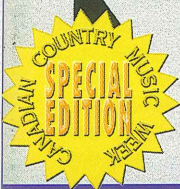


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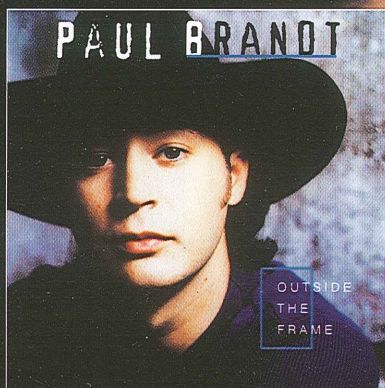
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## Gandharvas: Selling themselves for a smile

by Rod Gudino

To what lengths will a rock and roll band go to make their audiences smile? That question is, in the mind of Paul Jago, inseparably related to a more

but Jago nevertheless finds himself taking the time to re-consider an answer as he begins to talk about his band's latest release.

But to backtrack a little. Jago and his band -- a sometimes uppity little quintet by the name of

Gandharvas -- have ventured three releases deep into a career of music making so outstanding, that it has attracted the financial backing of Universal Records in Canada. The London-based band elicited early interest from the label with a 1994 debut titled *A Soap Bubble & Inertia*. The musical and lyrical playfulness of that album was offset a year later with the more introspective release titled *Kicking In The Water* which might have made the still young band a victim of the sophomore jinx had the album not given Canadian radio a few well placed singles. But the point was taken -- if not from

the label or from audiences at large, then from the band itself -- that having fun was a mandate that the Gandharvas should best adhere to

constitutionally.

"[Kicking In The Water] wasn't a major crisis for us," recalls Jago, "but you know, it wasn't something that I didn't expect. It really was more of a selfish album on our part; it's the album we had to make. We kind of had come to an end in the direction the band was heading which enabled us to reassess ourselves."

Sold For A Smile is the title put on that reassessment and, as the title suggests, Jago and bandmembers agreed that the lightness of being that characterised their initial breakthrough was something that shouldn't be abandoned, at least not entirely. But were they really willing to sell themselves for the honour of reclaiming the juggler's cap?

"Our music is both positive and negative," insists Jago. "I've had discussions with video directors before where we're talking about songs of ours and I'll ask them for their impression and they'll say well, hey, it's so bright and uplifting, or it emits a positive feeling. Whereas I'll look at it and I'll see how they could say that, a lot of it sounds like a celebration or something, but there's a dark side as well that's written into the song, usually the lyrics."

"I remember having a discussion with a friend," he continues, "as to whether he thought rock music was tragic or comic and he was arguing for tragedy and I was arguing for comedy. I was arguing that comedy brings together and I was saying that rock music has this ability to bring people together. That bond, to me that's comic, whereas tragic is like dissolution and dissolution is falling apart, which is actually the content of a lot of rock music. We were both right, we were just coming from different angles."

Tragicomedy is achieved consistently on *Sold For A Smile*; from its themes of alienation (*Waiting For Something To Happen*) to greed and commercialism (*Sarsaparilla*) and just plain zaniness (*Diaboloney*). And all through it, like a magical glue made perhaps from the crushed beans that berthed Jack's beanstalk, is that unmistakable music. And while *Downtime* grows at radio and *Sold For A Smile* begins to sell for a little more than that, the Gandharvas stroll in to what could be their pivotal moment in Canadian music history.

"We just want to make a good rock and roll record," says Jago dismissively. "If you're at a party, it's the kind of thing that would make the party better, really that's the goal."

The party just got better... and funnier.



fundamental one; whether rock and roll is essentially positive or negative in the first place. Both are, admittedly, pretty superfluous questions,

### Obituary

## Donn Reynolds, the king of yodellers

Donn Reynolds, one of Canada's best known yodellers, died in Brampton, Ontario on Aug. 17 of complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Reynolds first appeared on the RPM Country chart on March 8, 1965 with his debut single *She Taught Me How To Yodel*. The single went to #2 and was followed by *Lorelei* which was also a Top 5 hit (#4) peaking on Nov. 29, 1965. His last chart entry was for *Shut The Door* which saw chart action in 1968.

In his heyday, Mr. Reynolds toured both Canada and the US. His 1957 win of the US National Yodelling Championship also won him the title of King of the Yodellers. Longtime friend Bernie Livingston, in a Toronto Star article (Aug. 19/97) recalls that it was in 1957 when Mr. Reynolds entered the Guinness Book of Records

for yodelling for seven hours and 29 minutes at the Livingston Carpet Showroom in Mississauga. Livingston arranged the event, which attracted a large crowd.

In later years he attracted press headlines by yodelling five tones in 1.9 seconds atop Canada's Wonderland Mountain and also performed the world's highest yodel at the CN Tower.

Born in Winnipeg, Mr. Reynolds moved to Toronto in the early '60s, where his wife Cindy joined him on the lounge circuit performing pop songs and folk music.

Mr. Reynolds was active up until seven years ago when he was stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his wife Cindy and sons Gary, Scott and Chad and two grand children.

Funeral services were held in Brampton on Aug. 20.

### NO. 1 ALBUM



#### OASIS

Be Here Now  
Epic - 68530-H

### NO. 1 HIT



#### BUILDING A MYSTERY

Sarah McLachlan  
Nettwerk-F

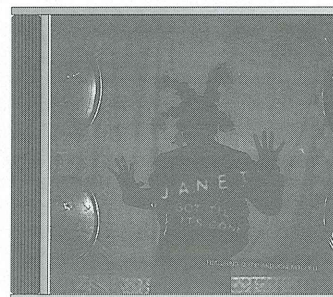
### ALBUM PICK



#### CINDY CHURCH

Cindy Church  
Stony Plain - 1235-P

### HIT PICK



#### GOT 'TIL IT'S GONE

Janet  
Virgin-H



## Dust Brothers to panel Symposium '97

The million dollar writing and production team known as the Dust Brothers -- and acclaimed for production credits on albums from the Beastie Boys, Beck, The Rolling Stones and Hanson -- have been secured as panellists for the Toronto International Film Festival's Symposium '97 on Monday, September 8 (from 3:30 - 5 pm in the Civic Ballroom at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel). The Dust Brothers will discuss ways in which artists can tap into the marketing and profit side of motion picture soundtracks in a panel

discussion titled Rodgers, Hammerstein and Me: The Skinny on Soundtracks.

Other panellists will include Paula Erickson, VP of creative affairs, motion picture/television music licensing for Sony Music; Jesse Perez, director of First Love, Last Rites and producer Scott Macaulay, editor of Filmmaker Magazine. Mychael Danna, who has recently composed the soundtrack to Atom Egoyan's festival showcase titled The Sweet Hereafter, also joins the panel.

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## Urban music gets venue in Ottawa

Now that urban music has broken in a serious way into retail charts, Canadian club owners are responding accordingly. The country is slowly coming around, most recently in Ottawa where EDAC Entertainment teamed up with The Coconut Groove Restaurant/Dance bar for the city's first live music venue strictly dedicated to promoting urban music. According to a press release issued last week, the club will be booking acts that cover the spectrum of the genre including reggae, soul, R&B, soca, hip hop, African, Caribbean, jazz and worldbeat acts and appearances from local DJs.

"In the past, the biggest obstacle for local performers and promoters was finding a venue that was receptive to urban music," commented EDAC Entertainment spokesperson Stephane

Lecuyer, "this will no longer be a problem with the Coconut Groove."

The newly renovated club which is entering its third year of existence, decided on the format change to coincide with a change of address (it is currently located at 1724 Bank Street). Owners expect the club will make a stir that is comparable to the Bamboo Club in Toronto, after which it has been fashioned.

"The most frustrating thing for us was not having a venue to develop smaller Canadian urban acts," said Lecuyer. "Most R&B and hip hop acts do not play with live musicians, they perform live to track, which is not acceptable in most live rock venues. This will not be a factor for the Coconut Groove; the club will adjust to the urban culture, not the other way around."



The Rankin Family pick up double platinum awards from EMI staff for their Collection album that been on the RPM Country Albums chart for 43 weeks.

# RPM ALTERNATIVE 30

Canada's only national weekly alternative chart

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

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Columbia 3269-H
- 2 23 13 **TURN MY HEAD**  
Live - Secret Samadhi  
Radioactive 11590-J
- 3 1 8 **FLY**  
Sugar Ray - Floored  
Atlantic (comp 326)-P
- 4 2 4 **WALKIN' ON THE SUN**  
Smash Mouth - Fush Yu Mang  
INTD/C-90142
- 5 10 13 **TEMPTATION**  
The Tea Party - Transmission  
EMI 55308 (promo CD)-F
- 6 16 4 **NUMB**  
Holly McNarland - Stuff  
Universal 53075 (promo CD) - J
- 7 3 10 **BUILDING A MYSTERY**  
Sarah McLachlan - Surfacing  
Nettwerk (promo CD)-F
- 8 6 6 **LAZY EYE**  
Goo Goo Dolls - Batman & Robin O.S.T.  
Sunset/Warner Bros. (comp 328)-P
- 9 8 5 **AUTOMATIC FLOWER**  
Our Lady Peace - Clumsy  
Columbia 80242 (comp 063) - H
- 10 11 5 **JACK-ASS**  
Beck - Odelay  
Geffen 24823 (comp 11)- J
- 11 21 17 **LAST NIGHT ON EARTH**  
U2 - Pop  
Island 314 524 334-Q
- 12 15 3 **EVERLONG**  
Foo Fighters - The Colour and the Shape  
Capitol 55832 (promo CD) - F
- 13 4 4 **THE RASCAL KING**  
Mighty Mighty Bosstones  
Polygram (promo CD) - Q
- 14 17 16 **IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE**  
Tonic - The Lemon Parade  
Polydor 31543 1042-Q
- 15 24 12 **LISTEN**  
Collective Soul - Disciplined Breakdown  
Atlantic (comp 322)-P
- 16 18 13 **CAROLINA BLUES**  
Blues Traveller - Straight On Till Morning  
A&M 0750 (promo CD)-Q
- 17 9 5 **CRIMINAL**  
Fiona Apple - Tidal  
Clean Slate/Work 67439 (comp 063) -H
- 18 NE **PINK**  
Aerosmith - Nine Lives  
Columbia (promo CD) - H
- 19 12 2 **DELICIOUS**  
Catherine Wheel - Adam and Eve  
Mercury (comp 515) - Q
- 20 27 2 **PEARLY WHITE**  
JunkHouse - Fuzz  
Columbia 80285 - H
- 21 20 3 **TRANSISTOR**  
311 Transistor  
Capricorn 515 (promo CD) - Q
- 22 25 6 **WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME**  
Monaco - What Do You Want From Me?  
Polydor (comp 500)-Q
- 23 19 6 **I WANT TO BE THERE (WHEN YOU COME)**  
Echo & The Bunnymen - EverGreen  
London (comp 509)-Q
- 24 7 8 **SICK & BEAUTIFUL**  
Artificial Joy Club - Melt  
Crunchy/Interscope 90125-J
- 25 NE **MARCHING TO MARS**  
Sammy Hagar - Marching To Mars  
Track Factory 11627 - J
- 26 14 2 **MAKE MY MIND**  
Universal Honey - Earth Moon Transit  
Alert 81029
- 27 29 2 **TO THE MOON AND BACK**  
Savage Garden - Savage Garden  
Columbia - 67954 (promo CD) - H
- 28 NE **BREATHE**  
Prodigy - The Fat Of The Land  
XL Recordings 40121 - Koch
- 29 22 6 **LAST CUP OF SORROW**  
Faith No More - Album of the Year  
Slash/Reprise 46629-P
- 30 NE **LAST OF THE BIG GAME HUNTERS**  
Barstool Prophets - Last Of The Big Game Hunters  
Mercury (promo CD) - Q



# WALT SAYS . . . !



**Who stole the truck???** The closing of a record store in Scarborough Town Centre was like a scene out of Keystone Cops. The truck was loaded up with stock for a move back to the warehouse, and someone took off with it. One guy called and swears he saw the two bros hanging around just before it all happened, and they disappeared as well. (EC: *A ready made discount!!!*)

**A BIG country weekend!!!** Kudos to CCMA's Tom Tompkins and Sheila Hamilton. They've put another great week and awards show together, almost too much crammed into so little time. Expect to see the viewer meter go over the two million mark this year, which will be the last in Hamilton for a bit. The show goes on the road for the next four years, but first back to Calgary, and maybe Edmonton, if they get their Hall of Honour together, Ottawa, and back to Hamilton. By the way, it looks like, without exception, all the stars will be there to pick up their awards this year. That's what makes awards shows so great, and the nice thing about the CCMA awards show is the fact that all the camera time is for the stars. (EC: *I've taken note!!!*)

**A great quote!!!** Michael Harris, writing in the Toronto Sun in his usual cutting manner, caught the general attitude of Howard Stern's Canadian debut with "From his worm-hole in the Big Apple, Howie slipped on his five-inch heels, grabbed his whip and proceeded to mete out his peculiar form of shock therapy to the sado-masochistic masses who adore him." Hot stuff. Stern's visit to Canada may be short-lived, but it's during ratings time, so both stations will probably make more than they have to pay him. It's been rumoured that the CRTC has already demanded the log tapes, as if they didn't tape the shows themselves. (EC: *People like to be shocked, especially in the morning!!!*)

**More shakedown news???** Oh! Oh! Watch out for some dirty laundry to get hung out, across the border, that is. It seems like somebody who didn't like a bunch of somebodies, is about to become a bigger somebody, over all those somebodies he didn't like. But this guy isn't the pay-off-and-out-the-door kind of guy. Could it have repercussions up here? Not until the bottom line becomes a bloody red. But, as usual, the parting will be amicable. Isn't it always? (EC: *Depends on how much the pay-off is!!!*)

**More downsizing???** Has another million dollar property been closed? All's quiet on the retail front. What might be one man's garbage, in this case, just might not be another man's treasure. Although MP would dearly like to pick up one of these properties, he's wondering if it might be a fatal mistake to make a bid. Does he need another store? Does anyone need another store? Even one of the big box guys is getting nervous, trying to lease the upstairs. And when the big box guys get nervous, the other big box guys take a second look at their proposed expansion plans. Now, if we can get rid of all the big box guys, maybe the REAL record

retailers will survive. Then again, with home shopping taking a bead on the record industry, what future is there in the retail business? (EC: *Nice thought!!!*)

**The bigger you get!!!** When you're making lots of money, it seems there are those who want some of it, particularly when you have the star status of a Celine Dion or Sarah McLachlan, and both have to do with copyrights. There's apparently an action against Dion for more than \$9 million over a couple of songs that Quebec songwriter Martin Beaudry said he wrote. No dollar figure on the action against McLachlan, but Vancouver musician/producer Darryl Neudorf says he co-wrote four songs that McLachlan recorded and he's looking for "compensation." Sometimes it's better to pay these people off than go through the expense of a legal action. (EC: *Even if they're wrong???*)

**A halo for Ronnie King!!!** It was 25 years ago when Stampede's bass player Ronnie King wrote Then Came The White Man, a song the band recorded for one of their albums, which, by the way, didn't do too much. So it was a surprise when during their concert at The Pas, which was part of their reunion tour, the North Buffalo Cree Dance Troupe in full regalia, performed a traditional dance, specially compiled for the song. Ronnie says "It was all I could do to get through the lyrics without a tremor in my voice. I never dreamed that 25 years later I would be so humbled." The concert by the famous Sweet City Woman band was presented by Gordon Helmskay of The Pas' CJ1240. (EC: *Try doing that 25 years ago!!!*)

**More Stampede news!!!** The BBC is flying a camera crew to Canada to film a music documentary on Alanis Morissette, and guess who the early producers of Morissette were? Rich Dodson of the Stampede and keyboardist Lindsay Thomas Morgan. So, there'll be room for a few seconds of Sweet City Woman performed live by the Stampede in Rich's Marigold Studios in Toronto. Things just keep getting better for these guys, after almost 30 years yet! What's that expression, old is new again? (EC: *I don't know about NEW!!!*)

**En francais???** What superstar who was on his way to being a megastar could be back to square one in English Canada. You know what they say "When in Moncton, do what most of the Monctonians do . . . speak and most importantly sing in English. Oh, you might get away with a couple of French numbers, but a whole program of French? Well, if this is the direction our super star is going, obviously without direction, he could be in trouble. Quick GE give him a call. He might listen to you. (EC: *Wanted: a new manager!!!*)

**The McAuley Boys are in!!!!** Like the press release says "It's not over 'til the four guys from London sing on television." To bring you up to date, when the Fox Network supplied the live feed of the All Star baseball game in Cleveland last July, Fox opted to air commercials instead of the McAuley Boys' performance of Canada's national anthem. Well, all hell broke loose and the London, Ontario guys, Gary, George, Mark and Randy were promised an airing of their performance of the anthem at a later date. That later date was today (Sept. 4), but we got the notification too late. So let's see what happens this time. (EC: *They wouldn't dare!!!*)

**The taming of a manager!!!** Now, when the question arises as to who wears the pants in a certain company, one guy, who thought he did, and he did

actually, for what the rest of the company thought was too long, he apparently got shot down by the real boss, who hasn't been paying attention to what's been happening to the company and other important matters et cetera, et cetera. Well, this boss' language is as blue as that of Howard Stern and it's not interrupted by farts, so you can imagine how hot the phone line was. (EC: *You're making that up!!!*)

**P is for Production!!!** Got a few supportive letters on my views on mastering in Canada and how the Cancon legislation should be changed to include mastering as part of the "wholly produced" in Canada clause. Got one other one as well, but not supportive. (EC: *You're making that up!!!*)

**The fat's in the fire!!!** It was bound to come out. You know that Warner Music and Columbia House have the same masters, not the record kind, the umbrella kind. And you remember when the old RCA Record Club got resurrected as BMG Direct and how some companies, well one at least, took a stand against both record clubs and wouldn't supply them product, but not for long? Anyway, it seems there's a \$75 million action that was filed here in Toronto by BMG Direct alleging that Warner Music Canada had violated the Competition Act by refusing to supply product to BMG Direct. Get the picture? Stay tuned. (EC: *Could be serious!!!*)

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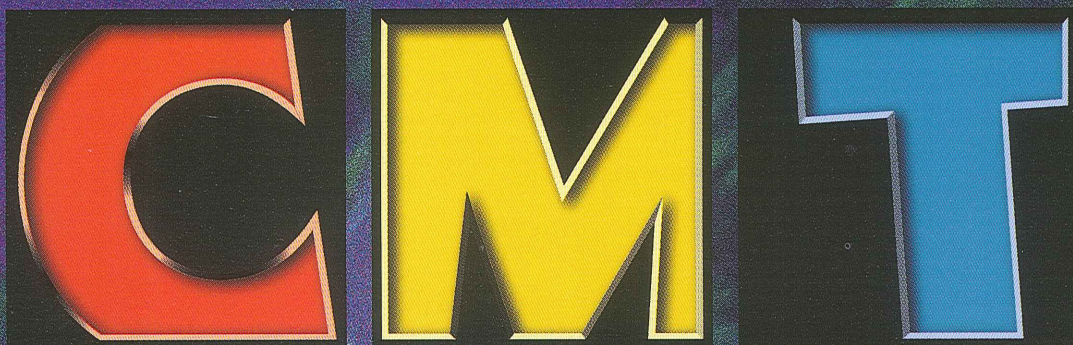
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- 3 5 7 **EVERYBODY**  
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- 4 2 10 **MEN IN BLACK THEME**  
Will Smith - Men In Black O.S.T.  
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- 5 6 8 **I'LL BE MISSING YOU**  
Puff Daddy w/ Faith Evans - No Way Out  
Bad Boy 73012 (comp 19)-N
- 6 7 4 **HONEY**  
Mariah Carey - Butterfly  
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- 7 4 10 **2 BECOME 1**  
Spice Girls - Spice  
Virgin 42174-F
- 8 35 19 **THE DIFFERENCE**  
The Wallflowers - Bringing Down The Horse  
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- 9 8 10 **DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES**  
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- 27 18 7 **BREAK MY STRIDE**  
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- 28 59 2 **JANIE, DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN**  
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- 29 13 14 **WHEN I'M UP (I CAN'T GET DOWN)**  
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Mr. President - Coco Jamboo  
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SWV - Can We  
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- 40 70 2 **TAKES A LITTLE TIME**  
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Savage Garden - Savage Garden  
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The Tea Party - Transmission  
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Los Umbrellos - Red Hot Latin Hits  
EMI 57390-F
- 45 42 25 **YOUR WOMAN**  
White Town - Women In Technology  
Chrysalis 1473 (promo CD)-F
- 46 44 16 **I WANNA BE THERE**  
Blessid Union Of Souls - Blessid Union Of Souls  
EMI 56716-F
- 47 68 3 **C U WHEN U GET THERE**  
Coolio - Coolio My Soul  
Tommy Boy 1180 - N
- 48 36 22 **MMMBOP**  
Hanson - Middle Of Nowhere  
Mercury (comp 500)-Q
- 49 60 2 **SHED A LIGHT**  
Roch Voisine - Kissing Rain  
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- 50 32 9 **GOTHAM CITY**  
R. Kelly - Batman & Robin O.S.T.  
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First Base - Club Cutz 8  
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U2 - Pop  
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En Vogue - EV3  
EastWest America (comp 324)-P
- 54 25 8 **RETURN OF THE MACK**  
Mark Morrison - Mark Morrison  
WEA 17252-P
- 55 NE **HAPPY WITH YOU**  
Samantha Cole - Samantha Cole  
Universal 97129 (comp 12)-J
- 56 NE **LOST HIGHWAY**  
Lori Yates - Untogether  
Virgin (promo CD)-F
- 57 76 2 **MAKING LOVE OUT OF NOTHING AT ALL**  
M-Appel - N/A  
Dexter Entertainment
- 58 61 3 **TRUST ME**  
Amanda Marshall - Amanda Marshall  
Columbia 80229 - H
- 59 NE **DOWNTIME**  
The Gandharvas - Sold For A Smile  
Watch 89709 (promo CD) - J
- 60 52 12 **TRY**  
Michael Penn - Resigned  
Epic 67710 (comp 062)-H
- 61 53 28 **SAY YOU'LL BE THERE**  
Spice Girls - Spice  
Virgin 7243 8 42174-F
- 62 NE **I AM THE MAN**  
Philosopher Kings - I Am The Man  
Columbia (comp 1285) - H
- 63 54 19 **HARD TO SAY I'M SORRY**  
Az Yet w/ Peter Cetera - Az Yet  
BMG 26034 (comp 17)-N
- 64 74 11 **DRINKING IN L.A.**  
Bran Van 3000 - Glee  
AudioGram 10105-Select
- 65 66 4 **BREATHE**  
Prodigy - The Fat Of The Land  
XL Recordings 40121-Koch
- 66 37 17 **QUIT PLAYIN' GAMES WITH...**  
Backstreet Boys - Backstreet Boys  
Jive/Zomba 15881-N
- 67 63 3 **MARCHING TO MARS**  
Sammy Hagar - Marching To Mars  
Track Factory 11627 - J

- 68 49 5 **CONGO**  
Genesis - Calling All Stations  
Atlantic (comp 330) - P
- 69 50 7 **SAY WHAT YOU WANT**  
Texas - White On Blonde  
Mercury (comp 500)-Q
- 70 NE **HOW DO I LIVE**  
Leanne Rimes - You Light Up My Life  
Curb (promo CD) - F
- 71 88 2 **THE IMPRESSION THAT I GET**  
Mighty Mighty Bosstones - Let's Face It  
Mercury (comp 520) - Q
- 72 75 4 **FOR YOU I WILL**  
Monica - Space Jam O.S.T.  
Atlantic (comp 310)-P
- 73 79 3 **SOMETIMES**  
Brand New Heavies - Shelter  
Delicious Vinyl
- 74 55 9 **THE TIDE IS HIGH**  
Maxi Priest - The Man With The Fun  
Virgin 420142-F
- 75 58 16 **MIDNIGHT IN CHELSEA**  
Jon Bon Jovi - Destination Anywhere  
Mercury 314 534 903-Q
- 76 91 2 **SILVER SPRINGS**  
Fleetwood Mac - The Dance  
Reprise (comp 311)-P
- 77 69 5 **IF I WAIT THERE FOR YOU**  
Bobby Cameron - Bobby Cameron  
NAROOT (promo CD) - SOCAN
- 78 48 18 **WAYNE**  
Chantal Kreviazuk - Under These Rocks And Stones  
Columbia 80246 (comp 61)-H
- 79 NE **MY ADDICTION**  
Dayna Manning - Volume 1  
EMI 53635 (comp 17) - F
- 80 57 8 **FOUR LEAF CLOVER**  
Abra Moore - Strangest Places  
Arista 188392-N
- 81 67 5 **CAROLINA BLUES**  
Blues Traveller - Straight On 'Till Morning  
A&M 314 540 750-Q
- 82 81 26 **I WANT YOU**  
Savage Garden - Savage Garden  
Columbia 9435 (promo CD)-H
- 83 NE **MOST PRECARIOUS**  
Blues Traveller - Straight On  
A&M 314 540 750 - Q
- 84 65 6 **NOT TONIGHT**  
Lil' Kim - Not Tonight  
Tommy Boy/Atlantic (comp 329)-P
- 85 84 3 **MAKE MY MIND**  
Universal Honey - Earth Moon Transit  
Alert 81029-Q
- 86 72 6 **WALKIN' ON THE SUN**  
Smash Mouth - Fush Yu Mang  
Interscope 90142 (promo CD)-J
- 87 64 23 **CLUMSY**  
Our Lady Peace - Clumsy  
Columbia 80242-H
- 88 NE **THE SOUND OF**  
Jann Arden - Happy?  
A&M 3145407892 (promo CD) - Q
- 89 71 11 **NOT WHERE IT'S AT**  
Del Amitri - Some Other Sucker's Parade  
A&M (comp 4)-Q
- 90 77 9 **SLIP N SLIDE**  
Tia - Tia  
Isba 5042 (promo CD)-K
- 91 87 26 **ELEGANTLY WASTED**  
INXS - Elegantly Wasted  
Mercury 314 534 531-Q
- 92 78 5 **WE TRYING TO STAY ALIVE**  
Wyclef Jean - The Carnival  
Columbia 67974 (comp 063)-H
- 93 NE **I CHOOSE**  
The Offspring - Ixnay On The Hombre  
Columbia (promo CD) - H
- 94 73 19 **THE WORLD TONIGHT**  
Paul McCartney - Flaming Pie  
Capitol 565002-F
- 95 85 4 **LUNATIC FRINGE**  
Tom Cochrane - Songs Of A Circling Spirit  
EMI-F
- 96 86 18 **HOLE IN MY SOUL**  
Aerosmith - Nine Lives  
Columbia 67547-H
- 97 83 10 **GIMME SOME LOVE**  
Gina G. - Fresh!  
WEA 17840-P
- 98 89 6 **LITTLE MORE TIME WITH YOU**  
James Taylor - Hourglass  
Columbia 67912 (comp 062)-H
- 99 82 3 **FADE TO BLUE**  
38 Special - Resolution  
Razor & Tie 2829
- 100 80 14 **BUTTERFLY KISSES**  
Bob Carlisle - Bob Carlisle  
DMG/BMG 41613 (promo CD)-N





# New Releases

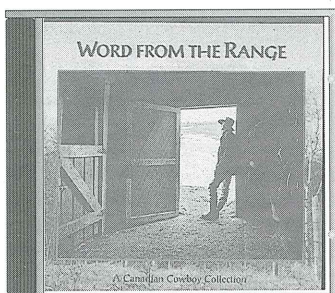


**JAMES OWEN BUSH**  
**Love Like Thunder**  
**Talybont-01562**

Bush has it all together with this release, timely in view of Canadian Country Music Week in Hamilton. He's no stranger to the charts, having enjoyed runs up the RPM Country 100 with several of his previous releases. This is all new material, most of which Bush had a hand in. Salvation Man, a song he wrote with Jeff Bardeau and J.K. Guley for the Salvation Army and which launched his Salvation Man Tour, is key. Also key is A Far Cry, taken as the first single. Bush has a cut-to-the-chase vocal projection that demands immediate attention. Although the country roots are obvious, there's a powerful vocal pull that reveals the crossover potential. He's got some petty good pickers here as well, including guitarists J.K. Guley, Kevin Breit and John Fidlay, steelman Mike Holder, Doug Riley on keys, Dave Bingham on mouth harp, and Rick Waychesko on trumpet and trombone, saxman Mark Armstrong, drummer Liubo Giurgevich and Peter Bleakney and Matthew Gerrard on bass. With that kind of instrument backup, Bush only has to add his vocals, and that's where the real entertainment comes in. Produced by Bush and Mark Armstrong and recorded at Toronto's McClear Pathé Studio. **-WG**

**THE CANADIAN COWBOY**  
**Word From The Range**  
**Glenbow-001**

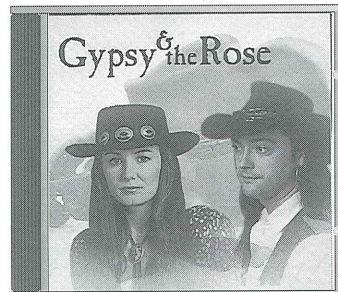
Here's a treasure trove of Canadian "cowboy" music, and the use of "cowboy" is deliberate and not meant to be demeaning. We're talking here real country cowpoke type of stuff from the likes of the Rhythm Pals with Bob Nolan's Cool Water and Nolan performing his Tumbling Tumbleweeds, Wilf Carter's Calgary Roundup and The Fate Of Old Strawberry Roan, Dick Damron's The Last Of The Rodeo Riders, the late Colleen Peterson with her original Code Of The West, Ian Tyson's Half A Mile Of Hell, Cindy Church's Cowgirl's Lullabye, Gary Fjellgaard's Drifting Cowboy, The Great



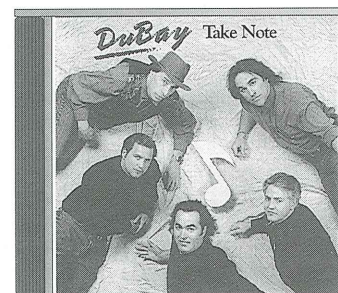
Western Orchestra's Wind In The Wire written by David Wilkie and Stewart McDougall, and an exceptional recording of the traditional Red River Valley, performed by The Simpson Brothers and Cindy Church, and the list goes on. And who better to put together a collection like this than Roy Warhurst, formerly with The Sons of the Pioneers and producer of this release. An impressive list of 19 artists who perform here on 22 tracks. The feeling of depth and ruggedness provides an almost visual experience as well as an "real sound" audio happening. This is genuine Canadian country roots stuff that should be an important part of any country radio station interested in where this industry came from. Warhurst and Chris Daniels were the geniuses behind the mastering, editing, and what a pristine product they came up with. Available through Glenbow Museum in Calgary at 403-268-4100. **-WG**

**THE GYPSY AND THE ROSE** - Country  
**Self-titled**  
**Spectrum/Royalty-9754**

Gypsy and the Rose are Calgary's Rene Schmidt (Gypsy) and Candie Deleah (Rose), a native of Saskatchewan. The duo have been together for seven years and released their debut album, The Dine-O-Mite Cafe, in 1994. That album gained them a trip to the Republic of China and Taiwan, a tour that lasted three months. All the tracks, written by the pair, were recorded "on the road" with vocals and overdubs recorded at Calgary's Firelane Studios. Schmidt produced. Fast Car has been taken as the first single, a perfect example of how the pair work so well together. Their song



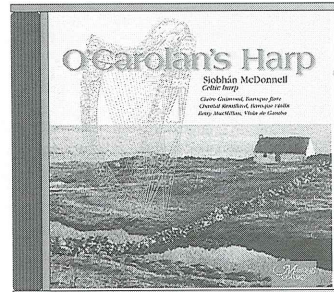
material is hip-hopping country that has an excellent reach and appeal. This is particularly evident on This Time, Ride, Ride, Ride, Take Your Time and Big Reward. The Hoo Hoo Sish could be a left-fielder. The pickers deserve mention for their respect for the vocalists, providing an overall wall of musical satisfaction. They are Greg Cormie on fiddle, drummer Keifer Stewart, and bassist Peter Wagner, and, of course Deleah on keys, and Schmidt on dobro. It's in the grooves, and could be brought home with a solid promotional campaign. Available through Royalty at 403-461-7788 fax 403-461-7828. **-WG**



**DUBAY** - Country/Pop  
**Take Note**  
**Limozine-003**

Take note, here's a Hamilton band that's got that country roots feeling, and with a reach into the pop field. She Talks It Out, the first single has crossover written all over it. The performance confidence of these guys gives each track its own identity. Claude Dubé does

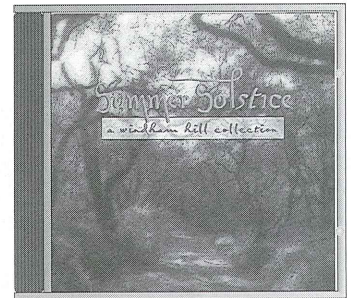
all the lead vocal work and doubles on acoustic guitar and keys. The other members are guitarist Dennis Decker, Danny Dubé on bass, Nicholas Holden on electric, acoustic and slide guitars and vocals, and drummer Kevin Camilleri, who also doubles on keys. There's a lot of experience here which gives that extra kick to the projection and a clear-cut lyric expression that holds the ear to the last syllable, which shows their professionalism. Also key is the Camilleri penning of I'll Be There, Minds That See, written by Dubé and Decker, the folksy Soul Mates and the compelling French-language MaMère, both Dubé originals. Produced by the band and recorded at Symphony Place Studio in Ancaster, Ontario. Available by faxing 905-578-4673. **-WG**



**SIOBHÁN McDONNELL** - Celtic  
**O'Carolan's Harp**  
**Marquis Classics-195-F**

Turlough O'Carolan was the last of the traditional Irish bards (he died in 1738), and it's mostly his songs performed here. The others are by his contemporaries or modern composers in Celtic style. They're played with evident effect by Miss O'Donnell, accompanied on some of the 26 tracks by fellow Canadian artists Claire Guimond (baroque-or transverse-flute), Chantal Remillard (baroque violin) and Betsy MacMillan (viola de gamba). It's not by accident that heaven is frequently represented by angelic hosts playing harps. The instrument produces a sound that is, quite simply, heavenly. To be honest, there's a certain

sameness of tempo about the songs played in this collection, but that would seem to be all of a piece. After all, heaven is eternal. So why shouldn't heavenly music be the same? Harp is a tonic for tired souls. **-BW**



**VARIOUS ARTISTS** - Mood Music  
**Summer Solstice**  
**Windham Hill-1934-11239-N**

"And summer's lease hath all too short a date". By the time this appears in print, summer will be almost if not completely over. So, why a review of an album dedicated to its pleasures? The answer is clear enough. Why not? For those who abhor winter, but can't escape it, it's pleasant at that time of year to play music that brings back memories of golden days of sunshine. In the main, Summer Solstice does just that. Various artists from the Windham Hill assemblage play soft, gentle mood pieces that are genuinely evocative. We've used the qualifier "in the main" to make a personal comment upon the lack of more livelier pieces. After all, days at the beach are filled with volleyball, frisbees and other activities, but none of them are reflected here with the possible exception of George Winston's solo harmonica playing of M.M.'s Dunk. All the others, while well performed to beautiful orchestrations, are rather more languid than lively. Still, and upon reflection, that's not bad, for an afternoon in front of the fire dozing away the days of winter until the return of glorious summer. **-BW**

## ALBUM PICK

**CINDY CHURCH** - Country  
**Self-titled**  
**Stony Plain-1235-P**

A powerful stylist whose vocal magic isn't restricted to country, Cindy Church, the transplanted Nova Scotian now living in Alberta's Turner Valley, continues to add to her legacy, that legacy being her previous releases, Love On The Range and Just A Little Rain. To say that Church has improved would be an injustice. She has nothing to improve on. She has established her musical signature, and with this release keeps it in focus with another emotion-loaded package of entertainment. The only difference is that she brought Miles Wilkinson on board to co-produce the album with her longtime partner Nathan Tinkham. It was Wilkinson who brought Church into the inner circle of Nashville's Music City Row, and the discoveries began. Gillian Welch's penning of Wichita is a barnburner, as is Billy Swan's Lover Please, the first single, and The Only Star I See, written by Wayland Holyfield and Richard Leigh, all of which are two-parts Cancon (AP). Also key is Church's duet with Ian Tyson on What Does She See, a Tyson original, and Sylvia Tyson's Bitter Pride. Church shows her talent as a songwriter on My Baby, which could be a left-fielder. Tinkham's penning of Only Time Can Cure, is reflective of Church's loss of Quartette member Colleen Peterson, who died of breast cancer last year. The album was recorded in Edmonton at Beta Sound. **-WG**





# 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	NE	<b>OASIS</b> Be Here Now (Epic) 68530	35	30	15	<b>FOO FIGHTERS</b> Colour And The Shape (EMI) 55832	68	62	9	<b>BLUES TRAVELLER</b> Straight On Til Midnight (A&M) 40750	
2	1	3	<b>BACKSTREET BOYS</b> Backstreet's Back (Jive) 41617	36	33	13	<b>WU-TANG CLAN</b> Wu-Tang Forever (BMG) 66905	69	54	26	<b>JONNY LANG</b> Lie To Me (A&M) 00640
3	2	7	<b>SARAH McLACHLAN</b> Surfacing (Nettwerk) 30116	37	34	16	<b>TONIC</b> Lemon Parade (PolyGram) 1042	70	NE	<b>COLIN RAYE</b> Direct Hits (Epic) 67893	
4	3	6	<b>PUFF DADDY &amp; THE FAMILY</b> No Way Out (Bad Boy) 3012	39	NE	<b>COOLIO</b> Coolio My Soul (Tommy Boy) 1180	71	65	23	<b>HIT ZONE 3</b> Various Artists (Sony) 24032	
5	NE	<b>TRISHA YEARWOOD</b> Songbook (Universal) 70001	39	39	10	<b>HOLLY McNARLAND</b> Stuff (Universal) 53075	72	75	28	<b>BLUR</b> Blur (EMI) 55562	
6	7	9	<b>PRODIGY</b> The Fat Of The Land (XL Recordings/Koch) 40121	40	29	48	<b>CELINE DION</b> Falling Into You (Columbia) 33068	73	61	19	<b>BEE GEES</b> Still Waters (PolyGram) 37302
7	4	38	<b>SPICE GIRLS</b> Spice (Virgin) 42174	41	59	6	<b>SUGAR RAY</b> Floored (Atlantic) 83006	74	72	26	<b>U2</b> Pop (Island) 524334
8	8	32	<b>OUR LADY PEACE</b> Clumsy (Columbia) 80242	42	32	19	<b>VERVE PIPE</b> Villains (BMG) 66809	75	NE	<b>CATHERINE WHEEL</b> Adam And Eve (Mercury) 534864	
9	9	48	<b>JEWEL</b> Pieces Of You (Atlantic) 82700	43	36	13	<b>TIM McGRAW</b> Everywhere (Curb) 77886	75	67	30	<b>THE OFFSPRING</b> Inxay On The Hombre (Columbia) 67810
10	6	18	<b>NOW! 2</b> Various Artists (WEA) 35296	44	37	15	<b>NEW COUNTRY 4</b> Various Artists (Warner) 35328	77	63	2	<b>BILLY JOEL</b> Greatest Hits Vol. 3 (Columbia) 67347
11	5	9	<b>MEN IN BLACK O.S.T.</b> Various Artists (Columbia) 68169	45	43	44	<b>ROMEO &amp; JULIET O.S.T.</b> Various Artists (EMI) 37715	78	68	41	<b>ROCH VOISINE</b> Kissing Rain (RV International) 51418
12	11	9	<b>ANDREA BOCELLI</b> Romanza (Philips) 56456	46	42	8	<b>BLUE RODEO</b> Tremolo (WEA) 19253	79	73	9	<b>ULTIMATE DANCE</b> Various Artists (BMG) 49808
13	10	17	<b>HANSON</b> Middle Of Nowhere (Mercury) 34615	47	40	24	<b>AEROSMITH</b> Nine Lives (Columbia) 67547	80	77	19	<b>GEORGE STRAIT</b> Carrying Your Love (Universal) 11584
14	12	20	<b>SAVAGE GARDEN</b> Savage Garden (Columbia) 67954	48	41	48	<b>SHERYL CROW</b> Sheryl Crow (A&M) 314 540 587	81	76	8	<b>RU RECEIVING</b> Various Artists (PolyGram) 53736
15	15	11	<b>RADIOHEAD</b> OK Computer (EMI) 55229	49	44	4	<b>BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY</b> Art Of War (Epic) 91164	82	80	30	<b>SILVERCHAIR</b> Freak Show (Epic) 67905
16	18	24	<b>DAFT PUNK</b> Homework (Virgin) 42609	50	48	48	<b>TONI BRAXTON</b> Secrets (La Face) 26020	83	106	23	<b>THE AGE OF ELECTRIC</b> Make A Pest A Pet (MCA) 81021
17	14	39	<b>WALLFLOWERS</b> Bringing Down The... (MCA) 90055	51	53	19	<b>MARY J. BLIGE</b> Share My World (Universal) 11619	84	71	6	<b>MISSY ELLIOTT</b> Supa Dupa Fly (Elektra) 62062
18	13	5	<b>SPAWN O.S.T.</b> Various Artists (Epic) 68494	52	47	11	<b>ECONOLINE CRUSH</b> The Devil You Know (EMI) 38244	85	74	10	<b>TOTAL DEF JAM</b> Various Artists (PolyTel) 536 072
19	38	2	<b>FLEETWOOD MAC</b> The Dance (Reprise) 46702	53	55	2	<b>ESCAPES Vol. 2</b> Various Artists (Warner Bros.) 35691	86	96	20	<b>ROMEO &amp; JULIET O.S.T. Vol. 2</b> Various Artists (EMI) 2055567
20	19	23	<b>MATCHBOX 20</b> Yourself Or Someone Like You (Lava) 92721	54	51	48	<b>LEANN RIMES</b> Blue (Curb) 77821	87	NE	<b>FRERES A CH'VA</b> Amour Et Paix (BMG) 52357	
21	17	48	<b>AMANDA MARSHALL</b> Amanda Marshall (Columbia) 80229	55	NE	<b>DIANA KRALL</b> Love Scenes (Impulse/Universal) 50234	88	89	11	<b>BATMAN &amp; ROBIN</b> Various Artists (Warner Bros.) 46620	
22	22	10	<b>THE TEA PARTY</b> Transmission (EMI) 55308	56	57	25	<b>COLLECTIVE SOUL</b> Disciplined Breakdown (Atlantic) 82984	89	70	15	<b>CHICAGO</b> Heart Of Chicago (Warner) 46554
23	20	47	<b>BACKSTREET BOYS</b> Backstreet Boys (Jive/Zomba) 15981	57	56	11	<b>JON BON JOVI</b> Destination Anywhere (Mercury) 534903	90	113	21	<b>WIDE MOUTH MASON</b> Wide Mouth Mason (WEA) 17328
24	16	15	<b>MEREDITH BROOKS</b> Blurring The Edges (EMI) 36919	58	50	10	<b>WYCLEF JEAN</b> Presents... The Carnival (Columbia) 67974	91	NE	<b>MARTINA McBRIDE</b> Evolution (RCA) 67516	
25	21	3	<b>SWV</b> Release Some Tension (RCA) 67525	59	NE	<b>HOW TO BE A PLAYER</b> Various Artists (Def Jam) 537973	92	82	16	<b>PURE ENERGY VOLUME 4</b> Various Artists (Quality) 81997	
26	24	28	<b>LIVE</b> Secret Samadhi (Radioactive) 11590	60	45	7	<b>NOTHING TO LOSE O.S.T.</b> Various Artists (Tommy Boy) 1169	93	91	39	<b>MUCHMUSIC BIG SHINY TUNES</b> Various Artists (MCA) 81026
27	88	2	<b>BRUNO PELLETIER</b> Misirere (Dom) 30116	61	64	2	<b>BOB DYLAN</b> The Best Of Bob Dylan (Sony) 24037	94	94	21	<b>CHEMICAL BROTHERS</b> Dig Your Own Hole (Virgin) 42950
28	31	23	<b>NOTORIOUS B.I.G.</b> Life After Death (Blues Boy) 073011	62	46	22	<b>LEAHY</b> Leahy (Virgin) 42955	95	98	44	<b>JAMIROQUAI</b> Travelling Without Moving (Columbia) 91109
29	23	10	<b>MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING O.S.T.</b> Various Artists (Epic) 68166	63	52	42	<b>SPACE JAM O.S.T.</b> Various Artists (Atlantic) 82961	96	115	3	<b>98 DEGREES</b> 98 Degrees (Motown) 530796
30	25	15	<b>GREAT BIG SEA</b> Play (Warner Bros.) 18592	64	60	44	<b>DEANA CARTER</b> Did I Shave My Legs (EMI) 96060	97	78	13	<b>DANCE HITS SUPERSTARS</b> Various Artists (Popular) 83138
31	26	15	<b>TRAGICALLY HIP</b> Live Between Us (Universal) 81055	65	58	48	<b>MOIST</b> Creature (EMI) 7243 836188	98	79	13	<b>CHOOSE 80'S</b> Various Artists (Mercury) 53535
32	27	10	<b>ROBYN</b> Robyn Is Here (RCA) 67477	66	49	15	<b>BOB CARLISLE</b> Butterfly Kisses (Jive) 39691	98	83	5	<b>PANTERA</b> Official Live (EWA) 62068
33	28	48	<b>NO DOUBT</b> Tragic Kingdom (Interscope) 90003	67	69	10	<b>BRAN VAN 3000</b> Glee (Select) 71105	100	NE	<b>GIPSY KINGS</b> Compas (Columbia) 91168	
34	35	16	<b>THIRD EYE BLIND</b> Third Eye Blind (Elektra) 62012								

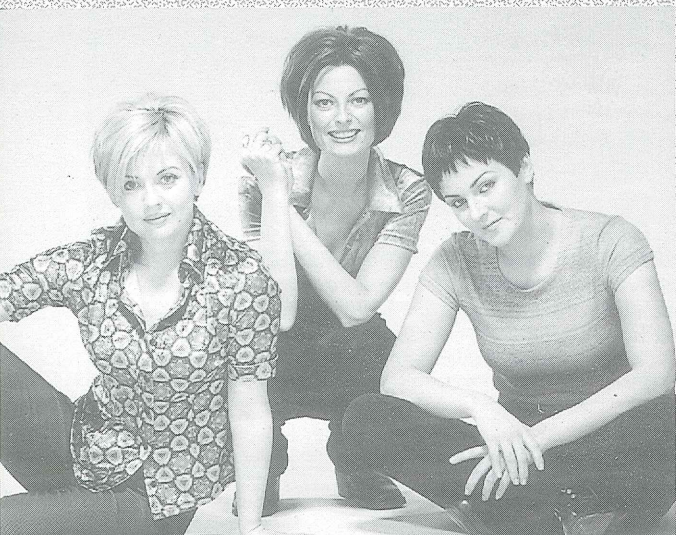




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### FEATURE SECTION





# COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK

## SEMINARS

### MAKING & MARKETING A HIT TUNE

*presented by SOCAN*

**Sunday, September 7**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm in Webster A

No doubt about it! Songwriting savvy, artistic excellence and business smarts perform well on the charts. Take a behind-the-scenes look at some winning teams, take a listen to the demos and recordings of their hit tunes, and take home some tips on how you can create your own cover success stories.

*Richard Butler, Balmur Music*

*Dean McTaggart, Songwriter*

*Cyril Rawson, Songwriter*

### HOW TO BUILD THE NEXT GENERATION OF COUNTRY LISTENERS

*presented by Country Radio Broadcasters*

**Sunday, September 7**

1:30 - 3:00 pm in Webster B

How can the radio & record industries work together to maintain the format and its core audience, break new artists and keep listeners tuning in for longer than they do now.

*MODERATOR: Gary Krantz, MJJ*

*John Blassingame, WGAR*

*Tim Dubois, Arista Records*

*Sheila Shipley Biddy, Decca Records*

### BASICS FOR BUILDING & MAINTAINING A SOUND VOICE

**Sunday, September 7**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm in Webster C

Voice care should be an integral part of every performer's professional life. This workshop will focus on do's and don't's of voice care; optimal breathing patterns; exercises that participants will learn and use on their own for warm up & cool down.

*Katherine Ardo, Canadian Voice Care Foundation*

*Dr. Brian Hands, Vox Cura*

*Joan Kennedy*

*Jamie Warren*

### MARKETING THE MUSIC II: SITTING DOWN WITH SPONSORS

**Sunday September 7**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm in Webster A

What sponsors can bring to your project; what sponsors want and what they don't want; how to strike a deal; and how to survive if it all goes wrong.

*MODERATOR: Jeff Walker, Aristo Media*

*Drew Allen, Champlain Entertainment*

*Farmer's Daughter*

*Brian Ferriman, Savannah Music Group*

*Rick Janes, McLaren Advertising*

*Rob Wilson-Rogers, The Rogers Group*

### WRITING THE SONG: THIS IS WHERE IT STARTS

**Sunday, September 7**

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm in Room 314

Inspiration vs. perspiration: how good songs get started, and how they just might end up as gems that become hits and provide your life pension.

*MODERATOR: Ralph Murphy, Rick Beresford, Duane Steele*

### EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COUNTRY RADIO, BUT DIDN'T ASK

**Sunday, September 7**

3:30 pm - 5:00 in Webster C

Find out the secrets of successful country programming, both present and for the future, from the four most successful country radio programming consultants in North America. This is an open forum, so come prepared. We guarantee you'll leave with more knowledge than when you came.

*MODERATOR: Tommy Tompkins, Pelmorex*

*Jaye Albright, Albright, Hill & O'Malley IQ*

*Bob Moody, McVey Media*

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How artists can get the best out of their managers, and how  
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BDS came out of the cutting-edge technology, but it's much  
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Deane Cameron, EMI Music Canada  
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markets; fairs vs. venues; legalities of crossing borders;  
benefits/drawbacks of co-management arrangements for  
artist representation in different territories.*MODERATOR: Jeff Green, CMA  
Patricia Conroy  
Alan Kates, MBK Management**Keith Miller, William Morris Agency  
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Bob Saporiti, Warner Bros.***WE WROTE A SONG: NOW LET'S MAKE A DEMO***presented by Canadian Musician***Monday, September 8**

10:45 am - 12:15 pm in Room 314

Yesterday a Country Music Week panel (and their audience)  
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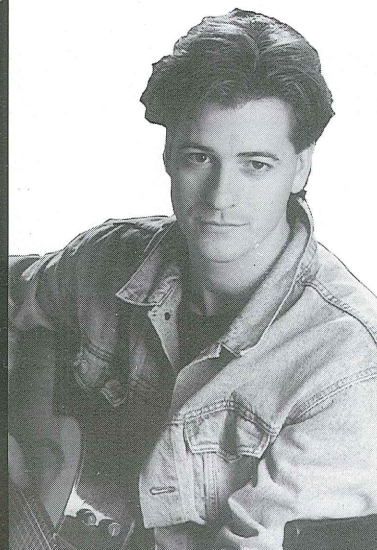
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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 am - 11:00 am Coffee Service sponsored by Wild Rose Saloon  
10:00 am - 9:00 am Registration  
2:00 am - 6:00 pm Songwriters' Cafe  
4:00 pm - 1:30 am Showcase '97 sponsored by Calgary Stampede  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Kick-Off Party sponsored by Universal Music & Seagrams *with performances by Farmer's Daughter, Joel Feeney, Rachel Matkin, Jason McCoy*

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am - 11:00 am Coffee Service sponsored by Wild Rose Saloon  
9:00 am - 9:00 pm Registration  
10:00 am - 11:00 am Opening Celebration featuring Paul Brandt  
12:00 - 2:00 pm Citation Awards Luncheon sponsored by FACTOR *with a performance by Kelita*  
2:15 pm - 4:15 pm Annual General Meeting  
4:00 pm - 1:30 am Showcase '97 *sponsored by Calgary Stampede*  
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Songwriter's Cafe  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm TNN Hospitality Party

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am - 11:00 am Coffee Service sponsored by Wild Rose Saloon  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration  
9:00 am - 10:30 am Advisory Committee Meeting  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Western Breakfast  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm Independent Labels Meeting  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Country Gospel Show  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm SEMINAR: Making & Marketing A Hit Tune presented by SOCAN  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm SEMINAR: How To Build The Next Generation Of Country Listeners presented by Country Radio Broadcasters  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm SEMINAR: Basics For Building & Maintaining A Sound Voice  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Songwriters' Cafe  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm SEMINAR: Marketing Music II: Sitting Down With Sponsors  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm SEMINAR: Writing The Song: This Is Where It Starts  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm SEMINAR: Everything You Wanted To Know About Country Radio, But Didn't Ask  
4:00 - 6:00 pm Showcase '97 sponsored by Calgary Stampede  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm President's Dinner Cocktails sponsored by BMG Music Canada  
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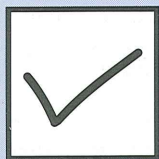
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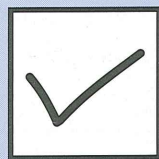


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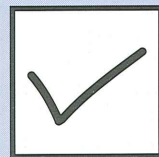


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## Paul Brandt standing taller in country music

by Walt Grealis

The climb to country stardom for Paul Brandt, the youngster from Calgary, has been relatively short, less than three years. However, his talent is unique. He has a fresh and positive attitude about music and he's a trained professional in public relations.

That attitude has made it easy for him to be accepted as an important part of Music City Row in Nashville and country music in general. Since

recorded some background vocals on it."

The first single, *A Little In Love*, was written by Josh Leo who produced the album, and a friend of his, Rick Bowles. "They did a great job on this song, and as soon as I heard it I knew that I was going to have to put it on the album. It's one of those songs I wish I had written. The guy in *My Heart Has A History*, he was a bit of a flake. His heart wouldn't let him fall in love. But the guy in this song knows exactly where his heart is and he's going to let this girl that he just met, know all about it."

It's no secret that Reprise milked Brandt's album, *Calm Before The Storm*, pretty well dry. The album, which has gone double platinum in Canada and gold in the US, has been on the RPM Country Albums chart a total of 70 weeks, and is still selling.

"It's actually fun to finally put out a new album. *Calm Before The Storm* has done well for us. I was recently at Fan Fair performing in front of about 40,000 people. I finished off *My Heart Has A History* when somebody tapped me on the shoulder. I thought I had gone too long and they were about to get the hook out and pull me off the stage. I turned around and there were a couple of folks from the record company and they presented me with my first gold album. That was a pretty neat deal, especially in front of all those people."

Brandt has been keeping a hectic schedule of tour dates, primarily in the US, but with some in Canada as well. "We've been doing a lot of the fairs and festivals down here and we're actually in the middle of a world tour. We're heading over to Europe for the first time to perform in Switzerland, the old BBC theatre in London where the Beatles played, Scotland and Amsterdam and a number of other places. We return to North America to continue the tour, and I hope we can come up to Canada. We really haven't done a concentrated tour across Canada yet."

In an RPM interview with Brandt in the March 18/96 issue, he recalled his first stage experience when he was 16, at a school project. "I got up in front of about 3,000 people at the Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary. These were my peers. I walked up on stage, walked all the way across the stage because the mike was on the other side. I was just so nervous, I was shaking and my mouth was dry and my back was tight. And I sang *Amazing Grace* a cappella. I remember getting through about half of the first verse and looking down and seeing somebody wipe a tear away. It was just the neatest feeling for me. I'll never forget that. Everytime I'm on stage I learn something about myself and how I can effect people."

That was then. Now, a relaxed Brandt can perform in front of 40,000 and more and he still admits to learning something about himself when he's on stage. "You always learn new things when you're on stage. You try new things and experiment

a little bit. As an entertainer, the thing you're always trying to do is take what's inside your heart and show it to people the best possible way you can. I think that being on the road for this past year, I've learned a lot of new ways to do that and learned a lot about myself and a lot about the people we play music for. Every single chance I get to get up on stage, it's a learning experience. Hopefully, that makes it better."

Brandt hasn't had too much time to himself. "We started on the road in May, and I think by the end of the year, we're probably going to hit over a hundred different dates."

No matter how busy Brandt is he always has time to lend his support to raise funds for children's hospitals. This past July 27, Brandt's sold-out Saddledome concert in Calgary raised more than a quarter million dollars for the Alberta Children's Hospital (RPM - Aug. 11/97).

The concert was organized by the Kinsmen of Calgary. Admission was free with the purchase of a Children's Hospital Home Lotto ticket, the only way to see the concert. Even Brandt's parents lined up at 7 am to guarantee good seats. "For every \$50 ticket they sold for their fundraiser we gave away

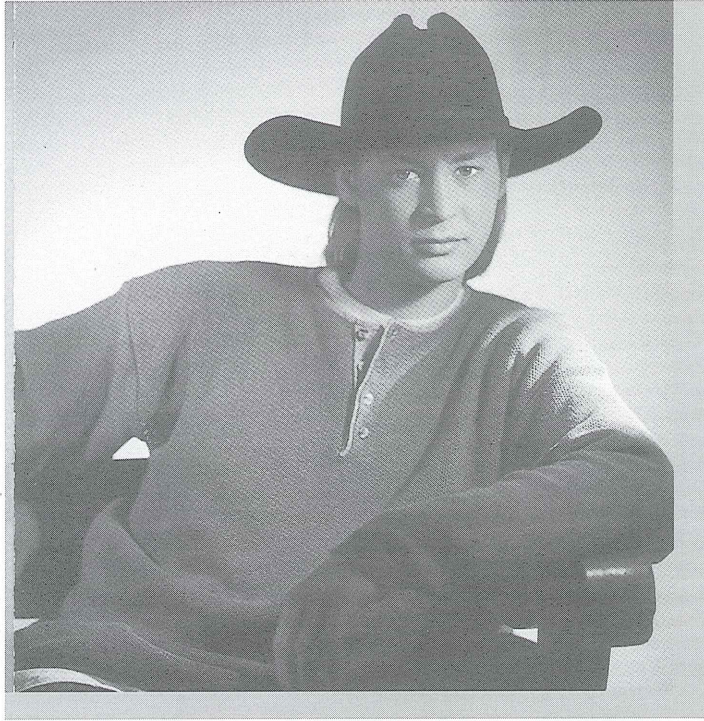
**"I wanted to start at an international level. You know, if you want to be a wheat farmer you go to the prairies. If you want to get into country music, you come to Nashville . . ."**

two free tickets for the show and it ended up selling out the Saddledome. We had about 15,000 people there.

"Just before I sang *I Meant To Do That*, I talked about a little boy I had taken care of in the hospital who came to us in a coma. He had been hit by a car and we were pretty sceptical about his chances for survival. Finally, right around Christmas, he opened his eyes for the first time. I thanked the crowd that was there for the support they had given the hospital. It was because of the money they raised, that he had a second chance for his life. Then I brought him out on stage, and the place just went nuts. There wasn't a dry eye"

Brandt has been living in Nashville for the past two years, and he's now feeling relaxed. "The folks down here have really accepted me with open arms. I was kind of worried about leaving Canada at first . . . maybe people in the states wouldn't understand what I was doing coming from Canada, and maybe people from Canada wouldn't understand why I would leave. I just kind of figured when it comes to music, and especially country music, it's an international kind of music. It's music that people can relate to, no matter what side of the border you're on or even what side of the ocean you're on."

"I wanted to start at an international level. You know, if you want to be a wheat farmer you go to the prairies. If you want to get into country music, you come to Nashville, because that's where the business is situated. And really, Nashville right now is kind of the centre of the universe for music. It's a great place to be. But, like I've always said, I'm Canadian and I think they respect me down here because they know I am a proud Canadian, but I'm still part of their music industry. Hey! I've got the best of two worlds."



his signing with Reprise, three years ago, he has scored a number of hits in both Canada and the U.S., several #1 hits in Canada.

With seven nominations for this year's Canadian Country Music Awards, which puts him in the lead of potential winners, and with a Sept. 16 release date for his new album, *Outside The Frame*, Brandt's star couldn't be any brighter.

I asked Brandt, so what's new with the new album? "Looking back at your first album is like looking at an old photo album . . . the plaid shirt and the butterfly collar, and you think, that might not have been such a good idea, but I love those pants. So you take a part of the old and try to improve on it a little bit. And I think that's what we've really done on this new album."

Brandt describes the new album as a collection of "pretty unique songs, and you are definitely going to know it's Paul Brandt and you are definitely going to know it's country. But it takes enough of a step forward that keeps it fresh, and I hope it's going to turn a few heads."

Brandt wrote the title track with his keyboard player and bandleader, Steve Rosen, who co-wrote the Reba McEntire hit *She Thinks His Name Is John*. "He's a real talented singer and songwriter and I just hope some of that good luck rubs off on this project."

Brandt co-wrote and wrote seven of the ten songs on the album. "One that I'm real excited about is a song that was real fun to record called *We Are The One*. Kathy Mattea actually came in and



*CCMA president Tompkins recaps the year in country - by Rod Gudino*

## Canadian country: it's still a matter of national pride

Several years ago, we asked CCMA president Tommy Tompkins whether Canadian country was ever going to see its day. He told RPM, in no uncertain terms, that a storm was brewing in the wind for domestic country music and that the breakthrough moment was imminent. He couldn't have said it at a more opportune time; Shania Twain was busting out with *The Woman In Me* and Terri Clark was starting to buzz in Nashville. Two whole retail seasons and several million albums later, the country music explosion has surpassed Tompkins' highest expectations; as of this writing, Twain's *Woman In Me* remains the top selling country album from a female artist, *in history*.

Canadian Country Music Week and its esteemed awards show have benefited greatly from that interest, and steadily gained a wider audience and more interest at an industry and corporate level than ever before. The CCMA's delegates this year surpass one thousand -- doubled from two years ago. The country boom has given Tompkins a lot of personal satisfaction but, as he states in the following interview, there are still some things that he'd like to see overcome.

### Are there any major obstacles that the Canadian country music industry is facing right now?

From a Canadian standpoint I think the biggest obstacle that we have to overcome is that somehow we have to get the public, and maybe the media as well, to understand that we have Canadian stars now and that Canadian music has no reason to take a back seat anymore.

### That's still a problem after all this time?

I really think that is still a problem. It's almost a reflection of the Canadian attitude and the Canadian attitude just seems to be so much the same in everything we do; where when someone reaches success it's almost like 'well they got there, next!' It's almost like an omen, a bad omen, to be successful

in Canada. And when you do become successful people think that now you can be berated because you're at the top and you deserve to get scrutinised. I think we are very unfair to our stars in Canada and I have no idea why; as soon as they're successful, we tend to chew them up and spit them out.

### Are you talking about any one in specific?

I'm talking generally. But I think we have to, first, recognise the fact, and then two, be proud of the fact that this is an achievement by a Canadian artist, regardless of what format of music and applaud them for that and treat them accordingly for doing that because that is quite an accomplishment. And also I believe that there are a lot of people in the public that are thinking oh

sure, they're big in Canada, but are they really that big anywhere else? The truth is they're *bigger* than that elsewhere and that's what I think a lot of them don't seem to understand. And we as Canadians tend to wait until the rest of the world to accept them and once the rest of the world says it's ok then we accept them, you know what I mean? I just wish we could somehow get past that, get through that.

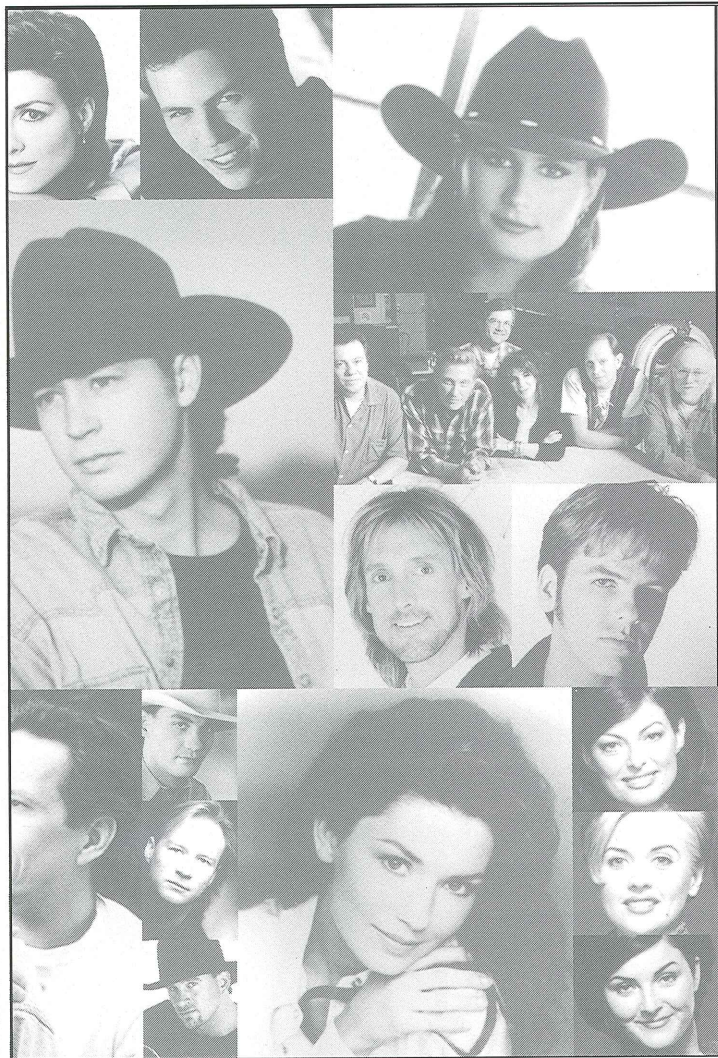
### Do you think that these kinds of attitudes are rooted in the public's perception that country music is essentially a form of Americana as opposed to Canadiana?

I don't know if it does or not. I believe that the radio listener ten or fifteen years ago looked at Canadian country music as being somewhat inferior in almost all aspects. I believe now that Canadians are much more willing, in fact in some cases, more willing and more wanting to listen to a Canadian country act as opposed to an American country act. I also know that American broadcasters love to listen to Canadian radio because they hear all this Cancon, rather than the old top 20 over and over. They find Canadian radio somewhat refreshing and it's because of the Cancon aspect of it.

### You mentioned the media as having to 'learn' to respect Canadian artists. How are they responding in general to country music in Canada?

The media has been more supportive of the CCMA's this year than they ever have been before. Also, I believe the artists and the industry as a whole are

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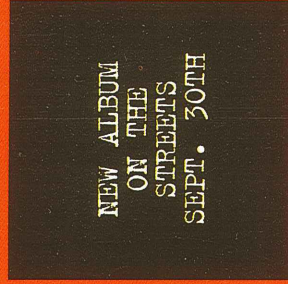
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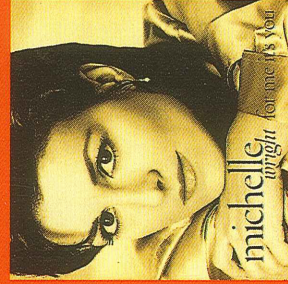




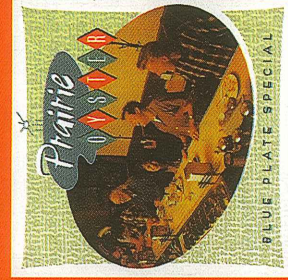
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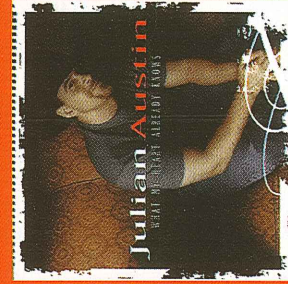
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Michelle Wright



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Julian Austin



Canada's country star system has never been brighter

## Canadian Country Music Association celebrates 20 years

by Walt Grealis

Hamilton is the host city once again for Canadian Country Music Week, which will culminate with the CTV telecast (Sept. 8) of the awards beginning at 9 pm. It's expected that when the curtain goes up on this year's awards show, more than two million Canadians will be watching. On Sept. 10, the two-hour show will be telecast around the world on The Nashville Network (TNN) which will be seen by millions more, a fitting tribute to the Canadian Country Music Association which this year celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Opening Canadian Country Music Week will be Heritage Minister Sheila Copps, whose support of Canada's recording industry goes without question. It's expected that she will have a surprise announcement that will set the pace for the whole weekend. Paul Brandt will follow with a 40-minute

performance, which will also produce another high for the event.

Calgarian Paul Brandt leads the nominee list this year with seven nominations; Male Vocalist, Single, plus two nominations for SOCAN Song of the Year and two video awards as well as the CMT Maple Leaf Foods Fans' Choice Award.

Prairie Oyster, no stranger to awards over the last seven years, rang up five nominations; Fans' Choice, Single and Album, Group and Video. The band's bassist and up-front singer Russell deCarle, was also nominated for a SOCAN award along with co-writer Willie P. Bennett, and for vocal collaboration for a duet with blues singer Rita Chiarelli.

Popular Arista songstress, Michelle Wright, who began accumulating, Juno, Big Country and CCMA awards in 1991, proves she is still a favourite of CCMA members, who nominated her

for Female Vocalist, Album and Video of the year and for the Fans' Choice Award.

Medicine Hat native Terri Clark, who also lives in Nashville, was nominated for four awards; Female Vocalist, Fans' Choice, Single and Album.

Country megastar Shania Twain is up for three nominations; Top Selling Album, Female Vocalist and the Fans' Choice Award. Twain will also be the recipient of a special CCMA award marking her achievement in selling more than 11 million copies of her album, *The Woman In Me* (RPM - Aug. 25/97). The award was created by sculptor Alex Demkiw and features a loon, made from pewter, mounted on a piece of rock indigenous to Twain's home town of Timmins, Ontario.

Family Brown, the Ottawa Valley family band who began winning awards back in 1976 will be inducted into the CCMA Hall of Honour. The Ottawa family band was a mainstay of Canadian country for many years. The founder, "Poppa" Joe Brown, was tragically struck down by a fatal heart

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## AND THE 1997 CCMA AWARDS NOMINEES ARE...

### CMT MAPLE LEAF FOODS FANS CHOICE AWARD

Paul Brandt  
Terri Clark  
Prairie Oyster  
Shania Twain  
Michelle Wright

### SINGLE OF THE YEAR

I DO  
Paul Brandt  
I GIVE YOU MY WORD  
George Fox  
NOW THAT I'M ON MY OWN  
Farmer's Daughter  
ONE WAY TRACK  
Prairie Oyster  
POOR, POOR PITIFUL ME  
Terri Clark

### ALBUM OF THE YEAR

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL  
Prairie Oyster  
FOR ME IT'S YOU  
Michelle Wright  
JUST THE SAME  
Terri Clark  
MAKIN' HAY  
Farmer's Daughter  
THOMAS WADE & WAYWARD  
Thomas Wade & Wayward

### SOCAN SONG OF THE YEAR

I DO  
Paul Brandt  
Paul Brandt  
I MEANT TO DO THAT  
Paul Brandt, Lynn Gillespie Chater,  
Kerry Chater  
(Paul Brandt)  
LONELY GYPSY WIND  
Shauna Rae Samograd, Jake Leiske,  
Angela Kelman  
(Farmer's Daughter)  
LYING HERE WITH YOU  
Thomas Wade & Cyril Rawson  
(Thomas Wade & Wayward)  
ONE WAY TRACK  
Russell deCarle & Willie P. Bennett  
(Prairie Oyster)

### VIDEO OF THE YEAR

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Paul Brandt  
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### FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Stephanie Beaumont  
Cindy Church  
Terri Clark  
Shania Twain  
Michelle Wright

### MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Julian Austin  
Paul Brandt  
Charlie Major  
Jason McCoy  
Duane Steele  
Jamie Warren

### VOCAL DUO OR GROUP OF THE YEAR

Blue Rodeo  
Farmer's Daughter  
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JAMES OWEN BUSH/  
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(Lover's Lullaby)  
RITA CHIARELLI/RUSSELL DECARLE  
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BRUCE GUTHRO/  
NATALIE MACMASTER  
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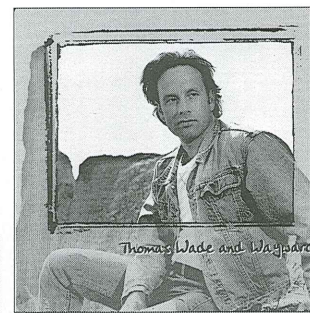
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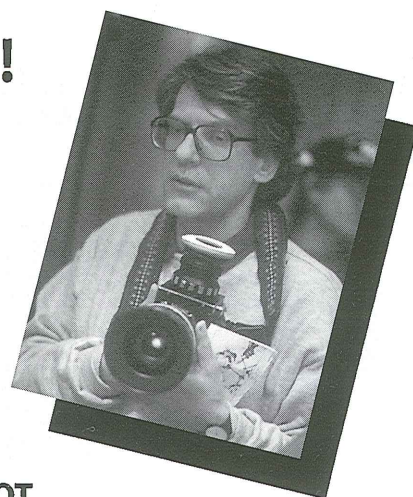
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## FEMALE VOCALIST

### STEPHANIE BEAUMONT

Born in Halifax and a graduate of the University of Western Ontario in London, Beaumont has been evolving naturally in the business. Her nomination this year for Female Vocalist and Vocal Collaboration with James Owen Bush on *Lover's Lullaby*, is just further recognition of her talent.

Last year the Iron Music artist was nominated for a Vista Rising Star award, and ironically, *Lover's Lullaby*, the duet with Bush, was nominated as Single of the Year.

Beaumont was discovered by Randall Prescott, who produced six tracks of her debut album, *Love & Dreams*, and six with Stewart Harris, a Nashville writer/producer, who co-wrote the title track with Chapin Hartford. The follow-up, *Nothing To Lose* was followed by the video which was filmed entirely in Mazatlan, Mexico. A nice break for Beaumont was her performing this song on the CCMA Awards show in 1996.

Beaumont is currently on release with *Just Like The Moon*, a song written by Nashville writers Tia M. Sillers and Kim Richey.



### CINDY CHURCH

A Nova Scotian who went west and settled in the Turner Valley, not far from Calgary, Cindy Church has been nominated as Female Vocalist. Signed to the Stony Plain label, Church has a solid background in country, having been a back-up singer for Ian Tyson as well as a member of the award-winning Great Western Orchestra. She has also had success as a solo artist and as a member of Quartette.

But country is not her only forté. She is as vocally-strong singing gospel as she is jazz and blues, a natural song stylist, no matter what the genre. She gained national recognition with the release of her first two albums, *Love On The Range* and *Just A Little Rain*. Stony Plain just recently released her self-titled album, which was produced by Miles Wilkinson and Nathan Tinkham, an album with hits in waiting. The first single taken from the album is

Billy Swan's penning of *Lover Please*. Interesting too is the duet with Ian Tyson of *What Does She See*, a Tyson original.

Church began songwriting in 1989, but it was



only recently that she humbly admitted to thinking of herself as "possibly a songwriter," a sample being *My Baby*, included on her new album.

### TERRI CLARK

Medicine Hat's favourite country star, Terri Clark, now living in Nashville, is on a roll. This year she has been nominated for four awards; Fans' Choice, Female Vocalist, and Single and Album of the Year. Her last year wins of Vista Rising Star and Best Single and Album, paved the way for even greater fan recognition on both sides of the border, and it's just a matter of time when she will hit big south of the border. She was recently nominated for the Country Music Association's (CMA) Horizon Award, which will be presented in Nashville at the end of September.

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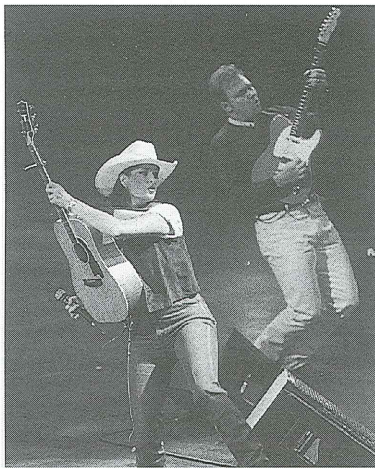
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This year has been good to Clark, whose second album for Mercury, *Just The Same*, has been on the RPM Country Albums chart for 41 weeks. The album spawned several hits for her, including *Poor Poor Pitiful Me* and *Emotional Girl*. The album has sold double platinum (200,000 units) in Canada. The title track of the album, her most recent chart success, also caused a stir on US trade charts.

Medicine Hat, and in particular, CHAT, has been a major supporter of Clark. During her homecoming date, the Alberta city named a park after her, a lasting tribute to the country hat act who brought fame to the city.



## SHANIA TWAIN

This country megastar has chalked up sales of more than 12 million units of her Mercury album, *The Woman In Me*, which has been on the RPM Country Albums chart for a record 132 weeks. The album has been recognized as the biggest selling album by a female in country music history, and winner of numerous country awards, including last year's Fans' Choice Award. There's not too much more that can be added to this phenomenal story of the reigning queen of country.

Add to that of course, the homage paid by her hometown Ontario city of Timmins, which dedicated a thoroughfare in her name, and her recognition earlier this year at the Junos as being one of three female artists, along with Celine Dion and Alanis Morissette, who were presented with the first International Achievement Awards. The CCMA has struck a special award for Twain in recognition of her worldwide success and which will be presented at this



year's awards show. The award, created by sculptor Alex Demkiw, features a loon, made from pewter, mounted on a piece of rock indigenous to northern Ontario. Interesting too is that Twain and her husband Mutt Lange, now work in a home studio they have named Loon Echo.

Not active on the performance circuit, but able to draw upwards of 10,000 fans to autograph sessions, Twain is rumoured to change all that in the coming year. Finally, with a new album to follow her 1995 release, plans are apparently underway to mount a major tour of Canada and the US.

Twain is up for three CCMA awards this year: Female Vocalist, Top Selling Album and the Fans' Choice Award.

## MICHELLE WRIGHT

From the lush Ontario farmland community of Chatham Kent, Arista recording star Michelle Wright has been winning awards since 1989. She devotes her

entire life to her career, and it's paid off in spades. Wright has won two Fan Choice Awards in the past and this year has been nominated in that category once again and is up for Female Vocalist, Album and Video of the Year.

Wright recently mounted a Chevy Thunder Tour which took her into small, medium and large markets across Canada where she was able to connect with the real country fans, and particularly hers.

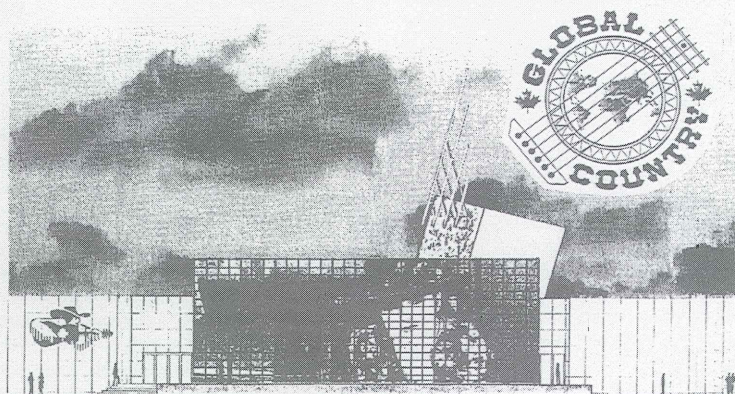
Music aside, Wright was the cover model of Sears winter catalogue, the first celebrity to adorn the cover as well as being featured on the inside pages. She was also the celebrity spokesperson for this year's Special Olympics World Winter Games which were held in Toronto and Collingwood.

Coming up is a tribute night by the Chatham Kent Foundation, where Wright's achievements will be celebrated by a dinner attended by local and provincial dignitaries. Chatham, her hometown, has already recognized her talents with a homecoming parade and all the pomp and ceremony the tomato capitol of Canada could muster up.

Wright's single releases have all been chart winners, beginning with her 1986 release of *I Want To Be With You*, through to her current Top 10 hit, *What Love Looks Like* (#9)

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## MALE VOCALIST

### PAUL BRANDT

Calgary-born Paul Brandt, who now lives in Nashville, has made a spectacular rise to country music stardom, all in the short term of three years. It was Randy Stark and Kim Cooke of Warner Music Canada, who first recognized the potential of Brandt, sending his demo to Paige Levy, vice-president of A&R for Reprise Records in Nashville. Shortly thereafter, Reprise signed the surprised youngster.

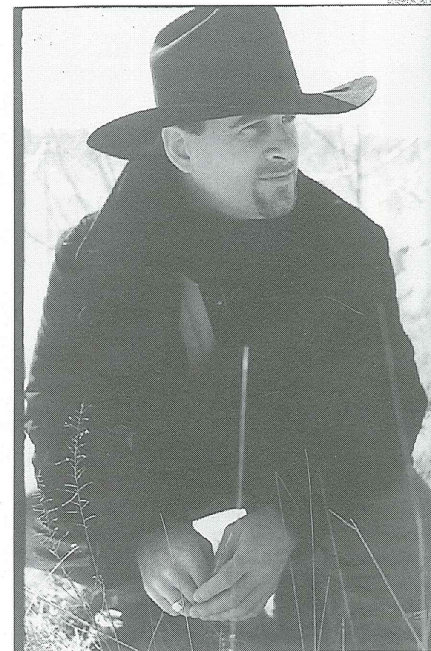
Brandt had deftly avoided the long and frustrating trip of releasing first as an independent and then hoping for a major signing. His first release, *My Heart Has A History*, the title track of his debut album, topped the RPM Country 100 on April 29, 1996, and set a trend. Each release that followed topped the chart and effectively opened the door to six nominations for the CCMA awards that September 9/96. He was nominated for Male, Vocalist, Vista Rising Star, Album, and the SOCAN Award, which he won for *My Heart Has A History*.

For his most recent chart-topper, *Take It From Me*, SOCAN will present Brandt with a #1 plaque during Canadian Country Music Week at La Costa on September 6. Outside The Frame, Brandt's second album for Reprise, will be at retail Sept. 16. *A Little In Love* has been taken as the first single.



### JULIAN AUSTIN

The first signing to VIK, BMG's new label, Julian Austin brought his New Brunswick country into the mainstream with *Little Ol' Kisses*. Teaming up with Michelle Wright for a cross-Canada tour, brought him face to face with country programmers who believed in his potential and where he cemented a strong following. His single made huge upward gains on the chart, hitting #1 on July 21, 1997. Although new to the recording side of the business, Austin has been playing the bar circuit in cover bands for the past ten years. Austin is a unique songwriter, writing from the heart, much of it about his own personal experiences. He admits to an early lifestyle that got him into trouble, drinking at age 11, going on to drugs and finally a run in with the law. He credits his music and his



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ability to turn a lyric that brought him back from the brink. Austin has a warm working relationship with Steve Robichaud, a friend of 20 years, who is also a native of Saint John. Robichaud has co-written several songs with Austin on his album, *What My Heart Already Knows*. The album was produced by Daniel Leblanc. The Austin/Robichaud penning of *Diamond* is the follow-up release to *Little Ol' Kisses* and it has already formed a pattern of success. Austin has been nominated as Male Vocalist of the Year and for the Wrangler Rising Star Award

### CHARLIE MAJOR

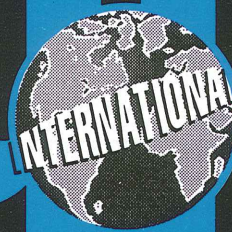
Ottawa's famous hard-hitting country vocalmeister is sure to make his presence known at this year's CCMA awards show. Nominated as Male Vocalist this year, a category he has won consecutively since 1994, Major has also taken several other categories over the years. It was in 1994 when he won four awards; Male Vocalist, Single and SOCAN Song, for *I'm Gonna Drive You Out Of My Mind*; and Album for *The Other Side*. That album garnered him six back to back #1 singles. Major was first recognized for his potential as a songwriter when Ricky Van Shelton recorded his *Backroads* song, which became a major hit on both sides of the border. Teaming with manager Alan Kates, Major hit an incredible stride and is now on the threshold of expanding on his star status with the Sept. 30





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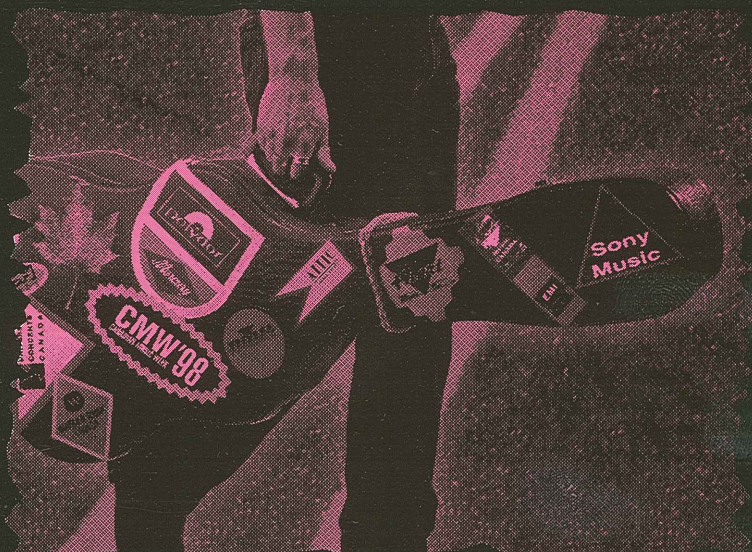
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release of his new Arista album, *Everything's Alright*. He produced the album with Mike Poole. The first single, *I'm Feeling Kind Of Lucky Tonight*, has already captured both major and secondary markets across Canada and has been tagged a "major hit" by country pundits. US country star LeAnn Rimes, who is a big Major fan, asked him to join her for her two shows scheduled for this Saturday (Sept. 6) at Toronto's Massey Hall

## JASON MCCOY

This young Kitchener, Ontario artist has made an indelible imprint on the industry, first with his independent release, and then when he signed with Universal Music. With the added support from Universal plus the aggressive promotion campaign waged by his manager Ron Kitchener, McCoy's place in the music industry was secured.

In his short three years in the business, McCoy has hit the top of the chart three times. These #1 singles gave him the confidence to expand and to immerse himself in the songwriting community of Music City Row in Nashville, where he worked with some of the best country writers in the business. Rubbing shoulders with these professionals has obviously rubbed off as witness the enthusiasm he has for his upcoming album, *Playin' For Keeps*. Born Again In Dixieland, a song he wrote with Naoise Sheridan and Denny Carr, taken as the first single, literally exploded on the chart, and maintains Top 10 status (#8) on the RPM Country 100. Concentrating on his writing took McCoy off the concert and club circuit, which he found that "playing live was more than something I missed."

McCoy admits he went through "withdrawal," and has taken his regenerated talent and new songs on the road with a hectic tour that will have taken him to major, medium and small markets from St. John's through to Victoria by the end of this year.

McCoy has been nominated this year in the category of Male Vocalist.



## DUANE STEELE

Nominated as Male Vocalist of the Year, this native of Hines Creek, Alberta has quietly forged a name among the top echelon of Canadian country recording artists. His was a beginning like most young artists, as the member of a band, although in his case there was a difference. He was only 14 at the time when he joined Northern Sunrise, which gave him the insight a few years later to put together his own band, The Rock 'N Horse Band, which even enjoyed a couple of chart singles, and a Juno nomination in 1992 as Best Country Band. After going solo and showcasing in Calgary at Canadian Country Music '94, he found himself signed directly to Mercury Records in Canada. His debut album, *P.O. Box 423*, garnered three charted singles, *Anita Got Married* (#1 - July 9/96), *Stuck On Your Love*, *She's Tough*, and his current charted single, *Two Names On An Overpass*, a pretty remarkable showing from an artist's debut album.

Steele has just completed his second album for the label, titled *This Is The Life*, an album that came about during a crisis in his life. His marriage of 12 years was on the rocks, and he admits freely that he picked songs for the album "that related to what I'd been going through, what I was needing as a person." He collaborated with several writers, co-writing 10 of the songs. He also hooked up with past producers and co-conspirators Mike Clute and Steve Bogard and cut the record in 20 days at Clute's Nashville studio.



## JAMIE WARREN

A native of Kitchener/Waterloo, Ontario, Jamie Warren is a veteran with a new lease on life. He first began releasing records independently in 1983 and won the Big Country category of Outstanding New Artist in 1985. A lot of years have gone by since, but his new lease on life came with his March 4/96 signing to the River North Nashville label, distributed by Mercury/Polydor.

Warren's debut album for the label, *Fallen Angel*, brought him back into the mainstream with the release of *One Step Back*, followed by *Watching Her Sleep*, *Fallen Angel*, the title track of his album, and *The Secret*, his current charted single, which is a story in itself.

Warren is using his popularity to bring attention to domestic violence through a campaign and a toll-free hotline number for abused women. His concerns about this issue prompted him to write *The Secret*. With the launch of the Warren Foundation, and a video of *The Secret* and his first fund-raising venture, a golf tournament, a fund-raising auction and a benefit concert. Needless to say, Warren's project made an immediate impact.

Warren is nominated in two categories this year, Male Vocalist and for the Wrangler Rising Star Award.





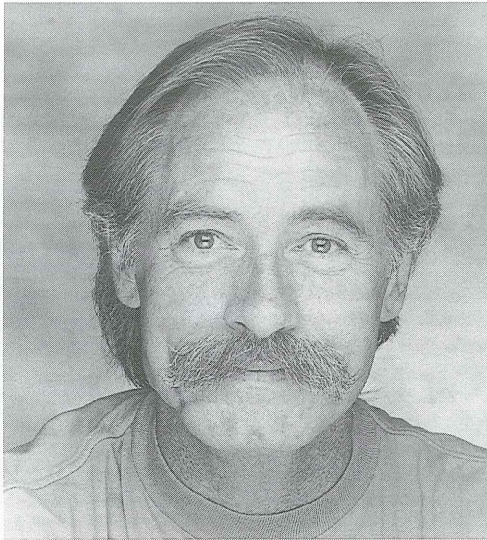
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more supportive because they see now that it's run legitimately; it's a good open door policy we have, it's very user friendly, financially we're fine -- we've just had the best financial year we've had in our history -- we have more corporate sponsorship than ever before, we have the highest rated awards show in Canada now, it's the only Canadian awards show that's seen worldwide, so we've really matured a lot in the past ten years. And people take us a little more seriously now, treat us with a little more respect.

**I'm getting the impression that country music's popularity stabilised over the past year. How true is that impression?**

Well, a few years ago it was at a peak that it had never been seen before and a lot of that was due to that Garth guy and Shania. And their albums were selling like hot cakes and people couldn't keep up with it and they were ruling the charts, etc. And when you think about it, in the last year neither Garth nor Shania have had a new album and, let's face it, they have been the driving force in country record sales in the last few years, no one's even come close. Not disregarding what other people

have achieved, but they just haven't achieved what Garth and Shania have in sales. And so therefore -- from a sales standpoint -- sure, country sales are



probably down but there wasn't anything to really drive country people to the record stores in the first place. It will be interesting to see what will happen

to the new Shania album and the new Garth album both of which will be out real soon. But in terms of getting back to the original question, the country boom *has* subsided, but at the same time it is still at a level that is much higher than it was, say, six or seven years ago.

**Are the majors more interested in domestic country acts now than they were in the past?**

Without a doubt. Where you really notice it is when you go to our showcases at country music week, you see all the A&R people there and you see them talking to the artists all the time. There is definite interest out there. There are still record companies in Canada that are talking to people who showcased last year, because they are watching their development; there is an increased development there, no doubt about it.

**This is your fourth year on the board of directors. Do you see yourself continuing your involvement with the CCMAs?**

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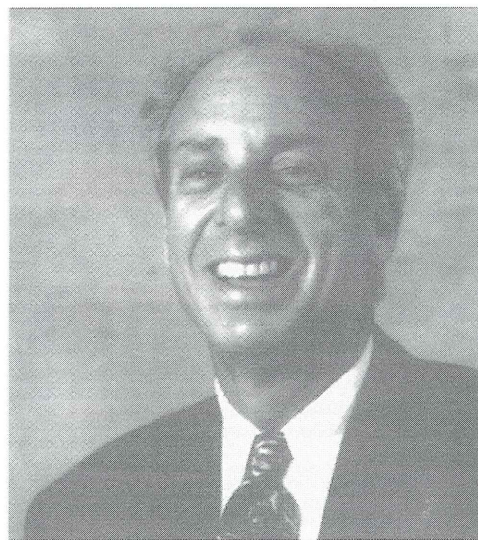
Even though vocal chords have been seen as professional instruments since the ancient Greeks introduced theatre, the arrival of recording technology has really kicked the idea into high-gear for the modern world. This is an age, after all, where there is an unprecedented number of professional voice users, among them actors, singers, broadcasters, public speakers, who are exercising -- and bastardising -- their vocal chords.

Enter one Dr. Brian Hands, whose multi-disciplinary balm for vocal related problems has made him one of the most in-demand voice care specialists around and a regular consultant for Livent, Mirvish Productions and the Canadian Opera Company. Hands' multi-disciplinary approach to training and maintaining a problem free voice purports breakthrough medical, diagnostic, therapeutic and coaching resources despite tongue-twisting terms like "video stroboscopy." In fact, video stroboscopy is the major breakthrough of the technique. Initially developed back in the 1950s by German engineers, video stroboscopy allows for examination of the larynx via an audio and a visual recording done through a strobe light, which allows

the vocal chords to be slowed down and enable doctors to see their individual wave motions.

"Prior to this, we would have to take someone to the hospital and put them to sleep and look at the vocal chords," explains Hands. "But now, with video stroboscopy, we can visualise the vocal chords in actual motion and have them reduced in speed in their cyclical vibratory motion."

Hands says vocal chords vibrate in individuals anywhere from 80 cycles per second to 1000 cycles per second, speeds which far exceed observation



by the human eye.

"But with use of the video strobe, we are able to see the very subtle changes in the voice production such that if a singer comes in and says, 'listen, I'm having trouble in my middle range or my high C is gone or my break to my falsetto is not quite there,' we can actually identify the problem," he says. "And we can do that in conjunction with our singing teacher and our speech language pathologist. We have come to a point now where

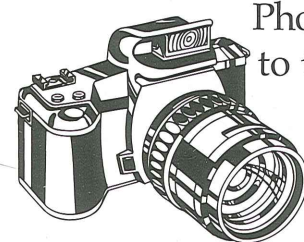
we have put together the performer and all the people that should be assisting this person in one room, seeing one examination and being able to have the patient focus on the problem and the people who are going to treat the problem focus on the problem. And we can therefore reduce the therapy that's necessary to a minimum."

Not surprisingly, the idea has seen huge interest from the entertainment industry, especially artists and broadcasters. That interest is one of the reasons that Hands will be part of a panel discussion at this week's Canadian Country Music Week (Basics For Building & Maintaining A Sound Voice with Katherine Ardo, Joan Kennedy and Jamie Warren on Sunday, September 7).

"What we are planning to do essentially," says Hands, "is to talk about the do's and don'ts of voice care; the basic techniques, the effect of various environmental factors, drugs, alcohol -- this type of thing -- on the voice. We are also going to try and express to the audience the nature of what the vocal track consists of, how to work it and how to make it more efficient and describe the very sophisticated way in which we can now intervene and improve the status of vocal quality."

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**Charlie Major** is big news this week as we roll into Canadian Country Music Week and the CCMA awards show. BMG has mounted a massive campaign for Major's new album titled Everything's Alright which will be in the stores Sept. 30. Major is getting the star treatment he deserves with this release, four-colour, four page brochure that not only points up Major's new look, but includes a ballot which offers consumers a chance to win \$2,000 in cash. Major began winning awards in 1994 with his Big Country wins, sweeping the awards in 1995 winning five of them. He's also had his share of #1 records. Major must be feeling kind of lucky with the first single, Feeling Kind Of Lucky registering as the most added this week on the RPM Country 100. The single, released on the Vik/BMG label, enters the chart at #80. The song is a Major original. The album was produced by Mike Poole.

**Lisa Erskine** is making the rounds during Country Music Week in Hamilton. She is scheduled to

showcase at the Hamilton Sheraton Hotel's main ballroom on Sept. 5 beginning at 4:45 pm. Erskine saw recent chart action with her debut single, See You On The Other Side, and is now promoting the follow-up, Losin' End. The video for the single was filmed on location in Mexico City.

**Gilles Godard** will be making his presence known this week with product from Stef Carse, his latest discovery. Carse is actually well known in French Canada where he has sold more than 250,000 albums. He is looking for an American deal and Godard, who now lives in Nashville can open that door.

## Shirley Myers signs major deal with Stony Plain

Peter Leggett, who manages New Brunswickers Shirley Myers and Chris Cummings, has been using his private business smarts to move his young country wards into the mainstream.

**Gary Fjellgaard** is preparing the release of his next Stony Plain album. This will be a Best Of for this veteran. The album contains a duet with Cindy Church on a Fjellgaard original Love To The Wind.

**12 Gauge** is beginning to show impressive spins on their single, Love's A Trip (RPM Aug 18/97). This is the first single from their album Until You Walk The Tracks. Dana MacLean at RDR is doing the tracking.

**Candice Carnie** whose album Madd River was included in RPM's Aug 25/97 New Releases, has a distributor. Released on the Neddy Boy label, the

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### DAN MITCHELL

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What If It's You - Reba McEntire

### RICK KELLY

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Please - The Kinleys

### STEVE JONES

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Tell The Girl - Duane Steele

### JANET TRECARTEN

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Something We Do - Clint Black

The success of Cummings, who releases on Warner Bros and whose recent release, Almost Always, hit #3 on the RPM Country 100 (Aug. 4/97), goes without question.

With Myers, and with the help of Alan Fletcher, who heads up Warner Music's special projects division and who included her track Let It Rain on the out-of-the-box sales smash New Country 4, Leggett's job was made a little easier. The album has now sold more than three times platinum (300,000 units).

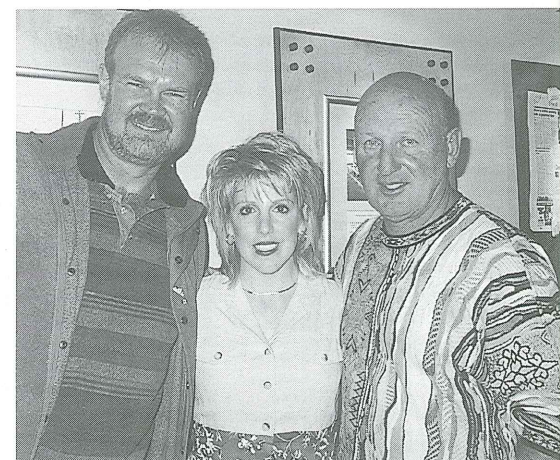
Country programmers literally jumped on the Myers track, sending it up the RPM Country 100 to #3 (Aug. 18/97), a rare happening for a new artist.

A showcasing of Myers at the International Skyline Hotel in Toronto, a few weeks ago, attracted a large representation of A&R and promotion/marketing people from most of the major labels.

As the single began to wane however, Leggett began to get nervous and, again, thanks to Warner Music, he was put in touch with Holger Petersen, president of Edmonton's Stony Plain Records. Stony Plain is distributed in Canada by Warner Music.

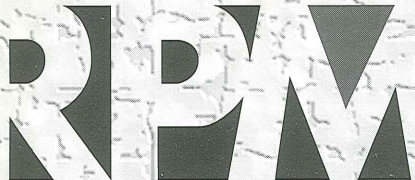
Petersen liked what he heard and moved quickly and the deal was signed. Practically before the ink was dry, news was out that a new single, Haven't You Heard, would go to radio on Sept. 27. The song was written by Myers with fellow Canadian songwriter Rod Nicholson and Nashville writer Rick Scott. A full studio album by Myers, titled Let It Rain, will be released over the next few weeks.

Myers is the daughter of Gerry Myers, who was an important part of the New Brunswick and Quebec country music scene in the '50s and '60s.



New Stony Plain recording artist Shirley Myers with manager, Peter Leggett and Stony Plain president Holger Petersen.





# 100 COUNTRY TRACKS

Canada's Only National 100 Country Survey



## Record Distributor Codes:

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

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

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1	1	13	<b>HOW DO I LIVE</b> Trisha Yearwood/Greatest Hits/pro single-J (D. Warren) T. Yearwood (MCA)	35	39	9	<b>SOMEBODY SLAP ME</b> John Anderson/Takin' The Country Back/pro single-Q (B. McDill/R. Murrah) K. Stegall (Mercury)	68	58	11	<b>TALK OF THE TOWN</b> Suzanne Gitz/Self-titled/CD track-Y (A. Rodger) A. Rodger (Page)
2	8	15	<b>SHE'S GOT IT ALL</b> Kenny Chesney/I Will Stand/pro single-N (D. Womack/C. Wiseman) B. Cannon/N. Wilson (BNA)	36	22	20	<b>I LEFT SOMETHING TURNED ON</b> Trace Adkins/Dreamin' Out Loud/pro single-F (B. Lawson/J. Scheweers) S. Hendricks (Capitol)	69	56	25	<b>FAR CRY FROM LEAVIN'</b> Terry Kelly/Title track/comp 7-F (T. Kelly/R. Hynes) F. King (Gun)
3	6	13	<b>HOW YOUR LOVE MAKES ME FEEL</b> Diamond Rio/Greatest Hits/CD single-N (M.T. Barnes/T. Bruce) M.D. Clute/Diamond Rio (Arista)	37	48	5	<b>THE NIGHT THE BARN BURNED DOWN</b> George Fox/Greatest Hits/comp330-P (G. Fox/K. Tribble) K. Tribble (WEA)	70	72	4	<b>PLEASE</b> The Kinleys/Just Between You ... /comp 347-H (T. Haselden) R. Zavitsen/T. Haselden/P. Greene (Epic)
4	13	12	<b>DANCIN', SHAGGIN' ON THE BOULEVARD</b> Alabama/Title track/comp 49-N (R. Owen/T. Gentry/G. Fowler) D. Cook/Alabama (RCA)	38	25	18	<b>IT'S YOUR LOVE</b> Tim McGraw w/Faith Hill/Everywhere/pro single-F (S. Smith) J. Stroud/B. Gallimore/T. McGraw (Curb)	71	55	16	<b>LUCKY IN LOVE</b> Sherrie Austin/Words/pro single-N (S. Austin/B. Daly/W. Rambeau) E. Seay/W. Rambeau (Arista)
5	9	12	<b>BORN AGAIN IN DIXIELAND</b> Jason McCoy/Playin' For Keeps (J. McCoy/N. Sheridan/D. Carr) S. Baggett (Universal)	39	23	18	<b>I'D RATHER RIDE AROUND WITH YOU</b> Reba McEntire/What If It's You/pro single-J (M.D. Sanders/T. Nichols) R. McEntire/J. Guess (MCA)	72	73	4	<b>THE WAY SHE'S LOOKING</b> Raybon Bros/Self-titled/comp 5-J (D. Cook/B. Lawson) D. Cook/T. Brown (MCA)
6	5	14	<b>HOW A COWGIRL SAYS GOODBYE</b> Tracy Lawrence/The Coast Is Clear/comp 323-P (L. Boone/T. Nelson/T. Lawrence) D. Cook (Atlantic)	40	41	18	<b>HEARTS WERE BOUND</b> KC Jones/Title track/CD track (S. Schoenroth) R. Prescott/J.P. Wheeler (Pairadice)	73	82	4	<b>TODAY MY WORLD SLIPPED AWAY</b> George Strait/Carrying Your Love ... /comp 5-J (M. Wright/V. Gosdin) T. Brown/G. Strait (MCA)
7	10	15	<b>SHE'S GETTING SERIOUS</b> Thomas Wade/Wayward/Self-titled/CD track-K (T. Wade/T. Taylor) J. May/T. Wade (Peg)	41	47	10	<b>DOWN CAME A BLACKBIRD</b> Lila McCann/Lila/comp 235-P (M. Spiro/M. Smotherman) M. Spiro (Asylum)	74	77	5	<b>HIGH AND OUTSIDE</b> Don Nelson/Or Is It Just Me/comp 347-H (D. Neilson) D. Neilson (Epic)
8	14	11	<b>WE WERE IN LOVE</b> Toby Keith/Dream Walkin'/pro single-Q (C. Cannon/A. Shamblin) J. Stroud/T. Keith (Mercury)	42	27	17	<b>DON'T LOVE MAKE A DIAMOND SHINE</b> Tracy Byrd/Big Love/pro single-J (C. Wiseman/M. Dekle) T. Brown (MCA)	75	74	7	<b>FLUTTER</b> Jack Ingram/Livin' Or Dyin'/CD track-J (C. Boyd) S. Earle/R. Kennedy (Rising Tide)
9	16	11	<b>WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE</b> Michelle Wright/For Me It's You/comp 49-N (C. Dannemiller/S. Drew/M. Wright) J. Scherer (Arista)	43	35	16	<b>CAN'T GET THE HANG OF ...</b> Desert Dolphins/Hang On ... /CD track (B. Brown/E. Schwartz) R. Prescott (Quality)	76	76	7	<b>SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS</b> Joe Diffie/Twice Upon A Time/pro single-H (M. Higgins/R. Williams) J. Slate/J. Diffie (Epic)
10	12	12	<b>WHAT THE HEART WANTS</b> Collin Raye/Best of Direct Hits/pro single-H (M. Dulaney) J. Hobbs/E. Seay/P. Worley (Epic)	44	45	7	<b>CLAUDETTE</b> Dwight Yoakam/Under The Covers/comp 328-P (R. Orison) P. Anderson (Reprise)	77	86	4	<b>NAKED TO THE PAIN</b> James Bonamy/Roots And Wings/comp 347-H (D. Primmer/R. Wold) D. Johnson (Epic)
11	3	19	<b>COME CRYIN' TO ME</b> Lonestar/Self-titled/comp 44-N (J. Roth/W. Wilson/M.D. Sanders) D. Cook/M. Wilson (BNA)	45	46	6	<b>SHUT UP AND DRIVE</b> Chely Wright/Let Me In/comp 51-J (S. Tate/A. Tate/R. Rutherford) T. Brown (MCA)	78	64	23	<b>COUNT ME IN</b> Deana Carter/Did I Shave ... /comp 2-F (D. Carter/C. Jones) C. Farren (Capitol)
12	2	15	<b>DRINK, SWEAR, STEAL &amp; LIE</b> Michael Peterson/Self-titled/comp 323-P (M. Peterson/P. Carpenter) R.E. Orrall/L. Leo (Reprise)	46	30	24	<b>ALMOST ALWAYS</b> Chris Cummings/Somewhere Inside/comp 316-P (C.A.T. Cummings/R. Lewis) R. Scott/J.E. Norman (Warner Bros)	79	65	24	<b>THE SECRET</b> Jamie Warren/Fallen Angel/comp 487-Q (J. Warren) R. Hurt/F. Hill (River North)
13	4	13	<b>STILL HOLDING ON</b> Clint Black w/Martina McBride/Nothin' ... /CD track-N (C. Black/M. Berg/M. Stuart) J. Stroud/C. Black (RCA)	47	49	9	<b>HEAT OF THE NIGHT</b> Montana Sky/Self-titled/CD track (Montana Sky) R. Prescott/J.P. Wheeler (MS)	80	NE		<b>I'M FEELING KINDA LUCKY TONIGHT</b> Charlie Major/Everything's Alright/pro single-N (C. Major) M. Poole/C. Major (Vik/BMG)
14	18	8	<b>THERE GOES</b> Alan Jackson/Everything I Love/DC track-N (A. Jackson) K. Stegall (Arista)	48	59	7	<b>AIN'T NO JUSTICE</b> Greg Hanna/No album/pro single (K. Tribble/G. Hanna/C. Rawson) K. Tribble (Psychability)	81	89	2	<b>NICKAJACK</b> River Road/Self-titled/CD track-F (S. Hendricks/G. Nicholson) S. Bogard/S. Connette/M. Maher (Capit
15	19	12	<b>HOW WAS I TO KNOW</b> John Michael Montgomery/What I Do/CD track-P (B. Daly/W. Rambeau) C. Petocz (Atlantic)	49	50	5	<b>HELPING ME GET OVER YOU</b> Travis Tritt w/Lari White/Restless Kind/comp 329-P (T. Tritt/L. White) D. Was/T. Tritt (Warner Bros)	82	90	5	<b>I'M YOUR MAN</b> Jason Sellers/Title track/pro single-N (A. Cunningham/M.D. Sanders) C. Farren (BNA)
16	11	17	<b>CARRYING YOUR LOVE WITH ME</b> George Strait/Title track/pro single-J (J. Stevens/S. Bogard) T. Brown/G. Strait (MCA)	50	51	10	<b>GO AWAY</b> Lorrie Morgan/Shakin' Things Up/pro single-N (S. Smith/C. Majeski/S. Russ) J. Stroud/L. Morgan (BNA)	83	66	8	<b>THAT'S THE KINDA LOVE ...</b> Mila Mason/That's Enough ... /comp 327-P (L. Baker) B. Mevis (Atlantic)
17	26	10	<b>THE FOOL</b> Lee Ann Womack/Self-titled/comp 4-J (M. Cannon/C. Steff/G. Ellsworth) M. Wright (Decca)	51	53	16	<b>NOTHIN' LESS THAN LOVE</b> The Buffalo Club/Self-titled/CD track-J (W. Tester/R. Young) B. Beckett (Rising Tide)	84	87	7	<b>IF YOU'RE GONNA GO</b> Scott Kyle King/No album/pro single (J. Douglas/C. Rawson)
18	20	14	<b>DAY IN DAY OUT</b> David Kersh/Goodnight Sweetheart/CD track-F (M. Green/T. McHugh) P. McMakin (Curb)	52	57	6	<b>IF YOU LOVE SOMEBODY</b> Kevin Sharp/Measure Of A Man/comp 30-P (C. Farren/J. Steele) C. Farren (Asylum)	85	93	2	<b>BLINK OF AN EYE</b> Ricochet/Title track/comp 347-H (R. Bowles/J. Leo) R. Chancey/E. Seay (Columbia)
19	7	19	<b>ALL THE GOOD ONES ARE GONE</b> Pam Tillis/Greatest Hits/comp 48-N (D. Dillion/B. McDill) B.J. Walker Jr./P. Tillis (Arista)	53	36	23	<b>I ONLY GET THIS WAY WITH YOU</b> Rick Trevino/Learning As You Go/comp 344-H (D. Loggins/A. Ray) S. Buckingham/D. Johnson (Columbia)	86	NE		<b>HONKY TONK TRUTH</b> Brooks & Dunn/Greatest Hits/pro single-N (R. Dunn/K. Williams/L. Wilson) D. Cook/K. Brooks/R. Dunn (Arista)
20	32	11	<b>IT'S ALL THE SAME TO ME</b> Billy Ray Cyrus/Cover To Cover/pro single-Q (K.K. Phillips/J. Laseter) K. Stegall/J. Keton (Mercury)	54	67	6	<b>A LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE</b> Beverly Mahood/No album/pro single (Mahood/Millar/Hiller) R. Hutt (Spin)	87	91	8	<b>COOL WATER</b> Tammy Graham/Self-titled/pro single-J (B. DiPiero/W. Mobley) B. Beckett (Career)
21	24	7	<b>YOU AND YOU ALONE</b> Vince Gill/High Lonesome Sound/comp 51-H (V. Gill) T. Brown (MCA Nashville)	55	61	6	<b>THANK GOD FOR BELIEVERS</b> Mark Chesnut/Title track/comp 51-J (R. Springer/M.A. Springer/T. Johnson) M. Wright (Decca)	88	NE		<b>I MUST BE GETTIN' BETTER</b> Hugh-Dawn Country/Nothin' We'd ... /CD track (R. Campbell/D. Martin/M. Segriff) G. Buck (Broadland)
22	33	12	<b>THIS NIGHT WON'T LAST FOREVER</b> Sawyer Brown/Six Days On The Road/pro single-F (B. LaBounty/R. Freeland) M. Millar/M. McAnally (Curb)	56	84	2	<b>YOU SAID</b> Farmer's Daughter/Makin' Hay/comp 5-J (Chapman) G. Leiske (MCA)	89	95	3	<b>HOLD ON HEART</b> Ilona Pau/No album/CD single (L. Pal/J. Nystrom) J. Nystrom (No label)
23	21	16	<b>WILD ROSE</b> Sean Hogan/Self-titled/CD track (S. Hogan) S. Hogan/R. Erickson (Barnstorm)	57	42	25	<b>INDIAN WOMAN</b> Montgomery Steele/In This Heart Of Mine/CD track (M. Petrick) B. Steele/G. Dere (Steele)	90	98	2	<b>LIVING IN A HOUSE FULL OF LOVE</b> Gary Allan/Used Heart For Sale/comp 5-J (G. Sutton/B. Sherrill) M. Wright/B. Hill (Decca)
24	31	8	<b>EVERYWHERE</b> Tim McGraw/Title track/pro single-F (C. Wiseman/M. Reid) B. Gallimore/J. Stroud/T. McGraw (Curb)	58	62	12	<b>HOLE IN MY HEART</b> Blackhawk/Love & Gravity/pro single-J (Child/Robbins/Stephenson) Bright-Clute (Arista)	91	100	9	<b>A LITTLE TOO LATE</b> The Johnner Brothers/Ten More Miles/comp 325-P (B. Johnner/K. Johnner) Johnner Bros./McKay (WEA)
25	15	20	<b>HE LEFT A LOT TO BE DESIRED</b> Ricochet/Blink Of An Eye/pro single-H (R. Bowles/L. Boone) R. Chancey/E. Seay (Columbia)	59	63	6	<b>WHAT'S A GIRL GONNA DO</b> Danny Hooper/He's Buying Roses ... /pro single (D. Hooper) R. Volkaert/D. Hooper (Royalty)	92	78	17	<b>ONE, TWO, I LOVE YOU</b> Clay Walker/Rumor Has It/comp 321-P (B. Jones/E. Hill) J. Stroud/C. Walker (Arista)
26	28	12	<b>THE CALL TO DANCE</b> Leahy/Self-titled/CD track-F (G. Duncan) L. Anderson (Virgin)	60	60	9	<b>HOW DO I LIVE</b> LeAnn Rimes/No album/pro single-F (D. Warren) W.C. Rimes/C. Howard (Curb)	93	81	6	<b>RIDIN' OUT THE HEARTACHE</b> Tanya Tucker/Complicated/CD track-F (S. Russ/S. Smith/G. Majeski) G. Brown (Capitol)
27	17	20	<b>LET IT RAIN</b> Shirley Myers/New Country 4/comp 319-P (S. Myers/R. Nicholson/R. Scott) R. Scott (WEA)	61	68	4	<b>WICHITA LINEMAN</b> Wade Hayes/Title track/comp 347-H (J. Webby) D. Cook (Columbia)	94	99	2	<b>THAT TRAIN DON'T RUN</b> Matraca Berg/Sunday Morning/comp 5-J (M. Berg/G. Harrison) E. Gordy Jr. (Rising Tide)
28	29	9	<b>IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU</b> Blue Rodeo/Tremolo/comp 327-P (J. Cuddy/G. Keelor) Blue Rodeo/J. Whynot (WEA)	62	69	4	<b>DIAMOND</b> Julian Austin/What My Heart ... /pro single-N (J. Austin/S. Robichaud) D. Leblanc (Vik/BMG)	95	80	19	<b>THE TROUBLE WITH THE TRUTH</b> Patty Loveless/Title track/pro single-H (G. Nicholson) E. Gordy Jr. (Epic)
29	37	13	<b>WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE</b> Denise Murray/What You Mean ... /pro single (Murray/Melanson/Long/Szawolowski) Szawolowski/Murray (KBN)	63	71	5	<b>LOVE IS THE RIGHT PLACE</b> Bryan White/Self-titled/pro single-P (M. Hummon/T. Sims) B.J. Walker Jr./K. Lehning (Asylum)	96	85	22	<b>THE SWING</b> James Bonamy/What I Live To Do/comp 345-H (R.E. Orrall/B. Regan) D. Johnson (Epic)
30	40	7	<b>THE REAL THING</b> Rick Tippe/Get Hot ... /CD track (P.J. Russell/R. Tippe) D. Pomeroy (Moon Tan)	64	70	4	<b>WATCH THIS</b> Clay Walker/Rumor Has It/comp 331-P (A. Smith/A. Barker/R. Harbin) J. Stroud/C. Walker (Giant)	97	83	4	<b>SOUTHERN STREAMLINE</b> John Fogerty/Blue Moon Swamp/comp 329-P (J. Fogerty) J. Fogerty (Warner Bros)
31	38	14	<b>THE SHAKE</b> Neal McCoy/Greatest Hits/comp 324-P (J. McElroy/B. Carr) K. Lehning (Atlantic)	65	75	3	<b>IN ANOTHER'S EYES</b> Garth Brooks w/Trisha Yearwood/Songbook/pro single-B (B. Wood/J. Peppard/G. Brooks) A. Reynolds (MCA)	98	88	21	<b>I WILL, IF YOU WILL</b> John Berry/Faces/pro single-F (J.B. Jarvis/R. Goodrum) C. Howard (Capitol)
32	34	17	<b>THE LAST TIME</b> The Cruzeros/Self-titled/CD track (B. Mathers/C. Tulman) B. Buckingham (Spinner)	66	52	24	<b>LITTLE OL' KISSES</b> Julian Austin/What My Heart ... /comp 48-N (J. Austin) D. Leblanc (Vik/BMG)	99	NE		<b>A WOMAN LIKE YOU</b> Matt King/Five O'Clock Hero/comp 333-P (M. King/D. Gibson/C. Karp) G. Morris (Atlantic)
33	44	6	<b>HOW DO I GET THERE</b> Deana Carter/Did I Shave My Legs ... /pro single-F (D. Carter/C. Farren) C. Farren (Capitol)	67	54	27	<b>WHATEVER COMES FIRST</b> Sons of the Desert/Self-titled/pro single-H (W. Aldridge/B. Crisler/D. Womack) J. Slate/D. Johnson (Epic)	100	92	25	<b>PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN</b> Mark Wills/Self-titled/comp 487-Q (T. Martin/R. Wilson/A. Mayo) C. Chamberlain/K. Stegall (Mercury)
34	43	10	<b>ALL LIT UP IN LOVE</b> David Lee Murphy/We Can't All Be ... /comp 4-J (D.L. Murphy) T. Brown (MCA)								





# Charlie Major

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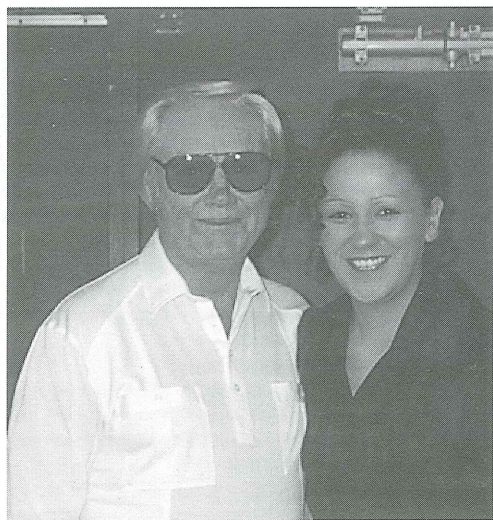
album is being distributed by Canadian Music Industries with offices in Kamloops phone toll free 1-800-255-2642. The wrong area code was given in the review. BC's new area code is 250. Carnie can be reached at 250-828-9425.

**Brent McAthey's** new single, Chevy Blue Eyes, written by Bernie Nelson, is getting the once-over by programmers. This is the debut single from his upcoming album Believe In Me. The CD single also includes Slow Motion, written by Lonnie Ratliff and Lindy Gravelle. Both tracks are two-parts Cancon (AP). Sure to attract attention is the blue colouring of McAthey's eyes on the cover artwork. Released on the Ariel label, copies can be obtained through phone/fax number 403-933-2866. Ariel is located in Black Diamond, Alberta T0L 0H0. The album was produced by McAthey, Ratliff and Randall Prescott.

**Greg Hanna** is making impressive chart moves. His new single, Ain't No Justice, bullets up to #48 this week. Bill Geffros, who has been tracking the single, reports that 17 new stations have added the single this week. Hanna wrote the song with Canadian Cyril Rawson and Nashville writer/producer Kim Kibble, who produced the track.

**Hugh-Dawn Country** have stepped into the chart arena. I Must Be Getting Better, the first single taken from their album, Nothin' We'd Rather Do (RPM New Releases - Aug. 4/97), which was produced by Gary Buck. Written by Ron Campbell, David Martin and Matt Segriff, the single enters the chart at #88. Debbie Drummond is doing the tracking.

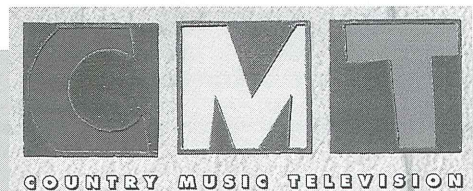
**Rebecca Miller** opened for George Jones (Aug 23) at Lulu's in Cambridge, Ontario, to a sold-out house. The Wolfe Lake recording artist gained a lot of brownie points for her performance. "She's got a great voice with soul and feeling," observed DeWayne Phillips, Jones' lead guitarist. "She should have a Nashville deal, NOW!" Miller's manager Bill Geffros has been shopping her release in Nashville and getting positive feedback.



Wolfe Lake recording artist Rebecca Miller backstage at Lulu's with country legend George Jones.

**Ambush**, a new country trio out of Kingston, Ontario, have released a three-song self-titled CD, containing a couple of Barry Brown pennings; Let's Go Crazy Girl and Don't Let It Hit You On The

Way Out, and the Jeff Leeson/Mark McDonnell penning of Since She Got Back From Texas. Recorded in Nashville, this release is the follow-up to their 1993 debut. The trio, which works 50 weeks of every year, has a repertoire of 300 hit songs, covering Alabama to Dwight Yoakam. They've also shared billing with some of the big names in country, including Charlie Major, Prairie Oyster, David Lee Murphy, Tim McGraw and others. They have just completed a full slate of summer dates which included fairs and clubs. Upcoming dates include Kingston's Ironhorse Saloon (Sept 9), Zuma's Rodeo in Ottawa (11-13) and back again on the 16th, back to the Ironhorse Saloon (18-19-20), Kitchener's Stampede Corral (25-27), Carp's Crazy Horse Saloon (Oct. 2-4), Belleville's Little Texas (9-11), the Birchmount Country Bar in Toronto (16-18 and 23-25) and Oshawa's Corral (Oct. 28 - Nov. 1). Ambush comprises Skip Layton (drums, harmony vocals), Jef Leeson (bass, lead and harmony vocals), and Mark McDonnell (lead guitar, lead and harmony vocals).



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### VIDEO & INSTANT TOP FIVE

- #1. Carrying Your Love - George Strait
- #2. How Do I Live - Trisha Yearwood
- #3. Drink, Swear - Michael Peterson
- #4. How A Cowgirl - Tracy Lawrence
- #5. We Were In Love - Toby Keith

### BREAKOUT VIDEO

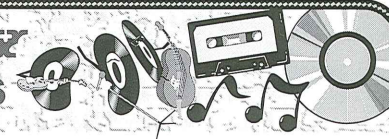
The Fool - Lee Ann Womack

### PICK HIT

This Night - Sawyer Brown



## COUNTRY ALBUMS



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1	2	11	<b>LEAHY</b> Self-titled Virgin-42955-F	MA PL
2	1	13	<b>TIM MCGRAW</b> Everywhere Curb-77886-F	
3	4	42	<b>DEANA CARTER</b> Did I Shave My Legs For This Capitol-37514-F	
4	6	13	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b> New Country 4 WEA-35328-P	MA PL
5	5	8	<b>BLUE RODEO</b> Tremolo WEA-19253-P	MA PL
6	3	14	<b>BOB CARLISLE</b> Butterfly Kisses (Shades Of Grace) DMG/BMG-41613-N	
7	7	57	<b>LEANN RIMES</b> Blue Curb/EMI 77821-F	
8	9	18	<b>GEORGE STRAIT</b> Carrying Your Love With Me MCA Nashville-15842-J	
9	13	18	<b>ALABAMA</b> Dancin' On The Boulevard RCA-67426-N	
10	NE		<b>TRISHA YEARWOOD</b> Songbook: A Collection Of Hits Universal-7001-J	
11	10	43	<b>THE RANKIN FAMILY</b> The Rankin Family Collection EMI-52969-F	MA PL
12	8	6	<b>BILLY RAY CYRUS</b> The Best Of: Cover To Cover Mercury-534837-Q	
13	14	16	<b>BRYAN WHITE</b> Between Now And Forever Asylum-61880-P	
14	NE		<b>MARTINA MCBRIDE</b> Evolution RCA-07883-67516-N	
15	12	27	<b>LEANN RIMES</b> Unchained Melody/The Early Years Curb-77856-F	
16	11	6	<b>DWIGHT YOAKAM</b> Under The Covers Reprise-46690-P	
17	18	41	<b>REBA MCENTIRE</b> What If It's You MCA-11500-J	
18	NE		<b>COLLIN RAYE</b> The Best Of: Direct Hits Epic-67893-H	
19	19	55	<b>MICHELLE WRIGHT</b> For Me It's You Arista-18815-N	MA PL
20	15	52	<b>ANNE MURRAY</b> Self-titled EMI-36501-F	MA PL

21	26	21	<b>MILA MASON</b> That's Enough Of That Atlantic-82923-P	
22	20	16	<b>TANYA TUCKER</b> Complicated Capitol Nashville-36885-F	
23	16	30	<b>COLLIN RAYE</b> I Think About You Epic-67033-H	
24	21	39	<b>FARMER'S DAUGHTER</b> Makin' Hay MCA-81029-J	MA PL
25	25	42	<b>ALAN JACKSON</b> Everything I Love Arista-18812-N	
26	28	21	<b>TRACY LAWRENCE</b> The Coast Is Clear Atlantic-82985-P	
27	22	35	<b>TRAVIS TRITT</b> The Restless Kind Warner Bros-46304-P	
28	17	22	<b>TRACE ADKINS</b> Dreamin' Out Loud Capitol-37222-F	
29	29	132	<b>SHANIA TWAIN</b> The Woman In Me Mercury-314-522-886-Q	MA PL
30	24	18	<b>CLAY WALKER</b> Rumor Has It Giant-24674-P	
31	34	29	<b>MARK CHESNUTT</b> Greatest Hits Decca-11529-J	MA PL
32	31	70	<b>PAUL BRANDT</b> Calm Before The Storm Reprise-46180-P	MA PL
33	23	42	<b>KEVIN SHARP</b> Measure Of A Man Asylum-61930-P	
34	36	52	<b>PRAIRIE OYSTER</b> Blue Plate Special Arista-74321-40042-N	MA PL
35	27	15	<b>WYNNONNA</b> Collection Curb-11583-J	
36	30	41	<b>TERRI CLARK</b> Just The Same Mercury-314-532-879-Q	MA PL
37	37	42	<b>TRACY BYRD</b> Big Love MCA-11485-J	
38	38	44	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b> Untamed And True 3 MCA-81022	MA PL
39	32	35	<b>JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY</b> What I Do The Best Atlantic-82947-P	
40	40	47	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b> CMT Canada 96 BMG/EMI-74321-40603-F/N	MA PL



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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

TW LW WO SEPTEMBER 8, 1997

- 1 1 24 **SUNNY CAME HOME**  
Shawn Colvin - A Few Small Repairs  
Columbia-67119 (pro single)-H
- 2 2 11 **BUILDING A MYSTERY**  
Sarah McLachlan - Surfacing  
Netwerk-30116 (pro single)-F
- 3 3 25 **ALONE**  
Bee Gees - Still Waters  
Polydor-31453-7302 (pro single)-Q
- 4 5 12 **THIRD OF JUNE**  
Corey Hart - Self-titled  
Columbia-80240 (comp 062)-H
- 5 4 12 **FOR YOU I WILL**  
Monica - Space Jam OST  
Atlantic-82961 (comp 309)-P
- 6 7 9 **MORE THAN THIS**  
10,000 Maniacs - Love Among The Ruins  
Geffen-25009 (comp 10)-J
- 7 8 15 **A CHANGE WOULD DO YOU GOOD**  
Sheryl Crow - Self-titled  
AGM-314-540-587 (comp 3)-Q
- 8 10 14 **ALL FOR YOU**  
Sister Hazel - Somewhere More Familiar  
Universal-53030 (pro single)-J
- 9 9 9 **TRUST ME (This Is Love)**  
Amanda Marshall - Self-titled  
Epic-80229 (CD track)-H
- 10 11 18 **GO THE DISTANCE**  
Michael Bolton - Disney's Hercules OST  
Columbia-9996 (pro single)-H
- 11 12 8 **SHED A LIGHT**  
Roch Voisine - Kissing Rain  
R.V. International/BMG-43978 (pro single)-N
- 12 13 6 **IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU**  
Blue Rodeo - Tremolo  
WEA-19253 (comp 327)-P
- 13 14 9 **WHEN I'M UP (I Can't Get Down)**  
Great Big Sea - Play  
WEA-18592 (comp 323)-P
- 14 15 10 **DO YOU LOVE ME THAT MUCH**  
Peter Cetera - You're The Inspiration  
River North-768-74-2131 (CD track)-Q
- 15 16 3 **HOW DO I LIVE**  
LeAnn Rimes - You Light Up My Life  
Curb-77885 (pro single)
- 16 22 6 **EVERYBODY**  
Backstreet Boys - Backstreet's Back  
Jive/Zomba-41617 (pro single)-N
- 17 19 6 **TAKES A LITTLE TIME**  
Amy Grant - Behind The Eyes  
AGM-31454 (pro single)-Q
- 18 21 2 **SEMI-CHARMED LIFE**  
Third Eye Blind - Self-titled  
Elektra-62012 (CD track)-P
- 19 6 15 **BUTTERFLY KISSES**  
Bob Carlisle - Title track  
DMG/BMG-41613 (pro single)-N
- 20 24 6 **GOOD MAN, FEELING BAD**  
Tom Cochrane - Songs Of A Circling Spirit  
EMI-37239 (pro single)-F

- 21 25 4 **2 BECOME 1**  
Spice Girls - Spice  
Virgin-2174 (pro single)-F
- 22 18 18 **HERE IN MY HEART**  
Chicago - The Heart Of Chicago 1967-1997  
WEA-46554 (CD track)-P
- 23 30 7 **WHERE'S THE LOVE**  
Hanson - Middle Of Nowhere  
Mercury-314-534-6152 (comp 509)-Q
- 24 35 3 **HONEY**  
Mariah Carey - Butterfly  
Columbia-67835 (pro single)-H
- 25 33 5 **FOOLISH GAMES**  
Jewel - Pieces Of Your Soul  
Atlantic-82700 (comp 330)-P
- 26 17 9 **TO THE MOON AND BACK**  
Savage Garden - Self-titled  
Columbia-67954 (comp 063)-H
- 27 34 5 **IF MY HEART HAD WINGS**  
Amy Sky - Cool Rain  
IronMusic-51005 (CD track)-N
- 28 31 10 **BELIEVE**  
Jon Secada - Secada  
SBK/EMI-55897 (CD track)-F
- 29 20 15 **I WANNA BE THERE**  
Blessid Union Of Soul - Self-titled  
EMI-56716 (CD track)-F
- 30 32 28 **I'LL ALWAYS BE RIGHT THERE**  
Bryan Adams - 18 til I Die  
AGM-05521 (CD track)-Q
- 31 40 4 **TO MAKE YOU FEEL MY LOVE**  
Billy Joel - Greatest Hits Vol. III  
Columbia-67347 (pro single)-H
- 32 28 27 **UNTIL I FIND YOU AGAIN**  
Richard Marx - Flesh And Bone  
Capitol-31528 (comp 4)-F
- 33 29 20 **I DON'T WANT TO**  
Toni Braxton - Secrets  
LaFace/BMG-4200 (pro single)-N
- 34 27 7 **THE FRESHMEN**  
Verve Pipe - Villians  
RCA-668092 (CD track)-N
- 35 39 6 **IF I WAIT THERE FOR YOU**  
Bobby Cameron - Self-titled  
Nar/Page-001 (CD track)
- 36 26 15 **SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD**  
Amanda Marshall - Self-titled  
Epic-80229 (comp 061)-H
- 37 43 25 **SILVER SPRINGS**  
Fleewood Mac - The Dance  
Reprise-46702 (comp 331)-P
- 38 44 5 **TIC TIC TAC**  
fruit de la passion w/ Joe Puga - No album  
KLMV/Pindoff (pro single)
- 39 48 25 **I DON'T WANT TO WAIT**  
Paula Cole - This Fire  
Warner Bros-46424 (comp 329)-P
- 40 23 11 **HALF THE MAN**  
Dayna Manning - Vol. 1  
EMI-5365 (CD track)-F

- 41 42 3 **MOST PRECARIOUS**  
Blues Traveler - Straight On Till Morning  
AGM-0750 (comp 6)-Q
- 42 36 33 **YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME**  
Jewel - Pieces Of Your Soul  
Atlantic-82700 (CD track)-P
- 43 51 25 **TIME TO SAY GOODBYE**  
Andrea Bocelli w/ Sarah Brightman - Romanza  
Phillips-56456 (CD track)-Q
- 44 45 15 **HARD TO SAY I'M SORRY**  
Az Yet w/ Peter Cetera - Self-titled  
BMG-26034 (comp 17)-N
- 45 NE **SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU LOOK**  
Elton John - Title track  
Rocket-314-574-8912 (pro single)-Q
- 46 47 8 **GOTHAM CITY**  
R. Kelly - Batman & Robin OST  
Jive/WEA-46220 (pro single)-P
- 47 53 2 **DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES**  
Robyn - Robyn Is Here  
RCA-64865 (CD track)-N
- 48 46 33 **TOO LATE TOO SOON**  
Jon Secada - Self-titled  
EMI-55897 (pro single)-F
- 49 50 5 **I AM NOT HIDING**  
Kenny Loggins - The Unimaginable Life  
Columbia-67865 (pro single)-H
- 50 38 13 **LITTLE MORE TIME WITH ME**  
James Taylor - Hourglass  
Columbia-67912 (pro single)-H
- 51 58 2 **THE DIFFERENCE**  
The Wallflowers - Bringing Down The Horse  
Interscope-90055 (CD track)-J
- 52 NE **THE SOUND OF**  
Jann Arden - Happy?  
AGM-314-540-7892 (pro single)-Q
- 53 54 3 **NO TENGO DINERO**  
Los Umbrellos - Red Hot Latin Hits  
EMI-57390 (pro single)-F
- 54 NE **HOW DO I LIVE**  
Trisha Yearwood - Greatest Hits  
MCA-70011 (CD track)-J
- 55 56 2 **WAYNE**  
Chantal Kreviazuk - Under These Rock And Stones  
Columbia-80246 (comp 61)-H
- 56 NE **JUST TO SEE YOU AGAIN**  
Tru-Gz - From The Heart  
Paladin/Spinner-611 (CD track)
- 57 60 25 **SEE THE PEOPLE**  
Soul Attorneys - Self-titled  
Epic-80234 (comp 059)-H
- 58 49 14 **MIDNIGHT IN CHELSEA**  
Jon Bon Jovi - Destination Anywhere  
Mercury-314-534-903 (pro single)-Q
- 59 NE **MY ADDICTION**  
Danya Manning - Vol. 1  
EMI-5635 (CD track)-F
- 60 55 25 **A SMILE LIKE YOURS**  
Natalie Cole - Title track OST  
Warner Bros-62093 (comp 328)-P

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## Dance

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- 1 4 5 **DO YOU KNOW IT TAKES**  
Robyn  
RCA - N
- 2 5 7 **MEN IN BLACK**  
Will Smith  
Columbia-H
- 3 3 7 **MO MONEY MO PROBLEMS**  
Notorious B.I.G.  
BMG-N
- 4 7 9 **I'LL BE MISSING YOU**  
Puff Daddy  
Bad Boy-N
- 5 19 3 **NOT TONIGHT**  
Lil' Kim  
Warner - P
- 6 2 3 **GET READY TO BOUNCE**  
Brooklyn Bounce  
Attic - G
- 7 1 7 **CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET**  
First Base  
Ariola-N
- 8 8 7 **WHATEVER**  
En Vogue  
Elektra-P
- 9 10 4 **WHEN DOVES CRY**  
Ginuwine  
Sony - H
- 10 22 2 **RIPGROOVE**  
Double 99  
Ice Cream-N

- 11 16 6 **CAN YOU FEEL IT**  
3rd Party  
AGM-Q
- 12 13 3 **FIX**  
Blackstreet  
Universal - J
- 13 12 8 **NIGHTMARE**  
Brainbug  
Grooval-M
- 14 27 8 **REMEMBER ME**  
Blue Boy  
TJSB-Koch
- 15 6 7 **IN A DREAM**  
Rockell  
Robbins-N
- 16 NE **PUT YOUR HANDS WHERE MY...**  
Busta Rhymes  
Warner - P
- 17 NE **BARBIE GIRL**  
Aqua  
Universal - J
- 18 14 8 **WE TRYING TO STAY ALIVE**  
Wycleff Jean  
Columbia-H
- 19 25 3 **BREAK MY STRIDE**  
Unique II  
Sony - H
- 20 26 2 **OPEN YOUR EYES**  
Ivan  
Tox-Select

- 21 9 10 **AROUND THE WORLD**  
Daft Punk  
Virgin-F
- 22 NE **FIRE**  
Ultra Nate  
Quality - M
- 23 11 4 **SOMETHING GOING ON**  
Todd Terry  
RCA - N
- 24 17 13 **DISCO BLUE**  
TJSB  
Koch-K
- 25 29 2 **NO TENGO DINERO**  
Los Umbrellos  
EMI-F
- 26 24 4 **THE WAY**  
Funky Green Dog  
Twisted - J
- 27 23 2 **EVERYBODY**  
Backstreet Boys  
BMG-N
- 28 15 4 **TONIGHT**  
Indecision  
Popular - P
- 29 NE **NEVER MAKE A PROMISE**  
Dru Hill  
Island - Q
- 30 18 6 **COME GIVE ME YOUR LOVE**  
Ritchie Stevens  
Ariola-N



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attack as he left the stage at the Family Brown's concert with Ronnie Prophet in Chesley, Ontario on May 30, 1986. Although the family continued on, it was never the same. Barry and Tracey and the latter's husband, Randall Prescott, continued on as Prescott Brown for several years.

Sam Sniderman will also be paid tribute when he receives the Stan Klees Industry Builders Award and is inducted into the Hall of Honour. Sniderman, through his chain of retail stores has been a major supporter of Canadian country artists, and Canadian artists in general, for more than 50 years.

As well, a variety of Citation Awards which represent more than 30 other categories will be presented at various functions during Country Music Week. Among the presentations are those for backup band, citations for an all-star band and

honours in categories from artists' manager to record company person of the year, including categories covering radio, booking agencies, album graphics, music publishing, record production and retailing.

The awards show and Canadian Country Music Week are not just a once-a-year-happening for the CCMA. The organization's president Tom Tompkins and executive director Sheila Hamilton, along with a number of year-round employees and volunteers continue to improve on each year's event and begin working on next year, almost immediately after the curtain comes down on the awards show.

Another coup for the CCMA is the return of Paul Gross to host the awards show.

Gordon James is another unsung hero and behind-the-scenes shaker, who as the producer of the telecast for the past eleven years, has created a

viewer-friendly show through simplicity of sets with a mammoth concentration of lighting that adds a lavish lustre to the staging. James now produces the awards show independently from CTV, now known as the BBS Network, which will telecast the show across Canada.

A very important tie-in with Country Music Television (CMT) for its Fan Choice Award, a collaboration with Maple Leaf Foods, has given rise to a tremendous showing of popularity from the fan level. Country music fans vote for their favourite artist by calling a toll-free number 1-900-870-2262. The CCMA has also hooked into another giant from the commercial world, Wrangler Jeans which is sponsoring this year's Rising Star Award. The nominees for this award are Julian Austin, Stephanie Beaumont, Chris Cummings, Thomas Wade & Wayward, and Jamie Warren.

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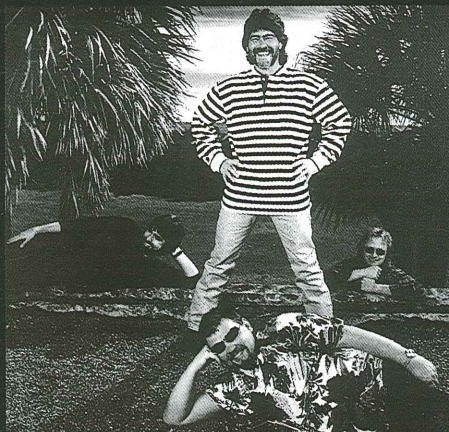
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