

## BIG DAY OUT 96

The New Zealand leg of Big Day Out 1996 takes place on January 19 at the Ericsson (ex Mt Smart) Stadium in Auckland. Local promoters are yet to confirm the headlining acts, but the Melbourne based Internet site *Labyrinth Oz Music*, has listed the following artists as possibilities — PJ Harvey, Oasis, Elastica, Royal Trux, Veruca Salt, the Charlatans, Pennywise, and Reef.



Trash

## A DISTURBANCE IN DUNEDIN

The increasingly high profile Dunedin label IMD, release their first compilation album this month. *Disturbed* features 17 previously unreleased tracks from more established local musicians such as Martin Phillipps, Robert Scott, and Jay Clarkson, to newer outfits like Cloudboy, HDU, and Suka. According to Bruce Blucher, guitarist with Trash, who contribute the track 'Hurting', *Disturbed* is an almost-spot-on reflection of the state of Dunedin music.

"There are some sounds missing, but it is a pretty good representation of what's happening here. It's nice and relevant to right now, and a sign of things to come I think."

Although still a relatively new independent, IMD has released albums by Sandra Bell, Cyclops, The Builders, Gate, and Swarm, and future projects include releases from Trash and Suka. Norma O'Malley of Chug, whose song 'Viva' is the opening track on *Disturbed*, has been involved in the Dunedin scene since the early 80s, and believes IMD is proving itself invaluable to local musicians.

"IMD have definitely filled a gap. They're not trying to take over where anyone's left off, they're just into supporting local music, and making it possible for young bands to get into a studio without having to have megabucks. There's so many bands here, and now they're getting a chance to get their records released."



Funhouse

## OUR HOUSE

Born in Dunedin in 1988, guitar/pop band Funhouse this month celebrate the release of their debut album *Roy*, on local indie Yellow Eye. The band have previously appeared on the label compile *Out Of The Yellow Eye*, but *Roy* is the first release they can truly call their own. To accompany the album, the band have shot a video for 'I Don't Mind', with former Mother Goose keyboardist Steve Young. Funhouse are touring the North Island with Bike during October.

## NEIL STORMS THE NATION

Crowded House frontman Neil Finn appears on TV3's *Music Nation* show on Sunday October 8. He performs an acoustic version of 'Only Talking Sense', a track from the new Finn brothers album, and also reveal plans for the next Crowded House record.



Deluge

## SPEAKING NO EVIL

A University campus is as good a place as any to form a band, John McNab, guitarist with the not-quite-death-metal band Deluge thought so too, and can therefore trace the roots of the now Auckland based band, back to Massey University in Palmerston North.

When John shifted the band to Auckland in 1992, members dropped out as if Timothy Leary had given the order personally. When current singer Jules Pettit answered an ad that said, 'must be able to sing Slayer and Living Colour', Deluge became half a band again.

Jules: "What happened was, we had so much trouble finding musicians who were open minded to both those extremes. John and I clicked quite early, we had the same attitudes towards music, but it was hard finding a rhythm section who could deal with both ends of the spectrum."

Once the virtuoso drum 'n' bass team of Chris Lopez and Dion Walsh were recruited, Deluge went about recording their debut EP, *Serenade For Civilisation*, out now on new Auckland indie label, Limousine.

*Serenade* delivers a mighty TKO, hurling hell-for-leather grunty guitars, beats and vocals at the listener, all wrapped in an atmosphere of positive energy. Unlike many bands operating in the same genre, Deluge hold no negative tendencies, nor harbour any sympathy for the devil.

John: "We don't have any belief in any kind of worship, and we're not really evil."

## PAGAN RITUALS

Pagan labelmates Greg Johnson and Barry Saunders play at the Powerstation on Saturday October 28. The show is a 'sit down' affair, and no doubt there'll be a bit of drinking going on as well. Saunders and Johnson have both released solo albums recently.



Front End Loader

## GET LOADED

The four lads from Aussie band Front End Loader have packed up the barbie and jumped in the van to play eight gigs in NZ this month (see *Tours*). Since they formed in Sydney four

years ago, Front End Loader have kept up an endless cycle of touring. First of all to every major centre in Australia (and the small towns in between), before graduating to tours of Canada, New Zealand, Europe and the USA. Richard Coley, bassist with Front End Loader, says the band is treated with a little more respect each time they return home.

"There's always the perception that no matter how well a band is doing in Australia, they're not really doing anything until they go abroad. Once you go overseas people tend to think, 'Wow! They must be a real band'. I don't know if it increases people's respect for the band, or whether it's just the natural response that everybody has, to somebody who's been overseas to places where you yourself would like to go."



Martin Phillipps

## SUNNY SIDE UP

Martin Phillipps' return to New Zealand late September after recording and mixing his new album *Sunburnt*, in England and Wales. *Sunburnt* features thirteen new tracks and will be released on Flying Nun in early 1996.

## HIP HOP AND YOU WON'T STOP

The Powerstation venue in Auckland will host the massive hip hop danceparty *Move The Crowd* on Sunday October 22. Live entertainment will be provided by Three The Hard Way, Upper Hutt Posse, and Joint Force, and guests DJs are Sir-Vere, Manuel Bundy, Ned Roy, Mike Mixx (3HW) and DLT. The final heat of *The 1995 DJ Mix Championship* will also be held during the evening.



Adrian Sherwood

## SOUNDS LIKE...

1995 marks the 15 year anniversary of On-U Sound, and the celebration hits New Zealand in October. Coming this way is Tackhead, Mark Stewart / Control Data, Tokyo's Audio Active, and On-U founder Adrian Sherwood (pictured). See *Tours* for dates in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Former **Velvet Underground** guitarist/bassist **Sterling Morrison** died in New York, after a battle with cancer of the lymph glands, on August 30, a day after his fifty-third birthday ...

**Ministry's** new album is delayed as Al Jourgensen has sacked his entire band, including his collaborator Paul Barker and his manager ... **Neil Young** recorded his Dublin show for a live album, featuring tracks with **Pearl Jam** minus Mr. Vedder ... after smashing his drum kit at the end of a Dublin gig, **Jim Macpherson** of the **Amps** and the **Breeders** needed six stitches ...

**Oasis** have deleted the track 'Step Out' from their new album (*What's The Story*) *Morning Glory* due to its similarity to a **Stevie Wonder** song, 'Alright'. The band have had to give their bassist **Paul McGuigan** time off due to his falling ill from nervous exhaustion. He's been told to rest and eat more vegetables by his doctor. **Oasis** will continue to perform live with a temporary bassist ...

**Portishead** won the annual British Mercury Music Prize for their album *Dummy* ... **Henry Rollins** and **Iggy Pop** plan to remix the classic **Stooges** album *Raw Power* ... after the release of their **Brian Eno** collaboration *Original Soundtracks 1*, **U2** will record a rock 'n' roll album for mid-1996 release ... **Mark Gardner** of **Ride** will record a solo album ...

**Frank Black** has signed to **Rick Rubin's** American label ... the 1996 **RIANZ New Zealand Music Awards** will be combined with the **Entertainer of the Year Awards** on April 20, and the event will be broadcast on TV3 ... the first volume of the **Beatles** anthology series will be released in November. The double CD set will contain 40 rare or unreleased tracks, including the recent recording 'Free As A Bird', based on a **John Lennon** demo ...

**Faith No More** have cancelled their November UK tour to have a break before recording a new album ... a coroner's report says **Jerry Garcia** died of a heart attack caused by clogging of the arteries. Earlier reports suggested Garcia's death was due to a heroin overdose. The report did also state that years of substance abuse were a contributing factor ... meanwhile, **Skinny Puppy** drummer **Dwayne Goettel** (31) died of a heroin overdose on August 23, at his parent's home in Canada ...

**James Brown** has been accused of sexual harassment by former dancer Tracy Bass, who worked for Brown from 1991 to 1994.



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