Songwriting/Composition and Performance with a new degree pending in Music Industry Management. Full-time faculty are all active professionals in the areas of recording, performance and composition. About 100 student majors with over 20 ensembles actively performing and recording music in all styles of contemporary and traditional music.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION; Course/Program Title: Telecommunication; **409 Comm. Arts & Sciences Bldg.; East Lansing, MI 48824; (517) 355-8372 (dept. office); (517) 353-9753. Chief Administrator:** Gary A. Reid, Bradley Greenberg. **Program:** An emphasis in audio production is available to students majoring in the Department of Telecommunication. Students must first complete a required sequence of core telecommunication courses. Upon completion of the core, students may opt into various areas of specialization. The production specialization area consists of advanced courses in both audio and video production. The audio sequence is based around three courses with content ranging from basic, radio-oriented production through full 24-track studio sessions. Emphasis is also placed on MIDI-based computer sequencing and SMPTE-based video sweetening. Independent study courses and internships are available to advanced students. A similar area is available for students specializing in video production. Students graduate with a BA in telecommunication. A master's-level production program is also available. The facilities include 2/4/8/24-track audio studios interfaced with two video production studios.

MIDLAND COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Audio Technology; **16-track; 3600 N. Garfield; Midland, TX 79705; (915) 685-4500. Chief Administrator:** Jerry Tubb.



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NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Audio and Recording Technology; **801 E. Benjamin; Norfolk, NE 68701; (402) 644-0506. Chief Administrator:** Timothy Miller. **Program:** Northeast offers a two-year Associate of Art and/or Associate of Applied Science in Audio and Recording Technology. The Audio and Recording Technology program is a balanced mix of audio and electronic theory, concert lighting and sound reinforcement, music, MIDI, TEFT™, studio techniques, and hands-on experience with professional equipment and facilities. Northeast Community College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Nebraska State Department of Education.

OBERLIN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Technology in Music and Related Arts (TIMARA); **Oberlin College; Oberlin, OH 44074; (216) 775-8900. Chief Administrator:** Conrad Cummings, Gary Nelson. **Program:** Completed in spring 1989, TIMARA's new electronic and computer music studios are among the best equipped in the world, with technical resources that are often unavailable at the undergraduate level. This seven-studio complex holds equipment ranging from the earliest analog synthesizers to the most recent digital synthesis technology. Some of the equipment includes recording decks by Otari, Ampex, Scully, Sony and Revox; Macintosh microcomputers; synthesizers by Moog, Buchla, ARP, Putney, Korg, Yamaha, Ensoniq. The TIMARA program has two academic faculty members and a full-time music engineer. Through the TIMARA program the Oberlin Conservatory of Music offers a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in electronic and computer music. Our courses stress musical and technical fundamentals and individual creative projects.



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PRIVATE STUDIOS; Course/Program Title: Introduction to the Recording Studio, Advanced Recording Technique, Specialized Seminars; 705 W. Western Ave.; Urbana, IL 61801; (217) 367-3530. **Chief Administrator:** Rex Anderson.



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RECORDING INSTITUTE OF DETROIT, INC.; Course/Program Title: Recording Techniques; 14611 E. 9 Mile Rd.; East Detroit, MI 48021; (313) 779-1380. **Chief Administrator:** Robert Dennis. **Program:** Established in 1976, The Recording Institute of Detroit offers a licensed educational program in 24-track professional recording and related music theory that can be applied to recording engineering, production, songwriting, audio-for-video/film and live sound mixing. The program includes 270 hours of classes and interning that is taught in two 24-track automated studios. A third MIDI studio with 24-track recording and two MIDI workstations are available for the final phase of the program. State-of-the-art equipment is used including a Solid State Logic 4000G console and Mitsubishi digital recorder. Students complete courses in basic recording, applied music theory and advanced recording techniques. They then complete extensive additional training and hands-on experience in a specialty of their choice during a 100-hour internship; specialties can include studio recording, MIDI, live sound mixing, music production and audio-for-video/film. The program includes six recording projects during classes and additional second recording engineer experience on actual sessions. Twenty-one start dates per year; evening and weekend schedule. Job placement assistance and more. Call for info.

THE RECORDING WORKSHOP; Course/Program Title: Recording Engineering and Music Production Program; 455-X Massieville Rd.; Chillicothe, OH 45601; (800) 848-9900; (614) 663-2510. **Chief Administrator:** Jim Rosebrook, director. **Program:** An intensive, seven-week, 300-hour program designed to prepare entry-level recording personnel—the original "hands-on" school for students seeking concentrated training in the creative operation of professional recording equipment. Over 200 hours are spent in-studio. This experience includes session setup, miking technique, recording, mixing, studio etiquette, song production, commercial and audio-for-video production, editing and equipment maintenance. In lecture, students receive a broader study of audio engineering and music business practices. Our six-studio recording complex features two automated 24-track studios, two 16-track studios, an 8-track commercial/MIDI production studio, a hard disk digital editing/DAT mastering studio and a conventional editing lab. In-studio class size is three to six students, lecture class size is 48. We have internship and job

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SMITH/LEE PRODUCTIONS MEDIA SCHOOL; Course/Program Title: Basic Recording Techniques, Advanced Recording Techniques; 7420 Manchester Rd.; St. Louis, MO 63143; (314) 647-3900. Chief Administrator: David Smith. Program: Smith/Lee Productions is a professional 24-track studio offering Basic Recording Techniques and Advanced Recording Techniques. The Basic Recording Techniques course is designed to prepare students with the proper theoretical foundation in audio and magnetic recording while providing key instruction in the operation of professional audio recording equipment. The Advanced Recording Techniques course provides continuing technical instruction and training preparing the student to successfully tackle more complex production situations in sound recording, mixing, A/V production, and audio for video. Smith/Lee Productions, Inc., offers courses quarterly for eight weeks, meeting once a week. These courses are excellent training for students, professionals, musicians, record producers and recording artists.

SOUND ARTS RECORDING SCHOOL; Course/Program Title: 24-Track Audio Engineering; 2036 Paskett; Houston, TX 77092; (713) 688-8067. Chief Administrator: Jeff Wells.

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Sound Technology, Performing Arts Production Technology; 1401 S. College Ave.; Levelland, TX 79336; (806) 894-9611. Chief Administrator: John Hartin. Program: Performing Arts Production Technology program trains you to work as production manager or technician of video production houses, entertainment and convention facilities, civic centers, and theaters. Program provides training in video and audio production, lighting, stage crafts and business management. Training facilities include 3,600 sq. ft. Tom T. Hall production studio and two other 900 sq. ft. TV studios. Equipment includes Grass Valley switcher, Sony A/B roll editor, Dubner character generator, Ampex ADO, Sony 3/4-inch SP tape recorders, Sony CCD cameras and computer-controlled Strand Century lighting system. Two-year program awards Associate of Applied Science degree. Contact: Pat McCutchin. Sound Technology program trains you for a career in the recording industry as a recording engineer, sound reinforcement specialist or studio technician. Training facilities include the Tom T. Hall studio with 36-track Sony automated console with synchronization-to-video, plus the Waylon Jennings studio with MCI 24-track

recording capabilities, and 8-track demo studio and synthesis/MIDI center. Multitrack and 2-track digital are the newest additions to the center.

SOUTHERN OHIO COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Audio Video Production; 1055 Laidlaw Ave.; Cincinnati, OH 45237; (513) 242-3791. Chief Administrator: Mark R. Turner, department chairperson. Program: The Audio Video Production Department features four recording studios, two multitrack. Instruction includes: audio sweetening, ADR, Foley, digital audio editing, mixing techniques for voice and instruments, location audio, and audio for video. Video instruction includes: studio and location production, computerized A/B roll editing, 2-D and 3-D computer graphics and animation, chroma key, lighting, and set design. Facilities include: three edit rooms, three graphic workstations, four EFP packages and a 40' x 25' studio. Southern Ohio College offers an Associate Degree and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools.

TEXARKANA COLLEGE RECORDING AND MIDI STUDIOS; 2500 N. Robison Rd.; Texarkana, TX 75501; (214) 838-4541 x257/x360. Chief Administrator: Dr. Murry Alewine. Program: Two-year associate degree in commercial music; classes in MIDI, arranging and the recording studio. A state-sponsored college with two 16-track studios. Each 16-track studio has complete facilities with modern, up-to-date equipment. Professional-quality equipment with professional faculty. Classes begin each September, January and June. Fees/tuition schedule available on request. Hands-on instruction and lab time for all students beginning first semester. Fourth-semester students have access to professional 24-track studio in city. Many clubs, lounges, restaurants available in vicinity for employment. MIDI studio available. Three courses (Elementary/Intermediate/Advanced) in MIDI instruction. New program: Music Printing—two semester. Macintosh SE with 20MB hard disk, laser printer NTXII, Finale by Coda and Music Publisher graphic notes.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—OSHKOSH; Course/Program Title: Music Merchandising—Recording Technology Emphasis; 800 Algoma Blvd.; Oshkosh, WI 54901; (414) 424-4224. Chief Administrator: John Minniear. Program: The recording technology emphasis is an option of the music merchandising program, one of the majors offered by the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. This is a four-year program covering all aspects of the recording process: mixing to mixdown, production and contractual agreements. The final semester is spent in the field as an intern at a professional recording studio. The music department is accredited by NASM. Early application for admission to the university is advised. Classes begin after Labor Day.

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Media Communications; 470 E. Lockwood Ave.; St. Louis, MO 63119; (314) 968-6924. Chief Administrator: Art Silverblatt.

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ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL; Course/Program Title: Edgar Stanton Audio Recording Institute; Box AA; Aspen, CO 81612; (303) 925-3254. Chief Administrator: Daniel Craik, director.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Sound Recording Technology; C-550 Harris Fine Arts Center; Provo, UT 84602; (801) 378-3083. Chief Administrator: Ron Simpson.

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: (Music Department) Music Technology Program; Music Dept.; San Luis Obispo, CA 93407; (805) 756-2406. Chief Administrator: Dr. Antonio G. Barata.

CALIFORNIA RECORDING INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Recording Arts and Technology; PO Box 2693; Santa Cruz, CA 95063-2693; (408) 722-4658. Chief Administrator: David A. Gibson. Program: Weekend seminars, six-week classes, semester comprehensive courses and one-year programs at four campuses—Sonic Images 24-track automated audio/video studio in San Jose, MARS 24-track studio in Santa Cruz, VSO 16-track studio in Monterey and Gold Record, Inc., 16-track studio and record company in Gilroy. Classes in the Art of Recording/Mixing, The Structure of Mixes, Running Sessions, MIDI and computers in the Studio, Sound Reinforcement, Synthesizers/Drum Machines, Equipment Maintenance, The Music Business, Television Production, Computer Editing, Audio-for-Video and Computer Graphics. Facilities include a variety of multitracks and mixing boards with various automation systems, an impressive selection of processing and effects, MIDI studios with SMPTE Sync, a wide range of synthesizers/drum machines and complete video post-production. Labs are always open for extensive hands-on mixing time. By enrolling in one campus you may attend classes at any of the four campuses, gaining a perspective on a wide range of equipment, maximizing extra studio time and to repeat or make up classes! Internship programs and job placement assistance available. Call or write for brochure.

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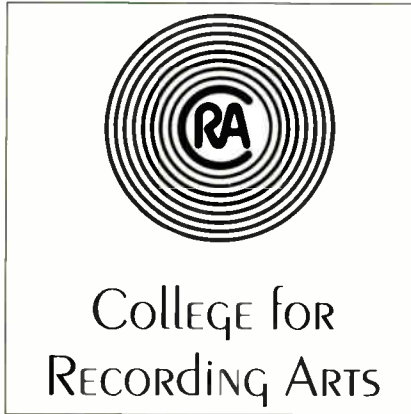


CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS
Carson, CA

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS; Course/Program Title: Audio Recording and Music Synthesis (ARMS); 1000 Victoria St.; Carson, CA 90747; (213) 516-

3543. Chief Administrator: David Champion, John Hill, David Bradford. Program: CSU, Dominguez Hills, offers four-year BA music degrees in Audio Recording and Music Synthesis and a certificate program in Audio Technology. The curriculum includes lecture and hands-on lab courses in audio engineering, music synthesis, music production, studio electronics and equipment maintenance. Elective studies in video production are available. Recording labs are conducted in an automated 24-track facility that includes a Soundcraft 2400 console, Sony/MCI JH-24 with Dolby SR, digital and analog 2-track machines for mixdown, and an assortment of state-of-the-art microphones and signal processors. The adjoining MIDI studio (with SMPTE lock) is configured around an 8MB Emulator III system. Students use an extensive software library for music sequencing, patch editing/storage, music printing, algorithmic composition, and visual sample editing on the Macintosh and Atari ST computers. Expander synthesizer modules include products by Yamaha, Roland, Oberheim, Casio, Alesis and Korg.

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO; Course/Program Title: Broadcasting Dept.; 50 Phelan Ave.; San Francisco, CA 94112; (415) 239-3525. Chief Administrator: Phillip Brown, dept. chair.



College for Recording Arts

COLLEGE FOR RECORDING ARTS
San Francisco, CA

COLLEGE FOR RECORDING ARTS; Bi-Cultural Foundation Inc.; 665 Harrison St.; San Francisco, CA 94107; (415) 781-6306. Chief Administrator: Leo De Gar Kalka. Program: One-year course for recording engineers and others intent on a career in the music/recording industry. C.R.A. is accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools (NATTS), approved for veteran training and authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant, alien students. Semesters start the first full week of June, October or February. Over 15 years of providing quality graduates to the music/recording industry.



CONSERVATORY OF RECORDING ARTS & SCIENCES
Phoenix, AZ

CONSERVATORY OF RECORDING ARTS & SCIENCES; Course/Program Title: Master Recording Program; 1110 E. Missouri, Ste. 400; Phoenix, AZ 85014; (800) 562-6383; (602) 493-9898. Chief Administrator: Jacqueline F. Vican. Program: Professional career training in audio recording and production. The Conservatory offers the Master Recording Program, a 320-hour intensive, 15-week course including audio recording and production; MIDI/computer/electronic recording, music business, sound reinforcement and troubleshooting. Emphasis is hands-on instruction in a 24-track
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Huntington Beach, CA

GOLDEN WEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Music Business and Technology; Recording Arts; 15744 Golden West St.; Huntington Beach, CA 92647; (714) 895-8780. Chief Administrator: David Anthony, Scott Steidinger, Evan Williams. Program: A well-deserved international reputation has brought students from around the world to this "model" program. The program is unique in the generous amount of hands-on time and experiences available in the three well-equipped studios and four workstation/labs. Studio A features: MCI 24-track recorder, 40-channel Neotek Elite automated console, Q-Lock synchronizer, Lexicon 224XL reverb, digital recording plus extensive outboard signal processing. Studio B features: Neve 16-channel mixer, MCI 16-track recorder, digital recording and editing, plus analog and digital signal processing. Studio C features: a mixing capacity of over 60 inputs, 16-track recorder, extensive signal processing and an array of over 60 MIDI-sequenced synthesizer channels (Yamaha TF modules, Kurzweil 250, Roland S-550 sampler, Roland D-110 Proteus, Yamaha controller keyboard, drum machines, plus much more!) controlled by Macintosh computer system and various software programs. A leader in music technology since 1972.

GROVE SCHOOL OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Recording Engineering Program; 14539 Sylvan St.; Van Nuys, CA 91411; (818) 904-9400. Chief Administrator: "Duke" Gore. Program: Grove School of Music's one-year Recording Engineering Program is based on a four-part philosophy: learn how to operate the technology of today; have a fundamental

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INSTITUTE OF AUDIO-VIDEO ENGINEERING; Course/Program Title: Recording Engineering (Audio & Video); 1831 Hyperion Ave.; Hollywood, CA 90027; (213) 666-2380; (800) 551-8877. Chief Administrator: Dominic LaCasse. Program: The Institute of Audio-Video Engineering offers concise, expert instruction in audio and video engineering and is housed in a state-of-the-art recording studio, actively engaged in servicing the local community. The school is an accredited member of the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools. The eight-month, state-approved diploma program includes audio recording, video production, editing and studio maintenance. Elective classes offer students an opportunity to further their understanding and skills in specialized areas such as sound reinforcement, advanced mixing, advanced video editing and use of the Fairlight CMI music computer. New terms start approximately every ten weeks. The cost of the entire program ranges from \$5,000 to \$5,950, depending on electives selected. Approximately \$175 will be needed for books and supplies for the whole program. Classes are scheduled primarily during evening or weekend hours, since instructors are professionals currently active in the entertainment fields. Students are required to complete 560 clock hours of classes with 344 of those hours being hands-on experience. The Institute of Audio-Video Engineering has been established since 1980.

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE; 4901 E. Carson St.; Long Beach, CA 90808; (213) 420-4309; (213) 420-4517. Chief Administrator: Priscilla Remeta, Dr. George Shaw. Program: Facilities include 24-track, 16-track (TEAC and Fostex), 8-track and 4-track studios. A state-of-the-art MIDI classroom is comprised of 21 individual computer-controlled songwriting stations. Each station is equipped with Macintosh, synthesizers, drum machines, effects and recording equipment. Commercial music instructors are all professionals in the music recording and performance fields. Students are given hands-on training and receive certificates in record producer, recording engineer, songwriter/arranger, copyist, vocal, instrumental including MIDI applications.

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Radio-Television-Film Department; 855 N. Vermont Ave.; Los Angeles, CA 90029; (213) 669-5545. Chief Administrator: Robert Stahley. Program: Study recording in a commercial-grade recording facility fully accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges. 4/8/24-track recording taught in a multimillion dollar communication complex. Two separate studios with separate control rooms offers hands-on experience. Program leads to a department certificate or an AA degree. Fundamentals of recording theory and practice with emphasis on pre-/post-production. Sound for film and video sweetening is also offered. Studio A is 46 x 29. Studio B is 25 x 29. Each studio equipped with upright and grand pianos as well as various electronic instruments. Mixing consoles: MCI, Yamaha, Tascam. Audio Recorders: MCI 24-track, 30 ips; 8-track, 30 ips; 2-track; Revox 2-track; Scully 2-track; Scully 8-track and Tascam 4-track w/Dolby. Outboard equipment: Yamaha, UREI, Orban and Dolby. Mics: AKG, Neumann, Beyer, Crown, Electro-Voice, Shure, RCA, Sennheiser. Monitor amps: Yamaha and Crown. California resident fee: maximum of \$50 per semester. Non-resident fee: \$112 per semester unit.

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Pittsburg, CA

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE; Course/Program Title: Recording Arts; 2700 E. Leland Rd.; Pittsburg, CA 94565; (415) 439-0200. Chief Administrator: Frank Cormie. Program: Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, California, offers a degree program in Recording Arts, including courses in multitrack recording, sound reinforcement, acoustics, MIDI sound synthesis, producing and troubleshooting. Theory, hands-on experience, a state-of-the-art recording studio and a faculty honored with two Grammy nominations make the Los Medanos Recording Arts program the finest in Northern California. Fees: California residents \$5 per unit (\$50 max. per semester), out-of-state \$92 per unit.

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Recording Arts; Communication Arts Dept.; Loyola Blvd. at W. 80th St.; Los Angeles, CA 90045; (213) 338-3033. Chief Administrator: Donald J. Zirpola, chair; John Michael Weaver, program coordinator. Program: LMU Recording Arts is a four-year program that offers students the opportunity to explore both the aesthetic and technical challenges of sound design and recording, through in-depth study and hands-on experience. Emphasis is placed on both the art of music recording and the creative use of sound in film and television. Students take classes in mass communications, the art of cinema, screen writing, film and television production, sound design, recording technology, acoustics, production and post-production sound, recording practices and techniques, contemporary issues, advanced recording and related music courses. Among LMU's recording facilities are a 16mm film recording studio, a video-assisted film and television post-production suite, and a 24-track recording studio containing equipment from AKG, Ampex, JBL, Lexicon, Neumann, Orban, Otari, Sennheiser, Sony, Trident and UREI. Classes are kept small to ensure that the needs of the individual student can be met.

MAY SCHOOLS; Course/Program Title: Recording Engineer and Radio/Television Broadcasting; 1320 Grand Ave.; Billings, MT 59102; (406) 259-7000. Chief Administrator: Michael May. Program: Students in the Recording Engineering course complete training in eight months with emphasis on hands-on training in a full 24-track studio plus three individual MIDI-equipped studios and four advertising production studios. Recording students also learn TV/video production using the school's main TV studio and three video editing studios. Radio/TV broadcasting students do all of the coursework in the Recording Engineering course plus an additional semester (four months) of study in Broadcast Journalism and Air Personality work. Accredited member of NATTS. Provides job-placement assistance, student financing professional staff. Classes start every eight weeks. Call or write for free catalog and financial aid information.

MILLS COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT; Course/Program Title: Center for Contemporary Music; 5000 MacArthur Blvd.; Oakland, CA 94613; (415) 430-2191. Chief Administrator: David Rosenbaum.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: MUS 249/250 Audio Recording Techniques; NMSU Music Box 30001-3F; Las Cruces, NM 88003; (505) 646-

5215; (505) 521-4918. Chief Administrator: Dr. Warner Hutchison, Jim Archuleta, Stacy Parrish.

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MUSIC DEPT., CASCADE; Course/Program Title: Recording Technologies; PO Box 19000; Portland, OR 97219-0990; (503) 244-6111, ext. 5226. Chief Administrator: Hal Lee. Program: The PCC Vocational Music Department offers excellent courses in recording, performance and composition. Designed by musicians for musicians, the two-year program leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree. The recording course seeks to integrate music and technology by emphasizing a comprehensive understanding of production skills. Topics covered include engineering fundamentals, microphone techniques, multitrack recording, mixing, audio-for-video sweetening, editing and MIDI recording applications. Additional classes cover histories of jazz, rock and folk, business for the musician and classes in basic instrumental improvisation. Whether you are just getting underway or are a practicing professional needing to polish skills, this program has something to offer you. Portland Community College's Cascade campus is located 15 minutes from downtown Portland, the live music capital of the Pacific Northwest. Tuition costs are reasonable, averaging approximately \$250 for in-district residents.

QUINCY STREET SOUND; Course/Program Title: Multitrack Recording Level I; 130 Quincy St. NE; Albuquerque, NM 87108; (505) 265-5689. Chief Administrator: Eric Larson.

RECORDING ASSOCIATES; Course/Program Title: Sound Recording and Mixing; 5821 SE Powell Blvd.; Portland, OR 97206; (503) 777-4621. Chief Administrator: Jay Webster. Program: Video programs available: two hours at \$39 answers beginners most often asked questions: connectors, connections, phasing, microphones, tone control, room tuning, mixing boards, sound mixing, band setup, recording, echo/effects and more. 12 hours at \$239 is a must for the pro or soon-to-be pro. Here's the relationship between theory and the choices you make operating equipment and effects: vocabulary, basic theory, adv. theory, connectors, connections, phasing, mic theory, mic application, adv. mic theory, tone theory, adv. tone theory, tone application, acoustics, room tuning, studio consoles, console operation, mix theory, adv. mix theory, compression, recorders, maintenance, echo, reverb, other effects, production and studio tips, glossary, and more. Students enrolled in the 12-hour course who complete the final quiz with a passing grade will be issued a certificate of completion. You may write or call for free assistance in answering test questions or questions in general regarding sound and recording.



RECORDING INSTITUTE
Van Nuys, CA

RECORDING INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Recording Engineer; 14511 Delano St.; Van Nuys, CA 91411; (818) 994-9976. Chief Administrator: Fred Much, Larry Cook. Program: Certificate program, 155 hours. Comprehensive hands-on training for recording engineers. 24-track in-house studio with over 20 gold/platinum records! All classes taught by professionals. 12 weeks, four classes per week, usually evenings and weekends. Through a combination of lectures, labs, workshops and professional experiences you will learn the skills required of a recording engineer and gain insight into the psychology of recording sessions. The course includes: 24-track recording and mixing, MIDI and possible internship. Extensive placement assistance. A personal interview/school tour is required for admission. At the interview you will be asked to discuss your educational objectives and professional goals. You will also be asked to take a hearing test and to participate in some ear training drills. We are located in Van Nuys, California, only a few minutes away by car from Los Angeles, Hollywood, Burbank and Beverly Hills. \$2,330 plus books. For a catalog and further information contact Recording Institute.

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Evans. Program: Mendocino County Schools regional occupational program (ROP), audio recording studio for adult and high school students offers individualized instruction in recording techniques, sound reinforcement, introduction to MIDI, radio production, safety and studio etiquette. Equipment includes Tascam 16-track recording facility, 2/4-track mixdown, Panasonic SV-3500 DAT, Tascam multichannel mixing board, Yamaha SPX90, Korg DVP-1 digital voice processor, Macintosh Plus w/Opcode 2 Pro MIDI interface, Opcode 2.54 sequencer, DX-TX librarian, Deluxe Music Construction Set, Roland SDE-3000 digital delay, Yamaha DX7 Sequential Circuit MAX, Korg DS8, Casio CZ-100, Yamaha DX100, SDS9 digital drums. Mics: Sennheiser 421, AKG condensers, Shure SM57, Audio Technica Dynamics. Facility: drum isolation booth, large main tracking room, control room. No charge for training, although program requires a small materials fee for tapes, disks, books and equipment repair. Open entry/open exit, Sept.-June only. Certificate awarded to completers. 1,200 hours maximum. Contact Bob Evans, studio manager/instructor.

SAN DIEGO RECORDING WORKSHOP; Course/Program Title: Recording Theory "Hands-on"; PO Box 7632; San Diego, CA 92107; (619) 571-5965. Chief Administrator: Steve Grossman.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENDED EDUCATION; Course/Program Title: Music/Recording Industry Certificate Program; SFSU Downtown Center; 814 Mission St., Ste. 201; San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 338-1372. Chief Administrator: Mary Pieratt. Program: The Music/Recording Industry Certificate Program (MRI) offered through San Francisco State University focuses on the music business and studio engineering. Classes offer academic credit and are taught by Bay Area professionals in the field. The program is designed for both students and professionals who want to gain experience and education in the music industry through a structured course of study. Musicians, managers, agents and engineers will benefit from courses that cover a wide range of topics. Courses include audio engineering (beginning, intermediate, advanced, mixing and MIDI), offered in all 24-track studios), artist management, studio management, publicity, promotion, tour management, music video, songwriting, industry history, legal aspects, career options, and concert booking and production. Expand skills with one or more workshops or earn the MRI certificate. Courses are offered evenings. Formal university application is not required.

SKE AUDIO PUBLISHING; Course/Program Title: Recording School Curriculum Service/Home-Study Course; PO Box 2519; Sedona, AZ 86336; (800) 284-1258. Program: We publish a complete curriculum for schools and recording studios wishing to teach sound engineering. Based on the book *Practical Techniques for the Recording Engineer*, these course materials are already in use at over 75 universities, colleges and studios throughout the world. The program includes the text (\$28.95), Teacher's Manual (\$45), Answer Key (n/c), Student's Workbook/Supplement (\$16.50) and three final exams (n/c). Suggested session content for hands-on studio work. Course features practical, useful content. Text covers techniques and skills while Workbook/Supplement covers conventional subjects. Write for more information. Sound Engineering Home Study Course. A fast, affordable way for the sound enthusiast to study high-powered sound engineering based on the college text *Practical Techniques for the Recording Engineer*. The home study cassette packages for Basic, Intermediate and Advanced contain 12 50-minute audio cassettes at \$99.99 each. Some of the course features are mics, recorders, session and stage setup and breakdown, alignments, noise reduction sound and audio theory, acoustics, editing, mixing.

SONOMA SOUND; Course/Program Title: Sound Engineering Classes; PO Box 1623; Sonoma, CA 95476; (707) 996-4363. Chief Administrator: Aron Johnson.



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Rohnert Park, CA

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SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY; Course/Program Title: Recording & Electronic Music; 1801 E. Cotati Ave.; Rohnert Park, CA 94928; (707) 664-2324. **Chief Administrator:** Arthur Hills, Warren Dennis, Ron Pellegrino. **Program:** Three semesters of recording studio plus tutorial. Career minor in recording technology also includes internship. One-semester courses on studio performance and production, songwriting and live performance are also offered (Sound for Media course is in process). All programs incorporate hands-on use of a new, fully outfitted, 1-inch 8-track studio with two full isolation booths. **Electronic Music Studio:** courses in sound synthesis with computers and digital, hybrid and analog synthesizers; emphasis on fundamental principles and studio techniques, composition and performance. All courses have hands-on work with FM, sampling, phase distortion, linear/arithmetic, percussion and analog synthesis. Completely integrated MIDI/ SMPTE studio includes latest Macintosh-based software for sequencing, notation and voice editing, librarian functions for all studio synthesizers. Studio includes an 8-track and two 4-track tape machines, and multiple outboard processors for audio and MIDI signals.



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Los Angeles, CA

SONY INSTITUTE OF APPLIED VIDEO TECHNOLOGY; Course/Program Title: Production Audio and Post-Production Audio for Video (and other related workshops); 2021 N. Western Ave.; PO Box 29906; Los Angeles, CA 90029; (213) 462-1987. **Chief Administrator:** Jeffrey Glasser, Stephen Gach. **Program:** Get your career on the fast track! Learn from the leaders. The Sony Institute offers the most comprehensive curriculum in professional video education today. Workshops are university-accredited, fully certified and carry an unconditional money-back guarantee if you're not delighted. More than 25 original workshops have been developed to meet your professional needs. Courses like Production Audio for Video and Post-Production Audio for Video, plus a wide range of other subjects including ENG: Capturing the live event and numerous courses in electronic field production, editing, lighting and more! The Sony Institute also offers a variety of top-notch products and production tools such as Shaping Your Sound, The Video Music Composer and more. Call for a free catalog and get your career headed in the right direction.

SOUTHWEST INSTITUTE OF RECORDING ARTS AND SCIENCES; Course/Program Title: Audio Recording Engineering; 4831 N. 11th St., Ste. C; Phoenix, AZ 85014; (602) 241-1019. **Chief Administrator:** Billy Moss. **Program:** A 16-week, 310 class-hour learning system designed to teach audio recording and engineering. Students will progress from a firm understanding of the most basic recording concepts through student-engineered sessions using the most sophisticated of modern recording equipment, thus gathering an academic and practical knowledge of all the most common aspects of audio recording. By starting with the basic (2-track date), then working through the fully automated mixdown (SSL 4040 E/G auto-

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Hollywood, CA

TREBAS INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Recording Arts & Sciences: Integrated Music Tech., Music Industry Management; 4664 Sunset Blvd., The Penthouse; Hollywood, CA 90028; (213) 467-6800. **Chief Administrator:** David P. Leonard. **Program:** Two-year programs in the Recording Arts and Sciences w/specialization options in Integrated Music Technology and Music Industry Management. More than 100 courses to choose from in 11 tracks of study: Music, Production, Synthesis and MIDI, Video, Computers, Digital, Audio Engineering Theory and Studio Recording, Electronics, Music Business, Management and General Education. Three majors available: Production/Engineering, Engineering/Electronics and Management. Diploma in Recording Arts & Sciences (w/ specialization in one of the two programs above). One entrance scholarship offered at each of five campus locations across North America, valued at \$6,000 each. Memorial scholarship for second-year studies at each location. Other awards of merit available. Consult admissions office. Transfer of credits between campuses. Facilities: professional multitrack recording studio, electronic music/synthesis/MIDI studio, electronics lab, computer labs, audio/video post-production mixing lab and analog/digital disc mastering rooms (at selected campuses). Resource Center, including library of several thousand volumes (books, magazines, articles) on the music business.



UCLA EXTENSION
Los Angeles, CA

UCLA EXTENSION; Course/Program Title: Certificate Program in Recording Engineering; 10995 Le Conte Ave., PO Box 24901; Los Angeles, CA 90024; (213) 825-9064. **Chief Administrator:** Ms. Ronnie Rubin, Van Webster, program coordinator. **Program:** The UCLA Extension Certificate Program in Recording Engineering is a rigorous training program that prepares the student in both the art and science of sound recording. Drawing on the talent and studio facilities of Los Angeles, one of the music industry capitals of the world, UCLA Extension has created a sequential curriculum of required and elective courses that covers both theory and practice in audio technology, equipment, musicianship and business practice. All classes are taught by working professionals in the recording industry. The objective is to enable future engineers to acquire vision and problem-solving techniques that meet the challenge of rapidly evolving technology and a dynamic sound recording market. Prerequisite courses include basic physics;

math and electronics, available through UCLA Extension, plus a music background. The Certificate Program in Recording Engineering is a state of California-approved program of significant educational accomplishment in a professional field. Additional certificate programs are offered in recording arts, songwriting, electronic music, film-scoring, and film/television video. Call or write for the professions in the Entertainment Industry catalog.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA; Course/Program Title: School of Music; Tucson, AZ 85721; (602) 621-1655. **Chief Administrator:** Jeff Haskell. **Program:** A recording studio production class is offered to music and RTV students. The class includes a basic overview of studio equipment use and terminology, in addition to music production and music law. Courses in computer and MIDI applications are offered. The recording studio features an audiophile-quality 24-track facility with numerous signal processing equipment including: Lexicon PCM70, Drawmer gates, dbx 165A compressors, Pultec EQP-1A EQ, Prime Time delay, etc. The recording studio is very accessible to students for gaining experience writing, producing and performing in professional-quality recordings.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, DENVER, COLLEGE OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Recording Technology & Sound Synthesis; 1200 Larimer St., Box 162; Denver, CO 80204; (303) 556-2727. **Chief Administrator:** David Magidson.



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Lamont School of Music

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UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, LAMONT SCHOOL OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Bachelor of Music in Commercial Music; 7111 Montview Blvd.; Denver, CO 80220; (303) 871-6400. **Chief Administrator:** David J. Genova. **Program:** This degree is for the student who wants to develop into a first-rate freelance or sessions player, and/or commercial arranger/composer, ready to enter the world of high-tech music. Within the structure of a Bachelor of Music degree, commercial music majors will participate in a well-rounded general education program, enhanced by special offerings appropriate to developing commercial musicians. Commercial music majors will take courses in commercial composition and arranging, applied commercially oriented harmony at the keyboard, business, law and contracts for commercial musicians, basic electronics, history of synthesis, synthesis programming, sampling and courses in sound recording in the home and professional studio. Sound reinforcement is included, and advanced students will intern as recording engineers and sessions players.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS; Course/Program Title: Audio Engineering and MIDI; 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy.; Las Vegas, NV 89154; (702) 739-0819. **Chief Administrator:** Curt Miller. **Program:** The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, currently offers three courses in Audio Engineering and MIDI Environments. MUS180: A one-semester course in audio engineering theory and live stereo recording techniques. No prerequisites required. MUS280: A one-semester course in multitrack recording techniques; at least one project band will be used during the semester. Prerequisite: MUS180. MUS166: A one-semester course in advanced MIDI theory. Keyboard experience not necessary, the course is geared for engineers and musicians wishing to learn the MIDI language in detail with hands-on experience in synthesizers, sequencers, drum machines, samplers, etc. Prerequisites: none. The University recording studio features state-of-the-art equipment including MCI 24-track; Soundcraft 2400 28 x 24 x 2 console, disk-based recording by Digidesign, Macintosh-based sequencing. Outboard gear by UREI, Trident, Lexicon, Yamaha, etc. These courses are extremely popular so register early.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUND ARTS; Course/Program Title: Audio/Video Engineering Music/Video Bus. Management; 1645 N. Vine St., Ste. 609; Hollywood, CA 90028; (213) 467-5256; (213) 962-5100. **Chief Administrator:** Faghue Gadhok. **Program:** University of Sound Arts has been offering quality education and placement in the music, video and film industry



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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA; Course/Program Title: Bachelor of Science in Music Recording; **School of Music; MUS 212; Los Angeles, CA 90089-0851; (213) 743-2627. Chief Administrator:** Richard J. McIlvery. **Program:** The Recording Arts Program at USC offers a four-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Recording. Skills in both music and mathematics are required for entrance. A performance audition is also required on an acoustic instrument. Courses are taught by both university professors and industry professionals. Program is limited to 15 students per year. In addition, a Minor in Music Recording is offered to a limited number of students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in electrical or Mechanical Engineering. Call or write for information.

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Banff, Alberta, Canada

THE BANFF CENTRE FOR THE ARTS; Course/Program Title: Media Arts Audio Recording and Production Associate-ships; **Office of the Registrar; PO Box 1020; Banff, Alberta, T0L 0C0 Canada; (403) 762-6180; FAX: (403) 762-6444. Chief Administrator:** Kevin Elliott, head of audio recording and production. **Program:** Professional development associate-ships are available to individuals with rigorous training or significant experience. Those accepted receive full scholarship, room and board, and stipend. Functioning as staff engineers, associates work in the digital multitrack and MIDI studios, digital audio workstations, etc., pursuing their own development/research aims and production projects. Duties include multitrack production stereo recording (classical/jazz), audio-for-video, support for artists working in electroacoustics, multimedia and hypermedia, studio management, etc. Applicants are required to have strong credentials in at least one of these areas. The program strives to foster production projects of a fine arts and experimental nature generated from within and outside The Banff Centre. It aims to provide professional development experience in audio recording and production, and foster research within an artist-driven production environment. Residences available from three months and up; please inquire. Direct telephone number to program head: (403) 762-6407.

BULLFROG RECORDING SCHOOL; Course/Program Title: Sound and Recording Engineering; 2475 Dunbar St.; Vancouver, BC, V6R 3N2 Canada; (604) 734-4617. Chief Administrator: Maggie Scherf.

COLUMBIA ACADEMY OF RADIO, TELEVISION AND RECORDING ARTS; 1295 W. Broadway; Vancouver, BC, V6H 3X8 Canada; (604) 736-3316. Chief Administrator: Marty Hasselbach. **Program:** For well over two decades, Columbia Academy has been offering realistic and practical media arts training. Full-time programs include Broadcast Performing Arts, Recording Arts and Music Production, Digital Automated Recording Arts, Music Mastering, Marketing & Management, and Video and Television Production. With three large state-of-the-art training campuses in Western Canada, students are guaranteed to get the practical "hands-on" skills they need. Facilities include audio/visual equipped classrooms, 24-track analog recording studios, 48-track fully automated digital recording/film post-production studios, editing and production rooms, multistation MIDI/8-track production studios, complete television sound stages, online television control room, offline editing suites and complete "in-house" radio stations. Government registered training programs. Day and evening classes. Financial assistance for qualified applicants. Call for free information.

I.C.A. INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION ARTS; 5787 Marine Dr.; Burnaby, BC, V5J 3H1 Canada; (604) 430-4092. Chief Administrator: Niels Hartvig-Nielsen. **Program:** Programs are one to three years in length. Part-time studies are available. Subjects include: Recording Studio Operations, Record Production, Digital Music Technology, Audio-for-Video, Music Arranging, Songwriting and Composition, Entertainment Business, Video Production, Computer Graphics, etc. Student financing available. Semesters commence Oct./Feb./April/June. I.C.A. is recognized by the United States Department of Education and therefore eligible to participate in the U.S. Guaranteed Student Loan program. (G.S.L. #025403). Call or write for more information.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MUSIC; Course/Program Title: Master's of Music in Sound Recording; 555 Sherbrooke St. W.; Montreal, Quebec, H3A 1E3 Canada; (514) 398-4538. Chief Administrator: John Rea. **Program:** Master's of Music in Sound Recording degree. Duration: one preparatory undergraduate year plus two years graduate. Course titles: Sound Recording (Theory and Practice), Analy-

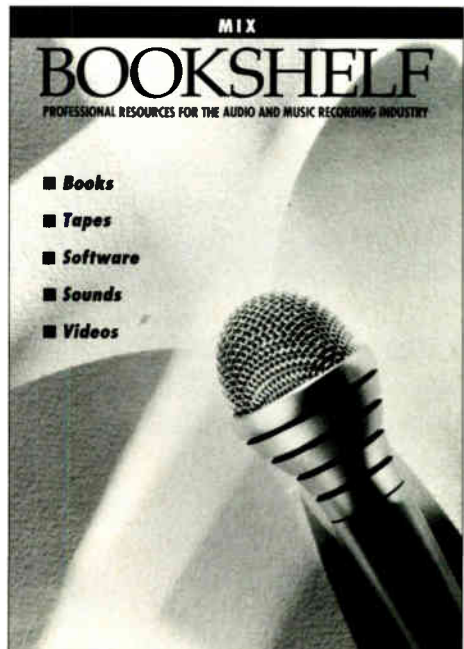
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ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF AUDIO RECORDING TECHNOLOGY; Course/Program Title: Audio Engineering; 500 Newbold St.; London, Ontario, N6E 1K6 Canada; (519) 686-5010. Chief Administrator: Paul Steenhaus, Geoff Keymer. **Program:** An intensely focused, full-time program of study, one academic year in length, (Sept. -April), designed to prepare the student for a career in the audio and music recording industry. Course headings: Recording Technology, Recording Practical Labs, Studio Electronics, Equipment Alignment, Digital Technology, Acoustics, Music, Music Business, Music Production, Audio for Visuals and more. Courses begin at introductory levels and accelerate rapidly, combining to provide the student with knowledge and practical skills in all aspects of audio recording. The program is a "step through" process with smaller concepts and skills building on each other until, within five months, our students are responsibly operating a \$350,000 recording facility. Theoretical material is strongly supported with practical labs, each lab having a maximum of three students per instructor. Lab time: 200+ hours. Classes held in studios: 400+. Studio equipment: Mitsubishi, Studer, Lexicon, JVC, Sony, Roland, MCI, ADAP, Adams-Smith, Fairlight III, etc. Seven full-time instructors and a maximum enrollment of 50 students ensure individual attention. Registered and approved by the Canadian Ministry of Education and U.S. Department of Education.

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TREBAS INSTITUTE; Course/Program Title: Recording Arts & Sciences: Integrated Music Tech., Music Ind. Mgmt; 451 St. Jean St.; Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 2R5 Canada; (514) 845-4141. Chief Administrator: David P. Leonard. Program: Two-

year program in the Recording Arts & Sciences w/specialization options in Integrated Music Technology and Music Industry Management. More than 100 courses to choose from in 11 tracks of study, including: music, production, synthesis and MIDI, video computers, digital, audio engineering theory and studio recording, electronics, music business, management, and general education. Three majors available: production/engineering, engineering/electronics and management. Diploma in Recording Arts & Sciences (w/specialization in one of the two programs above). One entrance scholarship offered at each of five campus locations across North America, valued at \$5,000 each. Memorial scholarship for second-year studies at each location. Other Awards of Merit available. Consult admissions office. Transfer of credits between campuses. Facilities: professional multitrack recording studio, electronic music/synthesis/MIDI studios, electronics lab, computer labs, audio/video post-production mixing lab and analog/digital disc mastering rooms (at selected campuses). Resource Center including library of several thousand volumes (books, magazines, articles) on the music business, audio, video, recording and music production. Accredited by ACCET.

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The local recording facilities take an active role in the development of this Filipino talent, not to mention clients from Australia, China, Japan and Guam. Several 24- and 16-track analog studios produce crisp, clear masters that are put onto cassettes as final products. One of these is Greenhill Sound Studios, which boasts two 24-track rooms, two 16-track rooms and an 8-track copy room. The equipment is mostly Soundcraft consoles, MCI JH-24 and Ampex 1200 recorders, and the usual array of outboard processing gear by Lexicon, Yamaha, UREI and others.

Cinema Audio is one of the country's oldest recording studios. It has produced various local and international hit records, and features the country's only Tom Hidley-designed room. Consoles are from MCI and API, multitrack recorders are again JH-24s and Ampex, while ATRs and MCIs do the 2-track mastering chores. A selection of digital reverbs, outboard gear and monitoring systems are also available, along with a variety of tube-type equipment such as old Neumann mics, Fairchild compressors and limiters, and some plate reverbs.

The increasing demand for studios catering to both music and advertising clients has spawned a generation of newer facilities. TRACKstudios has Soundcraft TS12 and 6000 consoles as its centerpieces. The facility houses two 24-track rooms and a dubbing/copy room. A MIDI scoring system complete with audio-video synchronization is in one of the rooms. Multi-tracking is handled by Otari MX-80 and Soundcraft SCM-762 machines. A Studer 807 and a Sony R-DAT are used for 2-track mastering. The control rooms are fashioned after LEDE®-type designs, and the studios have variable acoustics.

Works Avenue belongs to a communications group that operates radio and television stations, audio and video post-production studios, and an equipment rental facility. The audio facilities are centered around a Soundcraft TS12 console, a Soundcraft SCM-762 III 24-track, Studer Revoxes and a Sony 2500 R-DAT.

A dedicated room—used mainly as a music and audio-for-video studio—is equipped with Sony video switchers, Abekas, Chyron and several other

video effects for post use. This video suite has a Soundcraft 200 BVE for an audio-follow-video capability. Recorders are Sony BVU 5000 Series.

ABS-CBN is the biggest studio in

the country (it can fit a 30-piece orchestra under its cathedral-like ceilings). Owned by a television network, it is used primarily to record music for broadcast. Equipment includes a Soundcraft TS12 console, a Saturn 24-track tape recorder, a host of outboard gear and an audio-for-video synchronization system by Applied Microsystems of England. ABS-CBN broadcasts nationwide via satellite.

Vicor Music Studios is a record company-owned MIDI facility. Designed mainly for in-house use, it is equipped with an AMR 24 console, Studer 820 24-track recorder and several effects and peripherals.

Charo Unite Productions specializes in jingle work. (Its owner, Charo Unite, controls about 75 percent of all advertising music requirements in the country.) Recording duties are handled by an Otari MX-80, a Soundcraft 600, and Fostex and Tascam equipment.

Located in the Philippines' business town of Makati, Audio Captain features a newly acquired Otari MX-80 and a Soundcraft 6000. The facility is the favorite among the young artists in the country. It is fully MIDI-fied, and all the rooms are accessible via tielines. Audio Captain has nearly finished a dedicated mix/dubbing room, as well.

Positioning itself toward the lucrative advertising market, Audio Post is one of the newer studios in the Philippines. It is the first facility in the country to be equipped with an AMS Audiofile system, with video synchronization. Audio Post also uses a comprehensive sound FX library on a Sony CD jukebox controlled via Leonardo software. Ever since it opened, the facility has been busy with advertising work and industrial A/V.

Americans working in the Philippines find that communication with local musicians and engineers is generally not a problem because most of the population speak English. As benefits this tropical climate, the pace of life and work is slower here than in the urban recording centers in the United States, so expect to devote time to fun and relaxation if you work here. Bring your ears for work, but don't forget your swimsuit, either. ■

Mike N. Pedero designs studios, programs a radiostation, owns a 24-track recording studio, produces, and occasionally bums around the beaches near Manila.



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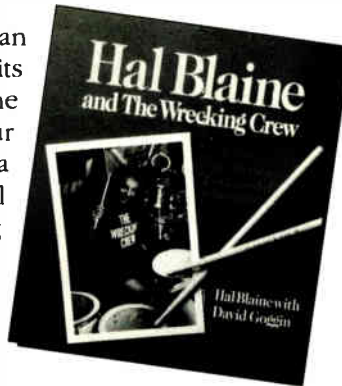
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know this is all beta, and it might not all work the way it's supposed to." While I found that some features were not yet implemented, the program was 90 percent functional. What's more, I experienced no crashes from any of the Digidesign software all day. And, based on past experience with this company, I feel pretty confident when I predict that by the time you read this, Deck will be available in all its glory. At \$349 this is an elegant and valuable piece of software. Wait'll they hear about this in Mayberry!

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Q-Sheet A/V 2.0, an upgrade to this popular MIDI/SMPTE automation program, was recently released. The upgrade allows Q-Sheet A/V to be integrated with Sound Tools. With Version 2.0 and Sound Tools, you can add two independent tracks of digital audio to MIDI events, such as sequences or sampled sound effects, all synchronized to SMPTE. Suggested retail price is \$995, with upgrades to registered users offered at \$50.

A Sound Tools Utility Disk has been released. It contains Master List, Live List and DATa. Master List (mentioned in this space in April) allows a Sound Tools user to create a master playlist of soundfiles, playlists or playlist regions. Live List is a performance application, enabling the user to trigger Sound Tools soundfiles, playlists or regions from any MIDI event or Mac keystroke. DATa allows you to back up your soundfiles to DAT and is also included free of charge with every DAT I/O.

And finally, the company is targeting a June shipping date for PRO I/O, a new hardware option for Sound Tools. Priced at \$2,995, it is intended for users requiring audiophile quality A/D and D/A conversion. The 19-inch rack-mount converter uses Apogee filters, digital meters, +4 balanced XLR ins/outs, 18-bit resolution, "house sync" capability, and 8-times oversampling D/A and 64-times oversampling A/D. Owners of AD IN will be offered a "generous" trade-in for PRO I/O. Digidesign, Menlo Park, Calif., (415) 327-8811.

Chip Shots

Hybrid Arts recently released its

SMPTEmate II™ interface card for the ADAP II digital audio recorder and editor. The interface gives the ADAP II system full chase-lock capabilities to time code with subframe accuracy. Suggested retail price for SMPTEmate II is \$1,095.

Also announced was the release of TIME Page™ time compression and expansion software for its ADAP II system. TIME Page, which retails for \$695, allows ADAP II to stretch or shrink recordings by as much as 50 percent with no degradation of audio quality. Hybrid Arts, Culver City, Calif., (213) 841-0340.

For those MIDI-based engineer/player/composer types, Articulate Systems has come up with VoiceWaves/MIDI. Together with its Voice Navigator for the Macintosh, Voice-

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Waves/MIDI gives you voice control of music software while at a MIDI keyboard or mixing-console. While Voice Navigator alone allows users to use their voice to control any Mac software application, VoiceWaves/MIDI has customized templates for the most popular MIDI programs to make that task much less difficult and time-consuming. Articulate Systems, Cambridge, Mass., (617) 876-5236.

Dr. T's Music Software is now publishing Intelligent Music Software products for the Macintosh, Amiga and Atari computers. All customer service, including upgrades, backups, and technical support for Intelligent Music products, will now be handled through Dr. T's. Registered users should contact Dr. T's for more infor-

mation. Dr. T's Music Software, Chestnut Hill, Mass., (617) 244-6954 (technical support: (617) 244-1542).

Opcode Systems, Inc., has released an updated version of its powerful sequencing software package for the Macintosh. Vision 1.1 has many new features, including automated moving faders, scrolling edit windows and "scrubbing" control in the graphic editing window. Vision also has the ability to work with patch names interactively with Galaxy, Opcode's newly released universal librarian. Vision 1.1 is a free update to all registered owners and \$495 to others. Galaxy is available for \$249. Opcode Systems, Menlo Park, Calif., (415) 369-8131.

MIDIQuest is a universal editor/librarian from Sound Quest Inc. It's available for the Mac, PC, Atari and Amiga systems, and offers a flexible way to combine, sort and edit data for existing as well as future MIDI devices. Sound Quest Inc., Toronto, Ont., (800) 387-8720.

Coda Music Software is now shipping an IBM PC-compatible version of its music notation software, Finale. It operates in a Microsoft Windows environment and has most of the features in Finale 2.0 for the Macintosh. Minimum requirements are 1 MB RAM (2 MB recommended), 80286 processor and a hard disk. The suggested retail price is \$599. Coda Music Software, Bloomington, Minn., (612) 854-1288.

Now shipping is Version 3.3 of Jim Miller's Personal Composer MIDI sequencing and transcription software for the IBM PC and compatibles. Among the new features are: a mouse-driven user interface with extensive pull-down menus; support for all PostScript printers and typesetters; an integrated text editor; and standard MIDI file format compatibility. Personal Composer 3.3 is \$595, and owners of Version 2.0 or higher can upgrade for \$75. Personal Composer, Mercer Island, Wash., (800) 446-8088.

Sound Globes, the interactive composition software for IBM PC, is now being published by Cool Shoes Software. Previously, Twelve Tone Systems had exclusive publishing rights for the Sound Globes. Cool Shoes Software, Boston, Mass., (617) 229-9942. ■

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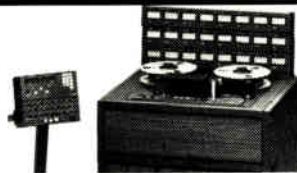
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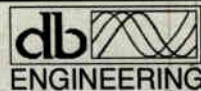


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