

THE MECHANICS OF POPULAR MUSIC A NEW ZEALAND PERSPECTIVE

A new book on the scene takes a practical look at the issues that face people trying to make music and make a living in the global music industry. There are interviews with Neil Finn, Chris Knox, Supergroove, manager Campbell Smith, lawyer Malcolm Black, song publisher Ian James, Wildside's Murray Cammick and do-it-yourself band Adrenalin. The book was written by brothers Mike and Jeremy Chunn. is on sale nationally at bookshops. In Auckland you can buy *The Mechanics of Popular Music* at Truetime and Real Groovy Records and in Christchurch at Echo Records.

ALEX CHILTON TOURS

Legendary songwriter Alex Chilton plays one Auckland concert at the Powerstation December 4. He started his music career fronting the Box Tops with hits like 'The Letter' (later covered by Joe Cocker) and 'Soul Deep'. He then made critically acclaimed albums with the band Big Star. Chilton is now recording on his own for Ardent Records in his hometown, Memphis. His new 1995 album *A Man Called Destruction* has just been released in New Zealand via Festival. As well as new originals the album includes Chris Kenner's 'Sick And Tired', Brian Wilson's 'New Girl in School' and Jimmy Reed's 'You Don't Have to Go'.

taking care of business

SONY PUBLISHING MERGE WITH JACKSON'S ATV

Michael Jackson may have received up to \$110 million and is now half owner of Sony Music's publishing operation. When ATV's current contract with EMI Publishing ends in 1998, Sony will gain the 150,000 ATV song copyrights including 250 songs written by the Beatles.

FOREIGN NOTES

Jim Nash co-founder of Chicago label **Wax Trax!** died October 10 from complications arising from AIDS. The label was home for bands such as **Ministry**, **Revolting Cocks**, **Front 242** and **My Life With the Thrill Kill Cult** ... the first **Rolling Stones** manager **Eric Easton** has died from cancer. He managed the band in the early 60s and arranged their signing to Decca Records ... **Florence Greenberg** founder of 60s label Scepter died following a massive stroke. Greenberg started the label in 1956 when she was 43 and had hits with the **Shirelles**, **Dionne Warwick**, the **Isley Brothers** 'Twist and Shout' and the **Kingsmen**'s 'Louie Louie'.

WAIKATO ROCK AWARD WINNERS

The Annual Waikato Rock Awards were held on Saturday November 4 at Hamilton's Founders Theatre. **Blackjack** won Album Of The Year for *Kicasso d'Muse*, Knightshade's **Wayne Elliot** picked up Best Male Vocalist, while the band won Video Of The Year for 'Television Eyes'. Single Of The Year and Best Female Vocalist went to **Jacqui Keelan-Davy** for 'Parihaka'. Best recorded work went to Scott and Andrew Newth of **Love And Violence** for *Confessional*, **Nerve** won Best Presentation Of A Recorded Work for *Gobby*, and Best Original Song for 'Caring Down Harder'. Biggest Contribution To Waikato Music went to **Ian McCook**.

BENNY LEVIN PROMOTIONS NEW OFFICE

The offices of **Benny Levin Promotions** has moved to the third floor of the ASB Chambers at 138 Queen Street, Auckland. The new contact details are: Ph (09) 379 8860, Fax (09) 379 7730, the postal address, PO Box 5564, Wellesley St, remains the same.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Former Virgin Records and Polygram Records Promotions Manager **Nicki Tololi** has set up a freelance PR/Publicity company. For further info contact (09) 379 7554, Fax (09) 379 7558, or PO Box 68276 ... **Warner Music** have their job titles sorted out. **Jonathan Hughes** is Head of Label Marketing & Promotions, **Vanessa Mihaljevich** is National Promotions Manager, **Kim Lenart** is Assistant Promotions Manager and **Larissa Mihaljevich** is Promotions & Marketing Co-ordinator.

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ROLLING STONES

Voodoo Lounge CD Rom (Virgin)

You have been cordially invited to attend one of the exclusive Rolling Stones parties in the Voodoo Lounge — a centuries old Louisiana mansion that has been converted into a wicked house of pleasure by it's mysterious owner, Baron Samedi. Amongst the leather-clad party goers you will meet the various Stone idols in their natural surroundings, from Keith taking a leak in the little boys' room to Mick making the moves in the little girls' room. If you're important enough, you may acquire a VIP pass which will access you to the debauched Baron's bathroom or the groupie laden VIP bar — but how many computer generated rock babes does one need?

The real enjoyment for the fan lies in the numerous portraits hanging on the walls. When clicked on these pictures reveal actual live and interview footage never seen before. All the emphasis is on the *Voodoo Lounge* tour and album so don't expect to hear 'Gimme Shelter' or 'Tumbling Dice' playing in the background, but the the golden Keith quotes throughout justify the purchase. *Voodoo Lounge* is more user friendly than previous interactive music CDs, such as the Bob Dylan one, and is the first with a bent sense of rock 'n' roll.

AARON PRESTON

- Record companies are embracing **Enhanced CD** (E-CD) formats for many new releases. These audio compact discs play both in a CD player and in a CD Rom drive. Sony and Philips have named their Enhanced CD format **CD Plus**. It uses a stamped multi-session technology. CD Plus may be the name that catches on with the public. The first releases in New Zealand are the **Rolling Stones**' *Stripped* (Virgin), the **Cranberries**' *Doors and Windows* (Polygram) and **Kulcha** *Doom* (Warners).

- New **Enhanced CD Releases** scheduled are:

Supermodels in the Rainforest (Right Stuff/EMI) — allows you to do your own photo session with the models to music by Duran Duran, Soul II Soul, Enigma etc.

Soundgarden *Alive in the*

Superunknown (A&M) — "A lot of what we do is visually inclined," says Kim Thayil, "So, it's a natural step to take our music and create a new experience based on it."

Michael Jackson *HIStory* (Sony).

Randy Newman *Faust* (Reprise)

Monster Magnet *I Talk to Planets* (Polygram) — "it's about getting inside our minds. It's really trippy," says the band's Dave Wyndorf.

- New **CD-Rom** titles:

Sting *All This Time* — Sting on who has influenced him, scenes from his movies, interviews and performance (Starwave).

Devo *Presents the Adventures of the Smart Patrol* — a game created by Devo's Gerald Casale and Mark Mothersbaugh with new music (Inscape).

Residents *Bad Day on the Midway* — a game (Inscape).

BB King *On the Road With BB King* — a tour bus travels through his career from the 30s to today (MCA).

Peter Gabriel *Eve* (Starwave).

MTV *Unplugged*.

Queensryche *Promised Land* (EMI).

Forest Gump *Music Artists and Times* (GTE).

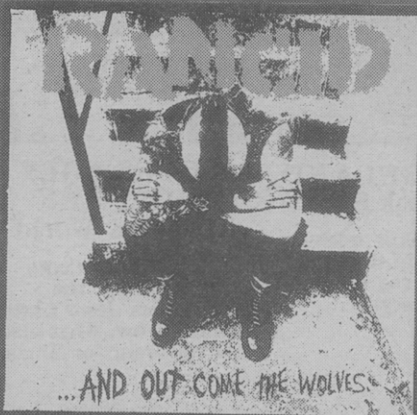
- You can listen to audio samples of **Shihad** (and tour dates) via the web site of their Northern Hemisphere record label Noise, at <http://www.noiserecords.com>

- Meatloaf** has an online site to coincide with the release of his album *Welcome to the Neighbourhood*. The site reportedly features a downloadable Meatloaf screen saver and a mystery game. The online site is <http://www.meatloaf.mca.com>

- Flying Nun** don't have a date for their planned web site but they can be contacted via E-mail at info@flying-nun.co.nz. In the meantime, Flying Nun recommend the net site kiwimusic@mit.edu

- Everything But the Girl have a 60 page worldwide web site created by the band's Ben Watt at <http://www.ebtg.com>

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PENNYWISE "About Time" featuring the single 'Same Old Story'.



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