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When Kenny is not in the studio working out the details on a song, he is in the studio hoping the inspiration for the next one will find its way to him. "I wish I had a method for composing music. I don't. It would be great if a melody would just pop in my head while I'm asleep. It doesn't happen that way for me. If it did, I would spend more time in bed." Instead, Kenny will spend days, weeks or whatever it takes for the origins of a song to take form. He says that is the meaning behind the title "The Moment." It is about that moment when inspiration strikes. He writes alone almost exclusively. He initially composes his music on keyboards rather than his horn. If there is some writing collaboration it is usually with his close friend, award winning producer Walter Afanasieff. On the new CD, Walter does lend a hand on some of the tracks but there are two notable collaborative exceptions. He wanted to write a song for Toni Braxton to sing. He had an idea of what it should sound like musically, but for the lyrics he called Babyface. Kenny and Babyface already had a great mutual admiration. As it turns out, they also developed a creative and productive working relationship. On the song "That Somebody Was You," sung by Braxton, the writing and production credits are shared by Babyface and Kenny. The two also decided to record a duet for the album entitled "Every Time I Close My Eyes" in which Kenny and Babyface trade-off leads.



Kenny feels this is his most cohesive album to date. The music all works well together even though he incorporated a multitude of textures. There is a song with a Latin rhythm and one with a 1950's sort of Cannonball Adderley feel. They are all unmistakably Kenny. For the first time in his career, the title of the album is also the title of one of the songs. Not unlike his other projects, his wife Lyndie was the one to make the decision for the album's name. For the record, she was also the inspiration for his first hit recording, "Songbird."

In the studio he is very passionate and reverent about making music. When he walks out of his studio, he walks out of the music business. He doesn't spend a lot of time listening to other music or following the industry. He doesn't hang-out in nightclubs checking out bands. He chooses instead to shift his passions for a more rounded perspective on life. He is an accomplished pilot, skier and golfer. His latest obsession is a float plane docked on the lake in front of his home in the Seattle area. He has had the plane for a couple of months and flies it almost every day. On the day we talked to him he was about to go exploring in it. He wanted to scout out some areas that he could later fly to with Lyndie and his three-year-old son Max. His family is of utmost importance to him. You can hear him smile when he talks about them. Although he recognizes a significant distinction between the inside and outside of his studio door; his son does not yet

know that separation. Max is free to walk into the studio any time he wants, which is fine with Kenny. Kenny said he doesn't want Max to grow up viewing dad's work as competition for time and attention.

The immediate future for Kenny will involve extensive touring in support of "The Moment." He loves performing live. But, like his recording regimen, his live performance schedule will be on his terms. Everyone in his band is a dad and they build plenty of breaks into the agenda to accommodate adequate play time. In the not-so immediate future, Kenny says he would like to record a follow-up to his 1994 holiday release, "Miracles." He said there are a number of classics he still wants to record and would like to try his hand at writing some more seasonal originals as well. At this point he is shooting for completion next year about this time.

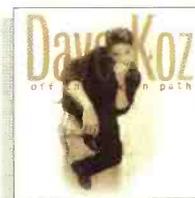
To give some perspective on Kenny G's enigmatic success, consider this: He is the best selling instrumentalist of all time. Every album he has released has at least reached platinum sales status. He is currently ranked number twenty-five in terms of overall recording sales. Thus far, "Miracles" has sold seven million copies, already making it the best selling holiday album of all time. He blows the whole nice guy finishing last bit. Let the other kids make fun. He is laughing all the way to the bank. He laughs, or at least smiles, on his way to a lot of places. He is happy that he gets to do what he loves for a living. His music makes people feel good. That is his measure of success. ■



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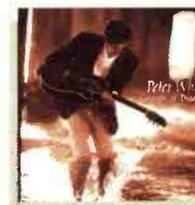
Three reasons why we love listening to music for a living.

Dave Koz Off The Beaten Path



Dave's previous release, "Lucky Man" was enormously successful. The easy thing he could have done was to use it as a blueprint for a follow-up. Instead, he took a different

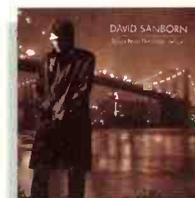
path. "Off The Beaten Path" is a stylistic departure for the saxophonist. It is less produced, more organic and texturally more diverse with such backing instruments as the mandolin and accordion. The profound contrast in atmosphere found on the new album paradoxically reinforces his identifiable signature as an artist. In this more stripped-back acoustic setting, Dave's superlative sense of melody is even more defined than on his previous projects. Koz distinguishes himself as an artist with a unique sound who, at the same time, is not afraid to re-invent himself and evolve.



Peter White Caravan Of Dreams

"Caravan Of Dreams" is the name of a nightclub where Peter White performed in Fort Worth Texas. The guitarist was inspired to write a song during his stay there and

named it after the club. That title became apropos to the underlying theme of the entire album. "I wrote many of these songs in hotel rooms or while moving from place to place, and it seemed natural for there to be references to driving or thinking about heading home after a long trip. To me, the journey's an allegory to life. The joy isn't found in reaching your destination, but in enjoying the little stops along the way." This is great traveling music.



David Sanborn Songs From The Night Before

David Sanborn always brings a level of sophistication to his projects: "Songs From The Night Before" is no exception. For three decades the saxophonist has been defining what

we now call Smooth Jazz. His was one of the first to take down the walls between jazz, R&B, funk and blues and create a sound that included influences from all of those genres. On this new album his experience and depth as a musician illuminates. Whether you like your jazz smooth or a little chunky, this CD has both and it is packed with emotion.

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The world has changed dramatically during the past 10 years, and there's no question that the next decade and beyond will see even more dramatic and remarkable changes in the way we live our lives.

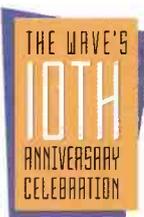
94.7 The WAVE is proud to have been a part of Southern Californian's lives for the past 10 years. As we start the celebration of our 10th Anniversary, we want to thank all of you, our listeners, for allowing us to grow and thrive over the past decade.

When we first signed on the air at noon on February 14, 1987, the first record we played was Sting's "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free," followed by Bob James & David Sanborn's "Maputo." Great music stands up to the test of time, and over the past decade, Smooth Jazz has grown... not just in quantity, but in quality. 94.7 The WAVE has more than 1 million listeners... a tribute to an extraordinarily strong blend of music.

How are we going to thank you, our listeners, for contributing to our successes? Stay tuned to The WAVE over the next several months. We're going to stage a series of parties and events in celebration of a decade in Southern California, plus we want to give you gifts! You may be eligible to win \$1,000 in cash, luxury automobiles, and much more.

As we move toward the 21st century, The WAVE has plans for an interactive world wide web site... stay tuned to The WAVE, and future editions of Air Waves for more details.

In the meantime, enjoy the great Smooth Jazz on 94.7FM... it's the perfect accompaniment to whatever you're doing... working, relaxing at home, or driving the streets of Southern California. Keep your eye out for our new "Smooth Jazz" billboards... and, once again, thanks for listening!



Music Notes

Music Notes keeps its eyes on the artists that make the music. We'll let you in on what they're up to... on and off stage, so you can get a better picture of the people behind the music.

Saxophonist Tom Scott is celebrating a twenty year reunion of sorts. The reunion comes in the form of "Bluestreak," an album recorded with a reincarnation of his band, Tom Scott And The L.A. Express. Included in the line-up are original Express members Joe Sample and



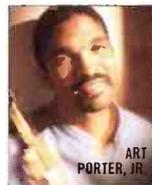
Robben Ford. Some tracks on the album are re-makes of songs first recorded by the band more than two decades ago. Tom would not let the players listen to how the songs were done originally before re-recording them for "Bluestreak." He wanted a nineties approach to the music. His technical approach to the recording of the project however, was an old-fashioned one. The entire album was recorded in four days with a minimum of re-takes

and overdubs. It was essentially a live album recorded in the studio. Something old, something new, something borrowed, something Blue(streak). ■

Steeleye Dan is a band that knows something about taking time off between projects. The much speculated and rumored reunion of co-bandleaders Donald Fagen and Walter Becker finally came to fruition three years ago. In their past life they were known for being a studio band that barely toured. The gap in their touring schedule ran from 1974 to 1993. After re-learning their songs, they have been on the road making-up for lost time. Their "Art Crimes '96" tour is winding down with one short leg in Europe left to complete. They are again, slowly, returning to the studio. Some of the tunes are complete, others are still being written. With titles like "Wet Side Story" and "Jack

Of Speed." Fagen says the compositions are vintage Steeleye Dan. "But hopefully they've evolved within that familiar style. Our standards are higher now and we can't work together that much. We have to do it in little spurts." The project, when completed, will be the band's first studio album since 1980's "Gaucho." ■

Art Porter, Sr. was something of a local jazz legend in Little Rock, Arkansas. Art Porter, Jr., returning from Boston's prestigious Berklee College of music, wanted to join his father's trio.



The problem was that the still-underage alto saxophonist was barred from playing in clubs by the Arkansas Beverage Control Board. The controversy eventually attracted the attention of then State Attorney General Bill Clinton. A jazz fan with a penchant for saxophonists in particular, Clinton pushed a law through the legislature that allowed underage performers to work if a parent or guardian acts in a performing/supervisory capacity. Act 321, known as the Art Porter Bill, is still on the books today. Art Jr. is now of legal age, has kids of his own, four albums to his credit, and can be heard on 94.7 The WAVE. ■

Early in George Benson's career, legendary jazz producer Creed Taylor told him he should stick



to the guitar and forget about singing. "That didn't bother me," Benson says, "as long as we kept making records." George did stick to the guitar but he never gave-up on singing. Thankfully Benson got a second opinion. ■

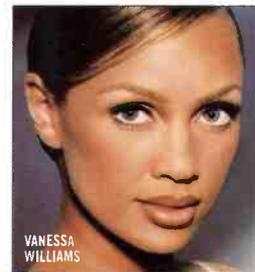
Trumpeter Rick Braun is putting the finishing touches on his next release entitled "Body And Soul." The album is being recorded at Brauntosoarus Music. The studio began as one of the rooms in Rick's house. The recording facility has slowly consumed the house. It all started very innocently, Braun says, "One room has a tile floor and wood beam ceiling that's perfect for live drums. Another room has wood floors, which resonate with acoustic bass, giving the sound a lot of warmth." Braun adds, "The shower stall tends to make a really nice vocal booth, but you have to pick a time you can use it." As with Rick's previous albums, guitarist Jeff Golub will be a guest on the album, which also makes him a house guest. ■

Jeff Golub's band Avenue Blue can be composed of different members at any time; Jeff remains as the only consistent member. Besides contributing to Rick Braun's upcoming project, Jeff's guitar can be heard on a collaboration between Bob James and Kirk Whalum entitled "Joined At The Hip," Gato Barbieri's soon to be released album, plus he is recording tracks with long-



time associate Rod Stewart and can be heard on an upcoming Vanessa Williams release. ■

Vanessa Williams' daytime planner must have more ink than paper. She is currently filming a movie in Chicago, accepting the Lena Horne Award for Career Achievement as part of the Soul Train Lady Of Soul television special in Santa Monica, finishing her holiday album "Star Bright," shooting the ABC television special that goes with the holiday album and recording another, non-holiday album. Did we mention she is also a full-time mom? The movie is "Hoods," a film about the racketeer Bumpy Johnson. Vanessa stars



with Laurence Fishburne, Andy Garcia and Cicely Tyson. Look for it in theaters Christmas week this year. "Star Bright" will come out just in time for the holidays. (See page 6 for more on Holiday Smooth Jazz) The other album was scheduled to also come out before the end of this year but we were told not to hold our breath. ■

Dave Koz

"Going in a new direction isn't always the easiest or safest thing to do, but it's most definitely exciting."



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Miracles: The Holiday Album" by the artist gracing the cover of this issue of Airwaves is sure to be a hot seller again this holiday season. Kenny G will be far from alone when it comes to WAVE Artists that will be found stuffed in stockings. Vanessa

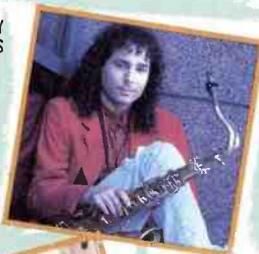
Music OF THE Season

Williams has a new release entitled "Star Bright." We hear that "Boney's Funky Christmas" by saxophonist Boney James is a Yule tide knock-out. Bobby Caldwell makes a guest appearance on both Vanessa's and Boney's albums. David Benoit spent last holiday season working on "Remembering Christmas" for this year's unwrapping. "Spirit

Of The Carols" from guitarist Thom Rotella is a great new entry. Windham Hill is adding two compilations to their rich catalog of Seasonal favorites, "The Carols Of Christmas" and "Celtic Christmas Vol. II." ■

Some classics of WAVE Christmas' past include: Russ Freeman's "Holiday," Rick Braun's

BONEY JAMES



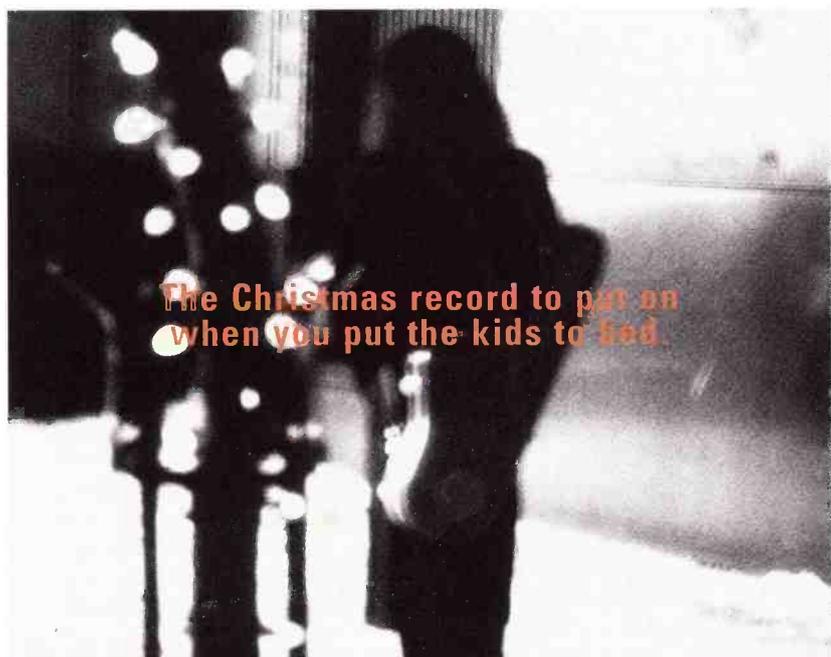
RICK BRAUN



"Christmas Present" and compilations; "Jazz To The World," "A Very Special Christmas (I&II)," "The MoJazz Christmas Album" and "Winter Blue." ■

Some of our favorites cannot be found on the shelves of record stores. WAVE Artists Dave Koz, Richard Elliot and Peter White have all recorded holiday music exclusively for us to play on the radio. Stay tuned to 94.7 The WAVE this holiday season, we'll be glad to share their music with you. ■

DAVE KOZ



The Christmas record to put on when you put the kids to bed.

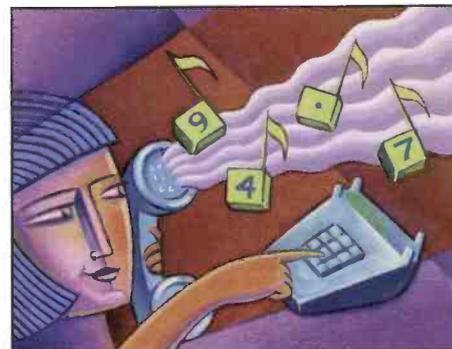
BONEY JAMES

Boney's Funky Christmas

With "Christmas Time Is Here," "Sleigh Ride," "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" (Featuring Bobby Caldwell), and "This Christmas" (Featuring Dee Harvey).

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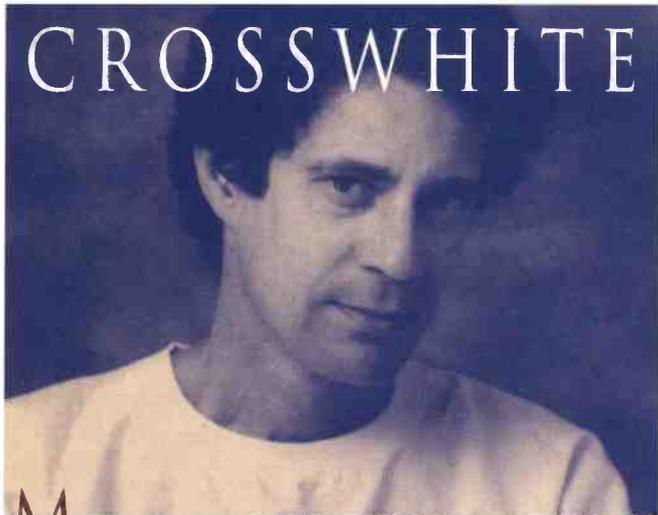
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Paul

CROSSWHITE



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Check out Paul, plus Allen Lee with traffic and Chery Glaser with news updates, starting at 5:30am. ■

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Smooth Jazz Venues

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North Hollywood
(818) 980-1615

BILAUZEZS

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THE COACH HOUSE

Santa Juan Capistrano
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GALAXY THEATER

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HOUSE OF BLUES

Sunset Strip
(213) 650-0247

JAX

Glendale
(818) 500-1604

JAZZ BAKERY

Culver City
(310) 271-9039

LA VE' LEE

Studio City
(818) 980-8158

LUNARIA

Century City adjacent
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THE STRAND

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STUDIO CAFE

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Huntington Beach
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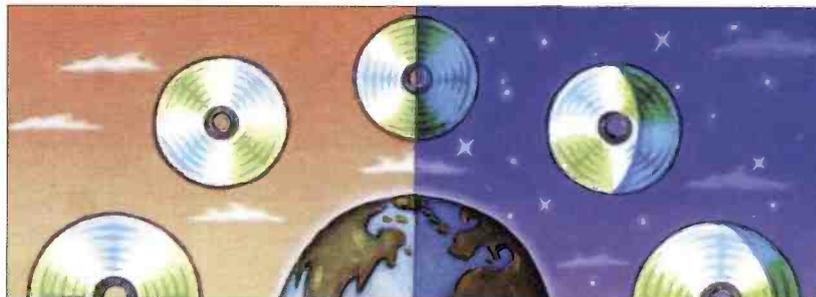
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Smooth Jazz Program Guide



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Coach House, San Juan Capistrano

GROVER WASHINGTON JR.
October 4-5
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GROVER WASHINGTON JR.

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Catalina Island
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ART PORTER
Saturday/October 5
and 12
Noon

DOC POWELL
Saturday/October 5
and 12
7:00PM

BONEY JAMES
Saturday/October 5 and 12
9:00PM

**CRAIG CHAQUICO, CHRIS
CAMOZZI, DOUG CAMERON and
others**
Sunday/October 6 and 13
3:00PM

DAVE KOZ
Sunday/October 6 and 13



ART PORTER



9:00PM

ALAN PARSONS
October 11
Greek Theatre, Los Angeles

DAVE BRUBECK
October 12
Orange County Performing
Arts Center,
Costa Mesa

CRAIG CHAQUICO
October 12
Coach House, San Juan Capistrano

BRENDA RUSSELL
October 12
Galaxy Theatre, Santa Ana
October 15
House of Blues, Los Angeles

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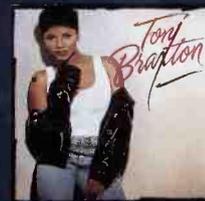
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Toronto

Smooth and Sultry

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We have found that trying to categorize music, more often than not, is futile. The second you use the word jazz, the Jazz Police will cite you for violations of tradition. Forget about trying to describe instrumental music that is not jazz based. A lot of the music that you hear on The Wave is comprised of different influences and therefore hard to denominate. When describing the music of Toni Braxton however, we feel we are not stretching or diluting anyone's definition by calling it simply Soul Music.



Toni Braxton

■ If Toni Braxton hasn't felt it, she doesn't sing about it. Her music is dripping with soul—her soul. Her songs convey heartache and the resolve to survive it. She says “The things I sing about, women can identify with. Although they're sad love songs, I always try to portray it like everything's going to be O.K.; I'm still strong.” She adds that most of the things she sings or writes about are based on something she has personally gone through or, in some cases, literal accounts of events in her life.

A true story became the inspiration for the title of her latest CD, “Secrets.” The title grew out of one of the songs on the album, “Talking In His Sleep.” She says it is about someone who uttered a bit of incriminating information in his sleep. “The song is about a guy who does that and starts talking about his other lover. It's based on a true story, and I remembered every line he said in his sleep! He didn't know that I'd heard him so I had my own little

secret...and that's where we got the idea for the title of the album. I have secrets just like everybody else...”

One of Toni Braxton's first hits was “Best Friend,” an autobiographical bad boyfriend exposé. When she was in college her then best friend took up with her then boyfriend. Braxton says, “After I released the song, I heard through acquaintances that this ex-boyfriend wanted publishing rights.” He may be on to something. Some of her best material deals with triumph over adversity and he did give her some misery with which to work.

Strength may be one of Toni's most defining characteristics. She measures all of 5 feet, 2 inches. She is very trim and lithe but on stage and screen she seems much more statuesque. Her charisma is all-consuming. At a recent concert at The Universal Amphitheater, Toni summoned about a dozen—very willing—men from the audience to join her on stage. Some of them may have been twice her size but not one dared dance out

of the position in which she placed them. She paced back and forth just like a lion trainer as she sang. She did not need the whip and chair: She was in control.

She is also very much in control of her career: Toni's self-discipline can be credited to her upbringing. She grew-up the eldest of six children in Severn, Maryland. Her Father, a minister, and her mother, an amateur opera singer, were strict with their kids. There was a time when she could not wear makeup, nail polish, sandals or even pants. She still looks back on her first pair of Levi's with fondness. As a minister, her father and her family went through, as she put it, “Everything from being Jehovah's Witnesses to being United Methodists.” During her formative grade school years it was the Apostolic Church. The faith advises it's members to shun popular culture of any sort, including Disney movies. She did manage to sneak in a couple of Saturday morning episodes of “Soul Train” on TV. “I pretty much



The WAVE Music List

NEW SMOOTH JAZZ

Here's our list of the newest, hottest Smooth Jazz going—and you'll hear it on 94.7 The WAVE.

■ ARTIST
After 7
CD
The Very Best Of After 7
LABEL
Virgin
this "best of" collection also includes a new take on the Hall & Oates classic "Sara Smile"

■ ARTIST
Babyface
CD
The Day
LABEL
Epic
as a songwriter and producer he is single-handedly changing the face of pop music



■ ARTIST
Rick Braun
CD
Body & Soul
LABEL
Bluemoon
this extremely talented horn player, writer and producer makes music you can feel

■ ARTIST
The Braxton Brothers
CD
Steppin' Out
LABEL
Kokopelli
twin brothers; one plays sax, the other on bass, creating the other Braxton musical dynasty

■ ARTIST
Toni Braxton
CD
Secrets
LABEL
LaFace
a remarkable voice and boundless talent made her the easy cover choice for this edition of Air Waves

■ ARTIST
Zachary Breaux
CD
Uptown Groove
LABEL
Zebra
inspired 36-year old guitarist poised on the brink of stardom whose life was tragically cut short

■ ARTIST
Jim Brickman
CD
Picture This
LABEL
Windham Hill
just pop this CD in the player, add candles and flowers and you've got a romantic evening

■ ARTIST
Norman Brown
CD
Better Days Ahead
LABEL
Mojazz
one great jazz guitar player

■ ARTIST
Natalie Cole
CD
Stardust
LABEL
Elektra
timeless compositions that have withstood changing generations, delivered with style

■ ARTIST
Celine Dion
CD
Falling Into You
LABEL
Epic
this year's Grammy winner for best album

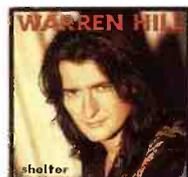


■ ARTIST
Exodus Quartet
CD
Way Out There
LABEL
Instinct
in the three years it took to make this CD the quartet grew from four to a small crowd

■ ARTIST
The Fantasy Band
CD
The Kiss
LABEL
Shanachie
Marion Meadows, Chuck Loeb, Dave Samuels, Nelson Rangell and Andy Snitzer=Fantasy Band

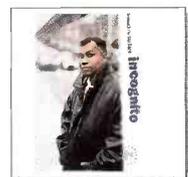
■ ARTIST
Kenny G
CD
The Moment
LABEL
Arista
there is good reason this saxophonist is the best selling instrumentalist of all time

■ ARTIST
Gota
CD
It's So Different Here
LABEL
Instinct
US debut release from Japan's multi-instrumentalist Gota Yashiki



■ ARTIST
Warren Hill
CD
Shelter
LABEL
Discovery
saxophonist blends rock, R&B, jazz and, for the first time, his voice into the mix

■ ARTIST
Brian Hughes
CD
Straight To You
LABEL
Higher Octave
jazz guitarist infuses shades of Latin and Middle Eastern styles into his fingerwork



■ ARTIST
Incognito
CD
Beneath The Surface
LABEL
Verve
singer Maysa Leak returns to the band that began the UK jazz-funk movement in the early eighties

■ ARTIST
Denny Jiosa
CD
Inner Voices
LABEL
Blue Orchid
rising guitar star out of Nashville

■ ARTIST
Chuck Loeb
CD
The Music Inside
LABEL
Shanachie
lush production and engaging melodies from this guitarist

■ ARTIST
Jeff Lorber
CD
State Of Grace
LABEL
Verve
a true smooth jazz pioneer delivers a spirited and textured collection



■ ARTIST
Bobby Lyle
CD
The Power Of Touch
LABEL
Atlantic
pianist truly has the touch

■ ARTIST
Keiko Matsui
CD
Dream Walk
LABEL
Unity
though she lives in Japan, this keyboardist has found a home here on The Wave

■ ARTIST
Chieli Minucci
CD
Renaissance
LABEL
JVC
co-founding guitarist of Special EFX pronounces his name: KEY-ely Min-OOH-chee

■ ARTIST
Paolo
CD
Mystic Man
LABEL
Island
Rome based musician has spent a good portion of his career scoring films and TV shows in Italy



■ ARTIST
Michael Paulo
CD
My Heart And Soul
LABEL
Noteworthy
Michael's saxophone bears all; heart and soul

■ ARTIST
Mark Portmann
CD
No Truer Words
LABEL
Zebra
David Foster said: "I forsee Mark becoming a leading force in this business."—we agree

■ ARTIST
David Sanborn
CD
Songs From The Night Before
LABEL
Elektra
undeniably one of the best saxophonists alive or otherwise

■ ARTIST
Andy Snitzer
CD
In The Eye Of The Storm
LABEL
Warner Bros.
if you like your sax with unbridled passion this is the disc

■ ARTIST
Soul Ballet
CD
Soul Ballet
LABEL
Unity
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■ ARTIST
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CD
Life Force
LABEL
Instinct
acid jazz defined

■ ARTIST
3rd Force
CD
Vital Force
LABEL
Higher Octave
William Aura is the epicenter of 3rd Force with guest impact from Rick Braun, Craig Chaquico & Peter White



■ ARTIST
Wayman Tisdale
CD
In The Zone
LABEL
Mojazz
power bass player who also happens to be a power forward for the Phoenix Suns

■ ARTIST
Various Artists
CD
A Twist Of Jobim
LABEL
i.e. Music
helmed by Lee Ritenour, this is a dream team of recording artists paying tribute to Antonio Carlos Jobim



■ ARTIST
Grover Washington, Jr.
CD
Soulful Strut
LABEL
Columbia
saxophonist doing what he does best, making music that is seductive and graceful

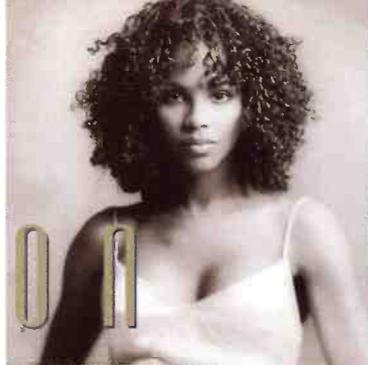
■ ARTIST
Peter White
CD
Caravan Of Dreams
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Toni Braxton



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called Babyface and said, 'Why not let the girl on the tape do it? She sounds great.' That song, "Love Shoulda Brought You Home," was a hit off the soundtrack for the Eddie Murphy movie "Boomerang." Braxton thanks Anita Baker to this day for that opportunity.

Like Anita Baker, Toni Braxton has an incredibly deep and sultry voice. As a teenager, she discovered her voice was often too low to sing the songs she

would hear on the radio. She ended up modeling her voice after male singers such as Luther Vandross and Michael McDonald. She says, "I don't record until late at night — around ten or so — because you haven't heard deep until you've heard me at 6:00 a.m. You'd swear I was a man." Certainly not a mistake you could make by looking at her:

It is hard not to focus on her looks. She is striking. The closely cropped hair style that was her early

trademark was responsible for launching a trend at the time. The look was, for her, the result of an overheated curling iron burning off a chunk of her hair. She cut it off to even things up. About the time of her second album's release, Toni was sporting a long weave, having been the victim of a home dye job. "My hair-dresser told me not to do it, but I was bored, and of course my hair all fell out in the sink," recalls Braxton. "This business is hard on a black woman and her hair." It seems she's back to short hair again — for now.

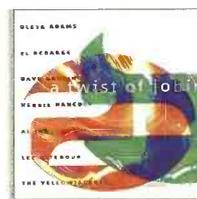
The business has taken its toll on more than just her hair. She has had her bouts of insomnia over the pressures of stardom. "I can't seem to turn it off. Working breaks you down. I don't want to start aging because of that." True to form, she deals with it head-on. "I've been to sleep-disorder clinics," she adds. "There will be no bags under my eyes for a photo shoot."

She is mesmerizing on video and acting is something she wants to pursue. Babyface is confident about her future: "She's gonna be a much bigger star than she already is... someone who's going to be around for a long time." Toni has come a long way since winning her best new artist Grammy in 1994. The place she has never strayed from is her own inner truth. The lady's got soul.



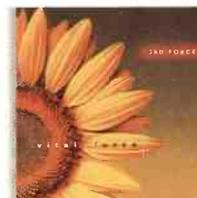
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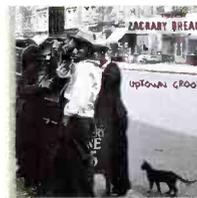
Various Artists A Twist Of Jobim

As a guitarist, Lee Ritenour is a music business veteran. Now with the launch of the record label he is co-founding, "i.e. music," he is in the business of music. The label's first release is a who's who of Smooth Jazz and R&B artists paying tribute to Brazil's most heralded composer, Antonio Carlos Jobim. Ritenour says, "With 'A Twist Of Jobim' we have brought together a great ensemble of jazz and pop artists to pay homage to the songs and the composer. I believe we have taken a fresh and respectful approach that is proof positive that Jobim is a composer for all generations who will stand the test of time in the tradition of Gershwin, Ellington and Berlin." Ritenour is not showing the telltale signs of becoming a big-time record executive cliché yet. He produced and played on the project and had no time to "do lunch."



3rd Force Vital Force

3rd Force is all about the future. This is the band's third album and with each release they break new ground. Producer and band leader William Aura explores creative synergies on "Vital Force." Techno-grooves meet ethnic influences in a pro-active approach to the evolution of modern music. Also woven into the mix this time around are Wave artists Rick Braun, Craig Chaquico and Peter White. The music is playful, it has momentum and most of all, it is innovative.



Zachary Breaux Uptown Groove

It is hard to accept that "Uptown Groove" is Zachary Breaux's final album. It is, nonetheless, a wonderful testament to the soul we lost this past February. His unique guitar signature is the result of his life experiences. The tone reflects his Southern roots combined with his migration to New York creating a sort of jazz and blues gumbo. If the music were not haunting enough, the last track on the CD entitled "I Love This Life" takes on special meaning. It is a background groove with Zachary and one of his childhood idols, guitarist Ted Dunbar, candidly talking with one another at the end of the recording session. That is the way he chose to end his album, graciously paying respect to someone who helped him.

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Music Notes

Music Notes keeps its eyes on the artists that make the music. We'll let you in on what they're up to... on and off stage, so you can get a better picture of the people behind the music.

Recognize the guy in the helmet? He plays guitar on the debut release from a band called T.D.F. The album is titled "Retail Therapy." On it, you will find cool ambient rhythms, tough jungle beats and elements of R&B with some virtuoso Blues and Jazz guitar playing. The project is the brainchild of songwriter and musician Simon Climie. What you will not find on the album is a listing of all the contributing musicians nor what T.D.F. stands for: It stands for Totally Dysfunctional Family. Oh, the fellow in the helmet is Eric Clapton. ■

Every once in a while a record company comes along that defines and helps establish a sound. Years ago, people bought CTI records without even knowing the artist, simply because of the label's impeccable reputation for a certain genre of "jazz." The same can be said

for the early days of Windham Hill. Now, we are seeing another such label emerge. The genre this time is Acid Jazz, and the label is Instinct Records. It began in 1988 in the New York apartment of Jared Hoffman when he decided the corporate life on Wall Street was no longer tolerable. He became aware of a new sound coming from London. Europe, and in particular the UK, has always had a knack for capturing the best ideas in American music and re-inventing them with a unique twist. In that tradition, London gave birth to a new generation of musicians who worshipped the legends of American Jazz as much as they loved the masters of American Soul and R&B. To these young musicians, there were no rules, there was no reason not to mix Jazz, Soul, Funk, Blues and

Dance into one melting pot of creative exploration...and so, Acid Jazz was born. With a bathtub full of records in Jared's apartment, a record label was launched. Today, the label's roster includes the best of Acid Jazz from around the world.



Count Basic, Exodus Quartet, Gota and Soundscape are some of the Instinct artists you hear on The WAVE. ■



HERB ALPERT

Herb Alpert will be receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Billboard Latin Music Awards, to be held April 30th. The award is given each year to a recording artist or executive (he is both) who has helped broaden the exposure of Latin music to the mainstream market. In addition to Alpert's years with the Tijuana Brass ensemble, which earned 14 top-40 hits and six Grammy awards, his forthcoming release, "Passion Dance," will be a Salsa album. ■



BABYFACE

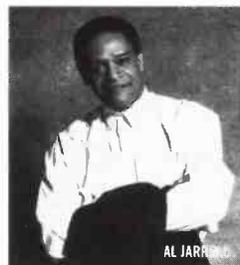
With the release of "The Very Best Of After 7", Kevon and Melvin Edmonds found themselves teaming up once again with their renowned brother, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. Babyface helped shape many of After 7's biggest hits over

the past decade and they thought it would not hurt sales to throw a new song in with the greatest hits package.

The song is a very silky version of the Hall & Oates classic "Sara Smile." ■

Speaking of Babyface; Whitney Houston recently told the New York Times, "Babyface is the only guy I know who can write about how a woman feels." ■

Babyface and the cover girl of this edition of Air Waves were just two of the many WAVE artists scoring Grammys this year: To say the awards show is getting big is an understatement. This year there were 100 tons of sound, lighting and sets—larger than any other show that has gone into Madison Square Garden previously. The telecast was a 20-camera shoot—Only in Southern California would a figure like that mean something. ■



AL JARREAU

Al Jarreau recently sang classical music with the California Symphony. The performance was recorded and details are being worked out regarding a possible inclusion of the performance on a future album. ■

Ten years ago guitarist Jeff Golub was struck with debilitating tendonitis in his hands. His hands were in braces for six months. Doctors told him he should find a new career.

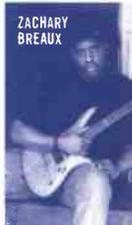
Rather than accepting his condition he let denial be his guide and pursued various therapies instead. His hands came back and he started playing again. After years on the road backing Rock vocalists, he wanted to let his guitar do the singing. He started concentrating on instrumental music. It turned out that The WAVE signing on the air served as inspiration for him. He said, "I was knocked out that there was an actual commercial station that played this great music 24 hours a day. It gave me hope and did just what I hoped for; which was to catch on." Jeff's music also caught on. His band, Avenue Blue, has released two incredible albums and they are working on a third. The new album is yet untitled and they are shooting for a summer release date. ■

The passing of guitarist Zachary Breaux in February was devastating to all who knew him. Breaux died of a heart attack after attempting to rescue an



elderly woman who was caught in a powerful rip tide off Miami Beach. He died a hero, giving his life trying to save another. Ironically, in 1988 he had successfully saved a swimmer while vacationing in Italy. Zachary was a native of Port Arthur, TX and had deep family ties to rural Louisiana. More recently, he lived with his wife, Frederica, and their daughters Alexis (14), Mia (12) and Nina (6) on the upper west side of New York. A trust fund benefiting Zachary's three daughters has been established. All contributions (checks or money orders—no cash please) should be payable to and addressed: The Zachary Breaux Memorial Fund, c/o ZEBRA Records, 200 Bell Canyon Road, Bell Canyon, CA 91307-1110. On his last CD, "Uptown Groove," Zachary ends his liner notes with two words: "Stay Strong." ■

ZACHARY BREAUX



JEFF GOLUB

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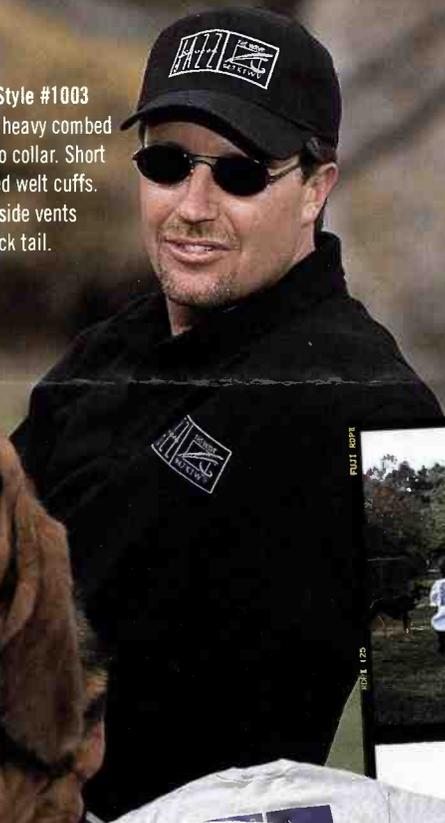
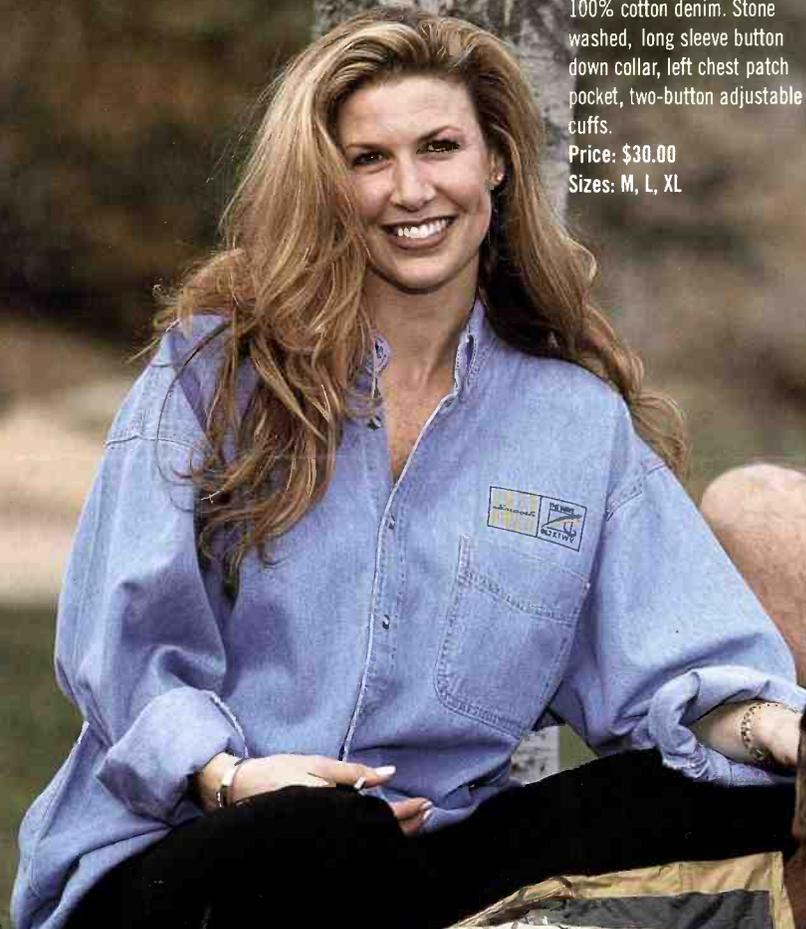
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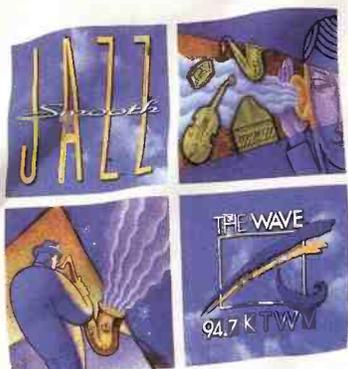
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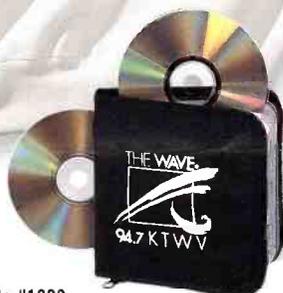
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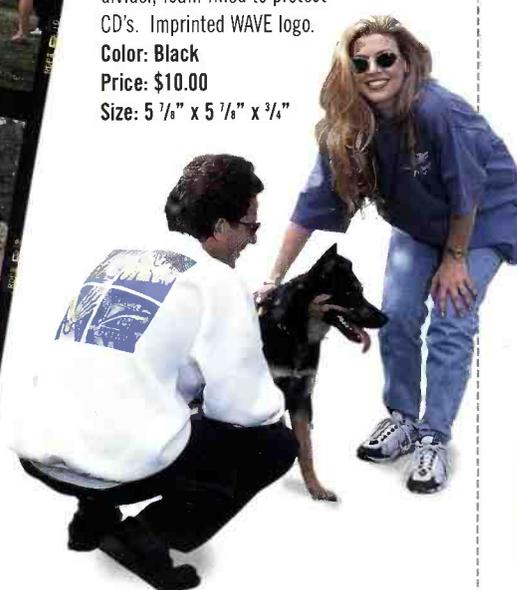
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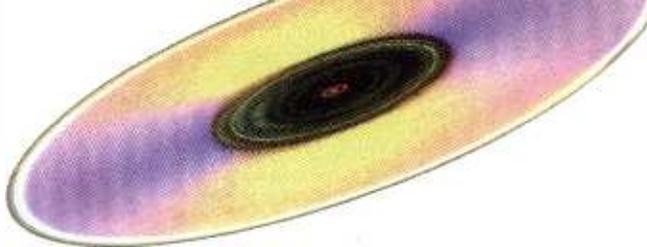
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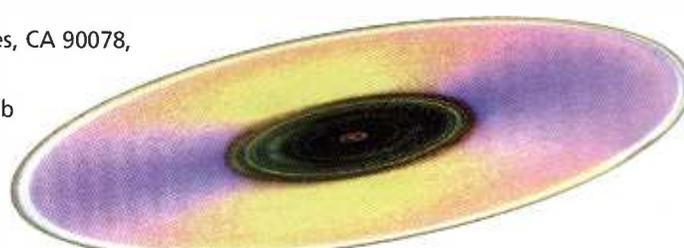


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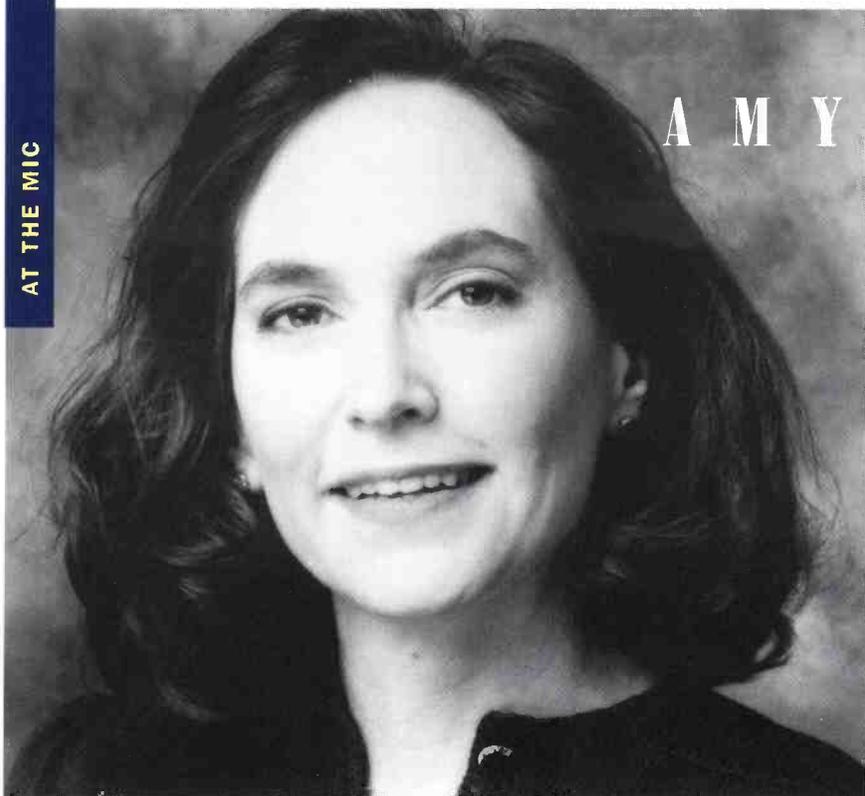
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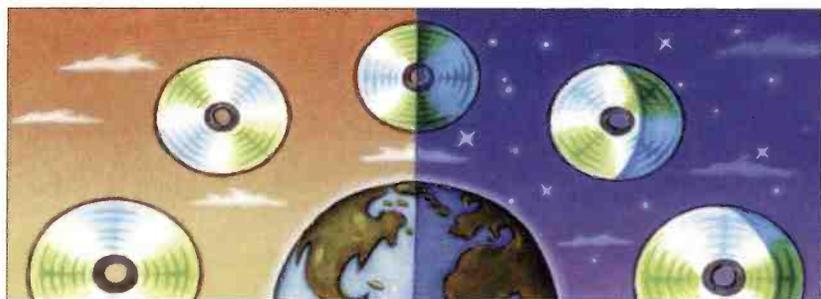
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APRIL

19
JAZZ
EXPLOSION

Performing in April

DOC POWELL

April 18
Billboard Live, Hollywood

JAZZ EXPLOSION

April 19
RACHELLE FERRELL, GEORGE DUKE,
JONATHAN BUTLER and KIRK WHALUM
Greek Theatre, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

April 19-20
UCLA Dickson Plaza, Westwood

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Opens April 24
Santa Monica

SPYRO GYRA

April 26
Galaxy Theatre, Santa Ana

CARRIBEAN JAZZ PROJECT

April 26
PAQUITO D'RIVERA, ANDY NARELL
& DAVE SAMUELS
Wadsworth Theater, Westwood

LAS VEGAS CITY OF LIGHTS JAZZ FESTIVAL

April 26
THE YELLOW JACKETS, EVERETT HARP,
GERALD ALBRIGHT and many more
Miles Park Amphitheater, Las Vegas

MAY

10-11
NEWPORT
JAZZ
FESTIVAL

Performing in May

TRISHA BROWN

MAY 2-3
Wadsworth Theater, Westwood

PLAYBOY JAZZ FESTIVAL

at "Sundays in the City"
May 4
Beverly Hills Civic Center Plaza,
Beverly Hills

JIM BRICKMAN

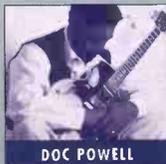
May 10
Wilshire Theatre, Los Angeles

NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL

May 10-11
Hyatt Newporter, Newport Beach

KEIKO MATSUI

May 11
House of "Pink" Breast Cancer
Awareness
House of Blues, Los Angeles



DOC POWELL



CARRIBEAN JAZZ PROJECT



TRISHA BROWN

TINA
TURNER
12, 13 AND 15

TINA TURNER

May 12, 13 and 15
Greek Theatre, Los Angeles
May 17
Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim

SAN FERNANDO JAZZ FESTIVAL

"Jazz on the Lake"
May 17-18
Lake Balboa, Encino

GUITARS & SAXES

May 23
Coach House, San Juan Capistrano

OLD PASADENA SUMMER FEST

May 24-26
Central Park, Old Pasadena

GIpsy KINGS

May 29-31
Greek Theatre, Los Angeles

JUNE

14-17
PLAYBOY
JAZZ
FESTIVAL

Performing in June

AL JARREAU, BONEY JAMES AND TAKE 6
June 1
Greek Theatre, Los Angeles

PLAYBOY JAZZ In SANTA MONICA

June 8
Corsair Field, Santa Monica College

"JAZZ ON FILM WITH MARK CANTOR"

June 13
Center Green Theatre at the Pacific
Design Center, West Hollywood

PLAYBOY JAZZ FESTIVAL '97

June 14-15
GROVER WASHINGTON, GATO BARBIERI, BRUCE
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