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latest reviews (The Mission's Wayne Hussey pictured), Dance, Hamilton and

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Lyle Lovett, assessing all the new product.

#### Sky's the limit for royalties

legally broadcast without paying royalties for music is being ex posed by the new generation of

As the law stands, if a station sets up in the Netherlands or Belgium where no record royalties are poid — and broadcasts via satellite country have no right to claim pay

isting broadcasters. nonographic Performa

rhonographic Performance Lta is lobbying for a new clause in the Copyright Bill now before Parlia-ment to close the loophole and is also hopeful that EEC legislation Several companies are eager to

become involved with satellith broadcasting, including Virgin with its Radio Radio project. Virgin ha ns Kadio Radio project. Virgin has now appointed former Radio One producer Tim Blackmore as consul-

#### Industry invaluable admits Government

THE AMOUNT that the UK music industry earns for this country in overseas sales cannot be accur assessed, the House of Commons has been told.

mons has been totd.

Responding to a question from
Warrington MP Chris Butler, trade
and industry minister Francis
Maude soid he could not define the earnings from foreign royalties, services to overseas residents by UK companies and profits of sub-sidiary companies abroad, but he added that last year sales of record and tapes overseas valued at £264m.

# Cheers and jeers as concert costs rise 1pc

concert is going up — but the one per cent increase is being de-scribed as "miserable and in-adequate" by the Performing Right Society, although promoters see it as a victory and vindication. They had feared a much higher increase in their costs.

The decision of the Performing per cent follows an application chief executive Michael Freegard describes the rise as "miserable and inadequate", one of the counand inadequate , one of try's leading promoters, Harvey never been part of any negatio-tions with the PRS before and this shows that when you believe you ings, as well as an increase in the base rate for variety and theatrical performance where there is music-al content. Following a two-week hearing in December the tribunal has announced its decision that the proposed increase could not be justified but concluded that the rate should be "slightly increased". The tribunal also removed the option for the PRS to be paid a smaller percentage of the maximum possi

ble receipts.
Opposition to the PRS applica-Opposition to the PRS applica-tion was co-ordinated by the Asso-ciation of District Councils on be-half of its members as well as the Concert Promoters Association, formed specifically to contest the case, and other interested parties. John Denison of the ADC says: volved both as promoters and owners of venues. Many could have been deterred from con tinuing to mount popular music



PICTURED AT the Stirling shop with some local colour are (from Price operations director Barry Hartog, founders Mike Isaacs and Garry Nesbitt, managing director David Clipsham, and SP&S international sales manager Molcolm Mills.

#### **Our Price's Scots milestone**

ONE NEW Our Price every ten days — that is the rate at which the stores are now being opened, according to the chair Malcolm Field.

Speaking at the opening of the 200th Our Price in Stirling, Field said he was delighted that mile-stone had been reached in Scotland. He pointed to the five other shops the chain has opened north of the border since July and said

ceived as not just an English opera-

The opening, performed by The Proclaimers, was attended by the heads of several London-based reheads of several London-based re-cord companies, including Rob Dickins (WEA) and Tony Powell (MCA). Other companies repre-sented included Chrysolis, EMI, K-tel, BMG and Island.

#### Arista mute as top two go, Horse, was taken in-house three

his week of the departure of two his week of the departure of two of the company's most senior per-onnel, general manager Jeff Gil-sert and marketing director Steve AcCaughley.

In a message to staff, BMG UK nairman Peter Jamieson says it is ith regret that he has to announce their leaving, adding will be running Arista on a -to-day basis

A&R at Arista, joined the company

general manager by Jamieson when Brian Yates vacated the managing director's chair during the summer. McCaughley worked in market-

ing at EMI under Jamieson, man-aging director of the company of the time, and was brought to Arista by his former boss.

Questioned by MW, Jamieson declined to elaborate on the notice to staff

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#### Overhaul planned for live licensing rules

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The working party will invite comments from both venue managers and promoters and will con-tact senior figures in the business

for assistance, individual boroughs felt a need to review the code, which was formerly overseen by the Greater London Council. "It is the only code contention and it must be kept up to date," soys a spakeswoman. The working party is chaired by Dovid Chambers, head of entertoinment licensing for Westmister who can be contacted at Westmister Council.

#### **BPI** crushes 'pirate' base in Midlands

THE BPI believes it has smashed a network of cassette piracy in the Midlands with the seizure of equip-ment from what is said to have been a counterfeiting factory in the outbuildings of a Leicestershire

farm.

The BPI's anti-piracy unit, in con-junction with trading standards officers, seized two high speed copiers and thousands of recorded and blank casettles, as well as printed sleeves, from the farm building near Burton-on-the-Wolds, The raid was the culmina-tic of maintenance with began Wolds. The raid was me commo-tion of investigations which began in November 1987 following the widespread sale of counterfeit tapes at markets throughout the Midlands at the end of last year. The BPI had already seized over 5,000 tapes in a crackdown on outlets and believes that it has now stemmed the flow of product at its source. Several arrests are believed to be imminent in the wa

# TO AUTENISING for Stylus's Symphonic Rock II, a compilation of orchestral versions of rock standards, breaks this week in HTV prior to a national roll-out. Dealer priced at £4.51 (compact disc £6.95), the album contains the Vienna Symphony

tains the Vienna Symphony
Orchestra's renditions of Stairway
To Heaven and Space Oddity.
The £1/4m TV campaign is supported by press advertising and
in-store material.

of mid-price compilations of material originally on the Chess label with a £1/4m TV campaign.

The series, titled Chess Masters, begins with releases from Chuck

Berry, Bo Diddley and Muddy Wa

 C'MON EVERYBODY, a 20-track Eddie Cochran compilation from EMI, is to be TV advertised from April 4. The title track is currently being featured in a Levi's television commercial

**Chess compilations** at £4.99. Compact discs will £4.86 dealer and £6.99 retail.

The TV campaign breaks in HTV on March 28 before rolling out nationally. It will be backed with press advertising and consumer

#### TV push for Symphonic Rock II LP TV ADVERTISING for Stylus's Sym-

ABSTRACT SOUNDS is releasing dealer price of £1.15 which it in-tends will retail for the standard price of a seven-inch. The new price will apply to the first 2,000 copies of the new singles from Into A Circle (above), The Janitors, The Incredible Zombie Rockers and The Jeremiahs, Distribution is



EMI IS backing the new Talking Heads album, Naked, with full-page advertising in NME, Sounds and Melody Maker and TV commercials in London and Scotland which break at the end of March. Additional n taken in Q. Time Out, The Face, The Guardian

#### Work harder to beat TV oasis says Russell

sion is going to mean artists having to work harder to maintain their profile, CBS managing director Paul Russell has warned. Speaking at his company's first

sales conference of the year to an audience that included Sade, Bros and Prefab Sprout, Russell said: "We no longer have the easy TV

option.
"What I said 18 months ago about artists working and us working with them is more true now than it has ever been. We are going to have to get out there and

work hard to keep our slice of the pie: Russell also predicted that Michael Jackson's Bad would outsell Thriller and become the UK's biggest-selling album. That record is currently held by Dire Straits' Brothers In Arms, the only LP to sell more than 3m in this country.

Earlier, sales director John Aston told the conference: "There does

courting our staff doing something right. "Over Christmas, when other re-

Over Christmas, when other re-cord companies were either drunk or in bed, we achieved five singles on the Radio One playlist and sing-les in the top 40."

#### **HMV** claims monster sales

HMV IS claiming to have generated a 35 per cent increase in turnover with its Monster Sale which began on February 19. The greatest increase in sales is said to have come in the north of England. The Monster Sale, publicated in national press and local radio, is described by HMV marketing manager. David Terrill, as "the most ager, David Terrill, as "the mos successful HMV has run to date".

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#### Gerrie pledges to upgrade C4's music commitment

television are being accused of by the man who says he intends to bring fresh talent to the screens. Former Tube producer Malcolm being ignored, as are whole areas

He comments: "The senior broadcasters, the captains of the industry, are still labouring with this concept of light entertainment —
whatever that means. They still
think that if you are 35 years old,
are married and have a good job
that you go home and listen to
Vince Hill.

vince Hill.
"Pure pop music is being more
than adequately catered for on TV,
but there are whole, vast areas that
are being totally ignored."

Goorie to siniting the Gerrie is re-joining the ranks of TV music producers with Wired, a late-night, hour-long show that makes its debut on Channel Four periods.

on Friday, May 6.

He emphasises that it will not be purely a vehicle for new bands, bu says that he and his staff have seen

on overage of four new groups on night since November in the search for talent. "In the course of the programme there will be at least one band who

there will be at least one band who most of the audience perceive as new," he states. "But, many music producers think that everybody reads the NME and listens to John Peel, which is not the case. If you

have Sinead O'Connor on, the vast

her as a new act."

He adds that, with Wired, he wants to continue the tradition of specials that he started at The Tube

one gig. However, Gerrie warns of expecting too much from music on television. "There is a limit to the audience you can achieve. No Limits, APB and the rest are reg-ularly getting around 11/2m. If we had on Wired the exclusive on a new song by Michael Jackson and a song U2 had written specially for the show, we would still get only

He is adamant, though, that rumours that Michael Grade, the new head of Channel Four, is apposed to music are untrue "One of the first things he did when he orrived at Channel Four was to move Wired from after midnight to 11.15, straight after Cheers and The Last Resort. If he's against music, he's got a funny way of



MALCOLM GERRIE pours the champagne at the launch of Wired. With which is marketing the programme, Scott Milloney of production com pany MGMM and Channel Four commissioning editor Seamus Cassidy Standing is Granada marketing chief Bill Allan.

#### Degcon resumes DAT attack as Copycode dies

THE END of Copycode is not the end of the music industry's fight against the illicit use of digital au-

against the litter use of digital au-dio tape.

BPI director-general John
Deacon, giving the first UK reac-tion after the criticism of the system-by the National Bureau of Standards in the US, says copyright holders have several other avenues of attack

Capycade, which involves mark ing compact discs with an electro-nic signal, prevents the digital-to-digital cloning of CDs on to DAT. However, the NBS says encoded discs have a significantly lower sound quality than unmarked ones Deacon maintains, though, that there is an eagerness among both hardware and software companies to find a solution. He says that the failure of the format's launch in Japan, where lack of software was

turers prepared to negotiate.

He continues: "In Europe, we have tended to regard Copycade as just one of the passible solutions. What is reassuring to us is that the Government does seem to be sympathetic to helping us in asking for

a spoiler device "What is also good is that the hardware industry clearly is look-ing for a technical solution. They do now realise that a technical o now realise that a technical

#### Concert costs rise by 1pc

FROM PAGE ONE of the ravalties if the PRS propose had been allowed to proceed."

The PRS structured its case

The PRS structured its case around comparisons with rates on other uses of copyright and the higher rates payable in some Euro-pean countries, as well as claiming that higher administration cost made a new rate necessary.

The promoters and councils drew the attention of the tribunal to drew the attention of the tribunal to the alleged selectiveness of com-parisons made by the PRS and pointed to the tariffs operated in the US, Canada and Australia, which are lower than the UK rate. The tribunal decided that rising

administration costs could not be allowed to influence its decision as allowed to influence its decision as investigation into the finances of the PRS showed that only a small part of the society's repertoire was in active use and even less was licensed for live performance. The analysis also found that 80 per cent of all royalties distributed by the PRS went to 10 per cent of the members and that in one year 15

per cent of the members received no payment at all. Freegard says: "The decision seems to suggest that the tribunal considered much of our evidence." considered much of our evidence to have no bearing on the case." Freegard sees the decision as a "worrying change in the basis of operation of the PRT". It is believed that the PRS regards this hearing as a test case and that the result could have a far-reaching effect in other areas of its activity. The society is considering an appeal against the

#### Composers fight for fair share in rental right

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING composers and songwriters are up in arms over their exclusion from the rental right proposed in the Copyright Bill currently before Par-

The rental clause gives to record companies alone the right to pre-vent rental of each album for a year after release and to receive payment from rental operations

According to the Music Copyr-ight Reform Group, an amalgam of associations representing writers, composers and publishers, government sources have indicated they believed composers could en-sure payment for rental through their contracts with record co panies. However, the MCRG argues that in practice copyright able to obtain a fair share of the rental income in this way. It is also suggested that to deny the right to control rental is a breach of the Government's obligations under the Berne Convention which guarantees authors exclusive rights

over the uses of their work.

The MCRG is seeking to promote
an amendment to the Copyright Bill which would give automatic rights to composers. The organisation is optimistic that the Government will accept its argument and introduce such an amendment it-

NEW YORK: More then 100 seacutives of the Sony-owned CBS Records are suing their former employee CBS Inc and company president Louvence A Tack for 51 Sin in bonness that Tack for 51 Sin in bonness that Cloudy and traudulently' underpoid. They are also claiming S3m in damages. The crase is port of a company and CBS Inc over the withholding of financial data that would affect the tompany has well as the bonuses being claimed by the executives.

LOS ANGELES: The former general manager of a radio station here has been indicted for poyola offences and income tax existion along with the come tax existion along with the come tax existion along with the come tax existing a comparation of the come tax existing the comparation of the comparation

If convicted, one of the promotion men could face \$1.5m in fines and 23 years in prison. Further indictments are expected as the payola probe

OTTOWA: The Canadian In-dependent Record Production Association has published an analysis of the threat of home taping to the music industry which provides fresh evidence for the introduction of a tape

levy.

The report alleges that 63 per cent of the Canadian population has taped recorded music in the past year. corded music in the past year with each taper using an average of nine and a half tapes a year, estimating the loss to the Canadian music industry at over \$600m a year.

over \$600m a year. The consumer survey shows that a majority of those tapers expressing an opinion are in favour of repayment to copyright owners, with the most popular suggested method of payment being a blank tape

PARIS: The French record in PARIS: The French record industry saw turnover rise by 5.7 per cent in 1987, although there was a fall in the sales of vinyl product, according to figures released by the French industry association, SNEP. Single sales fell by 7.5 per cent to £64.75m and LP sales were down 24.7 per cent to £63.13m, while CD sales rose by 75.3 per cent to £85.3m, while CD sales rose by 75.3 per cent to £85.9m, a rise in unit terms of 100.4 per cent.

cent.
The figures for December show the sales drop for vinyl to be at a much lower level, this being the month when the French industry first benefited from the reduction in VAT.

#### Serious takes gamble on TV promoted LPs

DANCE SPECIALIST Serious Re-cords is venturing into the high-risk area of television marketing.

Managing director Mahesh Bo-jaj says he is confident that he can succeed although he admits he is succeed although he admits he is aware of other companies which have gone down after moving into TV merchandising.

The company's debut comes on April 7 with 6.200,000 compaign for House Hits on its Needle label which will run in Granada, Tyne Tees, Yorkshire, TVS, Central and on LWT.

Tees, Yo Bajai says that at least two TV

Bajoj says that at least two TV compilation specialists wanted to take on the project, advising him strangly that the risks for a com-pany new to this expensive area of high-profile marketing are too

panies in a specialist area of music to move into TV marketing. However, it has the advantage of established hits on its first album. established hits on its first album, including Bomb The Bass, Jack Your Body and Rok Da House. Bajaj comments: "With dance music crossing over, there are opportunities to take it out of the

opportunities to take in our of the specificist market and into the pop market." He says Needle will be releasing four TV-advertised albums before the end of the year.

Asked if he is daunted by the experience of Towerbell, which

agement there was non-existent We are quite aware of the break even point on these albums and, even with the TV costs, we are breaking even on what we are shipping. "We've no sale-or-return risk there. It's quite a safe

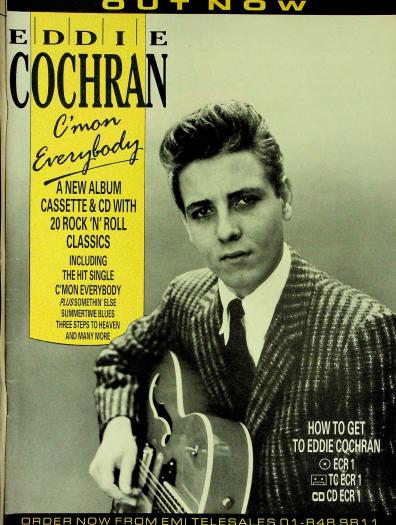
#### **Profits increase** to £4m at Prestwich PRESTWICH HOLDINGS is claim

ing flat its wholesale record and tape distribution operation, Wynd-Up and SP&S, is now the second largest in the UK following expan-sion during 1987. The statement comes as part of the announce-ment of the group's results for the year in which profits rose by 48 per cent to £4.057m.

per cent to £4.05/m.

Another area of grawth has been in budget price video topes and CDs through Video Collection and Object. Both companies are said to have benefited from the sale of product through the group's distributions.

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#### **RECORD 2 SIDE 1**

- I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY KYLIE MINOGUE
- 2. THAT'S THE WAY IT IS
- 3. COME INTO MY LIFE
- 4. WHO FOUND WHO
  JELLYBEAN FEATURING ELISA FIORILLO
- I CAN'T HELP IT BANANARAMA
- 6. O L'AMOUR DOLLAR
- JOE LE TAKI VANESSA PARADIS
- 8. STUTTER RAP (NO SLEEP TIL BEDTIME)
  MORRIS MINOR AND THE MAJORS

#### RECORD 1 SIDE 1

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- C'MON EVERYBODY EDDIE COCHRAN
- SUEDEHEAD
- CANDLE IN THE WIND (LIVE)

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- VALENTINE
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- 6. TOWER OF STRENGTH
- 7. GIVE ME ALL YOUR LOVE EDIT

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The Arts Council is playing an increasingly important role in funding records by contemporary composers which could never be released through commercial means alone. **Nicolas Soames** examines its new initiative

for marketing modern and varied music

widely regarded as one of the leading contemporary British symphonic composers but little of his orchestral music has been recorded. This month, Symphonies Nos 6 and 7 are released on the Hyperion label, a project only possible because of an Arts Council grant to the tune of around £16,000.

This is only the most recent example of the increasingly impor-tant role the Arts Council is playing in the funding of records which on in the funding of records which on commercial grounds alone would not get past the initial planning stages. In the last financial year, the Arts Council spent a little over £40,000 sponsoring recordings—not just of modern Western classical music, but of jozz and ethnic music as well. And, on March 23, the Music Posierts and Awards the Music Posierts and Awards 1990. the Music Projects and Awards Committee chaired by Felix Cross will hold the first of two meetings this year which will decide how to dispense a considerably larger budget of £66,400.

In a new move to help contem-porary music, the Arts Council last month launched a new initiative for marketing modern music by recruiting many of the main record-ing companies for a scheme to make dealers and consumers more aware of the new music on offer. One unique feature of the plan is that it brings competing companies under the same marketing banner. Behind all this activity is the in-

cord companies and musicions alike agree that it is vitally impor ant for classical music of our time

# **Arts Council grants put UK** composers on record

to be recorded, it simply doesn't pay its way, and spansorship is

rcessary. The Robert Simpson record is an The Robert Simpson record is an example. Ted Perry, founder of Hyperion Records, believes in Simpson as a composer: "I have an immense regard for him — I believe that he is writing music that will mean things to people, and it should be brought to their attention."

tion."
Perry has already recorded some of Simpson's Quartets — Nos 10 and 11 played by the Coull String Quartet are coincidentally released this month. Although this project enjoyed sponsorship of only a few hundred pounds from the Robert Simpson Society. Hyperion could afford to Society, Hyperion could afford to do it. But absorbing the possible losses in a major symphonic re-cording is another matter. Even though the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vernon Handley had recorded Symphonies Nos 6 and 7 the day after a concert (therefore cutting out the need for rehearsal costs), the whole project — including two days of recording — cost

Perry would need to sell a total of 6,000 CDs within two or three years to break even. Practically, he thinks that with a bit of luck he may thinks that with a bit of luck he may sell somewhere between 2,000-3,000 in that pariod. So, had the Arts Council not been prepared to pay the artists' costs of £16,000 (asking in return only 7.5 per cent royalfies on the wholesole price), Simpson's Symphonies would not have conserted.

It's a similar tale even with the doyen of English composers. Sir Michael Tippett's huge work A Mask Of Time is regarded as one of the most significant of recent years, but not even a major recording company could envisage a risk that involved up to £50,000 in recording costs. EMI was only able to release it because John Drum-mond of BBC Radio 3 brought

£15,000 of Arts Council mo £15,000 of Arts Council money. The Arts Council sponsorship scheme is, of course, an artistic and

political minefield, but Stephen Firth, Arts Council music officer with coming an experienced sapper. He has the job of collating all requests and putting them to the Committee with recommendations but he also sees his role as initiating

some projects.

Three years ago he realised that
Harrison Birtwistle, clearly an outstanding figure in modern British music, had only one recording in the catalogue — Punch And Judy on Decco (which has since been deleted). "It thought this was outrogeous, and I felt it was my job to get more of his music on disc," Firth

British companies to ask if they would be prepared to do a recording of works such as Secret Theatre and Silbury Air, but they all turned

and Silbury Air, but they all turned it down — even with promise of Arts Council help.

Eventually, Firth turned to David Rossetter who owned the Belgian label Etcetera, and he was delighted by the idea. With good luck or good fiming, the recording, by the London Sinfonietta, came out last November when Birtwistle was in the spotlight through the acclaimed performances of Mask Of Orpheus the Birtwistle series on the South Bank, Even so, everyor surprised when the CD sold out its

surprised when the CD state our in-first pressing within a month. Firth's optimism for the scheme is evident. With so many partison groups jockeying for limited funds, he knows that a careful balance, has to be maintained. Simpson is a has to be maintained. Simpson is a very conservative composer, Birt-wistle more avant-garde. Dominic Muldowney, the subject of a new EMI recording issued last month with Arts Cauncil sponsorship, is also very forward-looking. On the lists of sponsored record-

ROBERT SIMPSON is widely regarded as one of the leading contempor

ings, the numbers of Western classical programmes are relatively small — individual projects tend to be quite expensive. In 1987-88, other projects funded included a other projects funded included a recording of Kenny Wheeler for Loose Tubes Limited (£3,500), and recordings for the English Folk Dance And Song Society (£2,500), Back Shiff (£1,500), Incus Records (£2,500), Sugarcane Music (£1,500), and Taxir Pata Pata (£3,000), and Taxir Pata Pata

At the March 23 meeting, th Committee will consider some 25 applications, of which 10 are concerned with Western classical music (though only by living com-posers, an Arts Council stipulation). een more sales on Arts Council

sponsored recordings on CD than were ever achieved on LP or even tape, which leads him to believe that CD buyers are more adventurous in their choice - or, he adds drily, that they will buy anything on

CD.
This is acknowledged by Hyperian's Ted Perry who, over the past five years, has released four other Arts Council recordings by features.

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Arts Council-sponsored recordings, of the current six — Gloss's Akhenaten (CBS), Maxwell Daviet music heatre, (Unicorn-Kenchana), Dickinson's Song Cycles (Conifer), Muldowney (EM), Birtwisle (Etcelera), Tippett, Muldowney (EM), Cortestral Owrsk Virgin (Classics) — only three are subsidised, including the Tippett from the Scottish Arts Council.

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The rationale is similar to the righly successful New Country nighty successful New Country compaign co-ordinated in a very different area of music by the Country Music Association. As Conifer Records' John Kehone says: "Collectively we hope that we can do more than individually, because we are not com-peting with each other in this repertoire."



MICHAEL BERKELEY (left) and Harrison Birtwistle (below) have both benefited from Arts Council-sponsored records



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#### PUBLISHING

# PolyGram joins the Chorus Line

IN WHAT the company describes as its "most important single signing" composer Marvin Hamlisch has joined PolyGram International Music Publishing. The deal, which involves all future material by the Chorus Line composer, was described by PolyGram's chief executive David Hackman as "a clear demonstration of our commitment." to the development and er couragement of talent". For Hamlisch, the PolyGram tie

For Hamilton, the PolyCram te-up will mean on opportunity to move out from his successful base in stage musicials and film success in stage musicials and film success when a slew of chart songs and now live got a publisher who will have been successful to the stage of the stage of the stage Lucian Grainge, managing director of the British PolyCram Music Publishing company ex-plains the creative role of the pub-lisher in Hamilton's corner. We see our job to find new lynicists to "And then to match the resultion."

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songs to artists". Hamlisch has already formed one new writing partnership while Roberta Flack is the first artist to record one of his new songs. Among other singers mentioned in connection with the mentioned in connection with the PolyGram strategy are Olivia Newton-John and Luciano Pavor-otti who is expected to start work soon on his first album of English-

scon on his first album of English-language song.
Hamisch's first success was with onlip pared song, Sunhine, Lolli-pops and Rainbows in 1765, but his reputein has been buil or his reputein has been buil or his Paris for A Chorus Line, now in its 13th year on Broadway. His most recent first soon of the paris which he describes as 'a built will be a soon of the paris of coa of the year of the plans is ica of the end of the year. He plans to give so we have the plans to always a single soon of the same soon of the year. He plans to give so we have the plans to give so we have soon of the year. to give a solo concert in London in

The Marvin Hamlisch back cata logue will continue to be handled by Chappell.



#### October date for Benelux **Song Festival**

THE FINALS of the 2nd Benefity THE FINALS of the 2nd Benefux International Song Festival will be held on October 8 at 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands. The competition is open to amateur and professional songwriters, composers and performers. Among the awards categories are a BASCA Award for the best British cate. the best British entry and a video category. Details and entry forms are available from the Festival Committee, Crispijnstraat 5171 CH Kaatsheuvel, Nether lands. Closing date is May 15.

#### **EMI Publishing** signs up new senior personnel

EMI MUSIC Publishing Worl-dwide has announced the appointment of two new senior executives based in the US, Ira Jaffe is president, EMI Music Pub-Jatte is president, EMI Music Pub-lishing, North America, based in Los Angeles. He was formerly with Chappell/Intersong Music, USA. Steven Fret is senior vice-president and chief financial and president and chief financial and administrative officer, EMI Music Publishing Worldwide, based in New York. Both Fret and Jaffe will report to Irwin Z Robinson, president and chief executive of EMI Music Publishing Worldwide.



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The Aspex shutter is available for use with the Panavision plati-num comera and will be available for shooting during April.



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CLIFF RICHARD. Always Government PM MV 9900743. Running time: Is minutes. Dealer price: \$4.55. Comment: Cliff (bobve) introduces his video: IP by suying find: the never mode on album before probably would not like about something like that. The problem is that his song a rever y rogretoble and in the 30th year in the bir it is to be hoped that Cliff will come upon moverany. If may be a comment on the current state of pop that have the probable would be something that the song a comment on the current state of pop that have the song the state of the song that the song the song that the song anniversary. It may be a comment on the current state of pop that two of these, My Pretty One and Some People, went up 10, while the Al-ways Guaranteed album sold almost half a million, because noalmost half a million, because no-thing here would make the top 100 of his career. However, the fans will want this and there may be an army of new young followers out there.

ers out there.

Sales forecast: Neither a monster nor a stiff, but Cliff videos need to be displayed more than most to attract passing trade.

HEART: If Looks Could Kill. PMI MVR9900753. Running time: 29 minutes. Dealer price £4.55. Comment: Led by Ann and Nancy

Wilson, Heart (below) is an almost wason, Heart (balow) is an almost veteran group whose Bad Animals LP, following the four million-selling Heart album, has consolided their position as a favourite Kerrangi-style act. Four tracks from Heart and three from Bad Animals make a rather run-of-the-mill com-

moke a rather run-of-the-mill com-pilation, whose standout trock is incompleted by the standout trock is to get the standout trock is on the standout control of the standout with Nothing At All feeturing a handsome block parther and Who Will You Run To including the bizarre menogenie from the Bod Animols IP steeve. But with only two real songs (Alone and What About Love), there is too little of interest to the uncommitted visions. interest to the uncommitted viewer.
Sales Forecast: Metal people wil rocking sisters may have a certain appeal to the male chauvinists, although this one was remarkably unaffected.



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Record companies are inundated with timeconsuming requests for information on all aspects of the industry from teachers and students. Now help is at hand, in the form of a new information pack for schools, Sgrah Davis reports

# Teachers' pet

OES THIS sound familiar? "I am doing a project for my GCSE course, please supply me with all relevant information about he music industry." My mathematic closus doing a project or the chart he left had been a supply to the children."

Record companies are inundated with time-consuming requests like these from students and teachers who just don't know where to start looking for information on the record industry, the lab is at hand. A new pack, "The Music Business: A Teacher's Poliies being developed by teachers to meet this neglected area and the be published later this year by Edward Amold, the educational pub-

Julian Sefton-Greene an English teacher from Honingey in London explains how the packs developed. "Since the Seventies education in the post-14 age group has moved away from the old exam-based system towards subjects which are skills-based relevant to an adult or working life and examined through

GCSS, CPVE (Certificate of Pre-Vecational Execution) and TVEI (Technical and Vecational Education Initiative). The number of students who take courses which incorporate appects of the media has increased substantially. Courses in business substantially. Courses in unclassed substantially. Courses in mathematics, and many more. But mathematics, and many more. But film and newspapers — not radio or the music industry from which or the music industry from which

malhemetics and many more. But these courses tend to feature TV, film and newspapers — not radio students gain much of their culture. Even in teacher training, there is only one course in media studies and that does not cover the music industry. However, because of this growing interest from students, some teachers are now aware of trade magazines for statistics that they can use in teaching."

Music Week has been a valuable teaching aid for Sehora Green's students. For a typical project they study air play and sales charts to determine each company's share of the market and have to come up with reasons for that share. "My students think these projects are great and really enjoy

projects are great and really enjay doing them," he says.

The success of these projects led sefton-Green and Haringey Education Officer Tim Blanchard to

research and develop a music industry teaching pack. They approached six publishers and gat a positive response from five of them. Then they, approached record companies for assistance and were enthusiastically received by Terri Anderson, Corprorate Press Officer at EMI and MD John Presion and Marketina Manageer.

ston and Marketing Manager Greeth Horris of RCA.
"I was delighted to give them as much help as possible," says Anderson. "Enquiries from school children, college students and teachers flood in to EMI — to be able to say there's a teacher's pack available will substantially reduce this area of work. Time and effort now will repay itself many times over later."

Acknowledging the assistance from record companies, Blanchard points out that the music industry has often had a bad press and adds: "Ferri, John and Gareth all fully realise that education is an excellent way of overcoming prejudices and getting across the industry's position."

The packs will be in two parts, covering young people's musical tastes — pop, soul, hip hop — but flexible enough to account for changing musical styles. In the first part, students will act out various

roles such as bond manager, or be involved in cress like ARR or marketing. The teacher will guide the students through the choices and routes to follow in order to another the control of the students through the choice ARR, for example, he or show will have to examine whether to change a bond's line-sup, shift the direction of the music or alter to change a bond's line-sup, shift the direction of the music or alter to change a bond's line-sup, shift the direction of the music or alter to change a bond's line-sup, shift and consist of case studies. The tope will contain talks by various people in the instant, Ass will as suppose in the instant, Ass will as

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be an annotated bibliography for
teachers listing books, trade maganies and other useful sources of

The plan is for the finished product to be available for the start of the new school year in the autum. And if the Haringey experience is anything to go by, the Music Business Teacher's Pack will be a national hit.



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sounds set to break the group into the post-Primitives-we'vegol-a-blonde marketplace. In a more abrasive mood, the Peaceville label (through Ritino yet again) has a 20 track throbbing outburst from The Electro Hippies. Tilled The Only Good Punk.
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more and more and more. The
label's spring offensive will conlinue with an album of radio sessions from the early days of New

Model Army, a double album/ CD of The Three Johns' Atum Drum Bop and World By Storm LPs and albums from The Janitors and Into A Circle.

ITS AUNATS on event when The Membranes hove a new transport of the control of the

Philippe who's now a fullyfledged el solo performer) offer the LP Mad Mad World end there's also a compilation filled Homage A Duras, which features contributions from Richard Jobson, The Durutti Column

THERE'S A whole new batch of material set to head this way from Pinnacle, and pretty interesting it all sounds too. On

DURUTTI COLUMN include their first four LPs in the First Four Albums box set, while The Chesterfields (left) now have their own



Preaks release their first UK vinyl in Monkey On A Choir Gang, At SST, Zoogs Rift who's set to tour over here soon — has part three of his Water series in Water III: A Safe Distance. From French label, New Rose there's something that's



ANDREW BERRY releases h second 45

been described as a cross between The Smiths and Test Dept (we dread to think), and that's Circle Confusion's Meat Obert oldown, while on the rather left side of pop, The Cardiacs release a new album called A Little Man And A House And The Whole World Window. Factory's release schedule is headed by Joy Division's Substance

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VALUE FOR money in the CD market comes with the release of **The Duruth Columns**. The First Four Albums box set of four CDs on Factory. Surprisingly, it contains the group's first four albums, The Return Of ..., LC, Another Setting and Without Mercy, and it'll retail for a marry and minimal it'll retail for a marry and minimal

£15,99 through Pinnacle. The group also have a CDV of their When The World released at the same time, that features the fancy footwork of Llayd Newson and DVS Physical Theatre. Cult

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### Hyperion boldly breaks the £10 CD barrier

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duce the cost of his full-price com-pact discs to take them under the £10 retail level — yet increase the dealer margin at the same time. From April 1, the dealer price of the CDA series will be reduced from £6.90 to £5.80, and, at the from £6.90 to £5.80, and, at the same time, he is advertising his widely respected CD cotalogue as bearing the recommended retail bearing the recommended retail from the present level of £11.50. Nevertheless, the declare will benefit by the increased margin from 30 per cent to 33½ per cent. "We feel that CDs are going to come down anyway, and that we come down anyway, not that we down now," say, Richard Howard for Hyperion.

for Hyperion.

The move is significant because it makes Hyperion the first important independent classical company to independent classical company to reduce its CD price to a £9.99 RRP level with the exception of Nimbus and Olympia, both of which have the benefit of their own CD plants. The drop will come just a couple

of weeks after a major release from Hyperion of 16 new record-ings and 10 CDs from back catalogue scheduled to come into the

shops throughout March.
These include two recordings devoted to the work of Robert Simpson, the British composer:
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There are a number of interest-ing early music recordings. The in-comparable firms Kirkby is pined by Richard Morton, Ienary, and The Yourholl Gardens (CDA 66337 and on Ingels Poul Goodwin and The King's Consort playing Bran-gue Obse Consorts by Bach and The King's Consort playing Bran-gue Obse Consorts by Bach and Incomparable of the Consort of the Maria Kirk and Sinfornye (CDA 66283 and on LPDape). The Medieval Wanna performed by Maria Kirk and Sinfornye (CDA 66283 and on LPDape). The Barty on Infraging collection of song by Branes, Butterworth, Emburs, an Infraging collection of song by Branes, Butterworth, Emburs, and Infraging collection of song by Branes, Butterworth, Emburs, and Infraging collection of

Among the others is worst em-bers, an intriguing collection of songs by Browne, Butterworth, Fin-zi, Gurney and other composers who perished or suffered in the First World War, with Martyn Hill, Stephen Varcoe and Michael George accompanied by Clifford Benson (CDA 66261/2 two CDs); and John Harle's Saxophone, works by Woods, Rodney Bennett, Dave Heath, Denisov and Berkely



VERNON HANDLEY: back call

nied by John Lenehan, piano (CDA 66246 and on tape). The Harle CD 66246 and on tape). The Harle CD is likely to arrive towards the end of March or beginning of April.

■ Hyperion also announces a slight increase in the price of LPs and tapes, with the dealer price rising from £3.90 to £4.05.

#### **Gimell moves from** 'peanuts' to profits

GIMELL'S SUCCESS in winning the 1987 Gramophone Record of the Year has resulted in a doubling of the company's turnover even be-fore the end of the financial year, reports the label's manager, Steve

"It has had quite an extraorin dary effect in some very surprising places," he explains. The award was reported extensively in Japanese classical music maga-zines and effectively opened the market for Gimell. "We were sell-ing peanuts beforehand, but it is amazing what we have sold out there now — and not just of the Josquin masses which won the Josquin masses which won award, but of Victoria's Requie

The Josquin recording has now sold over 30,000 units in all three sold over 30,000 units in all three formats workwide, a very respectable figure for repertoire which would formally be regarded or relatively esoteric. It is four times the amount Gimell expects. "It also looks as if the Tallis Scholars will now tour Japan," adds Smith. The company has capitalised to the fullest extent on the award, it is extent its catalogue into a variety.

inserted its catalogue into a variety of magazines — achieving some of the best responses in curious quar-ters, such as the Catholic newspap-er The Tablet.

The knock-on effect has meant The knock-on effect has meant that the two new releases that have come out since the oward have sold better than anything previously. The recording of Clemens non Papa — a completely unknown name even for classical buffs—set new Gimell records for a new re-

possed by the latest release, the stunning recording of Gesualdo's Tenebrae Responseries for Holy Saturday (CDGIM 015 and on LP/ tape) by The Tallis Scholars. "The original CD pressing sold out within the first week which was a bit embarrossing," admiss Smith. "But Nimbus have looked after us were well hoth during the laces in very well, both during the Josquin explosion when they promised to turn all CD orders around for us within five days, and again with the Gesualdo."

Gimell is now initiating a nat wide campaign for the Gesualdo
— the most avant-garde composer
of the Renaissance — headed: "Is
this great music or merely weird?"

#### ONE OF the main Easter re-

cordings will undoubtedly be the Passion performed on convention-

Passion performed on convention-ol forces with Kiri te Kanawa among the soloists, and the Chica-go Symphany Orchestra con-ducted by Sir Georg Soth (4/21 177 3CDs and na tepe/P). It is one of two Soli recordings coming out this month. The other is Bruckner's Symphony No 7, again recorded with the Chicago Sym-phony Orchestra (CD 417 631 and an tope/P.

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PREFAB SPROUT: From Langley Park To Memphis. Kitchenware KWLP 9. Distribution: CBS, Since MORRISSEY: Viva Hate EMI Prefab Sprout's conception in 1983, Paddy McAloon has consis-HMV — CSD 3787. Detached and HMV — CSD 3787. Detached and on paper if looks corny: big indie band split, singer signs with EMI, solo single, mass airplay, straight in at number six, album quick to foltently threatened to become the Greatest Songwriter In The Uni-verse, though with the exception of When Love Breaks Down, mass market hits have fallen beyond his reach. This LP has been designed low and BANG! Another main stream pop star. It isn't really like that at all. Those who long ago made friends with Morrissey's reto take the band further away from any vague cult associations, and into the big league. There are guest musicians of the calibre of Peter Townshend and Stevie Wonder corded voice need have no fear; he has here created lyrics and melodies that will ripen with repemetadies that will ripen with repe-ated listening, to become absorbed effortlessly into the mem-ory. Whether Stephen Street's music will prove as special as was and a variety of producers have been employed, though the overall result is impressively cohesive and fluent from start to finish. The fai-Johnny Marr's, only time can tell. So far his, and Vini Reilly's guitar truent from start to finish. The tai-lure of the single Cars & Girls to make the top 20 should not worry CBS, as From Langley Park To Memphis has gold stamped all playing does not, but that is irrelevant. This is a singer's album — and if this singer does make it to over its grooves with McAloon's talents complimented by a stylish and well-reasoned approach from the first division - as seems likely well, with his real strings and his — well, with his real strings and his quirky poetry and his human tunes, maybe he will prove himself the spanner in the works of the music machines after all.

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TALKING HEADS: Naked EMI EMD 1005. Producer: Steve Lilly-white. As befits this most grown-up of rock groups, Naked is already getting high praise across the media board, from pop press to TV culture shows. Although it was part recorded in Paris with such luminaries as Level 42 producer Wally Badarou, the focal point is again David Byrne's immaculate songs Almost alone among current rock rumost atone among current rock lyricists, he has the poet's ability to move unpretentiously from the sur-faces of small-town and city life to the depths where the roots of life, sex, violence are exposed.

THE MISSION: Children. Mercury MISH 2. Producer: John Paul Jones. The success of this colbum is totally unsurprising. Its combination of haunting themes combination of hounting themes and variety of guitar styles—from soothing acoustic to strong rock—gives it a broad sweep of appeal. Wayne Hussey's vocals are similarly diverse and entertaining, roving from an almost crooning high lament to uncomplicated affack. Children has an overall fluidity and agility that makes each track a



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ZODIAC MINDWARP AND THE LOVE REACTION: Tattooed Beat Messiah. Mercury ZODLP1. The second coming of the new wave of British heavy metal has fallen foul of its own sad jokes. After Spinal Tap and Bad News, Zodiac Mindwarp's parady of the genre has become the real thing naughty schoolboys, nothing more

It's sexist, puerile nonsense that'll impress the lager-toting denim bimbos for a little longer, but Zod already looks like a lost trend. The problem is he doesn't really make music of lasting quality. What we three-minute rock tracks. None is spectacular. None sees the guitar-ist break loose in a fit of flam-boyance. None is a classic. Zodiac Mindwarp's turn in the emperor's Mindwarp's turn in the emperor's new clothes may have fooled a lat of the people, and this album may just continue the scam a tad langer, but inevitably the method acting is wearing a little thin.

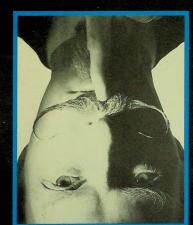
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#### Patti: 'je ne regrette rien'

by Karen Faux

TO BE compared to Edith Piaf seems to be the peculiar fate of ony French singer trying to make her mark in the UK. Still, judging by her single Etienne just released on EMI here, Guesch Patti could be the one to succeed where Anne Pigalle and Les Ritas Mitsoukos have so far failed.

Etienne has spent several weeks at the number one slot in France, helped along by its accompanying video. The track is memorable as danceable while the video is slight ly risqué and possesses a quintes-sential French style that makes it

In person, Guesch Patti appears very friendly and far removed from her erotic video persona. She ex-plains: "There are four levels of activity — the record, radio pron otion, the video and live work. In Etienne's case the video probably did most for it through its heavy rotation on MTV. It's nice to be rotation on M.V. Ifs nice to be able to prove that you can express yourself in different ways and the video is a good piece of film that stands up in its own right. One of the video's strongest aspects is the collect's strongest aspects in the Collect's stronges appets in the Collect's stronges which reflects Patil's established coreer as a ballet doncer spanning La Scala in Milan and the Paris rockuring of Les Mileraphies. Ret

duction of Les Miserables. But Path is keen to stress that there is more to her than dance and prom-"There'll be more records and videos soon — I'm a very produc-tive person. The next one will be

#### Fat chance

WITH A new single Be Still on Coldharbour Records and a steadily growing audience at gigs, Nick Kelly of The Fat Lady Sings is delighted but a rather little incredu-

"I'm not used to people shouting and yelling for me, it might go to my head!" Living proof, perhaps, that you can't keep a good tune down. Add some interesting lyrics and a meticulously crafted arrangement and you have a thoroughly classy band. Formed in Dublin in March '86,

PATTI PROVES she's no Piat clone (below), while The Fat Lady Sings try to keep their 'knobbly bits'

The Fat Lady Sings used the pro-ceeds of an engagement at the Mean Fiddler's Irish rock, folk and funk week to pay their fares to London, where they have stayed

ever since.

Although they hope to eventually sign with a major, Nick is very hoppy with the course of events to for, having recently acquired a manager, with press officer and plugger waiting to move into action. The band are consolidating with live appearances and are thinking about suitable angles for a video. Nick reckons they now have

enough material for an album.
"I know that if we did it now we could make a fabulous album, but we need to find a producer with a sense of humour and a lot of patisense at humour and a lot of patience. Often I find it's the 'knobbly bits' that make a band interesting, but a lot of producers tend to iron them out. When you make records you need to get a bit of dirt in there."

#### Laughing all the way to the bank

DESPITE BEING uncharitably d scribed as "boring bank clerks" Andy McCluskey and Paul Hum phreys, the founding duo of Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark, hove had 19 UK hits in the Eighties, which tends to soften the blow of an insult.

After a rest period following three years of worldwide touring, the group are using the respite provided by the release of The Best Of OMD (an album in three formats), a similarly titled video and Messages, and authorised biogra-phy, to prepare themselves for a onslaught on the world

fresh onslaught on the world.

Did they ever conceive they'd be
the subject of a three pronged
marketing compaign? "Certainly
not at the start," says McCluskey,
who sings most of the lead vocals.
"We started the band to do one
concert. And we've ovaided doing
Best Ofs largely because other
excells of the seem to release Best people often seem to release Best Ofs with two hits and the rest dross. years, we can release a Best Of which includes a healthy number of

And the video? "It's a collection And the videos' "If's a collection of old videos, and in some respects is more interesting than the album because it plots not only our changes of musical style, but also the physical changes in us and the changes in video history. The first

os were made when you didn't videos were made when you dian't make a video until you were in the Top 40, and then you knocked it off in three hours for £1,000. Nowadays, a sum like that won't pay for the tea for the crew," says McCluskey. "It's always been diffi

cult to construct stories around our lyrics," adds Humphreys. McCluskey continues: "You don't often know what you've done until it's too late, and we tended to get stitched up doing menage-a-trois story lines, so recently we've en-deavoured to stick with performance videos, because we want to get across that we're certainly not budding Laurence Oliviers."

One video missing from the selection is for Enola Gay. "You're lucky. It's just appalling. It was shot in about two hours for £3,000 in the ITN news studio."

Responding to a comthe book seems to soft pedal OMD's problems in the music in-dustry, McCluskey states: "We don't want to make too much of it, don't want to make too much of it, because it's the same old boring cliché — wet-behind-the-ears 19-year-olds sign the dotted line, and it's off the dole queue and into the studio. Only later do you read the

on future ambitions for OMD, Humphreys says: "We'd like to have a number one — here and in America. We got to number four there." McCluskey adds: "And I'd like us to do a sports arena tour of the US as a headline act. We've done supports and played big con-certs, but a tour of that type of venues would be great. The last ambition is to have £1m in the

#### **Cut Loose**

by Dave Laing

THERE ARE many ways to choose a record producer but none quite so unusual as holding a meeting in Bradford city council chamber on a rainy afternoon. But that's how the rainy affernaon, but that s now me 21-piece jazz-based big band Loose Tubes ended up with the veteran New York jazz producer Teo Macro (most famous for his work with Miles Davis).

Loose Tubes is a co-operative venture and Macero was chosen by a vote of its 22 members — the 22nd is manager Colin Lazarini. "Our short-list included some un-Jucky ones as well," says trumpeter Dave DeFries, "like the late Jaco Pastorius and Gil Evans who is suffering from deafness." The Pastonus and on evaluation of the suffering from deafness." The album, Open Letter, is the third by the band but the first not to appear on its own label. It is released on Editions EG and distributed



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or seems Masse Ussinounon.

The new recording for which Auerbach and Newman are seeking a major label deal) includes fluent rock backing from the nucleus of the Lost Boys, the band founded by ex-Toyoh basist Charles Francis. There are also impressive solos by John McLoughlin, a rising session player who lives up to his famous name.

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an average of 12,500 each, "we an average of 12,500 each, "we need to make extra strides and to do that we need expertise to help marketing and distribution", says Lazarini. "We talked to a number of big labels. Blue Note approached us but we discovered ad EMI's policy on reversion of it had EMI's policy on reversion of rights and though it was a compli-ment, to go on such a specialist jozz label could have mean mar-ginalisation. EG is both small enough and big enough for us. It's an artist-based company and the kind of label we would like Loose Tubes itself to become in the fu-ture."

Open Letter was recorded on 48 tracks at London's Angel Stu-dios and includes compositions by most of Loose Tubes' nine writing members. Outside the band, the members. Outside the band, the musicians play in a wide range of contexts, and they bring to Loose Tubes ideas and influences from African, English pastoral, Bulgarian and many other styles. The new album is being launched by a current season of Ronnie Scott's and a series of gigs around the cour

# Miracle play

WHY MAKE a single that local ILR stations are eagerly playing but can't be bought in the shops? The

reason, according to Ken Watts, manager of rock quartet Miracle Mile, is to get the attention of record company A&R departments.
"I submitted a tape of another bond to Warners in October," he says, "and got it back this week. To get round that you have to get other people, like DJs, to tell the

other people, like U.S., to less the A&R people about a band."

The Miracle Mile single is Bless The Ship, and it's been getting morning and evening airplay on Piccadilly, Metro, Pennine and The group have made personal appearances on several sta-tions and now they're aiming to get the self-financed single on to sta-

tions further south.
Originally from Skipton in North
Yorkshire, as The Stacks the group made a single for Mike Vernon's Brand New Records.

Following a name change they moved to London and were signed at the end of 1986 to Zomba Music. The record was made at Ventura Studios in Brixton with en-Ventura Studios in brixton with en-gineer Steve Davies and the next stage in Miracle Mile's attention-getting strategy is an appearance at the Mean Fiddler on March 22. In the meantime Bless This Ship will be available at some record shops in the North. According to Watts, "they'd had requests for it, so we're sending them copies direct".







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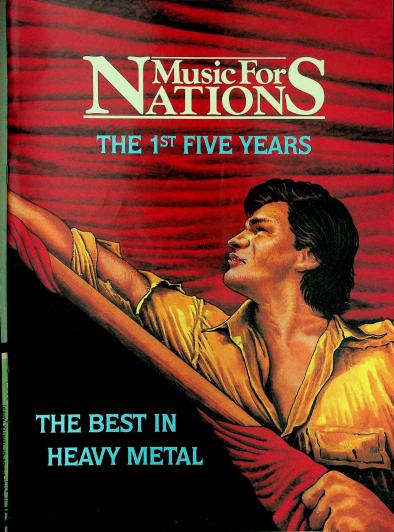
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# **Turning metal into gold**

**Music For** Nations, set up by Steve Mason and Martin Hooker, has gone from strength to strength since its formation in 1983. As MFN moves into larger offices. Paul Henderson charts the company's rise

ils, weighing anchor and attemp

had started with Barbra Streisand nosing ahead and staying there for a long run, spent much of the sum-mer basking in the suave sophis-tication of Ferry's Roxy Music and Martin Fry's ABC, and closed with

nat year, showing that although heavy metal was presenting an un-fashionably contoured and gener-olly low profile, it was at least extant and could, accasionally, come up with "the big one". In the same year Steve Moson, then the owner of the export company Windsong, was starting a re



Thought. Martin Hooker, having already had his own label, Secre viously been in EMI's employ, also wanted to start a label of his own having The Exploited on Top Of The Pops with Dead Cities and their albums would go straight into the chart at number 14 in the Sou reek, which seems

ways — people disappear all the money, the usual thi 'n' roll! But the label was ful in terms of chart positions

First signing

nanced by Steve, launched both abels — Food For Thought and Music For Nations — in his heavy metal colours firmly to the new Music For Nations most

the new Music For Nations most with his first signings. "I signed a batch of three acts," remembers Martin, "which helped to establish that we did know what ve were doing with heavy One of the first ones was Ratt, and

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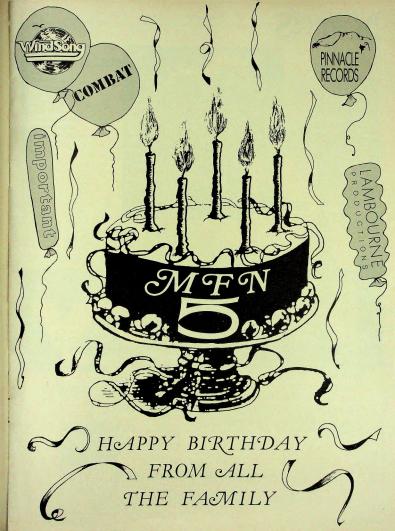
"I was with EMI until the late Seventies," recalls Martin, "The last job I did was marketing manager for Capitol. Then I had Secret for a

few years after that, which was a label that I started when I left EMI. Secret was in the days when I was

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"We now have six lobels in total," explains Martin, from the cramped (and therefore soon to be vacated). Company fixed office, whate for Nations is the straight heavy metal label. Under One Flag is nothing but the thrush/speed metal. We started that maybe they years ago, with speed metal. We started that maybe two years ago, with Onslaught's The Force album, and the label was the best thing we ever did. It just took off immediately, and now it's the throsth/speed label to be with All off the bands on there, Nuclear Assault for example, are doing fabulous business.



"Once you build up a reputation, then dealers are prepared to take then deaters are prepared to take a chance even on a group they've never heard of. They'll fook and see that it's on Music For Nations, think, 'well we usually do well with their product', and so they'll take it. their product, and so mey is take ii.
That was certainly the cose with
Under One Flag, When we told
them it was an offshoot of Music
For Nations they were prepared to



take a chance from scratch. And take a chance from scratch, and now, of course, anything that we put out on that label sells great.

"After that came a label called Rough Justice, which is a punk label started at the end of 1985. On that we have my old friends

The Exploited (from the Secret Re-cords days), GBH, and some of our American acts are on there. Rough Justice was my own joke, because I always thought that punk groups in the past got a raw deal. "Then I launched the Fun After

All label with a single by Boom Boom Room called Here Comes The Man, which went on the A list at Radio One in the first week and we had it in the chart for 11 weeks. That was nice, particularly as it was something different for us, and it

'Music For Nations was a name I thought of initially because i wanted to think of one kind of overall title that encapsulated what heavy metal means to me, savs Hooker

gave us a lot of confidence.
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wanted to think of one kind of overall title that encapsulated who overall file that encapsulated what heavy metal means to me. And it really is the only sort of music that you can sell in virtually every coun-try in the world. So it's 'music for all

nations', really. "Under One Flag came from m order One ring came from me wanting something connected with Music For Nations and its lago of the guy holding the flag. It was symbolic more than anything. Fun After All was literally what it was meant to be - after all the difficulties of setting things up I wanted a bit of fun

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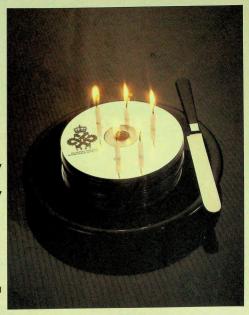
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HE EXPLOITED: cashing in on the heavy metal CD boom

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lobel. Food For Thought of course, which took a long time to get off the ground but its now doing better business than ever. We've almost turned it into a 'guitaria' lobel." Although doe, so Martin confession when the confession of the curiest signings to the 'guitaria' lobel were albums by an American band called Toles and year-front September 19, wincus guitaria' lobe were than the confession of the curiest significant with the confession of the confession

both Vai and Talas bassist Billy Sheehon subsequently joined David Lee Roth's band and instantly became heroes of the metal fans. Consequently, both their albums took off immediately and MFN found itself with the kudos of having a couple of superstars' albums in its cotalogue.

#### But whether it is due more to luck than judgement is doubtful considering that the label's newest

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signings look set to do pretty much the same thing. They now have look Salroin on that lobel, and are very pleased with the success of his obum, Surfing With The Allen. To on eater if this seen a great surfine the surfine of the surfine surfine

"It's great! That's another label with something totally different, and success starting again. We're quite pleased with that! "Also on MFN we've got Stryp-

"Also an MrN we've got Stryper, for instance — once again a major act in America with a platimum album, that we take care of over here; on Under One Flag we have a lot of bands that are really starting to come through now — Nuclear Assoult, who will be the next Metallica without a doubt; on Rough Justice we've got some of the old favouries like GBH and

Hooker sees it as something of a feather in MFN's cap for an independent label to be linked with an artist of the stature of Frank Zappa

The Exploited, Fun Atter All by a great new trith band code, and of I flowwards that Sound; and Sound was destined to be the new U2. MFN's most recent lounch be been Zappa Records, taking over the Frank Zappa back catalogue on CD only. And since then Zappa has signed "full-time", so his future output with be under the MFN flag, but the state of the companies of the state of the s

Martin is particularly pleased with the Zappa deal, enthusing over the soles of the first batch of CD only releases, but also because he sees it as something of a feather in Music For Nations' cap for an independent label to be linked with an artist of that stature.

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"We've got him coming over to
do a massive European tour, which

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will include Wembley. He's doing great business and he seems to be very hoppy with the situation. The first four Zappa CDs that we released from back catalogue have leased from back catalogue have been unbelievobly successful We've done obout 6,000 of those first faur titles and we've got a total of 32 Zappa filles to do. And that doesn't include some of the new, unreleased stiff."





An incentive, perhaps, to look at the possibilities of releasing other big names with back cortalegue potential? "It's something that we're considering at the moment, And certainly with the success that we've had with the Frank Zappa CDs it's something I would look seriously at.

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"In fact we sell so many CDs, but
it's not that long ago that people
thought we were crazy for putting
someone like Metallica on CD. But the market has now become a very general one. We've even put The Exploited on CD and have sold thousands. It amazes me. It's a real boom market for us. So I think the large majority of our back catalarge majority of our back cata-logue will become avalable on CD. All our major titles are available and we're now doing more and more simultaneous releases — we're doing such good business we'd be crazy not to." For distribution Music For No-tions nitifally want though Prinnacle, and then when Prinnacle had its francial problems Martify ordner.

financial problems Martin's partner

Wherever ossible we like to keep control over every aspect of the business. If anything then goes wrong, we take the blame

Steve Mason, in the words of Remmington's Victor Kiam, "was so impressed he bought the company". So he now owns Pinnacle as well as Windsong, and also Important Records in America.

In Europe licensees in each terri-

In Europe licensees in each terri-tory are "hand-picked", and in America they're tied in with their own Important Records company and American heavy metal label and American heavy metal label Combat Records (also owned by Mason), with whom they have a reciprocal licensing arrangement. Step by step Music For Nations has developed into a mini-empire:

it has six very strong independent labels, the distribution company owned by Mason, the biggest exowned by Mason, the biggest ex-port company in the country (Windsong, with a Queen's Award For Export tucked in its bell), the biggest independent distribution in America, and now the group also owns its own pressing plant — Lambourne, which is the old ISS plant — and has turned that into



ANTHRAX: BACK in the charts again

on extremely successful concern.
"It's a lot bigger than a lot of people might realise. And while I'm not an owner of those things, they are there within the group of companies, giving a very strong base from which to work. And gradually e'll start to acquire more." In the next few weeks they are

moving to a much bigger building in Belsize Village, near Hampstead. Having been in Carnaby Street for two years and "outgrown it about three weeks after moving in", the transfer has become a desperate need in order to expend. In pargrowing publishing company, Take Out Music. They also have a merchandising company that does all the T-shirts and other wearable items much beloved of the metal fans, who buy such items in vast quantities that far ticular, there are plans to take on

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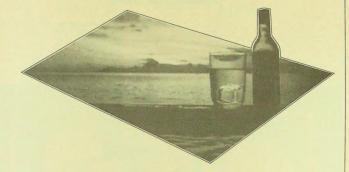
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Martin Hooker Born: London Eyes: "Sort of 'come to bed' Hair: Dyed

Favourite Food: Anything Favourite Bands: U2, Mis-

on, Psychedelic Furs Likes: Caribbean holidays, horses, increasing his over-

Dislikes: Disco, diets, financial restraint of any kind Hobbies & Pastimes: Breeding horses, collecting antiques, and particularly his job as A&R director of MFN, which involves overseeing everything Previous Job: Running Sec-

STRYPER: MAJOR US act for MFN

Tom Glendining Born: Watford Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown Favourite Food: Chinese and Budweis Favourite Bands: Yes. Rush, It Bites, Metallica Likes: Mum and dad, dog Likes: Mum and dad, dog, drumming with his band, Blinder ("Royal Standard, April 1st!"), drinking Dislikes: Heineken, marzipan, tube travel, golfing umbrellas in narrow streets Hobbies & Pastimes: Playing with his band, Blinder. squash, and particularly his job as trainee MD at MFN ("he means oik" — Mimi).
Previous Job: "Does sixth

form at school count as a

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outstrip sales of similar items in other areas of music The merchandising, particularly

ret Records

in heavy metal, is very important," says Martin. "Bands like Metallica can sell just thousands and thousands of shirts. We've recently launched a new band called Tigertailz, who we think are going to be really big. The record has only been out a few weeks and the T-shirts that we did really took off, and the kids are buying hundreds of them. Because it's all part of the overall package it has to be as brigh a standard as possible. So it's great that once again it's another thing that we can offer in-house. We'll be taking on more staff there,

too.
"We have in-house people who
do all of our art-work. Wherever
possible we like to keep control

over every aspect - we do our over every aspect — we do our own press, our own promotion, our own packaging . . . everything. If anything goes wrong, we take the blame. It's not somebody else's problem

We license a lot of records from America for Europe, and so we don't necessarily get that much chance to have a say in the actual record packaging. But some of the packaging that we do ourselves I'm

really proud at.
"The days when we used to em-"The days when we used to employ outside people to do things have gone, and I'm happy with the results. If you're doing the job yourself then you know that you're going to be doing it as well as you possibly can and that no corners are going to be cut. So it gets done properly. Outside people don't have the same commitment." "We've liked down even young!"

We've tied down every aspect

of it," he says with pride, but with out the smugness that many people in a position to make such a state-ment might project.

At the time Music For Nations was launched from its Praed Street office, its fishing waters were re-latively calm. Heavy metal wasn't "happening" and trendy, and most of the majors just weren't in-terested. ("They also didn't particularly understand the music, which is



don't do things you don't inderstand," observes Martin).
Now, with heavy rock and heavy ling waves again (witness the arts dogged with such previous-possé bands as Whitesnake, AC/ Kiss, Motley Crue, Anthrax d others poised to join them), by all want thrash and other tol-based acts, and the competiisis based acts, and the competino sign those acts is very stiff.
Marins says: "Unfortunately, as
as Metallica started to sell like
million albums, everybody
ded to think, 'Oh, those bands
sell records!" And now, of
use, all the bands that we
kee' initially — Metallica,
throx, Megadeth— are all startto-vell very large quantities of to sell very large quantities of ords, and the majors are now ively looking around to see

"It's very difficult for a major label to take a totally unknown throsh act and make it successful; thrash act and make it successful; but it's very easy for them to take Metallica, who have already had sold and silver records every-where, and turn them into a platinum act — and they're prepared to pay for the privilege."

stars. Even more so if they end up signing on the dotted line. And as a particularly successful independent, MFN has perhaps suffered this plight more than most. However, Marin Hooker is philosophical about it. "I think that to an event at its insuitable. At the more very sufficient to the successive succes

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'At the moment we're probably better placed than most companies to fight off the majors. We can actually afford to pay bia advances where other indies can't'

Tigertailz, who are in a similar mar

"Sometimes bands leave us and "Sometimes bands leave us and go to majors and it's the worst thing they've ever done in their lives. A great example is Manyover, who were on Capital originally, and got dropped. Then they had two albums out with us and we put them right back an lap, with big sales. After that they left us for a big advance from Virgin and an abum later they got dropped

albüm later mey gor way-again.
"After the one single with Boom Boom Room, the pop group that I also personally look after and manage, we had an after for them from CBS that was just too good to refuse. That was the worst day's work in my life — great for the bank belance but it did nothing at Ill far the group. In my opinion all for the group. In my opinion CBS just didn't handle it right. So now they're coming back, because that's a group that I dearly want to break. Normally there's no second

chance."
Sometimes, of course, it can work very well for a band to move from an independent to a large company. It appears to have work-ed well for Megadeth (who were on MFN and are now on Capitol),

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and the move to a major will probably do the same for Metallica with the release of their next album ("A several-million-seller, I'm sure," reckons Martin), although the last record didn't sell anywhere near as well in Europe as their MFN albums have done. [Music For Nations' Metallica albums currently occupy the top three slots in Ker-rang's Indie Metal Chart).

would those bands who have moved on and done well out of it had the same success if they had stayed with MFN? "I think that in heavy metal it's much more 'equal' than it is in pop. If I was ooking after a pop act, then once they get to a certain level I think they probably do have to move on. But in three albums we'd taken Metallica to be one of the hottest bands in heavy metal (their last album was gold in the UK), and there's no reason why we couldn't have made the next one platinum. "We spent a fortune touring

them, with big campaigns behind it. It's really down to letting the kids see the band live, and we've got as much money as anybody else to make sure that happens. It's not down to the airplay and things like that. It's a much 'easier' situation for us to be able to compete in."

#### Talent scout

A major part in the success of Music For Nations is obviously having signed the right bands in the first place, and it is in this area in particular that Martin Hooker, as



and a dilligent seeker of the next metal megastars, has played a key role. Rather than get too bogged down in the business side of things, e has delegated in this area and retained his position as "talent scout" rather than, as is often the

case, the other way around. And it appears to have paid off regularly with handsome dividends. "I do all the A&R, and that's the way I like it, I must admit. If I'm putting my money on the line I want to be the one who says

partner Sleve also has his part of it. He brought in the Zappa deal, for instance. But on the new arisis if at leave to me. If you have to me. If you have to me. If you have to do all you have to me. If you have to do all my own A&R, no matter how high the company gets. I have the time to do that because I prefer to get other people to do the other opening the company gets. I have the time to do that because I prefer to get other people to do the other royalites, which would in the part have taken up a lot of my time, but have taken up a lot of my time, but now we get outside computer com-panies to do it. It helps me to have



Janice Issitt Born: London (North) Eyes: 5'2", "eyes of blue" Hair: Blonde — "yes natural"

Favourite Food: Vegetarian, Japanese Favourite Bands: Mission, Metallica, Rush, Joe Sat-

Likes: Cats, cats, Keith, getting the front cover of magazines for bands I work

tor Dislikes: Tube travel, being overdrawn, bands who act like pop stars before theyve even released a record Hobbies & Pastimes: Shopping, interior decorating, gardening and food. Previous Job: Working at Kerrandi magazine. Mimi Tchan Born: London Eyes: Brown Hair: Black

Favourite Food: Curry (mild), my mum's cooking Favourite Bands: Bowie, Dire Straits, U2, Simple Minds, Blinder

Likes: Martin Hooker, horses, money, skiing and all the bands on MFN Dislikes: All the bands on

Hobbies & Pastimes: Concerts, reading biogs and ski books, radio and particularby working for MFN as Martin Hooker's PA, which involves secretarial work, booking appointment, band liaison, radio and TV

Previous Job: Production assistant at Radio Two. M.F.N.
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more time to do the A&R and marketing, which is what I want to

He listen to hundreds of topes every week, using the lime during he lang drive from his home in the country to do so. Every tape gets listened to personally and every tape gets a reply, which, as anyone who has ever sent lapes on the record company rounds will know, sentingly not always the case, as many of these one so many of these costs or only do do who will yit's knowing which

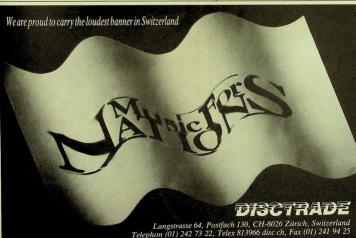


ZAPPA: CD coup for MFN

ones are good and which ones are bad. And your average record company A&R man probably listens to it and thinks it all sounds the same.

some,
"I signed Metallica from a tope, I signed Twisted Sister (to the old Secret Records) from a tope that was sent through. And that's another reason why some of the majors mis out. If you send a major a tope, most of them won't listen to an unsolicited tope. I wistled Sis-

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ter were turned down by every-body before I signed them. They'd been looking for a deal for nine

"Now we've just picked up an English band called Acid Reign, who I think are going to be huge. The second I listened to it I knew it was head and shoulders above everything else that was around. I felt exactly the same way when I heard Metallica — it was just so exciting and so much better than

"I don't go to the clubs to see the bands as much as I used to, not 'cold' anyway. Once I've had the ope, listened to it and liked it, then I'll go and check out a couple of shows. But we sign a lot of American acts that I never ever see until afterwards. To me, provided the record's good, I don't necessarily feel that I have to go to see them live to have confidence in signing on acts that I never ever see until them, I never saw Metallica live for the first year, but they ended up being one of the greatest live acts

another independent label sent me from America to see if I'd be inliked it. It was something a bit different — it was a heavy metal band not taking itself too seriously, with a certain amount of tong in-cheek about it. And we did great ith that, selling a lot of records. And then the band, via the inde pendent in America, signed a deal ith Island Records

"Island were presented with the

Gem Howard Born: London (East) Eyes: Two - both same colour

Hair: Everywhere Favourite Food: Japanese, French, Italian except parsnips

Favourite Bands: Captain Beefheart, Weather Report, Magma (Magma?), Sisters Of Mercy, Metallica, Nucear Assault . . . (Magmal?) Likes: See above

Dislikes: Political and reliextremism, sorship, parsnips and squid Hobbies & Pastimes: Gem likes his girlfriend (Laurie), his dog (Kerrang), alcohol, and particularly his job as general manager of MFN, which involves looking after a lot of exports and the coffee machine

Previous Job: Everything that Martin Hooker didn't do at Secret Records second album and didn't know what to do with it, So they called



Andy Black Born: London Eyes: Green Hair: Brown Favourite Food: Chilli and

yoghurt (not together) Favourite Bands: The Cure, Sacrilege, Blue Blud Likes: Travelling, Armagnac, about 10 per cent of gigs, discretion Dislikes: Tourists in Car

naby St, having his hair combed by the office staff,

trivia, pettiness Hobbies & Pastimes: Listening to the World Ser-vice (due to insomnia brought about by ioh stress), foreign films (any-thing with sub-titles), more Armagnac, and particularly his job as label manager at MFN, which involves lats lots of production things like labels, sleeves.

me and eventually ended up giving it back — licensing it — to me, for free, to market for them. We did a very good job — marketed it very heavily with some hit singles, and now the band are massive.

"We do work with some of the the past. They signed a band called

W.A.S.P., and with their first record, (Animal F\*k Like A Beast), EMI almost had a heart attack! I mean a company with shareholders can't do a record Fuck Like A Beast! So they gave it to me, and we sold 150,000 12-inch singles.

"What the major gets is a heavy royalty, plus I hand them back a hit hen the a went gold everywhere. What I get

is to keep the single - a big-selling record — in my catalogue . . . plus I get the credibility of being the one

get the credibility of being the one who 'broke' the band. "In fact, we're now relaunching the Animal single as a live version, which is great for us. Major acts appearing on independent labels

virtually every country in the world,

and is starting to sell in places like Yugaslavia, where Tigertailz, a re-cent signing, have just been voted best new band. The company has also started to sell records behind the iron curtain. A little while agait eleased a compilation album Poland as a tester to see what the market was like — and sold 98,000 albums.

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the money!" laughs Martin, "but it wasn't done for that reason. You should try to expand into as many different territories as you can, and not just stick to the normal Amer-can and Japanese markets. One to and Jopanese markets. One of the things I did last year was opening up some of those new leritones. Poland, Hungary, Yagostovia — and we're now selling last of the things of things of the things of the things of the things of the things

Music For Nations currently has Music For Notions currently has analysely small saff, dithough the move to new offices will allow them to take on more people with the movement of the movement pound the current full-time star pound the current full-time star pound the current full-time star pound to the star fefficially has a job title and a main job to do, job descriptions are not well-defined, with each person proposed to help out in whichever proposed to the parts hands!

a needs the extra hands "If we're busy here everybody mucks in and helps out, which is good for the atmosphere within the company. And no matter how big we get I want to try to retain that

says Martin.
"We don't have just one person who answers the phone, which I think is important. If the phone goes, whoever answers it will have gaes, whoever answers it will have a certain amount of knowledge on all aspects of what's happening. Obviously, to an extent people's specialisation comes into it, but

they will always be able to give a reasonable answer. "Everybody works really hard, and I think they all get a lot of personal satisfaction when we that a record or whatever. They Having said that, we're taking on new people all the time, but I would hate it to get out of control. After five years Music For Na-tions is undoubtedly a success, evi-dence of which, in financial terms at least, is the fact that it has doubled its turnover in '87 compared to '86. Obviously it is looking to continue that level of success each

"If's rolly happening now," says Martin proudly, He started the company of a time when heavy metal was at a low dab, but he also me the confidence in the must be confidence in the music ragion; if you do something like that because of a something like that because of a something like that because of a fonce of the must be that the says that there is no such thing as a bad time to get under vay.

oget under way.

"That's true," says Martin, "I also
think the timing was good. When
we started the label there were a few independents doing heavy metal, like Neat Records and Heavy Metal Records, and we came in to compete. It was at time when the majors weren't real time when the majors weren't real-by interested in that type of product so we could look around and find some really good acts that were being totally ignored. But I think the thing that really broke us through much bigger than the others was the quality of the product, rather than putting something out just be-cause it was raisen to make some cause it was going to make some

"I think maybe I was a bill spow because Secret was very successful — we didn't have a record that didn't go in the national chart. I certainly feel very lucky that I got a



now that they can affect the outcome of a record and that if they really work hard on something, they will see the results. That's great, it's something I never ever great, it's something I never evo-found in a major company, no metter how hard I worked. I was never sure how much my efforts had affected the result."

Everybody working together on aspects of the business con offen be more individually rewardng but as companies grow the division of labour and the indi-idual "job descriptions" do tend to wided "pob descriptions" do tend to become more specialism and more clearly cuttined. With his detect to keep MRN to on "every" bely macking in" arrangement, more consistent of the consistent of the more consistent of the more consistent of the consistent of the more consistent of the more consistent of the consistent of th

second chance. And then to turn that second chance into a multi-million pound company, that makes me very pleased."

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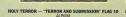
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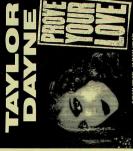
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### Jobs for the Boys

you stumble upon a new group who appear certainties for the big record deal but Boys Like Jude appear well qualified on most

London's **Tabernacle** was filled with senior A&R persons, foshion-able London foces and a variety of boisterous party-types. The band are the property of Paul & Michael Berrow (the team behind Duran Duran), and they did not seem unduly concerned by the atmosphere of greedy anticipation that preceded their arrival on stage. Musically, Boys Like Judd occupy Musically, Boys Like Juda occupy the sort of space a group like Curiosity Killed The Cot aim for, but retained the curiosity Killed The Cot aim for, but retained the curiosity fall to achieve. There were about 10 of the group on stage with singer Barney leading the way and shaping on exceptionally smooth and well-delivered dance groove. The inclusion of a well-drilled horn and backing vac-al department helped add the vital

commercial edge. Visually, they have all the neces-Visidity, iney nove all the neces-sary street-cred suss to endear them to both the hip young drivers of the style mags — they say things like "Yo" a lot — as well as the wider followers of high street fashions. The combination is stunrasinoss. The combination is stun-ningly contemporary without being so considered as to appear crass. After all this you wonder if they are doing anything wrong. Well, as those who remember Blue Rondo. Morrann McVey. The Resease Research Morgan McVey, The Roaring Boys etc will recollect, anyone can come etc will recoilect, anyone can come a cropper when they have to get down to the boring chore of actually releasing records. For the lime being, Boys Like Judd needn't worry. They have passed stage one with Billion sell-side. one with flying cold JULIAN HENRY

**UK** tour de force

Croydon's Fairfield Hall was far from sold out for the start of Arlo Croydon's Fairfield Hall was far from sold out for the star of Arlo Guthrie's UK tour, which was un-ortunate both for the artist, who produced a memorable performance, and for those punters who would undoubtelly have enjoyed experiencing a great old fashioned folk/rack show.

This tour was addly billed at the Alice's Restaurant bur, after a re-

Alice's Restaurant tour, after a re-cord and a movie which all occur-red around 20 years ago, and

CLAYDERMAN HAS a go at The



Arlo hasn't yet been rediscovered Arto hasn't yet been rediscovered by the burgeoning roots move-ment, although he is comparable with many of those who have been lionised by the media, and superior to many whose debut albums are described as marketingers.

described as masterpieces.

Fronting a four-piece band which included his son, lan, on which included his son, lan, an exphanors and superb guitarist/ pedal steel player Bob Williams, Ada played some of his father's hits, including Deportees and Pastures OF Plenty, some of his own best recordings like Coming Into Los Angeles and City, Of New Orleans (his only US top 20 hit). Particularly notable in a show full of highlights was an evocative and dimostabriar various of 8 ab of highlights was an evocative and atmospheric version of Bob Dylan's Gates Of Eden, while other peaks come with Ed McCurdy's anti-war anthem, Last Night I Had The Strangest Dream, and a string This Lond is Your Land, with an amusing spoken intro. This was a wonderful show, partly nostalgic, but at least as much contemporary. Curhair enterin to Landon at the Guthrie returns to London at the end of the month, and his excellent live set deserves to be recorded since such tours de force are sadly

JOHN TOBLER

### Clayderman in command

INCREDIBLY PERHAPS, Richard Clayderman ranks with Jean-Michel Jarre as the most consistent French recording artist in the British olbum charts. But that fact isn't too surprising when one considers all the factors involved: a good-looking bloke, plenty of the Gaellic charm and a programme of all-time pop music standards given a loving treatment on the piano.

loving treatment on the piano.

At the London Palladium he was backed by a full complement of supporting musicians and took command of both holves of the command of both halves of the show, performing many favourites from his now extensive album back catalogue. Ballade Pour Adeleine, his first international hit, remains a firm favourite, to the extent that he and to reprise it at the end of the

Simon May's Always There Anyone Can Fall In Love, Moon River, Chariots Of Fire and a West Side Story medley. As well as those predictable played The Communards, taking a chance on their You Are My World number. He pulled it off superbly. CHRIS WHITE

### Peace, Love and Calvert

AIMOSPHERE: HOT, hazy, happy, Crowd: young hippies fill The Jolly Boatman at Mampton Court lying on the floor, against walls, at peace/in place. peace/in pieces.
And they enjoyed themselves mightily. And so did I.

Robert Calvert has left pre dictable post-Hawkwind psyched-elia to those with no memories. His fairly young (mid-to-late wenties) backing band injected an urgent American feel which conjured up Bob Ezzin's work with Lou Reed



miniscent of James Brown, Or stage at the Wag Club in Soho

the nine-piece belted their way through several of their own num-

bers plus covers of James Brown's

Mother Popcorn, Aaron Neville's Mother Popcom, Aaron Neville's Hercules and Ripple's I Don't Know What It Is But It Sure Is Funky. The lead singer, Eddie, and the rest of the band were expert enough to deliver respectable versions.

Both bands look and sound the

part and put on very entertaining shows. But in the end they are

purely retrogressive in their approach. Their records are un-likely to sell unless they stamp them

with their own identity, especially at a time when re-issues of Seven-

ties originals are in such plentiful

ALL ABOUT EVE: sitting pretty in the Top 40.

Knife-edge guitar at the top of the mix showed off the blues/ boogie roots of the old Hawkwind stuff — like Orgone Accumulater, Quark, Strangeness and Charm and Spirit Of The Age — and the only psychedelic whooshy sounds only psychedelic whooshy sounds came from Calvert, himself. Well, actually they came from an antiqu-ated synth which seems to do no-thing else. The bassist was notice-ably less happy when he occa-sionally grappled with o large rack of keyboards stage left. Perhaps one of our astronauts was missing. Calvert's songs tackle hard issues

without abandoning idealism and mysticism. The man doesn't com-promise. Sub-atomic particles and the mysteries of sexual energy, in-dustrial relations, pickets and re-dundancies, all in the first half of

the set.

The low profile of the keyboards
nagged slightly after a while. More
textures please, and there are still
remnants of self-indulgence to be
sweated out. But Robert Calvert could certainly reach a wider ence than the nouveau hippy

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### **Doing** it with flare

WITH SEVENTIES funk records becoming increasir popular in the clubs, it is no surp popular in the clubs, it is no surp to see UK acts recreating s music. Even Stock, Aitken of Waterman had a go with Ro-block. But, whereas that was juidio project, the true Seven disciples are forming fully-fled-live bands.

Diana Brown and Brothers, for example, go great lengths to achieve authen ity. The group's 12 musicians a three dancers were all period costume for their show at the Warehouse Club London's Astoria. Ho scouring jumble sales for flor they have also spent many hor perfecting the sound of the Seve perfecting the sound of the Seve ties. Do you remember those 19? compilations, Souled Out and S perbod on K-Tel and Black Expl sion on Ronco? Diana Brown at the Brothers do and painstaking incorporate every nuance, inflec-tion and detail.

Push pay similar attention to recreating these sounds but apt for a harder, more funky sound, re-

supply. If the groups are not co supply. If the good up being the day cefloor equivalents of Doctor Ave ceffoor equi-The Medics. ANDREW BEEVERS

### Odds on Eve THE SUDDEN and sweeping

THE SUDDEN and sweeping fire to forme and glory of a band like to forme and glory of a band like things the old-foshioned boing rock band is not yet dead. All about Eve sold out the Astonia was nights running, and its thousands of London rock form in thousands of London rock form in the substantial proof of the state of the substantial proof of the substantial proof of the former with the substantial proof of the former was visible proof of the former was published the substantial proof of t attendance were visible proof of

Having cut their teeth in the Indie Charts, All About Eve are now the property of Phonogram/Mercury, and have their debut IP siting comfortably inside the top 40.

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It is not hard to understand their appeal. Singer Julianne Regan has a strong and traditional nockvoice, and although they are just a regular four-piece, All About Eve are capable of sounding inpressively powerful as a song like Every Annal Amonatration Angel demonstrated

However, despite their under able success at doing what they do very well, they are not a band to break new ground. Though their music has an appealing maudin romantic element, if All About Eve are really going to be a band for the Nineties they will either have to rely on Phonogram for an excepnal marketing job or develop for beyond their current capabilities.
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The best selling Folk & Roots LPs for February 1988, compiled by Folk Roots magazine from a national survey of specialist and general dealers.

Reviewed by Jerry Smith

painGODS: Armour (RCA PB an enthrolling slice of throughing 4757/PT 41758). This punchy, pop, produced by Chris Alison, and morked by ringing guitars and acced by Alian Shreutlock, and is on accomplished start to what could well turn out to be a promise

ing pop career. STOCKIT

THE BLUE OX BABES: There's No Deceiving You (Go! Discs GOBOB 1(12)). Go! Discs latest GOBOB 1(12)). Gol Discs latest signing issue an exceptionally well written piece of jountly, rebel soul, only tainted by their similarities with Dexy's Midnight Runners, even down to being produced by Pete Wingfield and coming from



ASIAN: This Is (EMI (12)EM 48)a. Dublin's finest issue the very best track from their excellent de best frack from their excellent de-but IP, Feel No Shame. It's a new version of the independent Irish hit that first got them noticed and should do the same for them over here, particularly with daytime

IRON MAIDEN: Can I Play With Madness (EMI (12)EM 49). Iron Maiden deliver a typical slice of no-nonsense, hard-rocking mayhem as a tester to their forthcoming album, Seventh Son Of A Seventh Son, for which their loyal fans are sure to reward them with a high chart placing.

BROS: Drop The Boy (CBS ATOM(T) 3). After the eventual success of When Will I Be Famous? these teeny bopper boys should have no problem with this jittery pop ballad as it is as irritatingly catchy as their first big hit.



STOCKIT

SAM BROWN: Walking Back To Me (A&M AM(Y) 432). This memorable number forms a fine vehicle for Sam Brown's superb venice for Sam Brown's superb raunchy vocals and it should gain attention for her forthcoming debut LP which was produced with her brother Pete Brown.

HOTHOUSE FLOWERS: Feet On The Ground (London LON(X) 172), Ireland's Hothouse Flowers deliver more fine, rocking Gaelic blues with this soulful, bubbling track in a rather traditional format besides its punchy, modern Langer and Winstanley production.

FLATMATES: Shimmer (Subway SUBWAY 17T). Hotly tipped in many quarters, the Flatmates serve





BIFF BANG POW!: She Haunts (Creation CRE 015T). Creation boss Alan McGee's own in-house band deliver a stunning EP of four delightful indie pop tracks from the sparkling title track through to the totally beguiling The Beat Hotel.

THE MONTELLAS: Stop Talking (Arista 109755). Another slick track from The Montellas, pro-duced by Bob Sargeant, it's again distinguished by a fine vocal performance amongst their own smooth and sophisticated style of adult orientated pop.

NATALIE COLE: Pink Cadillac (Manhattan/EMI (12)MT 35). Nat King Cole's daughter tackles a funky soul version of the classic Bruce Springsteen number although it remains to be seen if it will capture the public's imagina-tion when her previous two, excel-lent singles didn't.



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THE WINANS: Love Has No Color (Qwest/WEA W 8147(T)). Top US gospel band team up with Michael McDonald to great effect on this evocative soulful number from their Decisions album. It thoroughly deserves wide exposure.

BIG DADDY KANE: (Cold Chillin'/Warner Brothers W 7953(T)). WEA snaffle up this top New York rop label and deliver this strikingly sparse but still effec-tively shaking and bubbling dance track, produced by Marley Marl

CRAIG DAVIES: Jennifer Holli-day (Rough Trade RT(T) 222). A second out-of-the-ordinary singler from Solford's Craig Davies, this time helped out by Ben Watt on guitar, but still displaying distur-bingly naked emotions amongst the sparse acoustic backing.

THE SOUP DRAGONS: TH Majestic Head? (Raw TV RTV (12)5). The ever thrilling Soup Dragons deliver another slice of Sixties-style psychedelia in the shape of this rampant, and totally unfall-markle indice and totally unfall-markle indice and totally infathomable, indie pop traci

THE CROWS: The Love You Run (Survival SUR (12)042). Scot-land's The Crows come of age with this superbly effective number given a powerful and dynamic treatment by producer John Brand. Should get this potent rock band



THE BRILLIANT CORNERS: Teenage (McQueen MCQ 1).
More infectious indie pop from The
Brilliant Corners with this igunty Brilliant Corners with this jounty little tune, the first on their own, newly formed, label and one set to give them renewed indie chart suc-cess before the release of their forthcoming Somebody Up There Likes Me LP.

THE SEERS: Lightening Strikes (Rough Trade RT(T) 182). Currently creating plenty of con-troversy, this full-throttle rock track competently delivered and pro-duced by Pat Collier, is only of note because of its insensitive handling of the mass-murdering maniac

MAGNUM: Days Of No Trust (Polydor POSP(X) 910). Magnum deliver the sort of heavy rock that deliver the sort of heavy rock that goes down well with America sto-dium audiences, all very calculated arrangements and well measured histrionics, but is unlikely to excite anyone other than their com

DUNCAN: DARRYL DARRYL DUNCAN: James Brown (Motown ZB 41739 (ZT 41740). With most sampling hip-hoppers clearly ripping off James Brown, at least Darryl Duncan ack-nowledges the fact with this in-strumental, although it is no doubt of small consolation to the great

DANIELLE DAX: The Junice Long Session (Nighttracks/Strange Fruit SFNT 006). This session from the rather eccentric Danielle Dax the rather eccentric Danielle Dax displays a wide range of moterial, from the relentless power of the live favourite Fizzing Human Bomb through to the hypnotic drone of Numb Companions, and is a must

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NEWLY EXPANDED to a three day event, the Disco Mix Club's recent 1988 Informational DJ Convention and World Mixing Finals afracted for more American

Finals attracted for more Americans and other foreigners this year, and as a meeting place was a great success, but does need a rethink for the future. Organiser Tony Prince has a pop sensibility, as do, to judge from their voting, most of his DMC member DJs, ut the art of exhibition mixing (in rader to cram as much excitement as ossible into a few minutes) has volved totally into the scratch style, which obviously attracts hardcore rap ans — to whom DMC panders in its

nghtly excited but rude "b boys", v baced anyone (like Stock Airker Waterman) that stood for commercial pop. Even hip hop her like to be paid in full, although that seemed to be forgotten! For the med to be forgotten! For the cord, the almost inevitable winning rer was the American recording r, Cash Money, while artistes lecting awards included James

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### Hearty start

RECENTLY CAUSING ripples are Mahena James and Steve Cannell, who together form Bristol-based soul duo and duo and songwriting partnership Heart-land. Collaborating as writers for some years, vocalist James (originally from the tiny state of Brunel in Asia) and in-strumentalist Cannell (from Scotland, via Hong Kong) have been attracting notice through some highly-rated live gigs around the south and west of England (including the Black British Fair at the Royal Festival Hall in London last June). On stage, Heartland expands to include the playing of six to eight other session-honed musicians, with James as the vocal and visual focus. The live set draws on "strains of soul, funk, jazz, blues and rock, with a synthesis of other 'street' styles — "it's both raunchy and sophisticated", in the words of

Using their own eight-track stu-dio in Stroud, Heartland have reand in stroug, rearrhand have re-cently been committing the fruits of that four-year-matured writing partnership (often conducted at long distance when individual ses-sion work put them in different towns or even continents) to demo bown or electromated to demonstrate of the condition of these sessions have already caused married to these sessions have already caused married to a replie in the record industry, with eight major labels expressing on interest in Heardman or a result of hearing their demos, producers. Massey, and the dua or still playing the field carefully at the moment, but a signing announcement is expected in the reduction, and the general business of the producers and proformance cartainty suggests commercial success in in the gests commercial success is in the offing for this versatile UK act with

the duo's manager Dave Mas-

international appeal.

Further details from Dave
Massey at Latent Talent in Bristol, 28
Redland Grove, Bristol BS6 6PT.



# **Trusty**

THE DANCE AID TRUST was formally re-named from its original title of Disco Aid at the charitable title of Disco Aid at the chantable organisation's AGM in mid-February. At the same time, it was announced that £65,774 had been raised by the Trust during its AGM

been roised by the Trust during its fist full year of operation.

Tony Prince accepted the Presidency of the Trust for 1988, the remainder of the committee being Steve Walsh (chairman), Theo Loyla (vice-rhairman), Guy Rippon (treasurer), Martyn Levett (secretary), Jerry Gilbert, Juy Green, Lia Becker and Jackie Keeble (both Reveneration the Trust Paperser representing the Trust's PR, press artists), Dave Smith (representing Discos For The Disabled), and Spotlight Publications' Eddie Fitz-gerald.

The official launch of the newly-The official launch of the newly-named Trust and the 1988 fund-raising effort will be at a gala lunch to be held at London's Metropole Hotel on Thursday, May 26, support for which is anticipated from both the disco and record indus-

both me.
This Thursday (March 17), a cheque presentation will be made at London's Hippodrame, when Steve Walsh will hand over Steve Walsh will hand over £5,000 to Help The Aged, to pay for the establishment of a day care tor the establishment of a day care centre for elderly people in India. The cheque will be accepted by actress Anna Wing (who plays Lou Beale in EastEnders). Help The Aged has previously received a £7,125 donation from Dance Aid, with similar amounts having gone to Children In Need, S.A.N.E. and the Gloria Miles Cancer Research

Foundation. The Band Aid Trust also received £9.500 for its famine

also received £9,500 for its famine relief work. Further information on The Dance Aid Trust or the Metropole lunch is available from Press Arists Aid Trust Headquarters at 64a Holloway Road, London N7 (01 607 8311).

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SHWAY 101. Warner Bros 925 608-1 (cass: 925 608-4) Produc er: Paul Worley. A new name which has already achieved success in the US, this quartet fronted by Paulette Carlson may not find life quite so easy here without tour-ing. Their typical honky tonk music ing. Their typical honky tonk music is nothing especially new, although some interesting cover versions of material by Rodney Crowell and Emmylou Harris will whet the tites of the already converted Hard to see much UK progress beyond established country/honky tank boundaries without heavy promotion, which might pay off.

ROSIE FLORES. Reprise 925 626-1 (cass: 925 626-4). Produc-er: Pete Anderson. Another discovery from the celebrated A Town South Of Bakersfield LP which is fast becoming the Some

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Delhi Freight Train - while Peter Bizarre compilation of country music — Flores has tinges of Cline Delhi Freight Train — while Peter Rowan covered several songs from a previous Allen album, Juarez His is quidy, whimical music with country and R&B roots, not to mention falk. Most of it is above everage, but one world-bearing song and performance is The Pink And Black Song, a memoir of the days of early rock 'n' roll, which has to one of the most marvellous Lynn and Wynette about her voice.
The standout track among 10 songs of reasonable quality seems to be God May Forgive You (But I Won't), co-written by Harlan Howard, while The Blue Side Of Town, penned by Paul Kennerley and Hank DeVilo is olde strong. Heartbreak Train, the track from the Bakersfeld LP, is in esence a remake of Mystery Train musically, and none the severe for the Flower tracks ever recorded by anyone. and none the worse for that. Flores sounds worthy of some effort in marketing terms, and is clearly no

stranger to the racking side of

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his double album to be released in

Britain, yet it doesn't sound dated. Allen is a sculptor from the city of Buddy Holly fame, and is also a

singer/pianist/writer of uncommon note. Of the 21 songs here, Bobby Bare, the Maines Brothers and Lit-

tle Feat have released covers of one or more — Little Feat did New

 Pickwick, whose budget range of country albums now includes over 100 titles, has just released a new Jim Reeves compilation, Memories Are Made Of This. Reeves has already sold over 21/2m albums on Pickwick, Recent 2½m albums on Pickwick Rocent Pickwick CD releases include The Great Willian Nelson, Boxcor Willia Live In Concert, Country South Of Jerry Lee Lawis, Queens Of Coun-try, Music and Highlights From The Wembley Country Fastivos, and on viny! Country Lave Songs, featuring. Ms Parton and Meass Nelson and Lennings, and Country, Collection Vol. 3 — Vol. 1 and 2. boxe each vol. of war 30.000 units. have each sold over 30,000 units



ROSIE FLORES: clearly no stranger to the racking side of country music

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THE BILL for Mervyn Conn's threeday Easter extravaganza has now been finalised, and the three headbeen finalised, and the three head-liners (Merle Haggard, Crystal Gayle and Willie Nelson) are all confirmed for the Wembley Coun-try Festival, which will be the event's 20th anniversary.

Some of the acts who appearing will have new product which will obviously receive a substantial plug from their Wembley sets. Top of the list must be Merle Haggard, whose Chill Factor um (Epic) joins Haggard's i mense back catalogue, but is in fact

### Easter extravaganza

his latest album. Crystal Gayle, who is now signed to WEA, has had albums released in the past via had albums released in the past via CBS and EMI, plus innumerable budget compilations. Her most re-cent WEA release was a Best Of which came out just before Xmas in

Willie Nelson's lengthy career Willie Neison's lengthy career has token in releases on most labels, and his catalogue appears to be currently represented on more labels than Crystol Gayle and Merle Haggard combined, although in Haggard's case, he was on EMI for many years before oving to Epic. There is currently



WILLIE NELSON

on investigation going on at CBS with a view to compiling a 8est Of album, possibly a double, to tie in with the rare UK appearance by Nelson, but at the time of going to press, nothing definite had been decided.

Of the other acts on the Wemb ley bill, Patty Loveless, who made a ley bill, Pathy Loveless, who made a distinct impression at last year's Wembley Festival and has thus been rebooked this year, has her second LP, If My Heart Had Windows, released by MCA immediately. The same label is also mediately. The same label is also releasing a new instrumental LP by British-born wonderpicker Albert Lee, Gagged But Not Bound, which has been granted the acco-lade of inclusion in MCA's discern-

One of the highlights of the festival is certain to be the appearance of Britain's biggest selling country artist, Daniel O'Donnell.
O'Donnell will not have a new LP out for his Wembley appearance, which will be the culmination of a his support act on the tour, who will also be appearing at Wembley, Mary Duff, will have her debut LP, Love Sameone Like Me, released on the same label as O'Donnell's

hree chart-busting albums, Ritz Elsewhere, you can read about 20 Songs Of The Country by Au-stralia on the Prism label, and fans

of lassocing and yodelling should note both the appearance of Randy Erwin, who combines both skills in his act, and has a second album, Cowboy Rhythm, released on Lon-don indie Heartland, following last year's Til The Cows Come Home on the same label.

Somewhat surprisingly, the de-but album by the Desert Rose Band, which includes erstwhile Byrd & Burrito Chris Hillman and ex-Dillard Hern Pedersen, is not scheduled for UK release, as far as



CRYSTAL GAYLE



MERIE HAGGARD the UK labels which might lay claim to it, appear to have decided

whether to do anything with it. It is to be hoped that someone will make up their minds to give this LP, which has been well received in the US and which will surely intrigue the numerous Byrds fans still wandering about this country, a chance in the UK market. Doubtless, hundreds of import copies will be sold at Wembley anyway, but the market is surely somewhat greater than simply the attendees a three-day festival in London. Finally, Michael Johnson, some hat of an unknown quantity in the

What of an unknown quantity in the UK, is making his British debut at Wembley, and tieing in with his appearance, RCA is releasing his That's That album, In addition, RCA That's Indianum, in dualinon, we will be re-promoting previously re-leased albums by George Hamil-ton IV (Twenty Of The Best) and Leon Everette (Greatest Hits).

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### Dirt tracks - a long, Gritty life

nums since its formation in 1966, d still includes two original mem-rs — and it's not Fleetwood Mac has only ever appeared three es in London, although it has en twice in the past two years. Its four most recent albums on

WEA nave been released as ser-rets (if they were released at all) in Britain, yet its performance at a Wembley Country Festival was so good that it became that rare accolade, a TV special.

Enough of the carping — com-pared to some of their earlier albums, in particular the groundalbums, in particular the ground-breaking triple set, Will The Circle Be Unbroken, and the classic Uncle Charlie & His Dog Teddy, The Nithy Gritty Dirt Band's current output seems comparatively straightforvard, which maybe is some justi cation for WEA's diffidence.

What might make the difference future is that a third long-time n future is that a third long-time nember of the band, its main on-tage comedian, John McEuen, left band last year for a solo and film-scoring career at a time when he felt his seven children needed His replacement is ex-Eagle Bernie Leadon, always the "picker" of that superstar band, whose re-placement by Joe Wolsh brought bigger hits but, for some, less en-joyment. At the Peterborough Fes-tival, there was some doubt as to whether Leadon might only be temporary, so it seemed undi-plomatic to badger him with ques-tions about leaving the eyrie.

plomatic to badger him with quesihieted, bass player Jim Ibbotson, a comparative newcomer 
who joined the bond as late as 
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than we were, but because Bernie was such a great player.
"When it got out that John had left the band, we started pulling our finger out, you know — "What are we going to do?". We thought about aptical auditions we see



around and listened to every hotaround and listened to every hot-shot fiddle/guitar/mandolin player in the country, and it got really oppressive, and Bernie calls up and says 'John's left the band and I

and says 'John's left the band and I want to come out on the road again. What do you think?'. He called everybody up and we agreed rather quickly.'

It must be said that McEuen's showmanship allied to his multi-instrumental abilities made him a hard act to follow, Leadon being one of the few whose past work might quilify him for the operation. one of the few whose past work might qualify him for the onerous task. Ibbotson is in little doubt, musically speaking, that Leadon joining has improved the band.

"John was very visual, he leapt about quite a lot. Bernie doesn't leap around, and he's a much more solid musician than John, although John was flashier. But

the older material recorded by the Dirt Band remains that there Dirt Band remains that there appear to be currently available albums on three different labels featuring it and to some extent duplicating it — EMJ, for whose Liberty label it was originally made, Starblend and Charly subsidiary Decal. Yet the incredible

Will The Circle Be Unbroken, will be croup with country music legends like Roy Acuff, Mother Maybelle Carter and Doc Watson, has not been available in Britain for many years, although it has been released as a double CD

If, as seems quite likely, the forth-coming NGDB album which will be the first with Leadon (and includes some of his compositions) brings curious Eagles fans to the Dirt Band, it is to be hoped that past glories are not forgotten by either WEA, the current label, or EMI, for whom the band recorded for over





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### Nanci: Plane wonderful

us who enjoyed the early Seventies singer/songwriter boom that the species is far from extinct, and interesting to note that MCA has two of the brand leaders in tyle Lovett (see elsewhere) and Nanci Griffith, who

Her second MCA LP, Little Love Affairs, is due imminently, and from an advanced tape, it seems well up to her very high standards. The lady was recently in London play-ing at the Mean Fiddler Acoustic Room, which was crowded with

the new album's material, although as a solo singer/guitarist rather than fronting the Blue Moon Orchestra, with whom she'll be returning to Britain in April for her orning to britain in April to the irist gigs with a backing band. The final track on the new LP, sweet Dreams Will Come, was written by John Stewart, who also

wrote Daydream Believer, the big kees hit 20 years ago. He has released a string of not-able but largely under-appreciated solo albums since the Sixties. Says Griffith: "John Ste-wart has been o hero of mine since the early days. I've stolen so many guitar licks from him — I think his albums were really my guita

teacher when I picked up that stronge banjo style he uses on guitar. You can see the sleeve of guitar. You can see the sleeve of his Wingless Angels album on the sleeve of my new album. I'd heard him play Sweet Dreams Will Come and I loved it. John asked me to do and Hoved it. John asked me to do a duet with him of that song for his new album, Punch The Big Guy, and I considered it an honour. "We recorded it backed by

three members of New Grass Revival, and I loved it so much thought it would be a perfect final track for my album, and asked him track for my album, and asked him if he'd mind recreating it, and when we did, he said: This song really belongs on Little Love Affairs. I'll take if off Punch The Big Guy — you take if and run with it', which was extremely kind of him."

The album includes two writing collaborations with members of the Blue Moon Ork (actually a quartet of keyboards, bass, drums and lead guitar). The title track was

co-written by Nanci and keyboard co-written by Nanci and keyboard player James Hooker, a founding member of the the Amazing Rhythm Aces, while Gulf Coast Highway was written by Griffith, Hooker and guitarist Danny Flow-

Both those songs were very "Both those songs were very special and both were written at three or four o'clock in the morning on the bus ofter a gig, while we were travelling to the next one. I think possibly the greatest thing that's happened to me in my career is having James Hooker in the Blue Moon Orchestra, and the dispersions were triven as a result. directions we've taken as a result. After the Amazing Rhythm Aces, he was on the road with Steve Winwood for four-and-a-half

In fact, the composition of the Orchestra has changed more than a little. Original members Pat McInerney (drums) and Danny Flowers (the guitarist who backed Nanci at last year's Peterborough Nanci at last year's Peterborough Festival) are apparently returning to work with Don Williams, in whose road band they previously played, while Charlie Bundy (bass, harmony vocals) has been loyal to

Mandrell, his previous

Not that such losses will be cru-Not that such losses will be cru-cial, as their replacements for the forthcoming UK tour will be Irish drummer Fran Breen from the underrated Stockton's Wing, master-guitarist Philip Donnelly, whose credits would fill this page, and Denny Bixby, who was once part of a group with Gail Davies called Wild Choir.

Acceptance for Nanci in E has been quick (she's in the pop charts in Ireland), but how has it been in the US? "It's been really slow. We're doing quite well, but I don't get airplay on country radio. Kathy Mattea's had two hits now with songs I recorded first" (Lat Of The True Believers and very recens.

ly, Going Gone.
"I don't feel envious of her she's got a country radio voice she's a very sweet and lovely per-son and she's always been ded cated to acoustic music, but she's just not a songwriter, Her getting airplay helps everyone. It doesn't bother me, because I refuse to produce the type of record they play on country radio. I'm never going to record with a drum machine, and I'm not going to homogenise my music to make it slick enough for country radio. "Very few of the traditionalists

"Very tew of the traditionalists are played on country radio, Ran-dy Travis being an exception. Path Loveless hasn't got any radio play, and Dwight Yookam's just been kicked around a lot in the States.

"Dwight has been at country radio seminars, and has told disc jockeys that they should be playing iockeys that they should be playing us, because we sell better than the ones they do play. It took a lot of courage, but because of that, he got kicked around in Nashville, lo the point where he wasn't nomin-ated for any CMA Awards, which

is outrageous."
Nanci's choices of material largely but not exclusively self-composed seem perfect, yet she desert are played on country radio at home. In view of this majo injustice, is it any wonder that her



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THE MAJOR label with significant country acts which has not so far involved itself with the three New involved itself with the three New Country campaigns is Phonogram. While this was understandable at the time of Discover New Country, the 1986 campaign, because Phonogram had few worthwhile Phonagram had few worthwhile country acts, since then two major names in Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson have signed to Mer-cury, while two very promising newcomers, Kathy Mattea (above)

and David Lynn Jones, are also on the label's roster. Phonogram's marketing director, John Waller, confirms that the label is very interested in each of these acts, and notes that both Cash and acts, and notes that both Casn and Kristofferson appeared at the Peterborough Country Festival last year, while Cash will also be tour-ing this year. "We're also very in-terested in Kathy Mattea and David Lynn Jones and will continue ease their records domestically, but so far neither artist is suc-

### Van Zandt releases complete UK catalogue

THE RECENT visit of Texan folk/ country legend Townes Van Zandt, wo most recent albums, At indow and Live And whose two most recent albums, At My Window and Live And Obscure, were released by London indie label, Heartland, is to be followed by the release in bimonthly instalments, of much of his back catalogue on Charly subsidiants.

back catalogue on Charly subsidi-ary Decal.

The seven items, including one double album, Live At The Old Quarter, Houston, Texas, are to be released on LP, cassette and CD, starting this month with Our

cessful enough for a European tour to make sense financially. Kathy Mattea has just had her first number one country chart single in America with Going Gone, so she obviously has great potential." Hopefully, Waller's persistence will pay off sooner rather than

### Rebel rousing

ONE OF the more adventurous undertakings of recent times in the country music sphere has been the mental label's exploitation o the American labels Rebel and County. Fundamental PR Christ-opher Williams notes that the company's boss Richard Jordan is "a Mother The Mountain, and pro-ceeding at monthly or two-monthly intervals throughout the year. The other albums involved,

Intervals throughout the year.
The other albums involved, which were originally released on the Tomato label in America, are Delta Momma Bloss, The Late Great Townes Van Zandt (an exaggerated tille), High Low And In Between, Townes Van Zandt and

This should mean that Van Zandt's entire album catalogue will be available in Britain for the first

great lover of hillbilly music — he

great lover of hillibilly music — he doesn't like it referred to as simply country or bluegrass'.

Thus for, Fundamental has released 11 olbums from these US catalogues, including such pure traditional country acts as The Stanley, Brothers, The Country Centlemen and Buck White, now leader of the Whites.

This series, while it has not yet sold in sufficient quantities to make the country LP chart published in Music Week, includes a number of Music Week, includes a number of items featuring today's country stars, such as Ricky Skaggs and Jerry Douglas. Future related re-leases include a new LP by Michael Hurley, the legendary singer's songwriter. Fundamental is distributed by Red Rhino/The Cartel

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and cassette.

In May, the company will be releasing The Collection by Willie releasing The Collection by Willie Nelson (each of the items menhinned above are also hilled The Collection), which will consist of material licensed from CBS, including Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain, Red-Headed Stranger and duets with Waylon Jennings. This will close be available in all formats.

A&R manager Dougle Dudgers, comments of the comment of th

A&R manager Dougle
Dudgeon comments: "We've
found the country hilles we've had
in the past have been very successful, and we're definitely looking for rol, and we're definitely tooking for more country product for our collector's series. Boxcar Willie was the first artist for whom we attempted to get radio play, and it was very good in that we got plays on both Radio One and Two".



"WEYE GOT an act on at Wemb-ley," says Steve Brink, sales and acquisition manager of Prism Lei-sure, a wholesaler with its own country label, Platinum Music. The act in question is Australia, in fact the identical LeGarde Twins, who

appeared at Wembley in 1973 appeared at Wembley in 1973, and by all accounts were a great success. This year, they'll be compering one day, and Platinum is releasing their album, 20 Sons Of the Country, as part of a mojor country release. It must be reported that the Australia olbum does include Waltrian Matilida, A by With No Beer and Ite McKangaroo Down Sport!

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or Which include many country products. Of Ritz's major star, Daniel O'Donnell — Prism released an early O'Donnel album, The Boy From Donegal, last year on the Prism Leisure Corporation label.

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### Lovett: putting folk back into country

Texan singer/song-writer created a very professional UK, esn favourable impression his tirs UK, especially at a Ronnie ocott's media showcase, where the assembled hacks and disc jockeys demanded

His two MCA albums, Lyle Lovett (1986) and the just-released Pontiac, which entered the UK country album chart at number one, provide ample evidence that Lovett is no run-of-the-mill songwriter, neither is he a typical Nashville churner-out of platitudes. In fact, he's almost a folk singer in the same way as James Taylor. I think in a way I'm both folk and country, because the country tradition and the folk tradition are very similar" says

Lovett, when asked which category he belonged to. "I think of myself more than either of those categories as a songwriter, and I tend to play igwriter clubs more than honky tonks, where you have to concentrate on keeping the people on the dance floor. I

the people who wrote the songs, like Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark", adding "The tendency when you see some-one singing with an acoustic guitar is to call them a folk singer".

Doesn't it bother you that Doesn't it bother you that neither Townes nor Guy has ever been as successful as they deserved commercially? That's a great observation which no-one has put to me before. My taste in general yeers towards people who are less successfully commercially than artistically, so there's a good possibility that I'll eventually write myself out of a

job" Lovett was born in Houston, Texas, in 1957, and has been earning his living as a singer since leaving college. He admits to only one previous released track (an early ver-sion of If I Had A Boat from sion of it i Had A Boat from Pontiac which appeared on an album available through Fast Folk magazine in the US), although he notes that the eponymous debut album began as "an independent pro-iect, an album I could sell off

clubs". Via Guy Clark, who acquired a copy of Lovett's demo tape and played it to everyone he met, and Jim Rooney, an elder statesman of the Nashville anti-establishment who produced for Nanci Griffith before she signed with MCA, and for

whom Lovett sang backups, Lyle's extraordinary songwrit-ing ability got to the ears of MCA. While his own albums are selling well, Lovett's excellent songs are not being co-vered to the extent that they plainly deserve. How many cover versions of your songs have their been?

have their been?
"Not as many as I'd like. Nancy did If I Were The Man You Wanted, Locy I Dalton did Closing Time, and both Lacy and Patt Loveless perform Goodwill onstage. I really enjoy that song from the woman's point of view." Uterly ridiculous that so few covers should exist, unless of course the implicaexist, unless of course the implicaexist, unless of course the implica-tion is that Lovetts' interpretations could not be bettered ... Mention-ing Closing Time, how did you come to use the memorable phrase "Unplug them people?" "It just sort of fell out, I wrote it about a night that Eric Taylor had been playing at a club. The club was notorious

for the staff wanting to go home as

soon as the show was over, so they'd start to clear things up, and mey a start to clear things up, and top up the beer coaler before clos-ing time. Eric had had a really great night and was playing his third encore, the crowd was really quiet, and all of a sudden they orted topping up the beer cooler a loud noise, and putting the empt chairs on top of the tables, so it fel

like they were trying to unplug everybody and send them away" Lovett has been likened to Tom Waits, a comparison which seems more understandable on Pontiac than on the first album, "It's very flattering. I wish my stuff had the insight his had, and I always treat it insign his had, and I always treat it as a compliment, because I think people who say that are people who like Tom Waits". After the gig, it was another Tom, Poxton, who come to mind. "That's nice — I opened for him once — but I write more about girls than politics. He are some others. He can more about girls than politics. He said gove me some advice. He said 'think of your head as a pivot and turn it from side to side. Never stop — scan the audience and make eye contact with everyone."

Lovet is undoubtedly a first division songwriter (others in this bracket might include Jockson Browne, Griffith and Kris Kristofferson) and is observed with the contact of the conta

son), and is already scheduled to return to Britain twice in the next three months. He's headlining the second Crossina The Border festivsecond Crossing The Border festival at the South Bank on Easte

Saturday, where he'll appear backed only by cello player John Hagen (who came this time, and added something worthwhile) and with a full band in June (probably at the Town & Country Club). He should not be missed — his form aren't run-of-the-mill either, as readers of the popular press ma have noticed when a gossip co umn included a picture of Lyle wit Princess Margarets daughter Princess Margarets daughter Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, who was at one of his Mean Fiddle gigs. When he reportedly offeren her a copy of Pontiac, she refused saying "Eve already got it".

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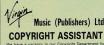
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If you were in New York for the It you were in New York for the Grammys, you might want to stop reading now because you will have seen the show and been able to judge it for yourself. But I doubt if that applies to many of Music Week's UK readers as there was a matching the well attended from the week's UK readers as there was a surprisingly small attendance from these shores for what is the US music industry's premier award event. In fact there seemed to be fewer Brits present at Radio City Music Hall than there were Americans at the Albert Hall a few Americans of the Albert Holl of few weeks ago which is off the more surprising when you consider that the British Record Industry Awards have been modelled, to some adent, on the Grammy and the cadent, on the Grammy and the cadent, on the Grammy and the control of the supposedly lockbuffer impact. If it was not the surprising the cade the cade

comparison.
It has to be said right from the If has to be said right from the start that the Americans are working from a — for once— working from a — for once— deeper cultural base and the Grammys have evolved over 30 years with surviving calegories such as "best polla recording" betroying their venerable heritage. But when it comes to the TV show. itself - a marathon three hour with lots of prize-giving, lots of performances and lots of ad breaks — sentiment is not allowed to get in the way of show biz commercialism in true American style. It also has to be said that the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences has much deeper pockets than the BRIA organisers. This year's Grammys attracted more than \$13m of sponsorship money and Pepsi alone ("the pour behind the tour splashed out more than \$2m to splashed out more than \$2m to screen four ads featuring Michael Jackson, making him by far the most visible artist of the night.

opportunity to make the

So are money and a glitzy amour — hallmarks of the US glamour — naimarks of the Os entertainment industry perhaps impossible to match here or anywhere else — the only features which distinguish the Grammys from our domestic equivalent?

Frankly, no.

The most impressive aspect is the sheer strength in depth of the organisational structure, with national officers, trustees and regional chapters bolstering the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, plus an arm production staff on the night. A

large experienced team backing up the excellent master of ceremonies Billy Crystal, plus lavish attention by CBS television, meant attention by CB3 television, mear that on the night over-long acceptance speeches, over-running comedians and other unnatural disasters could all be catered for. The support from Ne catered for. The support from New York City listelf was evident, with everyone from Mayor Ed Koch down willing the event to succeed, not only for the prestige but also for the \$30m it was estimated the Grammys brought to the Big Apple that week

that week.
In terms of memorable
highlights, I would single out from
the Brits the Bananarama segment with those ailed young men, the Who finale and, dare I mention it, the Rick Astley incident. Threaded among the ads and awards in New York were moments to treasure seemingly every five

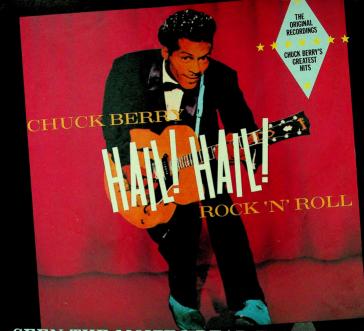
minutes — for instance, the dram of Terence Trent D'Arby almost auditioning a few feet from the likes of Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder, a do-wop line-up that included Lou Reed, Robbie Robertson and Dion; Little Richard Robertson and Dion; Little Richard outrageously nominating himself as best new arist (" lain't ever received nothin' and I've been singing for years," he told a sympathetic audience); Cob Calloway resurrected to perform Minnie The Moocher, UZ's wry humour winning over the Yanks, and galaxy of star presenters. . . . . and of course there was Jacko himself showing that his\* reached a law! showing that he's reached a level of stage presence others car

merely aspire to. What does this suggest for our own Brits? We can expect a tougher, more commercial approach next year, perhaps made possible by a move to London Weekend Television. But the most difficult and politica sensitive move which I would advacate would be to hand over a large measure of control of the show to an experienced entrepreneurial producer wit vested interest in making the awards a successful entertaining show. Don't let the artist line-up turn on political decisions - just aim to put on the best show possible, then nobody can complain, least of all the public at

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