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It's songwriting competition again

Think you have what it takes to make the grade on \$50,000 worth of prizes for an unpublished song? All you need is Canadian residency and a demo of the goods to be able to enter the fifth Annual Songwriting Competition, brought to you by Standard Radio in conjunction with the Songwriter's Association of Canada.

The contest accepts thousands of entries each year which are culled from participating radio stations across the country. Winners will be chosen from each region and will receive an all-expense round trip weekend to Weston Harbour Castle in Toronto for a private seminar with as yet unnamed but established songwriters, with the added goodies of an Epiphone Bluesmaster guitar, gig bag, brand-name Portastudio and microphone.

One grand prize winner will be set for a career in music with \$10,000 cash, 30 hours of mixing and mastering time at Metalworks Studio, 1000 CDs manufactured, printed and packaged, national distribution from Cargo Records, glossy promotional shots and a website. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 1997, so don't delay getting your demo in or contact contest personnel for further info at

Canadian address and appointments for Vel Vel

Walter Yetnikoff's label, Vel Vel, will have a Canadian address at Suite 102, 3110 American Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4V 1T2, phone 905-405-8800 or fax 905-405-1399. The label is distributed by EMI Music Canada.

Also announced is the appointment of Kelly Mulvey as director of marketing, Mira Laufer as director of promotion, and Bessie Markouzis as coordinator of promotion and marketing.

The above location and appointments are effective from May 16.

Pat Campbell named GM Warner/Chappell Canada

Pat Campbell has taken over the position of General Manager of Warner/Chappell Music Canada.

Campbell has been with Warner/Chappell for seven and a half years, joining the Toronto-based firm as Canadian Royalties Manager.

In her new role, Campbell will be responsible for the day to day administration of Warner/Chappell Music's Canadian operation.

<http://nor.com/cm>.

Also look for details from participating radio stations. This year's list includes Z95.3 in

No Doubt virtual in-store to beam worldwide

In a move that will earn a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records, MuchMusic, HMV Record Stores and Interscope/Universal Music are teaming up to stage the first-ever virtual in-store with multi-platinum alt-pop band No Doubt May 13 at 8 p.m. (ET).

With Much VJs Bill Welychka, Sook-Yin Lee and Juliette Powell flying to Sydney, Singapore and New York to report live from the cities' respective HMV outlets, fans from around the globe will be given the opportunity to pose questions via satellite while Canadian viewers can get involved via phone, fax and the Internet during the Intimate and Interactive program -- a MuchMusic series that "has earned an international reputation for its live, uncut and interactive production style," says MuchMusic's Head of Programming Denise Donlan.

"Our last two Intimate & Interactive's with Bush and Silverchair happened on the evening of their worldwide release," adds Donlan, "and we're excited about taking the concept further with No Doubt."

HMV's Vice-President of Marketing Laura Bartlett says that such an event has never taken place before.

Vancouver, 100.3 The Bear in Edmonton, CJAY 92 in Calgary, C95 in Saskatoon, Q94 in Winnipeg, Mix 99.9 in Toronto, MAJIC 100 in Ottawa, MIX 96 in Montreal, 96.5 SUN FM Halifax, MAGIC 97 St. Johns. Best of luck.

"And it's not just about numbers," furthers Bartlett, "because theoretically it's one in-store being held in about half-a-dozen; and that's something entirely new."

While HMV staffers are readying themselves for the thousands of fans expected to storm through their doors for the chance to take part in this event, MuchMusic Interactive is setting the stage to host a live Online chat with No Doubt, following the I&I broadcast, from 10 to 10:30 p.m. (ET), 7 to 7:30 p.m. (PT). Fans can connect at www.muchmusic.com and on AOL, keyword: MuchMusic.

Stuart McAllister, HMV Chairman and CEO boasts that the music retailer "has always been on the cutting edge of creative and innovative promotions and this hi-tech event is another major example."

"It's extremely rewarding to be involved in an event featuring a band of No Doubt's current stature," says Randy Lennox, senior Vice-President and General Manager of Universal Music, "As (Tragic Kingdom) eclipses the 1 million mark in Canada and 11 million worldwide, we're thrilled that No Doubt are as innovative and enthusiastic as they were at the outset of this project."

COVER STORY - by Rod Gudino

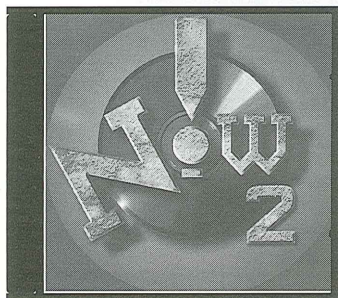
It's still a Personal Thing for Laura Smith

Strange how things happen sometimes. You have a contract with a label, get national distribution from a major and land a good reception at the hands of a fickle music industry. And when audiences respond in a way that materially justifies all of the hard work and high hopes you've invested into your work, you make the assumption that you're in the red indeed. Not so with Laura Smith, who accomplished all of the above in an astonishingly quick period of time with an outstanding album called B'Tween Earth And My Soul on Atlantica/Latitude distributed by EMI. But no sooner had she proven the commercial viability and obvious cross format appeal of her music that she switched labels, an event that might have been covert because of the lack of publicity that accompanied it.

"I'm waiting for the story to break, for the facts to come out in the local papers, before I talk about it in public. It's been real hard, I've kept my mouth shut over forty interviews. But I'm owed a lot of money and I don't know where it went to. It just vanished. If it wasn't for

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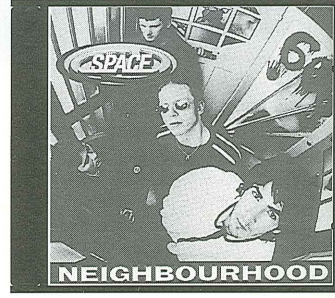
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2 Universal and my management company, I wouldn't be paying my rent."

That strange story has a few twists and turns and, as Smith says, not yet ready for print as this goes to press. Still, the turn of events finds the singer/songwriter enjoying her time with an adoring media, after the completion of *It's A Personal Thing*, her debut album on Universal Music.

"I had less time to do my work this time around," explains Smith. "The first thing I had to do was find out if I could write, could I go back to being Laura the writer after being Laura the media darling and touring musician, I was worried whether my work was still there, lying dormant waiting for me. When I started writing *My Gate's Wide Open* I found that place, I found where my work comes from and I knew that if I would just keep cultivating my quiet time, my privacy, my domesticity; as long as I could cook a meal for myself, make my bed, take care of my world, walk my dog, all those things, it would come out. That's where my work is, it's in

that quiet time."

A recluse and tragic emotional from her earliest memories, Smith naturally turned to poetry in her youth and music in her adolescence, the unison of which brought about songs with laboured under their emotional freight. She became infatuated with the incredible possibilities in theatre, which became her first redeemer and a focus around which she would fire her own public performances.

"I love the stage and I bring that love of being on the stage to my own work and I let my work go," she says. "Like theatre, you do have to let the words go, let the emotions go and give them to the audience."

Seemingly with no choice, Smith cultivated songs that were sometimes heart-rending and always heart-felt, songs that had the quality to bring utter silence during performances and standing ovations after the lingering dissipation of last notes.

An avowed fan of Joni Mitchell, whom she credits as teaching her that music was possible, Smith's work relies heavily on an acoustic guitar

and a voice that is inescapable in its honesty.

Songs like *Armistice Day*, the only track not entirely penned by the forty-two year old singer, which is already being singled out for its haunting melody and striking imagery. Other songs, *I'm A Beauty*, *Yes Harm Done* and *Liquid State*, reveal that for Smith, songwriting is still a personal thing.

"If you start young enough to filter life through a poetic sensibility, it just becomes natural," she says. "And I discovered poetry and music as a defense against being lonely. It's like always having a movie on, I was always able to create a world for myself, always. I am a very primitive poet, I've always felt to some extent that I'm alone."

Universal has opted for the upbeat title track to introduce the album to radio and early indications show that, as expected, the music has touched listeners and programmers, who have pushed *It's A Personal Thing* to #36 on RPM's Adult Contemporary chart. A favourite among folk festivals where she gained much of her early currency, Smith will again return to that circuit in which she is now a much sought after commodity. Appearances at the Tulip Festival on May 17, the Strawberry Festival in September included, will precede a national tour set for later in this year. Clearly, a growing number of people out there are finding value and solace in sharing Smith's *Personal Thing*.

Obituary

Impresario Paul Vincent dies suddenly at 46

Well-known broadcaster/manager Paul Vincent died suddenly at his home in Montreal on May 4. He was 46.

Mr. Vincent began his career in radio in 1969 as a DJ with CJMS Montreal. He quickly gained status as one of the more popular radio personalities in Montreal, which lasted through until 1981. A few years later he launched his own talent agency.

One of his first discoveries was New Brunswicker Roch Voisine, a 23-year old former Junior League hockey player, who had aspirations to become a singer/actor, but had no background in either field. Mr. Vincent took Voisine under his wing and got him the role of Danny Ross in the CBC miniseries, *Lance et Compte*. This important exposure literally opened doors for the young Voisine, who, two years later, won four Felix awards and was catapulted into international recording stardom with his release of *Hélène*. The English version also broke Voisine into the English-speaking world.

Voisine has admittedly been deeply affected by the tragic death of Mr. Vincent, his friend and manager, and would like to sincerely thank everyone who has tried to reach him to express their sympathy. However, he would appreciate the privilege of grieving in peace. He also stresses that he has "no judgement to make regarding Mr. Vincent's personal life, nor about the circumstances surrounding his death."

The passing of Mr. Vincent, who was omnipresent since the very beginning of Voisine's career, will obviously leave a major hole in his life. They were reportedly always in complete accord for every decision made regarding Voisine's career.

"Paul's life was not a long, placid river," said Voisine, "but rather a tremendous rushing torrent whose passions fed our imagination before flowing to the ocean to rest in peace."

The funeral for Mr. Vincent will be strictly private and was expected to be held in Montreal by week's end.

Ashley MacIsaac added to NY's Guinness Fleadh

The Guinness Fleadh (pronounced FLA) has added internationally-acclaimed Canadian fiddler Ashley MacIsaac plus a number of other name artists to its lineup.

The two-day Irish music and culture festival is scheduled for New York City's Randall Island (June 14 and 15), the first time the event has been held in North America (RPM - Feb. 17/97).

Also added to the lineup is Paula Cole, fiddler/singer Eleanor McEvoy, balladeer Luka Bloom, Davey Spillane of Riverdance, plus new Irish-influenced bands *Those Bleedin' Tulips*, *Something Happens*, and *Too Cynical To Cry*. MacIsaac is the only Canadian performer. More than 60 artists will play full sets with continuous performances on three stages from 11 am to 11 pm on both days.



Veruca Salt, in Toronto for a Maple Leaf Gardens date (April 17) were presented with a gold record for their *Outpost* album *Eight Arms To Hold You* by Universal's Ross Reynolds and Randy Lennox.



Jon Secada with Tower Records' Bob Zimmerman and Marie Salmon and EMI's Klaus Northmore (l) played a unique and intimate set to a packed house of industry people at Toronto's Xango (May 1).

WALT SAYS . . . !



Is a giant crumbling??? Once the most important listening post on the west coast, the station is changing dramatically, even as I write this. A longtime observer of Vancouver radio reminds us that the station is unsuccessfully making a transition, even to yanking a 25-year veteran off the air, and putting him on the shelf. Is this just another example of the deteriorating AM band? (EC: *Maybe AM listeners have been taken for granted for too long!!!*)

Profit's the name of the game!!! So U2 and the press-beleaguered promoter Michael Cohl are reaping "millions in interest." Cohl, through The Next Connection, his new tour company, put tickets for U2's PopMart tour on sale a year before the dates, and stands to make a pretty good interest return, from the bank or whatever, on this investment. It was a sure thing that U2 would sell out their dates, even have some shows added, like what will probably happen in Toronto, so why not make money on it? (EC: *A good question, but don't ask Cohl!!!*)

Ten stars for Xango!!! It's funny how a personally-delivered plateful of delicious shrimp can influence or change one's impression of a club/restaurant. The fact I was a little late getting to the Jon Secada party at Xango wasn't overlooked by the owner Trevor Berryman. Most of the gourmet delicacies had been inhaled by the hungry 100 who had preceded me, but Trevor was nice enough to fetch me a plate of shrimp that ranks up with the best. EMI's showplace dealmaker Steve McAuley was obviously happy with the crowd that was happy with the intimate concert laid on by Jon Secada and, of course, the chance to sample Xango's food. It's a handy location, if you happen to work downtown, and it's best if the reception begins at 6:30, after rush hour, so we might get lucky at a meter. Gotta do dinner at Xango some night before a ballgame. (EC: *They must have really looked after you this time!!!*)

My checkered past!!! I don't want anyone else calling me about the time I once wrote record reviews in Rustler, Elite, Crapper, Trapper (EC: *Vixen, Comet, Blitzen . . . let me think, Sleepy, Grumpy, Bashful and Dopey!!!*) Were all them porno magazines?

Pindrop time for Laura!!! I knew that if Laura Smith opened her show with Armistice Day, she'd have the industry people fighting back tears. She did it when I first saw her at Universal's showcase in Moncton, welcoming her to the label. Sure enough, the Reverb Room, packed with retailers, radio people and the press, was completely hushed as she went through her short set, a great sampling of her album. One radio guy said to me "how do

you slot a Laura Smith into our type of programming? Well, as Laura said during her set, "I'd like to see music return to radio," which was a pretty good answer for the struggling programmer. Why not slot Laura in any time of the day and let the listeners decide? There was a time when radio . . . forget it. (EC: *Maybe that's what's really missing at radio!!!*)

The gang's all there!!! Not that it's happening in Canada, but south of the border, not one, not two, but all six majors are on the hotseat over pricing policies. Apparently the Federal Trade Commission down there wants to find out more about what's referred to as "minimum advertising price," all of which has to do with allocating cooperative advertising dollars and free goods to retailers. There's some question about some or all the labels "creating an artificial floor" to prices. Sounds serious, but the FTC hasn't uncovered anything wrong with the business since the "payola" scandal which happened during the beginning of the rock 'n roll era. (EC: *Comforting news at best!!!*)

Another NAFTA barf!!! The American hard-on for Canadians is getting to be a bit of a pain in the ass. There's a new character coming out of the NAFTA closet with both guns blazing. Check out Charlene Barshefsky and her indignation over the proposed compensation to Canadian artists through that levy on blank tapes. The Americans want in on the payout The "neighboring Rights" thing is in there too. But if they want in on that, American broadcasters will have to do their own payout thing, but don't hold your breath on that one. It's pretty obvious that Barf and company have been told to keep up the pressure against those "self-serving" Canadians. Hey! If we keep barking at the Americans, we just might have trouble getting across the border, particularly for MIDEAL Latin America. (EC: *You had to mention that!!!*)

Testing??? Was a company testing the viability or feasibility of controlling this territory from outside the country? (EC: *I thought they did!!!*)

Gray power??? A highly-respected executive, who's initials will go unnoticed had an appointment with his doctor. Being a little hard of hearing, he took his wife with him. After the doctor examined him, he said I'll need a urine sample, a semen sample and a stool sample. Our executive turned to his wife and said "What did he say?" She said, "He wants your underwear! (EC: *There are no rules today for good taste!!!*)

They're gone again!!! That morning team, predicted, here a couple of weeks ago, to be getting closer and closer to the door, are out the door. They not only got their boss's nose out of joint, listeners were getting tired of their "on-the-edge" routine, which even attracted protests from some industry people. (EC: *You never know who's listening!!!*)

Where have they gone??? Looking back through RPM's archives, I was amazed at the number of Cancon recording artists who have come and gone over the past thirty-three and a third years. And I thought, wouldn't it be nice to find out if these people are still with us. And then I got a call from writer/researcher Rick Jackson down Kingston way. He's written two books already; The Encyclopedia of Canadian Country and Canadian Rock, Pop & Folk. And now he's digging even deeper and would like to hear from Terry Black, Patricia Dahlquist, Linda Lane, Joey Hollingsworth, Diane James, Rick Jackson and Susan Taylor. They all charted on RPM's charts away back when.

Anyone knowing where these people are Rick would be happy to hear from you. Call him at 613-546-2306. (EC: *Nice to see that someone really cares about the history of this business!!!*)

It's not fair!!! You know the old saying, "like taking candy from children?" One guy, who will remain nameless for the time being, has been taking "candy" from his artists for too long. Most of them have left him to go on to connect with REAL business people, but the wounds are pretty deep. One ex-abused artist is getting pretty vocal about it and their just might be fireworks happening soon. It's not just artists he's cheated. The list is growing. (EC: *It's always those who can least afford it who get hurt!!!*)

No chauvinist . . . Stan!!! If any of you think RPM's Stan Klees is a chauvinist, let me tell you about the day he led four females into the men's washroom at Maple Leaf Gardens. There was quite a stir at the cattle stalls when Klees, in a loud voice, announced "Someday, this whole country will have unisex washrooms." That beer commercial showing two guys at a urinal may indicate that the day is coming. (EC: *It's not a problem in Europe!!!*)

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Coca-Cola free concerts at Toronto's Harbourfront

Harbourfront Centre's Water's Edge Café on Toronto's harbour is home to free concerts and music workshops each Sunday during May and June. The concerts are sponsored by Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd.

Performers represent an eclectic mix of music styles under the banner of World Roots. The music styles range from Celtic to cumbia to klezmer and other traditional musics of the world. Scheduled for the May 4 edition was Toronto's Gauri Guha, an accomplished Indian classical vocalist, accompanied by Biswas Bhikney on tablas and her daughters Luna Guha on harmonium and Abhindanda on tamera. A new addition to the programme is Ron Korb and the Kappa Band featuring Japanese Canadian Ron Korb on a variety of flutes. He is accompanied by guitarist Ray Hickey Jr., drummer Larry Crowe and bassist Steve Bright. Also scheduled were appearances by members of the Silk Orchestra, including Pat Clemence, France Gauthier and George Gao.

Eric Andersen, the venerable American singer/guitarist, makes a rare Canadian appearance for the May 11 edition. This lyric-poet songwriter is one of the few remaining pioneers of the '60s singer/songwriter movement. He now lives in Norway.

Rebecca Campbell, Dave Wall and Justin Haynes share the stage for the May 18 & 19 dates which includes the Victoria Day Monday. The trio of vocalists Ottawa's Campbell who is a member

of Three Sheets to the Wind, and Wall, late of Bourbon Tabernacle Choir and now lead vocalist with the Flying BulgarKlezmer Band, and Ottawa guitarist Justin Haynes, come together as a new group in a program consisting mostly of jazz and gospel.

Slowpoke bring their Loosiana-style" of blues, ragtime, country and cajun to the Water's Edge Café for a May 25th concert. The band comprises multi-

Ron Hynes firmed for Free Times Cafe

Among the May and June feature performers at Toronto's Free Times Cafe is Ron Hynes, who recently released Face To The Gale, the first album on EMI Canada's new Artisan label.

Hynes will appear for three nights at the club (May 30-31 and June 1) which is located at 320 College Street. Godspeed, taken as the first single from his release, made impressive gains up both the RPM A/C chart and Country 100.

Other feature artists for May include Montreal's Steel Band (May 11), Ruth Jenkins, Roger Ellis, and Bros Deluxe (13), Crazy House and Utterly Sputter (14), Julie Bertrand (15), Marie-Lynn Hammond (16-17), Jewish Brunch with Medina and an evening showcase for The Benefit For Youth Challenge International (18), Ruth Frolic, Argh, Dale, Glen Hornblast (20), Surface To Sound

instrumentalists and vocalists Eddie Baltimore and Mitch Wallace, bassist/vocalist Bruce Longman and percussionist Paul Ballir.

Upcoming Coca-Cola concerts include the June 8 Northern Encounters co-presentation of Oliver Schroer, Maria Kalaniemi, Simonioni Keenianik and The Nordic Five for a free concert at Molson Place, Queens Quay West, and a June 22 date of Vietnamese traditional music with Kim Lee, which is presented as part of the Festival of Vietnamese Arts.

and Clay Tyson (21), 2nd Nature (22), Mike Farrell, lead singer of The Pariahs (23), Jewish Brunch with Gypsy Jive Band and evening performance with Larry Stanley and Mark Ripp, Jill Battson, Stan Rogal and Noah Leznoff in Words In Concert (27), EJ Scott, Jeff Jones and Sherry Maloney in the Songwriters Showcase (28), Marianne Girard, Donna Marchand and Alli Jennings (29) and the Gypsy Jive Band, in for the Jewish Brunch.

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FAX Facts

Toronto - Universal Music Canada has announced several new appointments, including that of Liz Doyle to the position of Manager, Electronic Media Marketing.

Doyle, who formally held the position of Ontario Marketing Representative, will be responsible for all aspects of Universal's marketing and promotion efforts with respect to electronic media.

Further to this appointment, it was announced that Paul Cormack will fill Doyle's former position of marketing rep, moving from the post of Customer Service Representative -- Ontario Branch.

Former Sunrise Records Assistant Manager Kirsten Johnson will be taking over the position of Customer Service Representative.

Toronto - A new label, Northern Heritage Music, dedicated to the celebration and preservation of Canada's musical past is to be launched this June as an offshoot of EMI Music Canada.

EMI Music Canada and its predecessor Capitol Records Canada have long been in the forefront of

the industry in the development of successful domestic musical talent. Early signings of bands like The Esquires and the Staccatos have given way to powerfully groundbreaking new artists Moist, I Mother Earth, The Rankin Family and Susan Aglukark as well as internationally-renowned superstars Tom Cochrane and Anne Murray.

Lonesome River, an anthology of singer/songwriter Gene MacLellan -- who was signed to Capitol in 1969 -- will mark the label's debut.

Toronto - A \$40 million class action lawsuit against four Mitsubishi companies was filed last week by Doug Barnett, a Toronto lawyer.

The companies in question, Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd., Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsubishi Canada Ltd. and Mitsubishi International Corporation, have been cited for offenses under Canada's Competition Act.

In a settlement with the federal government, the Mitsubishi companies pleaded guilty to all offenses, namely to driving prices artificially high through price fixing and by refusing to supply product to retailers who refused to increase prices -- known as price maintenance.

Concluding that it would be impractical for separate lawsuits when each individual's claim may only be for \$100 to \$300, Barnett has taken on the responsibility of filing the class action suit on a contingency fee basis -- meaning that any person wishing to participate in the class action need not pay any money upfront and only need pay any fees if the case is successful.

Doug Barnett can be contacted at www.consumeralert.com or (416) 253-0888.

Toronto - Outside Music has announced an exclusive distribution arrangement in Canada with Indica, a newly-formed label out of Montreal as well as an exclusive licensing arrangement with

Canadian artist Merlin.

Indica, formed by GrimSkunk and their manager Simon Galipeault, will represent a roster of Quebec-based bands as well as artist licence arrangements from France and will launch the label with the release of a GrimSkunk record.

Joining the Indica team is Mariana Gianelli as Marketing Coordinator and Kyria Kilakos as Label Manager.

Quebec-based artist Merlin's first Outside Music release, Viddy Well, Little Brother, is set for May and will appear on his Channel Three label imprint.

Toronto/Montreal - Quality Music is bringing Tommy boy recording artist Jocelyn Enriquez to Toronto and Montreal in support of her debut album Lovely.

Following an in-store May 15 at HMV in Waterloo, Enriquez will be in Toronto for a performance at The Docks in addition to a number of appearances at radio and television. May 16 sees Enriquez appearing on Electric Circus and performing at the Cell Block in Niagara Falls.

Montreal fans can check out Enriquez at Club Dome May 17 and at the Shock Night Club.

Toronto - BMG Music Canada and VIK records are pairing an all-out media blitz with a current tour by Vancouver-based hip hop group the Rascalz.

The Bring The Ruckus retail campaign, the biggest of its kind in Canadian music industry history, will cover print, radio and television and will be pairing the Rascalz with a number of big-name U.S. acts for a national tour that started in Victoria May 2.

The Alkaholics will kick off the Rascalz tour and will continue on to Vancouver May 3 with dates continuing in Calgary (5), Winnipeg (8), Saskatoon (9) and Edmonton (10). KRS-ONE will carry on with the group when they hit Toronto (May 16), Montreal (17) and Ottawa (18).



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What Julian Austin already knows

Prodigal son returns to his Country

by Rod Gudino

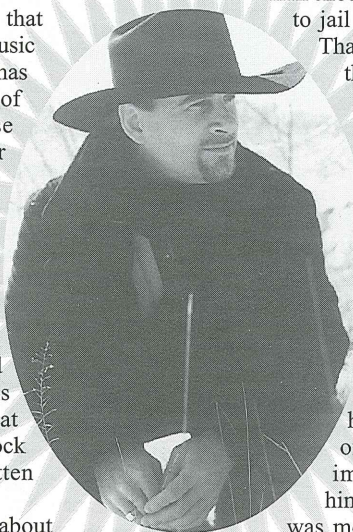
For all of the Bounty soft acts that come out of Nashville, country music has its dark streaks. The music has been known to attract its share of rebels and prodigal sons, those sinners who live hard, love harder and give air to their solace in the rambling chords of country's best music. Julian Austin is definitely one of this fold, a new kid on the block of the music biz who is certainly not new to adversity. He spent much of his twenties in bars and occasionally behind bars, which is why his BMG debut titled *What My Heart Already Knows* is chock full of stories of his misbegotten youth.

"The album is not totally about past personal experiences though there is a lot that touches on my past," says the thirty-three year old New Brunswick native. "I was just reckless and didn't care and I got in trouble with the law more

than enough times and in the end it just related to jail time due to a drug related offense. That was the crashing period in my life that turned me around."

Austin recovered, reconsidered and began songwriting again, continuing a hobby he had taken up when he was thirteen years old. The first few songs that emerged out of that turbulent time eventually culminated in a debut effort, aptly titled *Back On Track*. The natural talent was unmistakable on first listen, and landed the budding singer a Top 40 country hit before he entirely digested the implications of his first release. For his friends and immediate family, as much as for himself, that album revealed that there was more to this boy than booze and fist fights.

A long time fan of music, Austin recalls being initially drawn to rock and roll because of its double mix of aggression and rebellion. Groups like Led



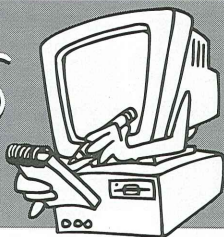
effort, despite indications that indie records get lost amidst the barrage of new music the labels receive at that time. The fates chose to smile on Austin one day, when

"Tracy Hooper had taken the tape to Anya Wilson and Anya really liked it and said we could track this guy's music, we could take his money or take him to BMG," he recalls. "So she took it to Ken Bain who took it to Keith Porteus. They liked it and in April they were flying to Fredericton, New Brunswick to see my showcase. Four and a half months later there was a signing."

Which brings us up to the present; a stellar country album called *What My Heart Already Knows*, an opening slot on Michelle Wright's Canadian tour and a lot of excitement from his label, who have put the promotional muscle on *Little Ol' Kisses*, his first single. While it is immediately obvious that Austin has come a long way, it couldn't be further from the truth that he has even remotely forgotten about his checkered past. There is something about him that seems intent on making up for lost time. Austin is heading into his third year -- his first as honorary spokesperson and chairperson -- of involvement with the Ride For Sight in support of finding a cure for Retinitis Pigmentosa. Closer to home, he has also devoted time to the Children's Wish Foundation and

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NET NOTES



AudioNetCanada plugs in the music biz

<http://www.audionetcanada.com>

AudioNet, the first company to capitalise on streamline technology on the 'net has teamed up with ACC NetMedia to supply an Internet broadcaster devoted to Canadian content. Already they've made waves with their on-line versions of the Juno Awards and the East Coast Music Awards, and are now targeting Canadian radio to expand their already sizeable broadcast network, which currently provides live continuous broadcasts of over 175 radio and television stations across North America.

Still a touch and go affair with the music industry's corporate heads, the Internet has lots of room to shake its bottom rung promotional tag, this according to Vince Alexander, AudioNet Canada's product manager and graduate of RPM Journalism 101.

"There's never been a player like us," says Alexander. "I don't think any Canadian company has worked with Audio-net. "You know the CBC, they may have a RealAudio server that 400 people listen to and 400 people doesn't get a record company excited."

For their part, AudioNet is getting dibs on the bigger numbers through a network which supports some 16,500 listeners at any given time. But Alexander says that the music industry won't get excited until numbers breach the million mark, which is around the corner for the company, courtesy of a neat little device called IP multi-casting.

"One stream currently goes to one user,"

explains Alexander, "but what's going to happen is that one stream is going to be split at this end into as many as you can possibly imagine. Streams are going to become unlimited with millions of people with them."

Until said time when multi-casting is brought in, AudioNet continues to target radio for the brunt of its programming. Responsive radio stations have taken their programming to the Internet's global audience and even expanded to accommodate the advantages of the Internet. Toronto's Q-107, for example, has teamed with AudioNet to explore the concept of archiving entire shows and unedited versions of their classic Six'O'Clock Rock Report interviews.

"One of the things that we can achieve that radio can't really, is get into the office 9 to 5 where you have a captive audience and the majority of people in offices have computers and they can get to the 'net," says Alexander. "So they can actually go to 680, Q-107, CHUM, whatever and listen to it, close their browser down -- they're only using a little application called RealAudio -- and listen to it all day. You also have that untapped market that radio gets excited about."

Taking a lead from its parent company in the US, AudioNet Canada is also concentrating on developing its digital jukebox, a concept that is expected to significantly increase traffic at the free accessed site and interest majors to the marketing potential of the net. Reactions, once again, have been irresolute.

"I'm finding the same resistance now to a point - I haven't really talked to the majors that much but I have a feeling and based on conversations that

I've had that they're concerned and I'm trying to get those concerns away," says Alexander. "But what's going to happen in ten years when everyone has access to technology which is ten times quicker, you're going to have perfect audio and perfect broadcast CD quality audio. My question is, is the industry going to adapt to that and start marketing? Because you know commerce on the Internet is going to expand in the next couple of years. That's what I think companies are going to have to face."

As it stands, the majors continue to shy away from any serious foray into the Internet, providing a token 5% of the 1100 titles available on AudioNet's digital juke (the remaining 95%, not surprisingly, is accounted for by independent music). While Alexander is betting that the tide will eventually turn, he has his sights set on faster technology, not the attitudes of the majors. He agrees that higher speeds are required to finally legitimise the Internet as a tool powerful enough to take on the rigours of marketing and distribution before the music industry can look at it seriously.

"The quality is still not there," says Alexander. "Everything's going through 28,800 [baud rate] right now, not that many people have ISDNs, and even then the CD quality is iffy at this point in time."

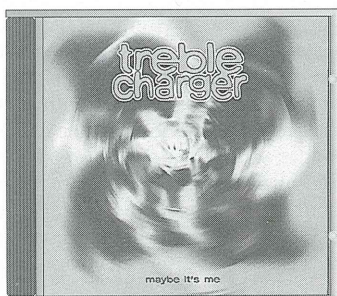
The interim finds AudioNet growing as a music industry promotional force. Successful netcasts for important industry events such as the Junos and the ECMAs have given the company credit as substantial player and even The Blue Jays are considering getting broadcasting their entire season. The site maintains its impressive live concert broadcasts with the upcoming Roadside Attraction show on the August long weekend. Besides radio, video has also responded, with over one hundred and eighty video stations on-line which Alexander expects will play a "big part" in AudioNet Canada's development over the next year and recent discussions have also teamed the company with CD-Plus for a worldwide Internet based retail force. Look for further developments in this column.

New Releases



DEB MONTGOMERY -Alternative
Fear
Jacob's TaLe Productions-Independent
Quebec native Deb Montgomery looks out from the cover of her debut album to a world of blue with the word FEAR neatly stencilled across the pupil of her eye. For all of its obvious simplicity, it is an arresting cover beneath which lies an arresting album. Fear opens up with The Tale, a plodding daydream of a track with a powerful, hypnotic chorus that quickly establishes Montgomery's strength as a songwriter and as a developing singer. We do not say developing out of diplomacy but out of regard for the vocal characterizations which her songs demand and which the singer is clearly still in the process of cultivating. Montgomery's initial forays into music garnered enough attention in the artistic community to obtain her a collection of solid musicians and a production credit from Bob Wiseman (Hayden). The results are significant, with influences rooted in Sarah McLachlan which are shaken to greater and lesser degrees over the eleven tracks, often leaning towards a solo acoustic guitar. The avant garde stuff impressed us the most; songs like Old Doll, Love Rocks You and Yellow Pages. The title track seems to have been recorded around a campfire with a lonesome harmonica intro that gives way to a warm progression despite cold weather from the lyrics. That's the kind of effect that we're talking about here and that is why you should listen to this disc. -RG

TREBLE CHARGER -Pop/Alternative
Maybe It's Me
Smokin' Worm/ViK 47023-N
Treble Charger is one of those bands involved in the paradox of trying hard to remain true to its independent vision while cranking out the most commercial sort of pop/rock in existence. They have, in their imagined fierce individualism, resisted hard on offers from the



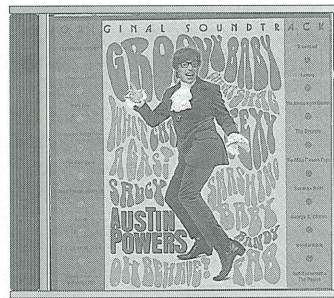
labels, settling only for distribution from BMG which promptly made them a ViK label priority. The band and resulting album, their first under the label, stands to benefit a great deal from advance posterity, teaser ads, a blanket media run and a strong push for Friend Of Mine which is being serviced as the relatively quirky, rock-edged first single. The album remains faithful to a pop/alternative genre the band helped popularise with their hugely successful Self=Title, a sound that has the pop simplicity of The Beatles at heart despite yawning guitar leads and crashing cymbals. All of which should make their rapidly growing fans quite happy and Treble Charger a band difficult to ignore over the next year. While Mercury Smile and Forever Knowing could follow close at the heels of Friend Of Mine, it's Stupid Thing To Say and Ever She Flows that serve as the album's crowning achievements and guarantee endurance. Effortless is the word, undoubtedly the working principle of BMG's promotional staff as they work this to radio and the key for this band going from big to bigger. Darn impressive. -RG

HART ROUGE -Folk
Beaupré's Home
Highway 13 Musique 0297-Independent
With sensibilities coming all the way from Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan (where band members grew up) to Quebec, Hart Rouge cover a fairweathered variety of music from the Canadian heartland. Having had their initial breakthrough on the Canadian folk festival circuit as Folle Avoine, Michelle, Paul



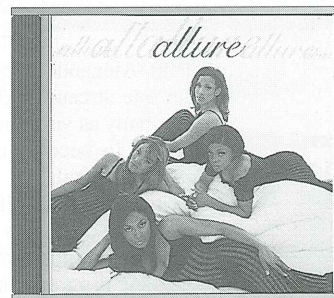
and Suzanne Campagne changed their name and went on to expand on their folk roots over six albums, delving into anything from gospel music to an a capella cover of Neil Young's Helpless. Their newest effort presents a succinct history of their songwriting career with songs sung in English, Spanish, French and Mic Mac, benefiting in all instances from strong vocal work and rich harmonies. Haunted by the shadow of Edouard Beaupré, the "Willow Bunch Giant" who died on the road and was buried in his hometown nearly a century later and to whom this album is dedicated, Beaupré's Home travels over well worn roads of memory and loss, looking ever forward in its thirteen instances of quiet reverie. This album simply mirrors the songwriting talent that has also proven itself on Carmen Campagne's career, who has become Canada's top selling children's performer on the strength of this songwriting team. A beautiful album that imparts joy amidst its sadness. -RG

AUSTIN POWERS -Soundtrack
Various Artists
Hollywood 62112-Q
Absolutely smashing baby! With a plot right out of the Twilight Zone meets Saturday Night Live, Mike Myers' Austin Powers -- a swinging '60s photographer by day and secret agent by night who is cryogenically frozen during the height of the sexual revolution and re-animated in 1997 -- is full of enough sight gags and silly catch phrases to boost box office receipts back up to where they were during his Wayne's World reign. And with artists like Burt Bacharach teaming up with The Posies, this soundtrack captures the



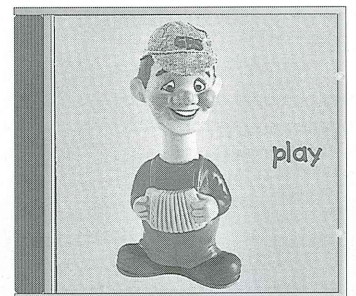
goofy essence of the era as well as the film. As he is prone to do with all his films, Myers has included a postcard home to Canada with his inclusion of Quincy Jones' Soul Bossa Nova -- better know to Canadian game show fans as the theme to Definition. As well Myers reunites with fellow Canadian (and former MuchMusic VJ) Chris Ward and joins Susanna Hoffs and Matthew Sweet as Ming Tea to perform BBC, a track already in rotation at Much. In addition to such classics of the time as Incense And Peppermints by the Strawberry Alarm Clock, a number of more recent tracks are included with Space's Female Of The Species and the Divinyls early-'90s hit I Touch Myself. -LT

ALLURE -Pop/R&B
Allure
Crave 67848-H
As the first release from Mariah Carey's newly-formed Crave records hits the record stores, folks over at Sony probably aren't even the slightest bit concerned with whether or not it will sell. Look at the ingredients: four impossibly beautiful women (Alia Davis, Laila McLean, Linnie Belcher and Akissa Mendez) with siren-like vocal harmonies, a single written and co-produced (along with Track Masters Poke and Tone) by Carey herself, and a number of collaborations with such artists as Mary J. Blige, LL Cool J, Nas



and Wu Tang Clan member Raekwon. A pretty tasty combination however you choose to look at it. Head Over Heels, the first single, is already a hit with the MuchMusic crowd due to its Diane Martel-directed video that features cameos by Bryce Wilson of Groove Theory, Q-Tip from A Tribe Called Quest and Onyx's Sticky Fingaz. R&B quartet 112 adds some hardcore harmony to the track All Cried Out, a song that was a top-ten hit for Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam back in '86, while the aforementioned Blige lends a hand in writing and arranging two standout numbers, When You Need Someone and You're Gonna Love Me. -LT

GREAT BIG SEA -Celtic/Pop
Play
Warner 18592-P
Lard tunderin' Jesus, these guys never take a break! Looking at all that Great Big Sea have accomplished, it's hard to believe that they've only been on the scene for a scant four years. Sold-out concerts across the country, Juno nominations, two ECMA Entertainer of the Year awards, a successful tour of England and Scotland and the honour



of being invited to perform at the Cambridge Folk Festival merely mark a start in their career, according to the Newfoundland natives. Fans of the band's raucous live show will be happy to see that Play, their third release, includes a number of songs that have become crowd-pleasers over the last tour. Their heavy-handed folk sound is still the focus with this album, be it with new arrangements of traditional pieces or with original compositions, and the first single, When I'm Up (I Can't Get Down), reflects the energy captured in their live performances. Danny Greenspoon was once again called on for his production expertise along with

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ALBUM PICK

HEADSTONES -Alternative
Smile & Wave
Universal 81048-J
With an opening track that should, by rights, claim an immediate stake on alternative radio, Headstones blast off a sturdy song list from their long awaited third effort. Expecting the highest of expectations that the gold selling Picture Of Health and Teeth & Tissue have heaped on them, the boys have risen to the challenge to deliver a hard rock motored song vehicle with riff powered pistons bought at the same place where Stone Temple Pilots got theirs. Thirteen songs into Smile & Wave and Headstones barely take the time to take a breath between pauses in the avalanche of chunky guitar and gut driven, gut wrenching vocals. Johnny Rotten lookalike Hugh Dillon has made a name in Bruce McDonald's films playing himself with the possibility of bigger things following a meeting with Quentin Tarantino, but it's obvious that draining his pipe into a microphone is his first passion. Backing by a chord hungry Trent Carr and a driving low end from Tim White and Dale Harrison, Smile & Wave headbutts smack on target of the classic album. Innovation, intelligent lyrics and incredible versatility should smoke this album into top retail status merely on the buying power of the cool-conscious heavy alternative fan. Tragically Hip: meet your successors. -RG



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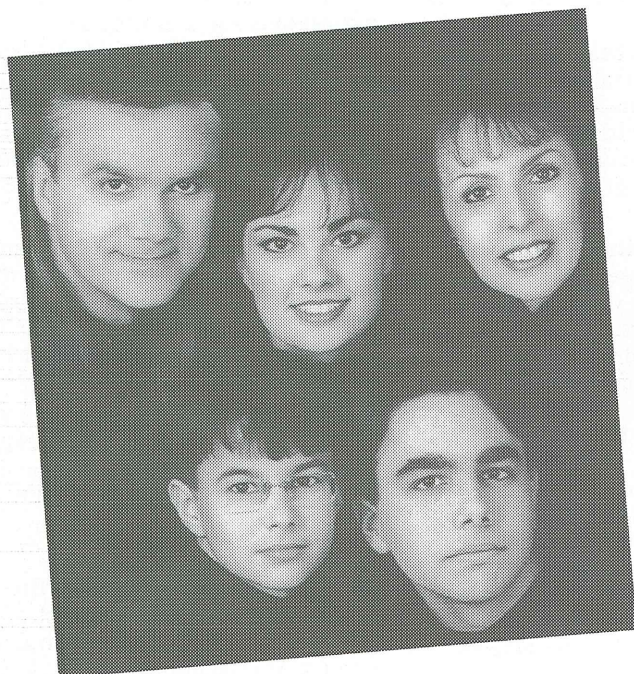
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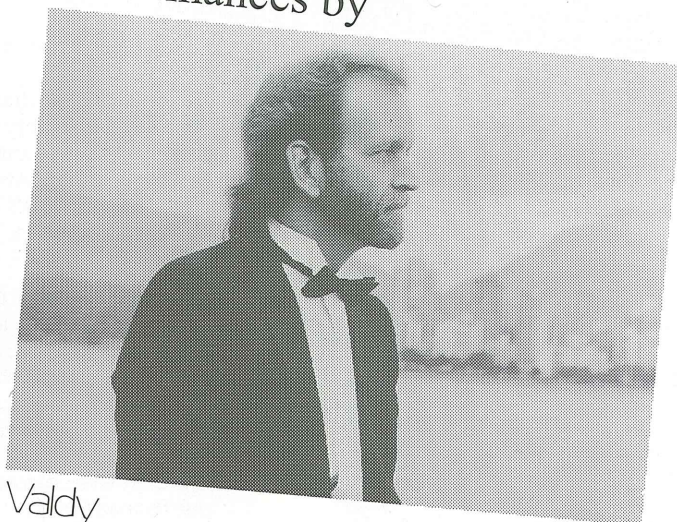
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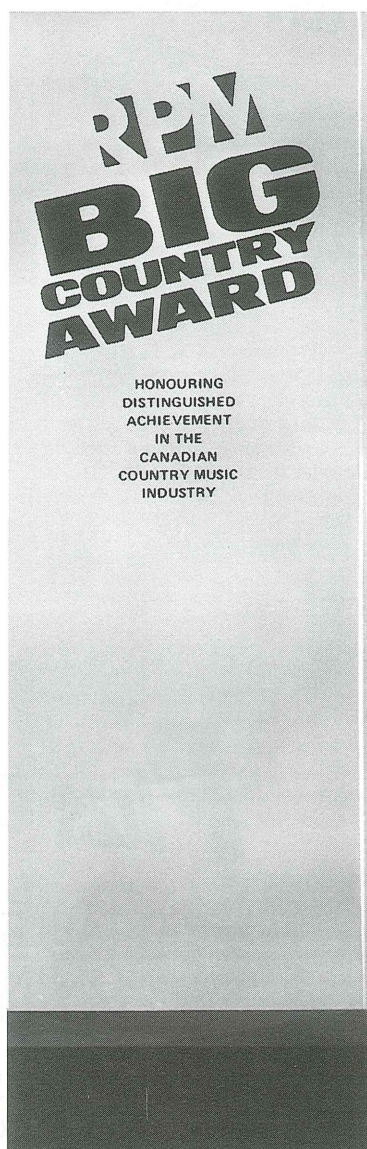
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Q: What are the Big Country Awards?

A: It all began as a two-day conference in September of 1973. In 1975, the first Big Country Awards banquet was held in the Café de L'Auberge of Toronto's Inn on the Park. Subsequent award banquets were held in Edmonton, Ottawa, Regina, Toronto, and Winnipeg. This marks the 22nd anniversary of the awards.

Q: Are there two events on this weekend?

A: A charity luncheon is held on Friday May 30 when the Variety Club salutes Big Country and Canadian country music. Two days later the Big Country Awards banquet takes place at which time BBS television cameras cover the announcement and presentation of the awards.

Q: How are the nominees picked?

A: The nominations are based on chart action in RPM during the previous year. The ballots are mailed to RPM subscribers. This system allows for a good mix of voters and makes it less possible for groups or blocks to influence the votes.

Q: Do the awards feature musical performances?

A: The Variety luncheon does. The Sunday night awards dinner is followed by the opening of the envelopes and the announcement of the winners. The event is designed to be an industry get-together, a chance to network industry VIPs. It's a very unique evening set aside for the industry.

Q: Are meetings and conferences a part of the event?

A: No. We believe there are enough conferences throughout the year and there really isn't a need for more. There is a greater need for industry camaraderie.

Q: How many categories are there?

A: There are 14 categories. The Big Country Awards are very prestigious and we limit the number each year. It brings greater importance to each award.

Q: How long have the awards been televised?

A: This is the sixth year of television. The show is an inside look at a closed industry event. The public will have a look behind the scenes at an industry event. The show will be taped on Sunday evening (June 1) and aired at a later date, coast-to-coast on the BBS Network.

Q: Isn't \$100 per person a little expensive for a banquet?

A: Once the \$100 is paid (plus GST), that's it. There are no other charges for drinks or wine at the table. The evening will be a posh affair in a very elegant setting designed to bring prestige to the Canadian country music industry. It's an event for the industry.

Q: What about tickets?

A: After you have ordered and paid for your tickets, they can be picked up at the Variety luncheon or they will be waiting at the door if you wish. **TICKETS ARE NECESSARY!** Cocktails are at 7 pm and dinner is at 8 pm. Dress elegant chic, not black-tie.

Q: Is it possible to reserve a table?

A: Yes. Tables of 10 can be reserved ahead if you get a group together and arrange that they will all pay in advance. Mail all payments in the same envelope. We must have all names in advance.

Q: Is it possible to pay at the door?

A: Definitely not! For an event of this kind, advance planning makes it impossible to arrange any additional meals. You must be confirmed at least four days prior to the banquet.

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Seamus, Kyle and Stuart MacNeil of the Barra MacNeils and Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor and Jim Cuddy for a bit of musical flourish. In addition to both the original and the weather-worn tracks on Play, a cover of R.E.M.'s End Of The World stands out as the album's most interesting moment. -LT

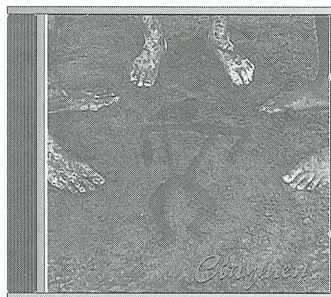
CLAYMEN

-Pop/Worldbeat

Claymen

PR 1001-Primitive Records

Claymen is vocalist/bassist Keel, vocalist/percussionist Waleed Abdulhamid and drummer Peter Maniatis, a Toronto-based trio drawn from a burgeoning worldbeat scene, who take cultural exoticism a step further with their own mainstream pop sound. This, their debut album, has a fresh sound that evokes



imagery both stark and beautiful from highly-charged lyrics that float effortlessly across romantically primitive beats and melodies. The 11 tracks found here are all originals, written by Keel, and seem to reinforce the theory that music truly is universal. The cross-cultural sounds are injected with just enough pop-rock grooviness to draw in listeners who may not be altogether familiar with the worldbeat genre - but the sound never borders commercialism. Although Claymen was officially launched in late 1996 with several dates in Toronto, a video and impending tour should solidify a following for this unique Canadian band. -LT

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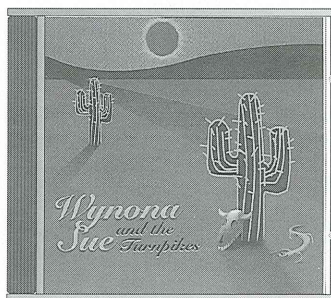
-Country Rock

& THE TURNPIKES

Self-titled

Tomcat-96702

Wynona Sue Turnpike (aka Barbara Chamberlin) is based on a character created by Greg Wild. A clever hook, but what's in the grooves is important, a much better hook. The



opening is a 35 second a cappella message titled The Thrill Of It All, which lays the foundation for the unravelling of an exhaustive and exciting country agenda that's spiced with enough rock to make the package a complete listening adventure. A 4:12 reprise of Thrill Of

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Alzheimer's.

"I hope someday that I can be an influence to troubled kids," he says. "I was one, I surely know what it's like. So I think when I'm in the position to help I would definitely like to get involved and help the kids take a better path in life if they're going down a wrong one."

It All, caps the program. From Cow Cow Strut through Mexico, the first single, and Bye Baby Bye, all solo penning by Chamberlin, to El Rancho Seco and I've Been Dreamin, written by Chamberlin and producer Bill Buckingham, the vocal intensity weaves a message of lyric awareness that gives the message a special meaning. Recorded at Impact Sound and BB Studios. All tracks are four-parts MAPL. Management Jeff Parry in Calgary. Distributed by St. Clair Entertainment 514-339-2732. -WG

GRANDMA IZABELLA

-Novelty-Pop

Que Sera Sera

TM-2002

It's rather difficult to pinpoint the entertainment equation with this release, but it's there. Vocally, Izabella (Wallace) surrounds herself with her own charm and, it does rub off. The title track is a classic example of her own kind of spin that revives memories of this great hit from the past. It's also evident on That's My Desire, That's Amoré and most definitely on the Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar penning of Wind Beneath My Wings. Grandma ain't no Bette



Midler, but the warmth she exudes here is more than ample for this mind-relaxer. In fact, Grandma's whole approach remains within the relaxing parameters. And, considering she is a legitimate grandma, and mom's day is coming up, that important age group of 35 to whatever can certainly relate to this grandma/mom and the honesty she displays in her interpretation of these well-worn works. Also check out Cole Porter's Begin The Beguine and It's A Miracle, written by producer Gene Williams. The novelty factor aside, Grandma Izabella has a genuine appeal that's only a listen away to be appreciated. Available by calling 514-825-2491. -WG

CHICK COREA

-Jazz

& Friends

Remembering Bud Powell

Stretch-9012

Thoughts of mortality touched us while listening to Chick Corea paying and playing tribute to Bud Powell who was one of his early influences. Powell was among the first and arguably the best of pianists who gave credibility to bop. His attack was firm and his up-tempo-right-hand-lines, almost as ornate as were those of Art Tatum toward the close of his career. He was also no mean composer and it's his songs, save only one by Corea that are performed here. Are they performed well? Oh yes! Corea is never less than excellent and he's given sterling support by the accompanying musicians. It must be understood however, that he's covering Powell songs, not emulating him or even trying. To enjoy the album to the utmost try to forget the name of the principal composer and listen only for Corea. -BW

Top Selling Albums

The top-selling albums compiled from a national sample of retail store and rack sales reports collected, compiled and provided by

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1	NEW	NOW! 2	Various Artists (Warner) 35296	35	45	9	JONNY LANG	Lie To Me (A&M) 00640	68	62	31	BLACKSTREET	Another Level (Interscope) INTSD 90071
2	1	21	SPICE GIRLS	36	37	13	THE OFFSPRING	Ixnay On The Hombre (Columbia) 67810	69	63	7	DJ CLUB MIX VOL. 11	Various Artists (PolyTel) 40090
3	3	15	OUR LADY PEACE	37	34	7	WHITE TOWN	Women In Technology (Chrysalis) 56129	70	126	4	SYALVAIN COSSETTE	Blanc (Select) 70716
4	2	3	SAVAGE GARDEN	38	40	31	LEANN RIMES	Blue (Curb) 77821	71	82	5	LES SCHTROUMPS VOL. 2	Various Artists (Select) 79334
5	7	30	BACKSTREET BOYS	39	46	31	MOIST	Creature (EMI) 7243 8 36188	72	73	25	EVITA O.S.T.	Various Artists (Warner Bros.) 46346
6	8	31	AMANDA MARSHALL	40	38	24	BUSH	Razorblade Suitcase (Interscope) 90091	73	72	31	ELTON JOHN	Love Songs (MCA) 11481
7	5	6	HIT ZONE 3	41	35	31	BECK!	Odelay (Geffen) 248231	74	70	11	LOST HIGHWAY O.S.T.	Various Artists (Interscope) 90090
8	4	2	MARY J. BLIGE	42	39	11	ERYKAH BADU	Baduizm (MCA) 53027	75	67	6	WARREN G	Take A Look Over Your (DefJam) 37499
9	11	31	NO DOUBT	43	36	2	BEE GEES	Still Waters (PolyGram) 37302	76	75	31	I MOTHER EARTH	Scenery And Fish (Capitol) 32919
10	14	9	U2	44	68	6	JON SECADA	Secada (EMI) 55897	77	92	2	BEST KIDS DANCE	Groove Club Kid (Popular) 83119
11	6	22	WALLFLOWERS	45	33	12	MASSIVE DANCE HITS Vol. 2	Various Artists (Warner Bros.) 83100	78	100	31	TRAINSPOTTING O.S.T.	Various Artists (EMI) 37190
12	9	31	CELINE DION	46	41	31	SHERYL CROW	Sheryl Crow (A&M) 314 540 587	79	77	5	LOVE ME DOWN 2	Various Artists (Ariola) 45230
13	10	5	MADE IN THE '80S	47	57	6	KISS	Greatest Hits (Polytel) 534725	80	71	29	COUNTING CROWS	Recovering The Satellites (DGC) 24975
14	12	25	SPACE JAM O.S.T.	48	43	12	VERUCA SALT	Eight Arms To Hold You (Geffen) 30001	81	58	46	CELINE DION	Live A Paris (Columbia) 80238
15	15	3	CHEMICAL BROTHERS	49	44	13	MARK MORRISON	Mark Morrison (Warner Bros.) 17252	82	87	6	ELIZABETH BLOUIN	Un Monde Merveilleux (Select) 9333
16	13	3	DEPECHE MODE	50	51	13	SILVERCHAIR	Freak Show (Epic) 67905	83	65	8	SELENA O.S.T.	Various Artists (EMI Latin) 55535
17	18	7	AEROSMITH	51	42	2	DELERIUM	Karma (NTW) 30113	84	105	25	ROD STEWART	If We Fall In Love Tonight (Warner Bros.) 46452
18	16	31	JEWEL	52	61	2	CLUB CUTZ 8	Various Artists (Ariola) 45775	85	97	8	MICHAEL FLATLEY	Lord Of The Dance (PolyTel) 533757
19	17	8	COLLECTIVE SOUL	53	47	18	GINUWINE	Ginuwine... The Bachelor (Epic) 67685	86	84	23	FOXY BROWN	Ill Na Na (Def Jam/Mercury) 33684
20	21	31	TONI BRAXTON	54	53	12	BETTE MIDLER	Greatest Hits (Warner) 80667	87	116	8	ZACHARY RICHARD	Cap Enrage (Select) 71093
21	19	13	1997 GRAMMY NOMINEES	55	60	11	BLUR	Blur (EMI) 55562	88	93	31	BUSH	Sixteen Stone (Interscope) 92531
22	25	6	THE SAINT O.S.T.	56	52	31	ALANIS MORISSETTE	Jagged Little Pill (Maverick) 45901	89	78	31	BIG SUGAR	Hemi-Vision (A&M) 40600
23	22	22	MUCHMUSIC BIG SHINY TUNES	57	NEW	INDIGO GIRLS	Shaming Of The Sun (Epic) 67891	90	86	28	WESTSIDE CONNECTION	Westside Connection (Virgin) 42505	
24	24	4	GROSSE POINT BLANK O.S.T.	58	56	12	LEANN RIMES	Early Years (Curb) 77856	91	123	3	TOUS UNIS CONTRE LE SIDA - L'ALBUM	Artistes Varies (Select) 31997
25	20	3	INXS	59	55	20	GROOVE STATION 3	Various Artists (Ariola) 43119	92	99	30	112	112 (Bad Boy) 73009
26	26	6	NOTORIOUS B.I.G.	60	75	31	SHANIA TWAIN	The Woman In Me (Mercury) 314 522 886	93	102	6	MATCHBOX 20	Youself Or Someone Like You (Lava) 92721
27	27	7	DAFT PUNK	61	50	2	PENNYWISE	Full Circle (Epitaph) 86489	94	130	3	GUITAR MUSIC FOR SMALL ROOMS	Various Artists (Warner) 35193
28	23	11	LIVE	62	54	24	ROCH VOISINE	Kissing Rain (RV International) 51418	95	80	8	MUGGS PRESENTS...THE SOUL...	Various Artists (Columbia) 66820
29	32	2	GEORGE STRAIT	63	59	7	THE SIMPSONS	Songs In The Key Of S (Atlantic) 72723	96	82	26	TERRI CLARK	Just The Same (Mercury) 32879
30	31	27	DEANA CARTER	64	66	30	MARILYN MANSON	Antichrist Superstar (Nothing/Interscope) 90086	97	122	31	KEVIN PARENT	Pigeon D'Argile (Select) 74507
31	29	11	THE TARANTINO CONNECTION	65	49	2	HEAVY D	Waterbed Hev (Uptown) 53033	98	104	31	METALLICA	Load (Elektra) 61923
32	30	10	DANCE MIX USA '97	66	64	27	JAMIROQUAI	Travelling Without Moving (Columbia) 91109	99	69	2	ERASURE	Cowboy (Maverick) 46631
33	48	2	YANNI	67	74	3	ROMEO & JULIET O.S.T. VOLUME 2	Various Artists (EMI) 55567	100	103	31	BRYAN ADAMS	18 Til I Die (A&M) 00551
34	28	27	ROMEO & JULIET O.S.T.										
			Various Artists (EMI) 37715										

COUNTRY

Farmer's Daughter's new video, Now That I'm On My Own, was also dropped off by Paul Cormack. The video is expected to go into heavy rotation at CMT. The single bursts up the RPM Country 100 this week to #40 from #64, the biggest mover this week.

SOCAN #1 plaques were presented recently in Nashville to Prairie Oyster's Joan Besen and Charlie Major. Besen's plaque was for Oyster's release of Unbelievable Love, which topped the RPM Country 100 on Nov. 11/96. The song, which is featured on the band's Arista release, Blue Plate Special, was written by Besen. This was her first SOCAN #1 plaque, presented to her at The Bound'ry in Nashville on April 15 by Kent Sturgeon, Director of SOCAN's Vancouver office. Major's #1 plaque, his seventh, was for It's Lonely I Can't Stand, a song he wrote with Barry Brown and which is included on his Lucky Man album, released by Arista. The song hit #1 on The RPM Country 100 on May 13/96. SOCAN was finally able to catch up with Major at a dinner held at The Bound'ry in Nashville on April 15/97 where SOCAN's Lynne Foster, Manager of Member Services made the presentation. (see photos below)

Lonestar's new single is actually titled Come Cryin' To Me, not HeartBroke Very Day, as listed as a NEW entry last week. The new single is included on a BNA promo comp, along with seven other tracks, and our advanced computer, for some unknown reason picked out Heartbroke, which had already been up and down the chart. The new song was written by John Rich, Wally Wilson and Mark D. Sanders, and is included on their upcoming self-titled album, produced by Don Cook and Wally Wilson. The single jumps up to #74 this week from #97.

KC Jones has the second most added single with Hearts Were Bound, the title track from their Pairadice album entering the chart at #91. The song, which is four-parts Canon, is a an original from

the band's guitarist Eldon Schoenroth, who also supplies lead and harmony vocals. The other two members are Ryan Pugh (lead and harmony vocals, guitar and harmonica), and Glen Ireland (lead and harmony vocals, bass). The band's product is available by calling 403-457-0011.

Michael Terry makes a return to the charts, this time with Sometimes World, a song which he wrote with Paul Hotchkiss and Randall Cousins. The trio also produced the track which enters the chart at

#93. The track is included on RotoNoto's latest CD compilation entitled Website. Terry, an American, who records in Canada, is given a vocal assist on the track by Jett (Edson). Cousins, who heads up the RotoNoto label, says this release is really firing up with country programmers.

BMG's promo guy Dale Peters has gone crazy over The Essential Series. "There's stuff here that'll blow everybody's mind, whether they're country or not," he says. The series of 20 albums represents

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COUNTRY PICKERS

JANET TRECARTEN

CISS-FM - Toronto
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

BOB PRESTON

Q91/NorNet - Drumheller
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

GARTH STONE

MX 92.1FM - Regina
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

RAY BERGSTROM

CFMK-FM - Kingston
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

DOUG ANDERSON

Y105 - Ottawa
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

DAN MITCHELL

CKCQ/Cariboo Country - Quesnel
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

WADE WILLEY

CKRM - Regina
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

CHUCK REYNOLDS

CHYR - Leamington
It's Your Love - Tim McGraw/Faith Hill

JAMES RICHARDS

CHAT - Medicine Hat
Til You Love Somebody - Amy Sky

BRUCE LEPPERRE

CKDM - Dauphin
I Want The Fairytale - Giselle

RICK KELLY

CKKN-FM - Prince George
One, Two I Love You - Clay Walker

RICK FLEMING

CKQM-FM - Peterborough
Don't Love Make A Diamond - Tracy Byrd

CAL GRATTON

CJVR - Melfort
A Dozen Red Roses - Joan Kennedy

COLIN McAULAY

CFCY - Charlottetown
Let It Rain - Shirley Myers

FRANK McGWIRE

1150 KIX - Brandon
Come Cryin' To Me - Lonestar

PHIL KALLSEN

CKRY-FM - Calgary
You Ain't Lonely Yet - Big House

PETE WALKER

KX96FM - Durham
One Two, I Love You - Clay Walker

STEVE JONES

CFQM-FM - Moncton
All The Good Ones Are Gone - Pam Tillis



Also at The Bound'ry, Charlie Major receives his #1 plaque from SOCAN's Lynne Foster for his #1 hit It's Lonely I Can't Stand, an RPM chart-topper on May 13/96.



In Nashville at The Bound'ry, SOCAN's Kent Sturgeon and Lynne Foster present #1 plaque to Prairie Oyster's Joan Besen for Unbelievable Love, Oyster's #1 hit on Nov. 11/96.

REVEAL

100 COUNTRY TRACKS

Canada's Only National 100 Country Survey

Record Distributor Codes:

BMG - N EMI - F Universal - J Quality - M
Polygram - Q Sony - H Warner - P Koch - K

Artist/Album Title/Where to find it
(Songwriter) Producer (Label)

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1	2	8	ONE NIGHT AT A TIME George Strait/Carrying Your Love With Me/comp 2-J (E.B. Lee/E. Kilgallon/R. Cook) T. Brown/G. Strait (MCA)	35	37	8	FAR CRY FROM LEAVIN' Terry Kelly/Title track/comp 7-F (T. Kelly/R. Hynes) F. King (Gunn)	68	74	6	I ONLY GET THIS WAY WITH YOU Rick Trevino/Learning As You Go/comp 344-H (D. Loggins/A. Ray) S. Buckingham/D. Johnson (Columbia)
2	3	13	ON THE VERGE Collin Raye/Think About You/CD track-H (H. Prestwood) P. Worley/J. Hobbs/E. Seay (Epic)	36	49	5	WHO'S CHEATIN' WHO Alan Jackson/Everything I Love/comp 48-N (J. Hayes) K. Stegall (Arista)	69	79	4	MY BABY Cindy Church/Self-titled/comp 316-P (C. Church) M. Wilkinson/N. Tinkham (Stony Plain)
3	15	10	SAD LOOKIN' MOON Alabama/Dancin' On The Boulevard/CD track-N (R. Owen/T. Gentry/G. Fowler) D. Cook/Alabama (RCA)	37	34	16	LYING HERE WITH YOU Thomas Wade & Wayward/Self-titled/comp 344-H (T. Wade/C. Rawson) J. May/T. Wade (Feg)	70	57	14	OVER THE HARDEST PART Rachel Matkin/Living Beyond .../comp 1-J (P. Terry/B. Lloyd) T. Rudner (MCA)
4	6	13	THE ANSWER IS YES Michelle Wright/For Me It's You/comp 45-N (R. Crowell) J. Scherer (Arista)	38	19	18	HOW WAS I TO KNOW Reba McEntire/What If It's You/CD track-J (C. Majeski/S. Russ/S. Smith) R. McEntire/J. Guess (MCA)	71	52	19	SHE'S TAKEN A SHINE John Berry/Faces/pro single-F (G. Barnhill/R. Bach) C. Howard (Capitol)
5	9	11	BETTER MAN, BETTER OFF Tracy Lawrence/The Coast Is Clear/pro single-P (B. Jones/S. P. Davis) F. Anderson/T. Lawrence (Atlantic)	39	48	6	SHE SAID, HE HEARD Suzy Bogguss/Give Me Some Wheels/pro single-F (S. Bogguss/D. Schlitz) T. Bruce/S. Hendricks (Capitol)	72	72	4	ONCE YOU LEARN Noel Haggard/One Lifetime/comp 310-P (B. Livsey/D. Schlitz) B. Beckett (Atlantic)
6	7	10	TAKE IT FROM ME Paul Brandt/Calm Before The Storm/comp 313-P (R. Hurd/P. Brandt) J. Lee (Reprise)	40	64	5	NOW THAT I'M ON MY OWN Farmer's Daughter/Makin' Hay/comp 2-J (D. Scott) G. Leiske (MCA)	73	60	17	EVERYTHING I LOVE Alan Jackson/Title track/comp 46-N (H. Allen/C. Chamberlain) K. Stegall (Arista)
7	30	9	SITTIN' ON GO Bryan White/Between Now And Forever/CD track-P (J. Lee/R. Bowles) B. J. Walker Jr./C. Lehning (Asylum)	41	47	8	PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN Mark Willis/Self-titled/comp 487-U (T. Martin/R. Wilson/A. Mayo) C. Chamberlain/K. Stegall (Mercury)	74	97	2	COME CRYIN' TO ME Lonestar/Self-titled/comp 44-N (J. Roch/W. Wilson/M. D. Sanders) D. Cook/M. Wilson (BNA)
8	10	15	I GIVE YOU MY WORD George Fox/Greatest Hits/CD track-P (K. Tribble/G. Fox) K. Tribble (WEA)	42	35	16	JUST LIKE THE MOON Stephanie Beaumont/Love And Dreams/comp 46-N (T. M. Silvers/K. Richey) R. Prescott/S. Harris (IronMusic)	75	62	9	BREAKFAST IN BIRMINGHAM David Lee Murphy/Gettin' .../CD track-J (D. L. Murphy/K. Tribble) T. Brown (MCA)
9	1	14	RUMOR HAS IT Clay Walker/Title track/pro single-P (C. Walker/M. J. Greene) J. Stroud/C. Walker (Warner Bros)	43	50	5	SHE'S GOING HOME WITH ME Travis Tritt/The Restless Kind/comp 317-P (T. Tritt) D. Was/T. Tritt (Warner Bros)	76	86	3	TOO BUSY LOVIN' YOU Graham Blesedale/Lookin' For Love/CD track (G. Blesedale) D. Thompson/D. Blesedale (Everyman)
10	5	18	EMOTIONAL GIRL Terri Clark/Just The Same/comp 484-O (R. Bowles/T. Clark/C. Waters) K. Stegall/C. Waters (Mercury)	44	51	2	LOVED TOO MUCH Ty Herndon/Living In A Moment/comp 345-H (D. Schlitz/D. Johnson) D. Johnson (Epic)	77	78	8	SHE'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING Sherry Kennedy/Ordinary Woman/CD track (V. Dant/W. Robinson) T. Rudner (Sheakn)
11	11	14	GIRL OUT OF THE ORDINARY Beverly Mahood/Title track/pro single (B. Mahood/M. Dineen) J. R. Hutt (Spin)	45	45	14	GIRL THANG Rena Gales/Out On A Limb/CD track (J. Rodman/M. McCord/K. Hinton) D. O'Doherty (RDR)	78	95	2	LUCKY ME, LUCKY YOU Lee Roy Parnell/Every Night's A .../comp 48-N (G. Nicholson/L. R. Parnell) L. R. Parnell/Hot Links (Career)
12	13	13	DARK HORSE Mila Mason/That's Enough Of That/pro single-P (A. Marshall/D. Tyson/D. McTaggart) B. Mevis (Atlantic)	46	27	17	IF SHE DON'T LOVE YOU Buffalo Club/Self-titled/pro single-J (T. Bruce/M. Beeson) B. Beckett (Rising Tide)	79	80	2	TIL YOU LOVE SOMEBODY Amy Sky/Cool Rain/comp 48-N (A. Sky/A. Vanderburg) (IronMusic)
13	22	9	I MISS YOU A LITTLE John Michael Montgomery/What I Do .../CD track-P (M. Anthony/R. Fagan/J. M. Montgomery) C. Petecze (Atlantic)	47	54	7	NEVER AGAIN, AGAIN Lee Ann Womack/Self-titled/comp 2-J (M. Holmes/B. Isham) M. Wright (Decca)	80	NEW		IT'S YOUR MOVE Tim McGraw w/ Faith Hill/Everywhere/pro single-F (S. Smith) J. Stroud/B. Gallimore/T. McGraw (Curb)
14	14	14	ANOTHER YOU David Kersh/Goodnight Sweetheart/CD track-F (B. Paisley) P. McMakin (Curb)	48	40	10	WHATEVER COMES FIRST Sons of the Desert/Self-titled/pro single-H (V. Aldridge/B. Crisler/D. Womack) J. Slate/D. Johnson (Epic)	81	83	2	THE TROUBLE WITH THE TRUTH Patty Loveless/Title track/pro single-H (G. Nicholson) E. Gordy Jr. (Epic)
15	16	9	SIX DAYS ON THE ROAD Sawyer Brown/Wantin' And Havin'/comp 2-F (E. Greene/C. Montgomery) M. Miller/M. McAnally (Curb)	49	56	6	THIS IS YOUR BRAIN Joe Diffie/Title track/pro single-H (C. Wiseman/K. Garrett) J. Slate/J. Diffie (Epic)	82	66	7	BAD FOR US Little Texas/Greatest Hits/comp 312-P (Howell/O'Brien/Shapiro) Stroud/Dinapoli/Grau (Warner Bros)
16	4	18	WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES Kenny Chesney/Me And You/CD track-N (M. A. Springer/N. Musick) B. Beckett (BNA)	50	21	18	HOLDIN' Diamond Rio/IV/comp 44-N (Garrett/Wiseman) Clute/DuBois/Diamond Rio (Arista)	83	84	5	IF IT DON'T TAKE TWO Shania Twain/The Woman In Me/CD track-Q (S. Twain/R. J. Lange) R. J. Lange (Mercury)
17	18	12	SHE'S SURE TAKING IT WELL Kevin Sharp/Measure Of A Man/CD track-P (T. Buppert/D. Pfimmer/G. Teren) C. Farren (Asylum)	51	32	14	COLD OUTSIDE Big House/Self-titled/comp 1-J (Byrum/Neuhouser/Knutsen/Reese) P. Bunsetta (MCA)	84	87	4	SAY YES Burnin' Daylight/Self-titled/CD track-F (M. Beeson/C. Jones) M. Bright (Curb)
18	8	15	(This Ain't) NO THINKIN' THING Trace Adkins/Dreamin' Out Loud/CD track-F (T. Nichols/M. D. Sanders) S. Hendricks (Capitol)	52	58	10	HOMETOWN BOY Stamperds/Self-titled/pro single-K (R. Dodson/D. Breithaupt) R. Dodson (Koch)	85	88	2	THE BETTER TO DREAM OF YOU Mary Chapin Carpenter/A Place .../pro single-H (M. C. Carpenter) J. Jennings/M. C. Carpenter (Columbia)
19	46	11	A GIRL'S GOTTA DO ... Mindy McCready/Ten Thousand Angels/comp 46-N (R. Bowles/R. Byrne) D. Malloy/N. Wilson (BNA)	53	41	6	I NEED YOU Trisha Yearwood/Everybody Knows/CD track-J (J. Brown/W. Mobley) G. Fundis (MCA)	86	94	3	HE LEFT A LOT TO BE DESIRED Ricochet/Blind Of An Eye/pro single-H (R. Bowles/L. Boone) R. Chancey/E. Seay (Columbia)
20	24	7	ALMOST ALWAYS Chris Cummings/Somewhere Inside/comp 316-P (C. A. T. Cummings/R. Lewis) R. Scott/J. E. Norman (Warner)	54	55	7	FIRST LOVE The Johnier Brothers/Ten More Miles/comp 313-P (B. Johnier) Johnier Bros/B. McCay (WEA)	87	93	2	ALL THE GOOD ONES ARE GONE Pam Tillis/Greatest Hits/comp 48-N (D. Dillion/B. McDill) B. J. Walker Jr./P. Tillis (Arista)
21	25	9	WHY WOULD I SAY GOODBYE Brooks & Dunn/Borderline/comp 47-N (K. Brooks/C. Waters) D. Cook/K. Brooks/R. Dunn (Arista)	55	42	18	WE DANCED ANYWAY Deana Carter/Did I Shave My .../CD track-F (M. Berg/R. Scroggs) C. Farren (Capitol)	88	90	3	RIGHT PLAN, WRONG MAN Regina Regina/Self-titled/comp 317-P (B. Douglas/P. Sebert) J. Stroud/W. Wilson (Giant)
22	31	11	A LITTLE MORE LOVE Vince Gill/High Lonesome Sound/pro single-H (V. Gill) T. Brown (MCA)	56	63	5	SOMEWHERE IN LOVE John and Audrey Wiggins/The Dream/pro single-Q (K. K. Phillips/C. Leonard) D. Huff (Mercury)	89	91	4	HEART ON THE LINE Silver Wings/Cause I Love You/CD track (L. B. Wells) Silver Wings (Earth Star)
23	17	15	GOOD AS I WAS TO YOU Lorrie Morgan/Greater Need/CD track (D. Schlitz/B. Livesy) J. Stroud (BNA)	57	69	4	I WILL, IF YOU WILL John Berry/Faces/pro single-F (J. B. Jarvis/R. Goodrum) C. Howard (Capitol)	90	96	2	A DOOR Aaron Tippin/Greatest Hits And .../comp 48-N (M. D. Sanders/T. Nichols) S. Gibson (RCA)
24	28	7	LITTLE OL' KISSES Julian Austin/What My Heart .../comp 48-N (J. Austin) D. Leblanc (Vik/BMG)	58	61	7	THE SECRET Jamie Warren/Fallen Angel/comp 487-Q (J. Warren) J. R. Huff/F. Hill (River North)	91	NEW		HEARTS WERE BOUND KC Jones/Title track/CD track (E. Schoenroth) R. Prescott/J. P. Wheeler (Pairadice)
25	26	13	YOU'RE ALL I NEED Rick Tippe/Get Hot Or Go Home/CD track (R. Tippe) D. Pomeroy (Moon Tan)	59	67	5	THE SWING James Bonamy/What I Live To Do/comp 345-H (R. E. Orrall/B. Regan) D. Johnson (Epic)	92	NEW		I'D RATHER BE AROUND WITH YOU Reba McEntire/What If It's You/pro single-J (M. D. Sanders/T. Nichols) R. McEntire/J. Guess (MCA)
26	29	10	TWO NAMES ON AN OVERPASS Duane Steele/P.O. Box 423/comp 487-Q (T. Mensy/G. Harrison) M. D. Clute/S. Bogard (Mercury)	60	71	2	A DOZEN RED ROSES Joan Kennedy/Title track/CD track (K. Tribble/J. Kennedy) K. Tribble (J. Kennedy Prods)	93	NEW		SOMETIMES THIS WORLD Michael Terry w/ Jett/Website/RotoNoto comp (P. Hotchkiss/R. Cousins/R. Sherry) Same (RotoNoto)
27	20	17	SLOW TURNING Sean Hogan/Self-titled/CD track (J. Hiatt) S. Hogan/R. Erickson (Barnstorm)	61	65	8	INDIAN WOMAN Montgomery Steele/In This Heart Of Mine/CD track (M. Petrick) B. Steward/G. Deere (Steele)	94	76	15	CRY ON THE SHOULDER OF THE ROAD Martina McBride/Wild Angels/comp 44-N (M. Berg/T. Krekel) M. McBride/P. Worley/E. Seay (RCA)
28	23	16	455 ROCKET Kathy Mattea/Love Travels/pro single-Q (G. Welch/D. Rawlings) B. Wisch/K. Mattea (Mercury)	62	43	17	MAKIN' UP FOR DOIN' TIME Poverty Plainmen/Gotta Be A .../CD track (M. Smith) L. Sedmak (Poverty/Royalty)	95	81	20	WHERE CORN DON'T GROW Travis Tritt/The Restless Kind/comp 306-P (R. Murrah/M. A. Springer) D. Was/T. Tritt (Warner Bros)
29	12	15	DON'T TAKE HER SHE'S ALL I GOT Tracy Byrd/Big Love/pro single-J (J. Williams/G. U. S. Bonds) T. Brown (MCA)	63	73	3	LET IT RAIN Shirley Myers/New Country 4/comp 319-P (S. Myers/R. Nicholson/R. Scott) XXX (WEA)	96	NEW		FROM WHERE I'M SITTING Gary Allen/Used Heart For Sale/pro single-J (G. Brooks/K. Maxen) M. Wright/B. Hill (Decca)
30	33	13	LET IT RAIN Mark Chesnut/Greatest Hits/comp 1-J (M. Chesnut/S. Leslie/R. Springer) T. Brown (MCA)	64	59	19	THIS CRAZY HEART OF MIINE Charlie Major/Lucky Man/comp 44-N (C. Major) S. Fishell (Arista)	97	NEW		PATIENT HEART Bekka & Billy/Self-titled/pro single-J (B. Burnette/B. Bramlett/A. Robb) G. Fundis (Almo)
31	36	6	THE LIGHT IN YOUR EYES LeAnn Rimes/Blue/pro single-F (D. Tyler) W. C. Rimes/C. Howard (Curb)	65	70	3	DELIVER ME Roch Voisine/Kissing Rain/pro single-N (R. Voisine/A. Sky) R. Zito/R. Voisine (RV Int'l)	98	82	19	ME TOO Toby Keith/Blue Moon/pro single-Q (T. Keith/C. Cannon) N. Larkin/T. Keith (Mercury)
32	39	5	SHE WON'T BE LONELY TOO LONG Prairie Oyster/Blue Plate Special/comp 48-N (K. Glass) M. Poole/Prairie Oyster (Arista)	66	77	3	I LEFT SOMETHING TURNED ON Trace Adkins/Dreamin' Out Loud/pro single-F (B. Lawson/J. Schweers) S. Hendricks (Capitol)	99	85	4	THE USED TO BE'S Daryle Singletary/All Because Of You/comp 311-P (M. Huffman/D. Kees/B. Morrison) J. Stroud/D. Malley (Giant)
33	38	6	COUNT ME IN Deana Carter/Did I Shave .../comp 2-F (D. Carter/C. Jones) C. Farren (Capitol)	67	53	18	SHE DREW A BROKEN HEART Patty Loveless/The Trouble With .../pro single-H (J. McElroy/N. McElroy) E. Gordy Jr. (Epic)	100	89	16	EASE MY TROUBLED MIND Ricochet/Self-titled/CD track-H (Garvin/Waters/Shapiro) Chancey/Seay (Columbia)
34	44	11	LITTLE THINGS Tanya Tucker/Complicated/comp 2-F (M. Dulaney/S. D. Jones) G. Brown (Capitol)								

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RCA's "commitment to preserving the rich heritage of country music legends," dating back to June of 1922 when the Victor label first recorded country music. Each volume contains 20 tracks of the best known country artists in the business, including Canada's own Hank Snow. Also includes collector's stuff from Willie Nelson, Jim Reeves, Eddy Arnold, Chet Atkins, Dolly Parton, Ronnie Milsap, Bobby Bare, Patsy Cline, Vince Gill, and two must-haves for collectors, Jimmie Rodgers and Bill Monroe and the Monroe Brothers. Retailers should front-rack this series. Customers are continually looking for gems like this.

News from Royalty has the Poverty Plainsmen gearing up for a busy schedule of summer festival and rodeos. They will be playing the High Prairie Rodeo, Watrous Danceland, Big River Festival, Tan Tallon where they'll be opening for Jason McCoy, the K of C Festival, the Harmon Valley Rodeo, Dauphin Country Fest, Bud Country Fever in Grande Prairie, Estevan Rodeo, Craven's Big Valley, Edmonton's Klondike Days, Barlow Creek Jamboree, Big Valley in Camrose, and more coming up. No Goodbyes, Gene Watson's follow-up to Change Her Mind, is now at radio. Both tracks are included on his Step One album, The Good Ole Days. There's good news on the sales front from Royalty. Catalogue sales for the first quarter of this year are up 990% over the first quarter sales last year.

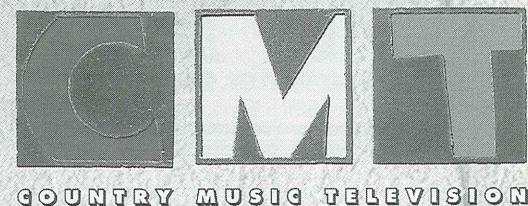
Garth Brooks is still on a roll. He has just been named Blockbuster Music's Artist of the '90s as well as Playboy's Favourite Male Vocalist in Country Music. As well, he won his sixth straight Best Male Musical Performer (all genres) at the 1997 People's Choice Awards and duplicated that feat at the American Music Awards this year when he was named Favorite Country Male Vocalist for the sixth time. US country radio programmers named him Entertainer of the Year at the 1997 Country Radio Music Awards and Performance magazine gave him its Country Tour of the Year Award this year as well. Interesting too is the fact that since he received the Country Music Association's Horizon award in 1990, including the CMA's Triple Play Award for songwriting, he has won ten CMA awards. On top of that, he's a Grammy winner and a 14-time Academy of Country Music award winner with honours that include a Special Achievement Award in 1992 and the Jim Reeves Memorial Award in 1995. Brooks obviously likes sevens; he will release his seventh album in the seventh year of the decade. Coming up is a free concert in New York's Central Park on August 7, and organizers are expecting it to be one of the biggest music events of the decade.

KX96FM's Ray Walker had to put his playlist on the shelf for this week. The entire KX96FM team has been involved in "a mass effort to gather supplies for Craig radio station's contribution to flood assistance for those affected in the Red River Valley."

Thomas Wade & Wayward have added their support to Manitoba's flood victims. The net proceeds from their May 8 show in Brandon with Travis Tritt went to the Red Cross Flood Relief Fund. Red Cross officials were on hand at the concert to accept cash donations as well. "It's the least we can do to show our support for Manitobans at this time," said the band's manager, Joey May. "We need to band together and help fellow

Canadians in any way that we can." Wade & Wayward have been nominated for a Big Country Award in the Outstanding New Artist category and May and Wade have been nominated in the Producer category. The band is currently charting with Lying Here With You (#37). The track was taken from their self-titled album released on the Peg label out of Winnipeg.

CKCQ Quesnel is promoting its annual Barlow Creek Music Festival. The festival runs July 26 and 27 at Ranger Park. Tickets at \$25.00 per day and \$40 for a weekend pass are available at Futurevision, Circle S Western Wear and Shoppers Food Mart i Quesnel, Boitanio Mall Lottery Centre in Williams Lake, and Lucky Locker in 100 Mile House. Firmed for the festival at time of writing are Rick Tipped, Suzanne Gitzi, Joan Kennedy, Poverty Plainsmen, Cruzeros, Gary Fjellgaard, Momentum Band, and Todd Butler. Brad Scot, promotions at All Hit Country, can supply further information. Call him at 250-992-7046 or fax 250-992-2354.



VIDEO & INSTANT TOP FIVE

- #1. Valentine - McBride & Brickman
- #2. On The Verge - Collin Raye
- #3. Lying Here - Thomas Wade/Wayward
- #4. Til You Love Somebody - Amy Sky
- #5. I Miss You - John M. Montgomery

BREAKOUT VIDEO

Who's Cheatin' Who - Alan Jackson

PICK HIT

It's Your Love - McGraw/Hill

RPM COUNTRY ALBUMS

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1	10	GEORGE STRAIT Carrying Your Love With Me MCA Nashville-15842-J		21	29	4	MILA MASON I hat's enough Ut I hat Atlantic-82923-P		
2	1	25	DEANA CARTER Did I Shave My Legs For This Capitol-37514-F		22	16	33	TRISHA YEARWOOD Everybody Knows MCA-11477-J	
3	3	38	MICHELLE WRIGHT For Me It's You Arista-18815-N	MA PL	23	17	24	REBA MCENTIRE What If It's You MCA-11500-J	
4	4	115	SHANIA TWAIN The Woman In Me Mercury-314-522-886-U	MA PL	24	23	26	THE RANKIN FAMILY The Rankin Family Collection EMI-52969-F	MA PL
5	2	40	LEANN RIMES Blue Curb/EMI 77821-F		25	26	29	JOHN BERRY Faces Capitol-35464-F	
6	9	4	TRACY LAWRENCE The Coast Is Clear Atlantic-82985-P		26	NEW		ALABAMA Dancin' On The Boulevard HCA-67426-N	
7	6	53	PAUL BRANDT Calm Before The Storm Heprise-46180-P	MA PL	27	24	18	JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY What I Do The Best Atlantic-82947-P	
8	5	24	TERRI CLARK Just The Same Mercury-314-532-879-U	MA PL	28	28	28	CLINT BLACK The Greatest Hits HCA-66671-N	
9	12	18	TRAVIS TRITT The Restless Kind Warner Bros-46304-P		29	35	25	KEVIN SHARP Measure Ut A Man Asylum-61930-P	
10	7	10	LEANN RIMES Unchained Melody/The Early Years Curb-77856-F		30	25	13	COLLIN RAYE I Think About You Epic-67033-H	
11	15	35	ANNE MURRAY Self-titled EMI-36501-F	MA PL	31	39	22	FARMER'S DAUGHTER Makin' Hay MCA-81029-J	MA PL
12	11	35	PRAIRIE OYSTER Blue Plate Special Arista-74321-40042-N	MA PL	32	27	25	TRACY BYRD Big Love MCA-11485-J	
13	8	30	VARIOUS ARTISTS CMT Canada '96 BMG/EMI-74321-40603-I/N	MA PL	33	32	29	DOLLY PARTON Treasures Hising Tide/MCA-53401-J	
14	14	12	MARK CHESNUTT Greatest Hits Decca-11529-J		34	30	46	VINCE GILL High Lonesome Sound MCA-11422-J	
15	19	35	MINDY MCCREADY Ten Thousand Angels BNA-66806-N		35	NEW		CLAY WALKER Humor Has It Giant-24674-P	
16	13	25	ALAN JACKSON Everything I Love Arista-18812-N		36	34	27	VARIOUS ARTISTS Untamed And True 3 MCA-81022	MA PL
17	20	5	TRACE ADKINS Dreamin' Out Loud Capitol-37222-F		37	33	51	BROOKS & DUNN Borderline Arista/BMG-18819-N	
18	22	21	VARIOUS ARTISTS Country Heat 5 HCA-298032-N	MA PL	38	31	27	MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER A Place In The World Columbia-67501-H	
19	21	20	VARIOUS ARTISTS The Best Of Country Heat BMG-40601-N	MA PL	39	40	35	BILLY RAY CYRUS Train Ut Tears Mercury-314-532-829-U	
20	18	28	VARIOUS ARTISTS The Best Of Country Sing The Best Of Disney Disney-60902		40	36	74	GARTH BROOKS Fresh Horses Capitol-32080-F	

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Adult Contemporary TRACKS

Record Distributor Codes:

BMG - N EMI - F Universal - J M - Quality Polygram - Q Sony - H Warner - P Koch - K

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- 1 1 10 **ALL BY MYSELF**
Celine Dion - Falling Into You
Columbia-80230 (comp 059)-H
- 2 2 18 **DARK HORSE**
Amanda Marshall - Self-titled
Epic-80229 (comp 057)-H
- 3 3 16 **YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME**
Jewel - Pieces Of Your Soul
Atlantic-82700 (CU track)-P
- 4 4 15 **TIL YOU LOVE SOMEBODY**
Amy Sky - Cool Hain
IronMusic-51005 (CU track)-N
- 5 6 25 **UN-BREAK MY HEART**
Ioni Braxton - Secrets
Laface/BMG-4200 (pro single)-N
- 6 7 11 **DELIVER ME**
Hoch Voisine - Kissing Hain
HV International-43978 (pro single)-N
- 7 12 16 **TOO LATE TOO SOON**
Jon Secada - Self-titled
EMI-55897 (pro single)-F
- 8 5 15 **IT'S IN YOUR EYES**
Phil Collins - Dance Into The Night
Atlantic-82949 (CU track)-P
- 9 10 10 **UNTIL I FIND YOU AGAIN**
Richard Marx - Hush And Bone
Capitol-31528 (comp 4)-F
- 10 11 8 **ALONE**
BeeGees - Still Waters
Polydor-31453-7302 (pro single)-U
- 11 14 15 **TELL ME**
Corey Hart - Self-titled
Columbia-80240 (pro single)-H
- 12 8 10 **STEP BY STEP**
Whitney Houston - Preacher's Wife US1
Arista-18951 (comp 15)-N
- 13 9 11 **I'LL ALWAYS BE RIGHT THERE**
Bryan Adams - 18 til I Die
A&M-05521 (CU track)-U
- 14 15 9 **FLOWERS FOR JANE**
Marc Jordan - Cool Jam Black Earth
Peg Music-00076 (pro single)-H
- 15 19 11 **EVIDENCE (Can You Hear Me Now)**
Iara MacLean - Silence
Nettwerk-30106 (comp 4)-F
- 16 16 11 **EVERYTIME WE SAY GOODBYE**
Dan Hill w/Vann Johnson - I'm Doing Fine
MCA-81012 (comp 3)-J
- 17 18 9 **SEE THE PEOPLE**
Soul Attorneys - Self-titled
Epic-80234 (comp 059)-H
- 18 25 8 **I WANT YOU**
Savage Garden - Self-titled
Columbia-67954 (pro single)-H
- 19 13 9 **LOVEFOOL**
The Cardigans - First Band On The Moon
Stockholm/Mercury-533117 (comp 477)-U
- 20 21 9 **BARELY BREATHING**
Duncan Sheik - Self-titled
Atlantic-82879 (comp 305)-P



- 21 22 8 **STAR PEOPLE**
George Michael - Older
Dreamworks-50000 (comp 4)-J
- 22 20 24 **IF WE FALL IN LOVE TONIGHT**
Rod Stewart - Little track
Warner Bros-46452 (comp 304)-P
- 23 28 6 **ELEGANTLY WASTED**
INXS - Little track
Mercury-31453-45321 (pro single)-U
- 24 24 8 **STARING AT THE SUN**
U2 - Pop
Island-524334 (pro single)-U
- 25 29 6 **THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES**
Anne Murray - Self-titled
EMI-36501 (pro single)-F
- 26 30 5 **WHERE HAVE ALL THE COWBOYS GONE**
Paula Cole - This Fire
Warner Bros-16424 (comp 317)-P
- 27 34 18 **EVERYDAY IS A WINDING ROAD**
Sheryl Crow - Self-titled
A&M-514-540-587 (comp 11)-U
- 28 33 7 **SUNNY CAME HOME**
Shawn Colvin - A Few Small Repairs
Columbia-67119 (pro single)-H
- 29 23 27 **WHEN YOU LOVE A WOMAN**
Journey - Inal By Fire
Columbia-67514 (pro single)-H
- 30 17 14 **NIGHT TRAIN**
Bruce Cockburn - The Chanty Of Night
True North-159 (comp 1)-J
- 31 26 20 **DON'T SPEAK**
No Doubt - Iragic Kingdom
Interscope-92580 (comp 18)-J
- 32 37 3 **I DON'T WANT TO**
Ioni Braxton - Secrets
Laface/BMG-4200 (pro single)-N
- 33 NEW **IF HE SHOULD BREAK YOUR HEART**
Journey - Inal By Fire
Columbia-94111 (comp 058)-H
- 34 27 16 **DON'T CRY FOR ME ARGENTINA**
Madonna - Evita US1
Warner Bros-46346 (CU track)-P
- 35 35 18 **FOR THE FIRST TIME**
Kenny Loggins - One Fine Day US1
Columbia-67916 (pro single)-H
- 36 39 8 **IT'S A PERSONAL THING**
Laura Smith - Little track
Universal-81033 (pro single)-J
- 37 31 11 **NO VALENTINE**
Elton John - Love Songs
MCA-11481 (comp 1)-J
- 38 38 21 **TO LOVE YOU MORE**
Celine Dion - Falling Into You
550 Music/Epic-67541 (CU track)-N
- 39 32 18 **I BELIEVE IN YOU AND ME**
Whitney Houston - Preacher's Wife US1
Arista-07822-18951 (comp 11)-N
- 40 45 6 **SAY YOU'LL BE THERE**
Spice Girls - Spice
Virgin-421474 (pro single)-F



- 41 41 23 **I FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE**
Barbra Streisand w/Bryan Adams - The Mirror US1
Columbia-67887 (comp 056)-H
- 42 42 14 **VALENTINE**
Jim Brickman/w Martina McBride - Picture This
Windham Hill-11211 (CU track)-N
- 43 43 7 **HAVANA**
Kenny G - The Moment
Arista-18935 (comp 15)-N
- 44 NEW **MMMBOP**
Hanson - Middle Of Nowhere
Mercury-314 534 6152 (comp 500)-U
- 45 40 10 **HORO GHOD THU NIGHEAN**
Mary Jane Lamond - Suas e!
A&M-42000 (pro single)-U
- 46 NEW **HERE IN MY HEART**
Chicago - The Heart Of Chicago 1967-1997
WEA-46554 (CU track)-P
- 47 NEW **GO THE DISTANCE**
Michael Bolton - Disney's Hercules US1
Columbia-9996 (pro single)-H
- 48 52 2 **SHAME ON YOU**
Indigo Girls - Shaming Of The Sun
Epic-67891 (comp 051)-H
- 49 44 5 **EMOTIONAL LOVE**
John Mellencamp - Mr. Happy Go Lucky
Mercury-532-896 (comp 500)-U
- 50 51 4 **UNCONDITIONAL**
Jacksoul - Absolute
Ariola/BMG-38621 (comp 16)-N
- 51 46 14 **THE HOLY RIVER**
The Artist - Emancipation
NPG-11657 (pro single)-F
- 52 53 3 **TASTE OF TEARS**
Claude McKenzie - Innu Town
Musicor-2018 (pro single)
- 53 60 2 **YOUR WOMAN**
White Town - Women In Technology
Chrysalis/Bright-56129 (comp 4)-F
- 54 48 9 **IT MATTERS**
Urving Blind - Self-titled
Watch/MCA-89606 (comp 3)-J
- 55 56 4 **IT STARTS IN THE HEART**
Maxi Priest - Disney's Jungle 2 Jungle US1
Disney-60847 (pro single)
- 56 57 3 **GUARDIAN ANGEL**
Anne Heiler - Lucky 7
RHJ-3205 (CU track)
- 57 NEW **IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES**
Joose - Self-titled
EastWest America-62021 (comp 319)-P
- 58 58 23 **FLY LIKE AN EAGLE**
Seal - Space Jam US1
Atlantic-82961 (comp 305)-P
- 59 NEW **NO CHANGE IN ME**
Murray McLauchlan - Gulliver's Taxi
True North-131 (comp 5)-J
- 60 NEW **WHY MUST I FALL**
Earthtones - Blindfolded and Heady
Earthtone-76127-0282 (CU track)



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- 1 3 7 **HYPNOTIZE**
Notorious B.I.G.
Bad Boy-N
- 2 1 11 **INSOMNIA**
Faithless
Champion/Arista-N
- 3 5 6 **DA FUNK**
Daft Punk
Virgin-F
- 4 6 12 **ANGEL**
Daisy Dee
Attic/Universal-J
- 5 7 8 **COLOUR OF LOVE**
Amber
Tommy Boy/Quality-M
- 6 9 7 **GET UP EVERYBODY**
Byron Stingly
Nervous/Quality-M
- 7 4 9 **PLEASE DON'T GO**
No Mercy
Arista-N
- 8 2 14 **DISCOTHEQUE**
U2
Island-Q
- 9 11 8 **PEOPLE HOLD ON**
Lisa Stansfield
Arista-N
- 10 13 5 **I LIKE IT**
Blackout All Stars
Epic-H

- 11 15 5 **REQUEST LINE**
Zhané
Motown/A&M-Q
- 12 19 4 **ONE MORE TIME**
Real McCoy
Arista-N
- 13 16 6 **MUSIC**
Dolce & Gabbana
Popular-P
- 14 8 14 **RUNAWAY**
Nuyorican Soul
Giant Steps-M
- 15 10 13 **I'M GONNA LOVE YOU**
Summer Junkies
Panic/Popular-P
- 16 25 3 **BIG DADDY**
Heavy D
Uptown-J
- 17 18 5 **HEAD OVER HEELS**
Allure w/ Nas
Grave-H
- 18 26 2 **CAN'T NOBODY HOLD ME DOWN**
Puff Daddy
Bad Boy-N
- 19 14 12 **I FELL IN LOVE**
Rockell
Robbins/BMG-N
- 20 21 7 **STAR PEOPLE**
George Michael
Dreamworks-J

- 21 22 3 **ON & ON**
Erykah Badu
Kedar-J
- 22 23 4 **I BELONG TO YOU**
Gina G
Popular-P
- 23 24 4 **TRUE**
Freebee
Isba-K
- 24 NEW 6 **I WANT YOU**
Savage Garden
Sony-H
- 25 12 15 **RETURN OF THE MACK**
Mark Morrison
Atlantic-P
- 26 27 3 **LET'S GO DISCO**
Southern Comfort
TJSB-K
- 27 28 3 **MAMI**
Artie The One Man Party
Attic-J
- 28 30 2 **BLOCK ROCKIN' BEATS**
Chemical Brothers
Astralwerks/Virgin-F
- 29 17 9 **SAY...IF YOU FEEL ALRIGHT**
Crystal Waters
Mercury/Polydor-Q
- 30 20 8 **STEP BY STEP**
Whitney Houston
BMG-N

You can take the boy away from the farm . . . but - by Walt Grealis

George Fox bounces back with Greatest Hits package

George Fox, the gentle rancher from Cochrane, Alberta was signed to a major label (WEA), in 1988. Not long after, Fox gained national recognition with his first release Angelina, which made impressive gains up the RPM Country 100 to #5 (Sept. 10/88).

Tieing in with the Randy Travis tour didn't hurt either, and the Fox career was in full bloom.

In an interview in RPM (July 23/88) shortly after his career had gained momentum, he was quoted as saying, "I blew past my dreams quite a while ago," an understatement at best.

"Big Country sweep for newcomer George Fox," was the headline in RPM on June 5, 1989, and that headline said it all. Less than a year after signing with WEA, Fox scored a first, the first artist in the history of the awards to win in four categories in one year; Male Vocalist, Best Country Single and Top Country Composer for Angelina, and Canadian Country Artist of the Year.

Much has happened to Fox since he came down from the farm almost 10 years ago. He's moved on from Cochrane, although it's obvious his roots will remain there for ever. He bought himself some acreage in the Dundas/Ancaster area of southwestern Ontario, and earlier this year, the 36-year old Fox married Monica Presta in an old-fashioned ceremony (RPM - Jan. 20/97). For the occasion, Fox wrote I Give You My Word, which was subsequently released as his next single.

His new single quickly climbed the charts and is now Top 10 (#8 - RPM - May 12/97). "That song has created the most reaction from the public then any I've written. I was in a Tim Horton's this morning and a kid came up to me and said 'I can't believe it's George Fox. I'm getting married and we're using your song,' which is a great compliment."

Fox is one of the few Cancon artists who regularly tours the country hitting small, medium and large markets. "It's fun to do that. We're involved with the 4-H Club and they're such great people, so we try to do as many shows for them as we can."

The Fox tour, this year trimmed to a trio,

including an accordion and electronic keyboard, is big news for some of the smaller towns, and not without their humorous experiences. He recalls that at one date, it happened to be on his birthday and at the end of the first show, the emcee presented him with a nicely-wrapped present. He opened it to find a framed photo. At the end of the second show, the same nicely-wrapped present was handed to him, "I opened it and it was the same framed-photo. But that's why I like doing the smaller centres. You can feel the real country roots and warmth from the audience. These shows that I play, you see the whole family and I get to know so many of them, many on a first-name basis. I'm pretty proud of who comes to these shows."

Fox admits he's been a bit tardy as far as songwriting goes. "I've been kept pretty busy, remodelling this old farm house that's on the 80 acres I bought last year. They know me at Home Depot now. Once in awhile they'll come up to me and ask for my autograph. So, for the first time in eight or ten years, I really haven't been focused primarily on writing. But like Stompin' Tom told me "It's like a cow who's been in the barn for a long time, you gotta put her out in the pasture for awhile so she can freshen up."

It was just a natural evolvement that Fox released a Greatest Hits package and, fueled by the release of the wedding song, sales have been very good. This is my early stuff, sort of like a benchmark. I'd like to re-record some of those songs. But it's good listening to that old stuff, and hearing just how much I've changed."

The Night The Barn Burned Down, will probably be the follow-up, another very funny story, he jokingly recalls. "Actually, Maria (Kulin) Stan's wife thought it was me who burned the barn down. My inlaws were oiling up pasta sauce and they had a wood fire going outside and the wind blew an ash onto the workshop and it started to burn and spread to the barn. It was a huge, huge fire, on TV and everything. So I had to write a song about that one. It was an expensive pasta sauce."

Fox has gone through a number of image changes over his 10-year career, but the Fox charm and his dedication to country music remains, in spite of two recent tragedies, the loss of his mother, and his manager/mentor Leonard Rambeau.

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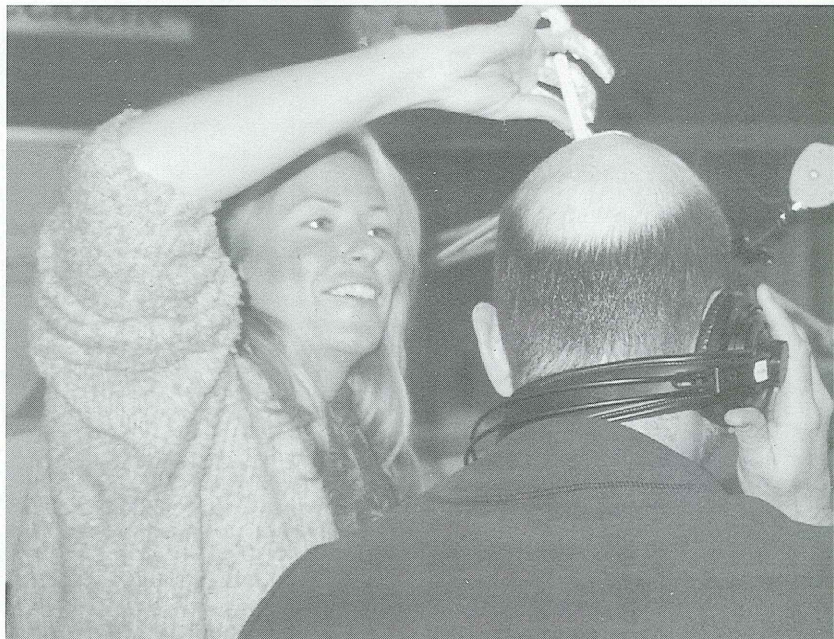
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George Fox enjoying his last days as a bachelor, met Nancy Sinatra and found they had something in common -- a love of country music. (1996)



CISS-FM's gets the buzz treatment from visiting Deana Carter. Dumas asked her if he could "shave her legs for this?"



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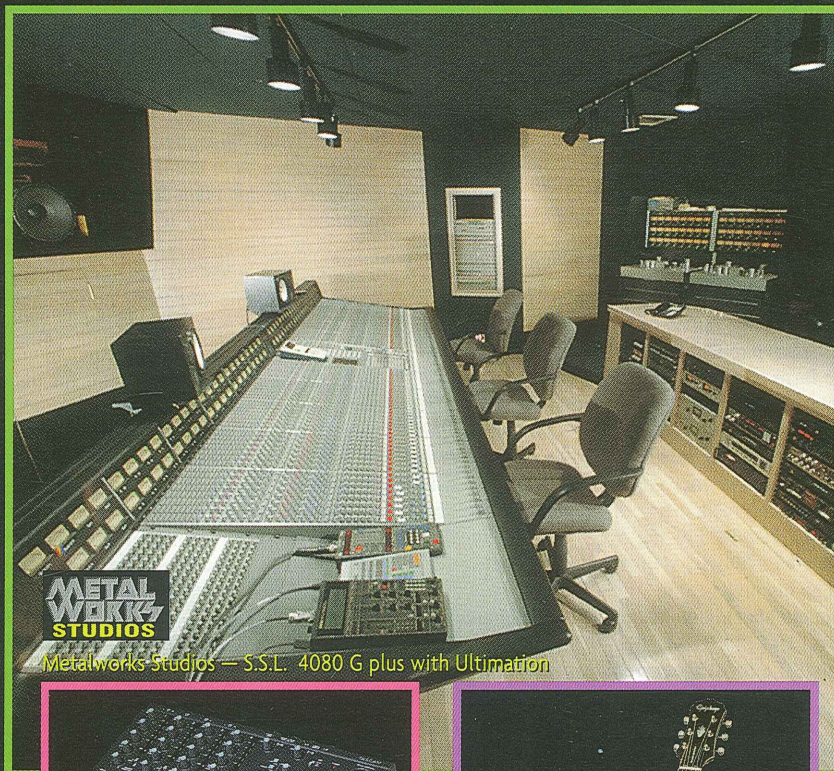
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