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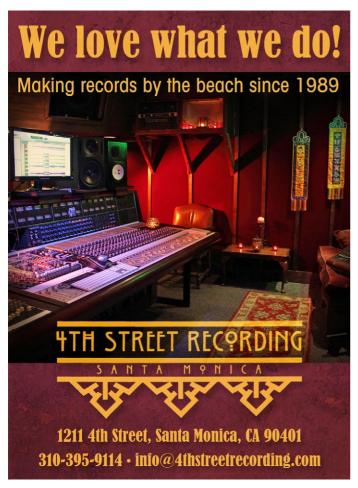
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#### LISA POPEIL

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Creator of the Voiceworks® Method: An LA Music Award winner for Career Achievement in Vocal Instruction, Lisa Popeil is one of America's foremost singing experts, with over 40 years of hands-on, one-on-one experience as a vocal instructor and all-around performance coach. Her globally renowned Voiceworks® Method has, for thousands of singers throughout the world, taken the mystery out of singing by showing clients exactly "what to do" to sing their best in any style—pop, rock, jazz, R&B, country, opera and musical theater. A passionate advocate of style authenticity, Popeil's techniques feature innovative tools

for safe "belting" and deliver instant results.

In Person and Online Teaching: With the pandemic going on, Popeil—whose vocal studio is in Sherman Oaks, CA—is currently only offering lessons via Skype, Zoom and Facetime. While this may be new to more traditional teachers, the transition has been easy for Popeil, who has been teaching individuals and seminars online since the dawn of the "digital age." Popeil's private instruction covers singing technique, performance coaching, speech work, voice-over coaching for animation voices, narration, dialects, broadcasting, voice projection, voice preservation, piano, songwriting, demo production, demo recording, charisma enhancement, anxiety reduction

and off-site coaching (on-set or in-studio).

**Professional Experience:** Though Popeil has done extensive voice research over the past 25 years publishing scientific papers along the way, her vast experience as a professional vocalist, songwriter and recording transcends an academic approach and allows her to connect more deeply with students. In addition to early work with Frank Zappa, she has been recording with "Weird AI" Yankovic since early in his career—and

toured with him in the summer of 2019. Her self-titled album was a Billboard Top Album Pick, and she has written songs with many of her students over the years. Her voice has been featured on commercials and in television and films.

**DVDs and Books:** Popeil's The Total Singer is the ultimate voice-training program for singers and a best-selling vocal instructional program for over 25 years. The deluxe set includes an 88-minute DVD,

a 48-page booklet and 60-minute audio CDs with warm-up and training exercises for both classical and popular singers. It explains what every singer should know in simple, easy to understand language. Among the elements covered are: posture, breathing, support, ring, registers and break elimination, larynx positions, vibrato, control of nasality and breathiness, range and power techniques. "The Total Singer" program is available as a download.

Statement from Lisa: "While many teachers spend their whole time in exercises and call that a lesson, my process is efficient so we can get to the songs, performing and recording faster. I truly love to teach and share unique ideas with people. I love to solve problems and see their eyes brighten as they sound better instantly, and it's gratifying to

see them experience success. For me this is a 'happiness business' masquerading as teaching voice. I want to spend the rest of my life on teacher training, working with teachers all around the world, doing more international outreach to spread the happiness. I want my life's work to be my legacy."

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#### ASSIGNMENTS

#### Andrea Evenson

Senior Account Executive Shore Fire Media

Shore Fire Media has recently promoted Andrea Evenson to Senior Account Executive. Evenson has spent the past five years working as one of Shore Fire's dedicated publicists, representing artists and culture makers at the top of their fields. Since 2015, she has successfully led publicity campaigns for



Lee Ann Womack, Baby Shark Live!, Doctor Mike, Sam and Colby, and many more. Using her creativity and thoughtful approach, Evenson will continue to amplify narratives and shape reputations for careeradvancing effect, which continues to be Shore Fire's mission across each of its locations. For more info, contact msatlof@shorefire.com.

#### **Katina Bynum**

Executive Vice President Universal Music Enterprises

Katina Bynum was recently appointed **Executive Vice President of East Coast** Labels, Urban, of Universal Music Enterprises. Previously, Bynum worked closely with well-known artists Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj, Drake, Nelly, and more as Senior Vice President, Marketing at Cash Money/Young Money/Republic Records.



20 years later, she joined UMe. In her newly created role, Bynum will work closely with the senior management team and senior leadership at Republic, Island and Def Jam in developing strategic initiatives across the labels' urban music roster, while also working with Cash Money and their label's artist roster. To learn more, contact sujata.murthy@umusic.

#### Paul Logan

VP, Sync and Visual Strategy Bia Loud

Big Loud has announced Paul Logan as Vice President of Sync & Visual Strategy, a newly created role for its Records and Publishing Divisions. Previously, Logan worked for Spotify in Lead Playlist Video Operations. Prior to that, he spent 12 years at Viacom, working



with CMT, MTV, and VH1 in Nashville, New York, and Los Angeles. In his new role at Big Loud, Logan will seek elevated opportunities in film, television, and video games for Big Loud recording artists and songwriters. Additionally, he will develop key programming strategy and rollout for the innovative label's video content. For more info, contact jensen@sweettalkpr.com.

#### Gina Harrell

Senior VP, Video Production & Content Development **Epic Records** 

Gina Harrell has been appointed Senior Vice President, Video Production & Content Development at Epic Records. Harrell is widely known in the industry for her experience as a Creative Executive and Line Producer on music videos and short form digital content. Through her



new position at Epic Records, Harrell will serve as executive producer for all music videos by artists signed to the label. She will oversee the creative and financial production of visual assets, digital content, and music videos, and drive the visual direction of the label's artists. For more info, contact Melissa.victor@epicrecords.com.

#### Kelly Striewski

Senior VP, Marketing & Strategic Partnerships Country Music Association

The Country Music Association has announced Kelly Striewski as Senior Vice President of Marketing & Strategic Partnerships. Previously, Striewski oversaw Dick Clark Production's corporate and consumer marketing and communication efforts for "Billboard Music



Awards," "Golden Globe Awards," and "So You Think You Can Dance," among others. In her new role, Striewski will oversee the development and execution of marketing and strategic partnerships strategies and will work closely with CMA Board of Directors to build strategic initiatives for the organization. For more info, contact cmcnelly@cmaworld.com.

#### Marc DeGeorge

National Sales Manager, Audio Creation Products Solid State Logic

Marc DeGeorge was recently promoted to National Sales Manager, Audio Creation Products for Solid State Logic. DeGeorge joined SSL in 2011 and has been responsible for managing SSL's independent dealer network, as well as cultivating the company's console sales, primarily to the North American



professional studio market. He's played an integral role in helping generate interest among the end-user community through sales and marketing, as well as through educational initiatives. In his new position, DeGeorge will be "educating both new and existing customers on [SSL's products] so they can be more successful." He will be based out of SSL's New York office. To learn more, contact jeff@hummingbirdmedia.com.

#### **Kurt Van Scov**

Executive Director, Product Management Audio Technica

Audio Technica has recently appointed Kurt Van Scoy as their Executive Director of Product Management. Previously, Van Scoy served as Audio Technica's Global Product Manager in the company's Japan location. Now Scoy is returning to the US office as part of the company's efforts to position itself to work



more effectively in global product development activities. In this position, Van Scoy will be responsible for directing the product development/ management efforts at ATUS and will oversee the ATUS quality control department. Scoy will help facilitate a strong Product Management group with deep knowledge in the Audio industry, helping contribute to the brand's success going forward. To learn more, contact pr@clynemedia.

#### **Gary Dixon** Product Manager Audio Technica

Gary Dixon has been promoted to the position of Product Manager for Audio **Technica**. In his previous position as Sales Engineer, Installed Sound, Dixon served as a technical resource for the Audio-Technica sales channel in the broad contractor market, where he helped ensure the proper and successful implementation



of A-T products and technology in the marketplace while determining the application needs of customers. With Dixon's broad knowledge of the professional audio market and years of experience in the installation segment, he brings a new level of depth and understanding to the Audio Technica product management team. For more information, contact pr@ clynemedia.com.



#### AKG LYRA ULTRA-HD, MULTIMODE USB MICROPHONE

The AKG Lyra Microphone is a USB microphone system capable of 24-bit high-quality audio with up to 192kHz sample resolution. Lyra's key features include its ability to pick up sound optimized for specific applications for pristine audio quality. Using AKG's Adaptive Capsule Array, you may switch between four different microphone mode/configurations possible with four condenser capsules inside.

The Mic Capture Mic Mode knob located on the back of the mic sets either: Front, Front & Back, Tight Stereo or Wide Stereo pick up patterns. Like a recording engineer, by carefully setting up a mic's position and pickup pattern, you'll achieve the best sound for any recording job.

Lyra is great for bloggers, live streaming, podcasters, voice over artists, and for recording vocals and musical instruments. The Front capture mode sensitizes the mic to only sound mostly coming into the front of the mic. The Front & Back mode is useful for "one-on-one" work where you (the interviewer) face the interviewee. Tight Stereo is for two people sitting side by side in front of the Lyra and Wide Stereo is for a wider stereo pickup pattern.

I tried Lyra with Audacity freeware; Lyra's AKG C44 interface automatically came up in the software for both the stereo input and output devices. I started overdubbing guitar and vocals over a backing track. Front mode was great for most recordings but there was a chance to try the other modes when more singers showed up to sing backing vocals.

Sound quality was excellent and there was plenty of gain to record quieter acoustic guitars. I liked the front mounted Mute button for muting the microphone only; headphone audio is always active providing zero-latency playback.

AKG Lyra comes plug n' play with an USB-C adapter cable and sells for \$149 MSRP.

akg.com/lyra



#### **BABY AUDIO COMEBACK KID DELAY PLUG-IN**

**Baby Audio's Comeback Kid** is a mono delay line but adds many effects not usually seen on delay plug-ins. You may combine any of these other processors with your delay setting to get otherworldly effects across a stereo field. To get you started there are over 60 presets put together by working engineers and producers.

Comeback Kid has an oversize GUI with large Time and Feedback control knobs and automatically syncs to your session tempo with four preset sub-division choices: Straight, Dotted, Triplet, and Free (running).

The Comeback Kid works best as an insert on a stereo track because of the other onboard effects useful to build the whole sound, vibe, and tonality.

I liked using it on an ordinary sustaining pad track in a dance mix with a ¼-note delay and no Feedback but with Ping-Pong on. I liked using the Shaper section to completely "round off" the front of the sound and lengthen and blur the sustain portion. The Stereo section in Comeback

has a real-time pitch changer and I used it to further disguise the pad.

I saved that setup as a preset and reused it on a melody backing vocal track in the same song but changed the delay time to 1/16th notes with no feedback and went for the Flavor section used Swirl—an analog phaser and Sauce—a cheesy-sounding reverb.

The Comeback Kid sells for \$49 MSRP download and runs on Mac & PC, VST, VST3, AU and AAX, DAWS. This is an awesome one-stop plug-in you'll use all the time!

babyaud.io/comeback-kid-delay-plugin



#### SENNHEISER HD 25 LIGHT HEADPHONES

The Sennheiser HD 25 Lights are based on the HD 25 professional headphones that were popular with DJs and used for monitoring field recordings and film/video productions all over the world for 30-years. They are super lightweight and their indestructible construction makes them perfect for busy and active users. You get the sound of the originals but with a simpler headband system.

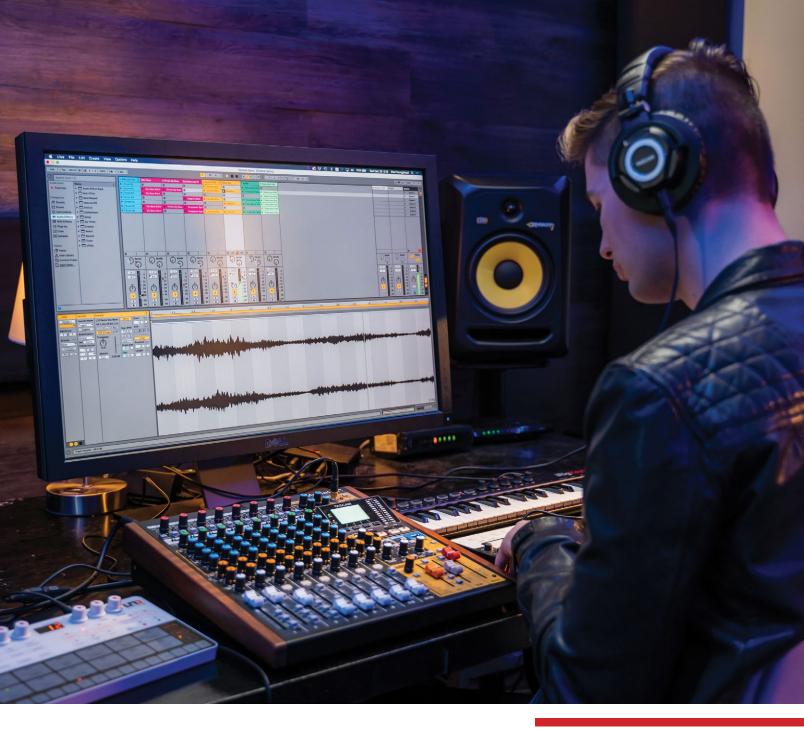
I liked the minimal headband design with the adjustable swivel earpiece drivers—perfect in my recording studio for singers and musicians who dislike regular circumaural headphones that completely cover their ears.

The HD 25 Lights are a supra-aural closed-back design that lay on top of your ears yet sufficiently clamp to your head to minimize bleed and provide a proper seal for good bass response while minimizing outside sound interference. Frequency response is rated from 16Hz to 22kHz with a max sound pressure of 120dB SPL. Their 70-ohm operating impedance is perfect for studio, DJ, or portable devices for producing and handling high sound pressures without distorting.

The HD 25 Lights are comfortable and stay attached to my head yet, easily pull down around my neck when not needed for a moment. I can hear other people talking and playing their instruments in the room when the headphone feed stops and I do not feel occluded from the world when using these on my subway train rides. They feature a split, 1.5 m long, detachable cable, screw-on jack adapter and retail at \$99.95 MAP.

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#### **■ JBL EON ONE COMPACT**

The JBL EON One Compact is a self-powered portable loudspeaker with a four-channel mixer that accepts a Bluetooth® audio stream and will run up to 12 hours on an included battery. It has an 8-inch woofer and 1-inch tweeter and will produce 112dB SPL within a frequency range of 37.5Hz to 20kHz. This is the perfect companion for itinerant presenters, fitness instructors and DJs.

Weighing 18 pounds (8kg), it measures 11.46L X 10.4 W X 15.71 H-inches and has a comfortable carrying handle. It operates either standing vertically or on its side—like a stage monitor wedge. There is also a standard pole-mounting socket and in any position the controls are easy to see and work. But the free App is the best way to fully control your JBL EON One Compact with all controls 'mirrored' on my device's screen.

The App gives access to all four inputs' four-band parametric equalizers in addition to both low and high frequency shelving equalizers. There is also phantom powering on/off for Channel 1 while Channel 3 has a dedicated 1/4-inch line input for playing backing tracks, and Channel 4 is switchable between a Bluetooth audio feed or an 1/8-inch TRS input jack for playing stereo audio from any phone. Channel 4 has the Duck feature that automatically lowers the volume of whatever audio program you have coming in when either input Channels 1 and/or 2 are active. A great use of the Duck feature is to lower the volume of background music when narrating a live Power Point presentation.

I found the App to work great for snapshot settings and storing effects with individual send controls to add reverb, delay and a chorus effect in any amount.

I think this is an excellent and worthwhile personal PA system. JBL has thought of every possible way it can be used and designed this entire system and put it into an easy-to-carry, diminutive package. The JBL EON ONE Compact sells for \$549 MAP.

ibl.com/portable-pa-systems/EON+ONE+COMPACT-NA.html

#### ► ISOACOUSTICS NEW STAGE 1 BOARD

The IsoAcoustics New Stage 1 Board is a portable isolation platform for guitar or bass combo amplifiers or any speaker cabinet. Like IsoAcoustics' Iso-Pucks, the goal is to decouple or physically disconnect a vibrating speaker cabinet, guitar amp or monitor loudspeaker from the surface and/or structure they are resting on—the floor, stands or a wall shelf.

IsoAcoustics New Stage 1 Board is a one-piece, lightweight unit with four isolators integrated into its underside. It measures 10-inches deep by 25-wide long and will handle up to 100lbs.

I made good use of the new Stage 1 Board here on my hardwood floors in my recording studio—the entire building is on a raised foundation. I had a loud Fender guitar amp directly on the floor and its vibrating cabinet shook some of the flooring boards and also transmitted energy and vibrated other items around the studio.

I put down the Stage 1 on the studio floor and then placed the amp on top of it. Now there were no more rattling noises contributing to the sound. Stage 1 comes with two pieces of stick on grip-tape to create a better connection between the amp and the Stage 1 Board.

The New Stage 1 Board is lightweight and easy to setup/ carry to the gig, and sells for \$99.99 MSRP.

isoacoustics.com



#### **▼ SONNOX OXFORD DRUM GATE PLUG-IN**

The Oxford Drum Gate is an algorithm-driven gate plug-in that can distinguish between the transients of a kick, a snare or a tom-tom. Anyone who has tried to use a noise gate on dynamic audio is well acquainted with sputtering and chattering. missed detection, and lost 'ghost' notes because the gate is shut when you'd like it to be open.

Drum Gate's interface has three sub pages or tabs to program detection, decay timing and leveling. The Detection tab has a real-time graphical view of the incoming signals parading left-to-right with detected transients.

Setting up Drum Gate is complete after you use Learn Unmatched for specific transients that don't matched the expected drum you have selected--such as a side snare drum hit that doesn't sound like the main snare drum.

The Decay timing section is for adaptively setting the release time period in which the gate closes down. Furthermore, you may "tune" the Resonant Decay period using an adjustable band pass filter to change how the frequencies of the drum are affected during the decay period.

The Leveller can fix the level of all drum hits transparently—it is not a compressor but a way to program separately the level of both the soft and hard hits.

On a poorly recorded kick drum track I had trouble with the compressor bringing up top kit spill as well as other instruments in this live tracking recording session when I compressed it. I inserted Drum Gate before the compressor and used a 30-Hz to 140-Hz spectral pass band filter. Open Threshold was -28dB, Sensitivity at 78% and the side-chain filter at a fairly high 118Hz for a kick drum gate. I used the Kick drum algorithm in Match Transients and I was basically done. I could get

every ghost and lightly played bass drum to fire through the gate without fail!

Drum Gate is an awesome new Sonnox tool that saves me

time and tedium doing the non-creative parts of mixing music. The Oxford Drum Gate sells for \$217 MSRP.

sonnox.com/drumgate

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#### **Texas Is The Reason: The** Mavericks of Lone Star Punk By Pat Blashill

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The Texas punk scene produced some of the finest punk music in the States, acts like The Dicks, Poison 13, The Huns, Butthole Surfers and more, whose stories are told through a series of over 200 artful black & white photos, capturing the time, place and essence of those who were there. Interspersed throughout are

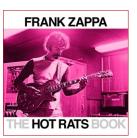


essays from scene members like director Richard Linklater (Slacker/School of Rock) and Teresa Taylor (Butthole Surfers). Daniel Johnston, Scratch Acid, The Big Boys and special appearances by The Dead Kennedys, Sonic Youth are also included.

#### Frank Zappa: The Hot Rats Book By Bill Gubbins and Ahmet Zappa

(hardcover) \$35.00

Here's a 50-year retrospective on the landmark Zappa record Hot Rats, through the photographs of Bill Gubbins, who documented the now infamous Hot Rats recording sessions, capturing Zappa and his co-creators during a period of peak creativity. Also included in the

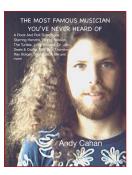


book is an interview with Gubbins. conducted by Ahmet Zappa, son of Frank, and executor of the Zappa Family Trust. Laid out in coffee-table sized hardcover, the book is a great memento to any Zappa enthusiast.

#### **The Most Famous Musician** You've Never Heard Of

By Andy Cahan with Jeff Tamarkin (paperback) \$65.00

In his continually entertaining scrapbook memoir, multi-instrumentalist, producer and bandleader Cahan details his long career that began with being catalyzed by Beatlemania in the '60s. From his suburban NY origins to his move to LA, where he became a member of The Turtles and associated with dozens of



legends including Zappa, Nilsson, Little Richard, Ringo, Jimmy Webb, Dr. John, Chuck Berry, Kinky Friedman, Lou Reed, Felix Cavaliere, Jimi Hendrix and even Monti Rock III, Cahan's story is full of treats and surprises.

#### **Double Talkin' Jive**

#### By Matt Sorum with Leif Eriksson and Martin Svensson

(paperback) \$28.99

Sorum, drummer for Guns N' Roses and Velvet Revolver, reveals a captivating story of life in the world of rock & roll, one that focuses on the party as much as on what comes after the



party is over, giving anecdotes about his interactions with rock legends like Slash, Axl Rose, Gene Simmons, Billy Idol. Alice Cooper and more. In fact, any aspiring artist could gain something from Sorum's stories of perseverance and belief. as well as the mistakes he made along the wav.

#### **Rockin' Recipes For Autism** Compiled by Kenny Wilkerson

(hardcover) **\$29.99** 

This book contains recipes from more than 50 famous rockers (including Ozzy Osbourne, Steve Lukather, Rikki Rockett, and members of HED PE, Junkyard, LA Guns) who share their one-of-a-kind dishes, everything from Don Dokken's "Rockin Ragu Sauce" to Carmine Appice's "Spinach & Ricotta Shells" to Alvin



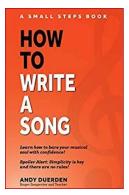
Taylor's "Red Chili Cheese Enchilada." Net proceeds from the sales of this attractive fullcolor hardcover cookbook will go to the We Rock for Autism organization in support of its music therapy programs.

#### **How To Write A Song**

By Andy Duerden

(Kindle) \$4.99

Taken step-by-step, and with help from its easy and enthusiastic language, Duerden's book makes songwriting as close to easy as can be, and is a way more enjoyable experience than banging away on your guitar for two aimless hours. This book carries a positive attitude that can penetrate through to even the most writer's-blocked of us. The book also gives away great tips on how to create unique



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While catering to indie artists in many genres and building its rep as a post-production house for popular films and TV shows (It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, Criminal Minds, Ice Age 5, Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates), Studio City Sound has hosted sessions by numerous Interscope artists as well as superstars Rod Stewart, Kelly Clarkson, Jessie J, Chris Cornell, Warren G, Graham Nash and Joe Bonamassa. Weir says, "We've worked with everyone from rapper Famous Dex to the Carmelite Sisters of Los Angeles."



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#### STUDIO MIX



#### ▲ Wunder Gets Funky in Stockholm

Versatile Swedish artist Sven Wunder recently laid down tracks with a lute at his personal studio in Stockholm, Sweden. Wunder typically flies under the radar, but is gaining recognition for his blending of different ethnic styles and use of unique instruments over mysterious, but groovy, funk beats. This photo was taken from a session during the recording of his yetto-be-titled 3rd EP. His second EP, Wabi Sabi, was released on June 12, and his first EP, Eastern Flowers, has gained high praise from publications like Passion Weiss and Pitchfork.



#### ▲ Taylor Sets the "American Standard"

Legendary singer-songwriter James Taylor (far right) recorded two tracks for his 19th studio album American Standard at United Recording Earlier this year. Recorded and mixed by Dave O'Donnell (far left), the album features influential American pop songs and jazz standards from the early 20th century.



#### ▲ Archuleta Holds "Therapy Sessions" in the Studio

Singer-songwriter David Archuleta took to the studio earlier this year to put the final touches on his newest album, Therapy Sessions, which released on May 20. Archuleta's career launched after his memorable stint on American Idol in 2008 when he was 16 years old that ended in him taking second place to David Cook. He has released eight studio albums since, including *Therapy Sessions*. This photo was taken from a recording session at Solarium Studios in Alpine, UT.

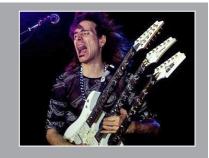


#### ▲ The National Parks Find Their "Wildflower" at June Audio

Folk/pop bad The National Parks recently gathered at June Audio Recording Studios in Provo, UT, to finish up their fourth studio album, Wildflower, which was released on June 19. The album was produced and mixed by longtime collaborator Scott Wiley. Pictured (I-r): Megan Parks (violin), Brady Parks (guitar, vocals), Cam Brannelly (drums), Sydney Macfarlane (keys, vocals).

#### **Producer Playback**

"You don't try to figure out what the song means. You have to stop -Steve Vai (Frank Zappa, David Lee Roth)





#### ▲ Iration Brings Summer Vibes to EastWest Studios

Santa Barbara, CA-based reggae band Iration recently released their seventh full-length album, Coastin', on June 10. Lead singer Micah Pueschel (left) and guitarist Micah Brown (right) put the cap on a long day of recording after a recent session at EastWest Studios in Los Angeles. Brown and Pueschel are just two of the six-piece outfit, which has found much commercial success throughout their 16-year existence, especially with their albums Hotting Up (2015) and Automatic (2013), which both peaked at #1 on Billboard's Reggae Albums Chart.



#### ▲ Tetrarch Teams Up with Otero

Josh Fore (left) and Diamond Rowe (right), two members of the Atlanta metal band Tetrarch, lay down some riffs with producer Dave Otero at Flatline Audio in Denver, CO. The band is making noise of late, aided by the presence of Rowe, who recently became the first Black female metal guitarist in a major industry publication with recognition in Guitar World, PG and Guitar Player. Tetrarch's sophomore album will be released in the fall.



#### ▲ Real Life Church Ministries Installs Ocean Way Monitors

Real Life Church Ministries Director of Broadcast and Technical Operations Kevin Watkins recently outfitted the church's broadcast mix studio in Los Angeles with Ocean Way Audio Pro2A monitors. Watkins says the monitors are the perfect size for their studio. "We wanted monitors that could push a lot of air, that sounded good at the top, sounded good at the bottom, and everything in between. The Pro2A's do that," Watkins says. "Our mixes sound great in the room, and they do what they are supposed to do-translate well and sound great outside of that room."



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#### PRODUCER CROSSTALK



ort Worth-based producer and songwriter Morgan Matthews has been passionate about music for as long as he can remember. Indeed, some of his earliest recollections are of hymns and the like that he heard in church. While still young, Matthews scored a four-track recorder and thereby the fuse to his audio arsenal was lit. He composed, pitched lyrics and otherwise labored for years in bands as he grappled with the obstacles to success.

His break came circa 2018 when he produced his song "Show Me Love." Ultimately it found its way to Alicia Keys, who re-recorded it with Miguel. The song is now slated as the lead single on *Keys' Alicia*, which drops sometime in 2020. Matthews has since worked with Ashley All Day, Samoan recording artist Savage and in conjunction with MTV and PBS.

Obviously there are far more opportunities for rising audio professionals in creative centers such as Los Angeles, New York and Atlanta than in smaller markets. But of course it has become more practical to build an audio career outside of the more popular ports than in the past. "I wouldn't do it in Fort Worth," Matthews says. "You have to use the internet if you're going to do it here."

Writers of all descriptions have days when they simply don't feel up to

the task; days when creativity seems to be forever a step ahead of them. As a songwriter, Matthews also experiences such hindrances from time to time. "Even if it's not good that day, I still try to finish," he explains. "It's going to be a bad [session], but you still did it. If you just lie in bed all day, you'll get in the habit of not [working] when you don't feel like it. It's just like a job at Walmart: you have to get in the habit of going in."

To date, the most crucial connection he's made was when he was put in touch with Alicia Keys. "I was making music at one point and people were contacting me from all over the country," Matthews recalls. "[An artist] went into this big studio in Miami [with some

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...lessons he's learned as a producer and songwriter are:

- Persistence. Don't ever give up.
- Learn to adapt. When one thing starts to change, you can't stay with the status quo.
- You won't always get paid.
   You'll get burned, stepped on and screwed, but keep going if you want to do this.

of my songs]. Soon after that I got a call from someone at that studio. They wanted me to send more material for Tory Lanez—so I did about 10 songs for him. Two years later they called again and told me that he took 'Show Me Love' to Alicia and she liked it. I didn't even know that he was in those circles. Because of that, I've had the opportunity to talk to and collaborate with a lot of people that I never thought I'd be able to."

Matthews has always strived to do whatever he deems best for artists, but in his experience not everyone shares his approach. "There are [producers] out there who will say, 'Let's change this' just so they can get that money. That's wrong. I just want to make the song sound good."

Matthews is always in search of new talent and fresh material is pitched to him regularly. "I've always felt that young artists' sounds are where it's at," he observes. "It's super-hard to [develop rising musicians], but I've wanted to for so long. Artists reach out to me and I always ask what their goals are. A lot of them don't know about marketing or advertising their song, especially young ones."

For eight years Matthews spent nearly every day in his parents' backyard storage shed as he shaped and sharpened his craft. Recently he landed a publishing deal with Universal Music Group and the Gunna record *Drip or Drown 2*, which he worked on, was certified gold last year.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

A native of Tokyo, Japan, Takaki Maeda first joined Casio in 1986 immediately after graduating from university. In 2012, he became General Manager of the electronic musical instruments business strategy department in the global marketing headquarters, partially the result of helping to develop new markets alongside their compact Privia line and backlit portables. In 2017, he became General Manager of the product planning department, where he oversaw development of their EMI product line. Now Senior General Manager, Maeda continues to explore new ideas that will expand upon Casio's keyboard offerings.

#### **Keyboard Life**

Growing up, there was an acoustic piano in my home. I started classical piano lessons at the age of four, but lost interest and stopped. I began playing keyboard again in junior high school when my friends and I formed a rock band. Synthesized sound really made an impact on me and I bought a Roland monophonic synthesizer when I was fourteen. Since then, I became hooked on rock music and have owned many electronic keyboards. In terms of synthesizers, I have used Casio CZ, FZ and VZ, as well as Roland, Yamaha, Korg, and Chroma. I also love the sound of electric pianos and still own a Rhodes and a CP-80. However, whenever I go out to play I always carry a Casiotone and have done so ever since I was a university student.

#### A Keyboard Player's Perspective

The fact that I am one of our target users and have many friends who also play keyboard greatly helps in the planning and decisionmaking process of product, sales and promotion. Also, having experience with the analog synthesizer UI [User Interface] and sound emitting system is very useful when talking with our engineers. I use my experience and knowledge for sensitive decisions, not only in hardware development but also with software. As part of a team, I bring my experience as a piano player to ensure that our instruments will be continuously enhanced and any issues with our products will be resolved prior to launch.

#### **Software Solutions**

We are a global organization and music is loved by every country, although it's different in each area and trends change. Musical instruments, scale, rhythm, purchase intent and income are different with every country, so it becomes difficult to develop one product that satisfies global demand. Designing hardware for each market is not a viable economic solution, so we address [regional differences] by developing software to meet local needs.



"We occasionally ask artists for their endorsement. In most cases. we approach musicians when there is like-minded thinking. This is best for everyone—the brand, the artist and the consumer."

#### Casio's Strengths

We've developed custom LSIs [a type of sound source similar to ZPI or AiR], unique sounds, rhythms and accompaniment patterns that we've honed over the past 40 years and [these have] assisted us in developing products that are optimal for our target users. Our strength lies in our ability to create highquality instruments at affordable prices. Casio's precision mounting technology makes it possible to design lighter, thinner and more compact instruments while also updating the cosmetics to be more in line with today's standards. Long gone are the days of large and heavy acoustic pianos and keyboards.

#### **Newer and Lighter**

Last year, we introduced two new keyboards to our Privia line, the PX-S1000 and PX-S3000. The real hammer action key technology in the newly developed super compact body combines form and function like never before. This has been achieved by what we refer to as "Casio uniqueness"-our commitment to offering original, useful products. We believe many musicians who carry their instruments for gigs will appreciate these new keyboards, for sure.

#### **Keyboards of a Different Color**

At the beginning of product development, various colors are possible. Our customers and target markets are the ones who determine the final color for future products. To ensure we're on the right track, we use a system which collects and analyzes distribution, customer feedback and sell-through data from all over the world and review it on a [regular] basis. Additionally, we encourage our product planning and marketing teams to [understand] not only musical instruments but also the latest trends in daily life and identify how we can incorporate them within our product development.

#### The Privia

We discovered through exhaustive research that there was a large number of potential users who were interested in playing piano but had not committed to learning. We investigated why these users had not taken the time to learn and resolved that their dissatisfaction was with the piano itself.

The results of our findings led us to the creation of the Privia line. Privia is a compound word [formed from] Private and Piano. We applied the notion that it is not one [keyboard] for each family but one for each person. The appeal and freedom of playing the Privia is backed by its purpose and appearance. Privia is overwhelmingly compact and styled to inspire elevated creativity over previous electronic piano offerings.

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precision packaging technology and production cost competitiveness capability for musical instrument development, we're able to deliver high-quality electronic musical instruments to people around the world.

#### **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work**

[Our long-term success] is truly the [result of the] teamwork behind all members of Casio's musical instrument business. With the commitment of our members, we're able to implement our philosophy of spreading the enjoyment of playing musical instruments to people all over the world. The best teams work by meeting face-to-face and communicating frequently, from engineers to salespeople. To uphold our philosophy and goals as a company, we have in-person meetings on a semi-annual basis.

#### Keys to the Future

Casio will continue striving to increase the number of people who begin playing a musical instrument by developing new playing styles and functions designed to inspire. Also, among the assets that Casio has refined, I pay special attention to the advanced technology of digitally controlling sound. By developing it further, we will commercialize products and services that can stimulate the passion for music in daily life.

#### Staying Modern

As a manufacturer, Casio will continue to launch new products year after year, learning and addressing the needs of modern musicians. Our latest introductions within our Privia and Casiotone lines are examples of how Casio creates products that are current with today's needs—lighter and more portable without sacrificing quality in the process. With this objective in mind, our hope is to inspire people and have them start creating and making music a part of their everyday lives. •

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#### LABELS•RELEASES **SIGNINGS**

Incognito Cartel has signed with the Spin Doctors Music Group to release their fourth album. "The eight-song album is slated for worldwide release on Saturday, June 27, along with a CD release party performance



#### ▲ Tones and I Thinks Ur So Cool

Pictured here is Australian singer and songwriter Tones and I, who released new single "Ur So F\*\*king Cool" this month. "I wrote this song after I went to a party and everyone there thought they were the coolest thing ever and I just thought 'this is shit, I'm leaving'," she says.

at 8:00 pm that evening at Twin Kegs II in Nashville, TN," reads a press release. "The performance will be Livestreamed. In the event that a spike in COVID-19 ups the restrictions on the in-person show, the Livestream will still take place." Email 240611@email4pr.com for more info.

#### **PROPS**

Congratulations to Gabby Barrett, who became the first female country artist to achieve over 10 million streams in a single week. The actual number is 11.3 million.

According to a press release, "Her debut single 'I Hope' keeps gaining and making waves, reigning for its seventh consecutive week atop the Country On-Demand Streaming chart, and perching Barrett at the #2 spot on Nielsen's Country On-Demand 2020 Year To Date chart." Email jensen@sweettalkpr.com for more info.

Congratulations to the first signees to the newly launched Def Jam Africa. "The label will initially be based in Johannesburg, South Africa and Lagos, Nigeria, but will identify and sign artist talent

#### **DIY** Spotlight

**Cole Pendery looked** like he had it all when he was picked by Simon Fuller, Perez Hilton and Jamie King to be a member of boy band IM5 in 2010. Glitzy tours, TV appear-ances—it wasn't a bad gig for the singer from Tourism. the singer from Texas who just wanted to give it his best shot. "At first I didn't want to go,

but I was 14 and my parents were like, 'We just moved your ass to LA so pursue this and So I went, then I joined the band and did that for the next four or five years."

Now he's going it alone with

#### **COLE PENDERY**

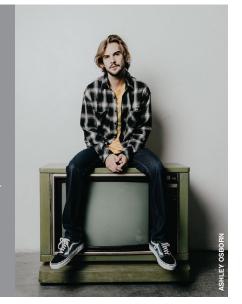
a new project, *Rydyr*, released on his own Shadowwood

of the industry can be like, and it's not a bad thing. It's just anout of love with that way of do-ing it for a while, and my truth lies more in what I wanted to do and say rather than a more corporate version of that. The industry was started by the artists and then taken over by the suits, and the labels, which is cool. But I think it's time to bring it back to the artists and what we're trying to say here.'

June 5 saw the release of Rydyr,'s latest single "See You Around," and he's currently preparing for the release of the EP. He is, he says, very pleased with it.

"I'm finding my way in this solo lane, and creating music as a writer under this whole outlook. I can't wait to share it and see how the fans, the peo-ple and the world responds."

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from across the entire continent," a press release reads. "It will be supported by dedicated A&R, marketing, creative and digital teams from the UMG teams in both Nigeria and South Africa and will report to Sipho Dlamini, MD, Universal Music Sub-Saharan Africa & South Africa. The label launches with a flagship roster, that includes some of the most influential, successful and followed African talent." Email g.t@umusic.com for more info.

#### THE BIZ

Open Mike Eagle has launched new label AutoReverse Records. The label's first release is Video Dave's Week 1560, out on June 26. "The formation of AutoReverse Records takes place in the midst of what is sure to be an industrious year for Open Mike Eagle and follows a busy 2019," reads a press release. "Last year he wrapped up the first season of his and Baron Vaughn's critically acclaimed Comedy Central show The New Negroes (which featured Lizzo, Danny Brown, MF Doom, Method Man, and more as musical guests), a successful North American tour alongside Sammus and Video Dave, appeared on Tru Tv's hit comedy series Adam Ruin's Everything and participated in a professional wrestling match." Contact duncan@orienteer.us for more info.

The Recording Academy's **Producers & Engineers Wing has** issued "Considerations for Recording Studios as they Reopen." "We have spoken with numerous recording studio owners, engineers and other industry professionals around the country, and based on their suggested protocols, we've compiled a list of potential safety measures and considerations for recording studios as the process of reopening begins," they say. Visit clynemedia.com for info.

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#### ▲ Embrace Your Higher Power

Roadrunner Records band Higher Power, from Leeds in England, recently released the video for the "Rewire (101)" single, which is taken from the 27 Miles Underwater debut album. Singer Jimmy Wizard says of the song, "I didn't think it would make it on to the album. It came together too easy, but ended up being one of my favorites in the end."

#### The **LEGAL** Beat

BY GLENN LITWAK



There is no question that the live concert business has been particularly hard hit by the Coronavirus. It has and will be shut down for the foreseeable future. The biggest concert promoters, AEG and Live Nation, have the deep financial resources to survive.

Many smaller independent concert promoters may not make it.

From what I have read (I am not an expert) the Coronavirus will probably not one day just disappear. More likely, it is with us indefinitely, like the second flux. indefinitely, like the seasonal flu (I am not saying the corona Virus is no more dangerous than the flu).

#### The Live Concert Business, Post Coronavirus

We can imagine in a year or more some big venue concerts and festivals taking place, but they will be different. First let's assume we have a vaccine by then. But, of course, there is no guarantee scientists will be able to go the second of tists will be able to develop one any time soon or ever. So what will the future hold? We

can expect people to be wearing masks at concerts. Every person entering the venue may have their temperature taken. There will be signage advising people on things audience) that would air on outlets like HBO, Netflix or pay per view. One could also imagine every

fan entering a large venue hav-ing their temperature taken, and numerous "cleaning stations" with hand sanitizer. In an attempt to limit their legal liability, venues could post signs and ask each fan entering the venue whether or not they have any symptoms of COVID-19. And perhaps certain foods will be pre-packaged or ones that require a lot of handling might

#### "Will the same excitement exist if every other seat and row is empty?"

they can and cannot do. As far as social distancing, that is harder to imagine. One of the attractive things about a live concert is a full house of loud fans stirring up the excitement. Will the same excitement exist if every other seat and row is

about is using drive-in theaters for live concerts. This would take care of social distancing concerns to a certain extent. There could be more live recorded concerts (without an not be available. Extra precautions would be taken cleaning the venue before, during and after the show. Ticket prices could be raised to cover the cost of these extra

Venues could use more clear plastic barriers. For instance, it could be used between rows or private "sky" boxes, upon entering the venue and at food conces-sions. Paper tickets may become a thing of the past while venues use various digital forms of ticketing. There may be further restrictions on what people can wear or bring to a

outdoors), may be able to open sooner. Outdoor concerts may become more prevalent since the Coronavirus is thought to spread easier indoors.

Concerts may be shorter with

and the main act. The stage could be farther from the audience. A limited amount of people could be allowed in rest rooms and food concessions. Getting up from your seat (to get something to eat, for instance) may be discouraged.

Time will tell what precautions and procedures work so that the public can safely enjoy live music

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## I Quit My Day Job Because I Make More Money From My Music.

Matthew Vander Boegh, TAXI Member

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#### My Two Secret Weapons

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#### SIGNING STORIES



Date Signed: Dec. 9, 2019 Label: InsideOutMusic

Band Members: Neal Morse, vocals, keyboards, guitars; Mike Portnoy, drums, vocals; Randy George, bass; Bill Hubauer, keyboards, vocals;

Eric Gillette, guitars, vocals

Type of Music: Progressive Rock

Publicity: Roie Avin - Royal Avenue Media, roie.avin@

royalavenuemedia.com, 754-888-4380

Web: nealmorseband.com
A&R: Thomas Waber

rogressive rock multi-instrumentalist Neal Morse's relationship with Thomas Waber stretches back to the mid-'90s, when he was haunting pubs in Germany with Spock's Beard. Word had gotten to Morse that Waber wanted to meet him at a McDonald's in Paderborn. "The way he spoke, I thought he didn't like the demos very much," recalls Morse. Then Waber revealed he wanted to release Spock's on Giant Flectric Pea

Later, Waber started InsideOutMusic. Mike Portnoy of Dream Theatre rang Morse and stated he wanted to start something new together. That project, Transatlantic, appeared on InsideOut in Europe and Morse's company, Radiant / Metal Blade, in the US.

When the Neal Morse Band, which also features Portnoy, came together, multiple labels made offers but InsideOut made the strongest in terms of advance as well as money towards marketing and video. Morse and Portnoy further stipulated that the agreement be non-exclusive.

For Morse, the decision meant letting go of Radiant. "To give that up was a hit," he admits. "But I also recognized that they have a strong team

## "They have a strong team and more funding than I can provide."

and more funding than I can provide. I thought about trying to match it, but then I thought, how much time do I want to spend with that stuff? So I just let it go."

The long friendship between Morse and Waber also eased the decision. Likewise, Waber signed the band before they'd even written anything. "We've got pictures of our kids together," Morse illustrates. As if that relationship weren't reason enough, being on the biggest prog rock label in the world remains a source of pride.

The Neal Morse Band's latest, a live double CD entitled *The Great Adventour – Live in BRNO 2019*, was unveiled on March 6th.

- Andy Kaufmann



Date Signed: Dec. 18, 2018
Label: Elektra Records
Band Members: Maddie Medley
Type of Music: Indie/Alternative

Management: Don VanCleave - Red Light Management

Booking: Christine Cao - Paradigm Legal: Farrah Usmani - Loeb & Loeb Publicity: Sarah Goldstein - Elektra Records

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A&R: Will McDonald

he road to Medley's success has been driven by chutzpah and an innate drive to perform for people as much as possible. She had no friends or family with any musical inclinations, yet held a penchant for writing from the age of seven and started playing in and around Nashville after high school. She met many performers her age who encouraged her to keep going, which helped to build her confidence. Playing out and watching other artists perform became pivotal to her inspiration.

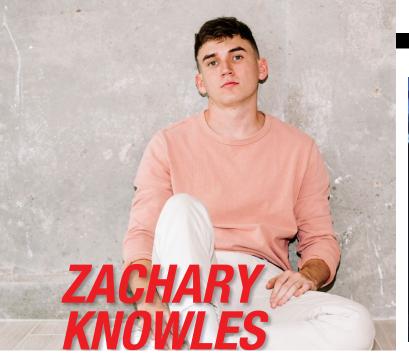
Medley's big break came while playing a show at the infamous Nashville bar The End. An audience member knew Birmingham Mountain Radio host Scott Register, who began emailing Medley after hearing her music, and ended up introducing her to Don VanCleave of Red Light Management. Now her manager, VanCleave also manages Brent Cobb, with whom Medley is currently set to tour. VanCleave sent Dave Cobb

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(Brent's cousin and producer) a copy of Medley's "Coming of Age" single (a demo at the time), and he invited the team to cut the song at his studio. The group flew to New York the following week and connected with Elektra Records co-President Gregg Nadel, played him a few songs, and a deal was born.

Medley signed an administrative publishing deal with Kobalt Music Group at the same time as she signed her five-record commitment with Elektra Records, starting with a three-song EP (Coming of Age) and two single releases ("Coming of Age," and her latest, "Buzz") since the ink dried in December 2018. Her best advice on this journey? "I wasted a lot of time being intimidated," she says. "Everyone is just a person and I have kept telling myself that nothing is going to make or break your career. Stay kind and keep working. Don't get a big head."

When asked what made Medley stand out, Nadel says, "Maddie is an incredibly captivating performer and a brilliant songwriter. Her lyrics jump out at you the first time you hear them. It's a very special quality. We knew right away that we wanted to sign her and are so glad to have Maddie joining the Elektra Records family." – Andrea Beenham



Date Signed: Sept. 3, 2019 Label: Fader Label Type of Music: Pop, R&B

Management: Eric Parker **Booking:** Matt Adler and Tom Windish - Paradigm

Legal: Jeff Koenig - Serling Rooks Hunter McKoy Worob Averill LLP Publicity: Fader Label / Danger Village, yasmine@faderlabel.com

Web: faderlabel.com/zachary-knowles

A&R: Carson Oberg

ailing from Magnolia, TX, pop/R&B singer Zachary Knowles was bitten by the music bug at an early age when his mom forced him to do a talent show in the 7th grade. From then on, Knowles began throwing himself into music—collaborating with friend Tyler Ray on his time off from school and posting cover songs to SoundCloud. It wasn't long before his music began to appear on people's radar; in fact, once he started posting original work he racked up 25,000 streams almost immediately.

"I started to get on people's Discover Weekly on Spotify and stuff like that, it just grew," Knowles recalls. "Then I met Carson [Oberg] with Fader [Label] which was crazy because I met him through Discover Weekly. He manages Shallou and they were looking for vocalists. He reached out and was like, 'We're looking for vocalists for a project for Shallou, I was wondering if you were interested,' and I'm like, 'Yeah, totally.' So he showed me some songs, but it wound up not working out as I was out here and they were in LA."

#### "They have a smaller team, so I figured they would be more hands-on."

Nevertheless, Knowles kept in contact with Oberg through Instagram. Six months later, Knowles traveled to New York to meet his manager and reached out to Oberg to see if he would be in the area. As luck would have it, Oberg moved to New York to work with Fader and had some exciting news for Knowles.

"I thought we were just going to get coffee, then on the day when we were supposed to meet up, he asked me to come to the Fader office. I showed him some really rough demos and he loved them. That day he said, 'Would you be comfortable with us talking to you about a deal.' I was like, 'Oh yeah, definitely.' And within the next few months it turned into an eventual offer," says Knowles.

The deal with Fader was a no-brainer to Knowles, "I really like what they're all about. They have a smaller team, so I figured they would be more hands-on. I feel very comfortable with them and they've been super supportive. Carson loved the demos—listening back to them, they were so rough so it's really cool to see how he saw potential in it.'

For now, Knowles is finishing his business degree from Texas A&M and is in the process of writing new music. - Jacqueline Naranjo



Date Signed: Feb. 28, 2020 Label: RCA Records Type of Music: Hip-Hop/Rap

Management: Omid Noori and Cooper Herrera - ATG Music

**Booking:** Mark Cheatham and Phil Quist - CAA

Legal: Renee Karalian

Publicity: Jamie Abzug - RCA Records Web: instagram.com/masonrupper

A&R: Adonis Sutherlin and Jeremy Maciak - RCA Records

apper, singer and songwriter MASN has achieved so much already in his 19 years on the planet. The musician from Eagle Mountain, UT, has seen his single "Psycho" (featuring Trippie Redd) pick up 38 million Spotify streams, 5.4 million Youtube views and over 1.5 million TikTok videos. And now, he's signed to RCA. It's crazy to think that just a

year and a half ago, he was rapping for fun in his bedroom.
"It kinda started out of boredom," MASN told us by phone. "Next thing I knew, I was in a recording studio and found myself recording my first song. I just recorded a song every month or so and dropped it on Soundcloud. 'Psycho' happened to be my fifth song ever, and I just saw a gradual increase in plays with every song I put out. I thought I was progressively getting better. So I was always serious about it, but then the

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plays really started to pick up in June of 2019 with 'Psycho.' That's when I realized it was a serious thing and I could actually do it.'

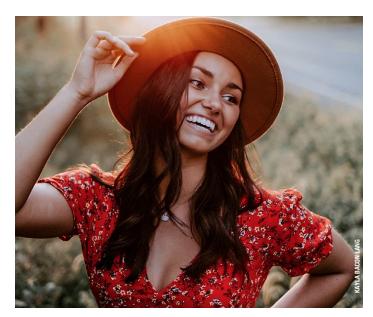
Dropping videos online is the most popular route to musical success right now, but standing out in the crowd is the challenge.

"I think it's just making good music and then I got really lucky," he says. "I've got a supportive social circle around me. I was able to push it to friends and friends of friends. Through that, I was able to get thousands of plays on Soundcloud. Just from friends and my hometown. From there it snowballed into a bunch of different areas."

MASN (pronounced Mason) describes his sound as a blend of indie pop/rock and hip-hop/rap, with influences ranging from Juice Wrld to The 1975. That style, plus the big numbers he generated, brought him to the attention of RCA

Things started to go a little bit crazy and people started taking notice," he says. "I flew out to LA to meet my management in January. This whole time is kind of a blur to me. I was flying back and forth from LA to New York, taking tons of meetings. I met with pretty much every label. I had a few people I liked, but I had a really good meeting with RCA at a coffee shop in LA. I met with them again in New York on my birthday. That's when I decided that I really liked these guys. They brought me a birthday cake and everything. Then we went to dinner that night, had a really great night. I signed with them later that week on February 28."

That's the lesson here—don't forget the cake. - Brett Callwood



#### ▲ Abby Bannon Moves Fourward

18-year old singer-songwriter Abby Bannon penned and performed "Here's To You," an anthem for young graduates worldwide. Bannon celebrated her own graduation by signing a publishing deal with Fourward Music. Bannon is preparing to enroll at Belmont University, where she will study business and music, and officially working with one of Nashville's most artist-forward companies.

#### ► AIMP Online

**Association of** Music Publishers (AIMP) enlisted a select roster of LA-based songwriters for a virtual in-the-round session. Performing were Tammy Infusino, Song Biz profile subject Jake Scott, and Anthony Fedorov (pictured), who performed from an ad hoc stage he created on his son's bunk bed.





#### ▲ Ben Burgess Goes with Big Loud

Big Loud Records has singed singer-songwriter Ben Burgess. His song "Heartbreak" is featured on Diplo Presents Thomas Wesley's Chapter 1: Snake Oil.

#### **SONA Funds Sonawriters**

Songwriters of North America (SONA) has established a new fund that will distribute \$1,000 emergency grants to songwriters facing economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. Applications for the SONA fund will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The process will be overseen by an executive committee of songwriters and industry professionals including Jess Furman, Brendan Okrent, Catharine Wood, Leona Lewis, Autumn Rowe, Leland and JHart.

To be eligible, applicants must be professional songwriters or composers, have a membership or affiliation with a PRO lasting more than two years, be over the age of 18 and earn at least half their income from songwriting. Those chosen to receive the grants will have the option of allocating the money to rent, food, healthcare and other categories.

The SONA Songwriter Assistance Fund is one of two funds specifically designed to assist songwriters during COVID-19; the other, We're Ready In Time of Emergency Relief (WRITER). was previously established by the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI). Both funds the latter of which has since been closed to new applicants—were made possible thanks to a \$500,000 donation by Sony/ATV, with the total amount being split between the two organizations.

To apply or donate to the SONA fund, visitsonawriterfund.com

#### **ASCAP Virtual Awards**

ASCAP has announced it will honor the songwriters and publishers behind its most performed songs of the past year with four virtual celebrations for ASCAP Pop, Screen, Latin and Rhythm & Soul Music Award winners. Continuing through mid-July, the innovative format will. for the first time, allow more friends and fans to join the online festivities, with three days of dedicated content for each genre on ASCAP's social media channels including livestreamed performances, special celebrity appearances, winner spotlights and interviews.

Forthcoming are the ASCAP Lat-

in Music Awards: July 7-9, and the ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Music Awards: July 15 - 17

The ASCAP Virtual Awards will feature exclusive photos, videos, acceptance speeches and more from some of ASCAP's top members and publishers posted with the hashtag #ASCAPAwards to @ASCAP, @ASCAPScreen, @ ASCAPUrban and @ASCAPLatino on Instagram as well as special programming as part of ASCAP Experience: Home Edition. Spotlight award show moments including Songwriter of the Year, Songwriter-Artist of the Year, Publisher of the Year, Independent Publisher of the Year and Song of the Year will remain major highlights during the online festivities.

Specific times, winners and additional program details will be announced in the future. See ASCAP.com.

#### **Instagram Protects** Music Creators

Instagram has added a new music copyright infringement feature, warning livestream creators before taking streams down or muting them. The measure was requested by record labels and artists protecting their rights of ownership.

Stories, and other posts on the platform, will include a new update to the notification that pops up to tell users they're using unlicensed art in ways that violate its rules. The changes to the pop-up notification are designed around helping users avoid Instagram's automated interruptions—like muting or outright blocking—that occurs if a piece of licensed music plays for too long over or in the background of a live video. Now, the notification pops up earlier in live broadcasts to give users more time to remove the audio so they can avoid having the stream disrupted or taken down. Instagram will also give clearer instructions to remedy the situation in the event a stream is automatically muted or blocked due to use of unlicensed music.

Copyright infringement rules that affect Instagram are evolving, as livestreams continue to be the most frequently used tool for artists and promoters during this coronavirus crisis.

#### ► Jody Williams Songs

**Partnering with Warner Chappell** Music Nashville, former BMI exec Jody Williams is launching Jody Williams Songs with a roster including CMA New Artist of the Year Ashley McBryde, Nathan Chapman, Jeremy Spillman and Greg Bates. The company with also rep Pat McLaughlin in a writer management/publishing role.



#### **Hit Songs Deconstructed:** Deep Data Deep

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See more at Hitsongsdecon structed.com.

#### **Royalty Exchange Reaches \$75 Million Mark**

Royalty Exchange, the online marketplace for buying and selling music royality and other intellectual property, has reached \$75 milliion in transactions. The company reached the milestone with over 875 separate transations with working creators, with an average transaction price of around \$75K dollars.

About 70% of the artists selling royalties on the marketplace are songwriters, who typically have fewer options to raise money than recording or touring artists. And more investors continue to flock to the marketplace. Nearly 10,000 new investor accounts were created in 2019 with more new investor accounts created in April, at the height of the pandemic, than in any single month in the company's history-at 2,360.

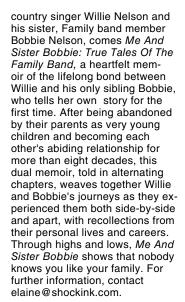
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#### **BMI Latin Announces** Award Winners

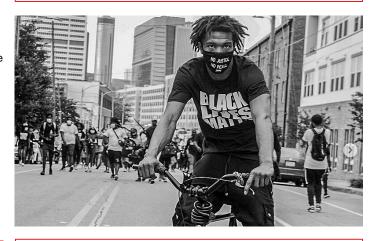
BMI has announced its 27th annual BMI Latin Awards winners online, including Ozuna's "Taki Taki," which was noted as contemporary Latin song of the year. Songwriter-producer Gaby Music won contemporary Latin songwriter of the year for "Taki Taki," sharing the honor with hitmaker Ozuna, Dimelo Vi's Vicente Saavedra and Jorden "Pardison Fontaine" Thorpe.

The BMI Latin publisher of the year award, for the fifth year in a row, went to Sony/ATV Music Publishing with 16 of the mostperformed songs, including "Taki Taki," "Ambiente," "Amigos Con Derechos," among others. Winsin & Yandel, who were slated to receive BMI's president's award this year, will now be honored at the 2021 BMI Latin Awards.



#### ▲ Garth Brooks Honored

The National Music Publishers Association (NMPA) honored singer-songwriter Garth Brooks at its first-ever virtual Annual Meeting. The NMPA Songwriter Icon Award honors music creators and composers who have contributed greatly to the craft of songwriting. Past recipients include Billy Joel, Alicia Keys, Ryan Tedder, Jon Bon Jovi, Pharrell, Steven Tyler, Diane Warren and Sting.



#### ▲ Lil Baby Tops Songwriter List

The National Music Publishers Association (NMPA) has announced the top songwriters for Q1 2020, including the top songwriter for the period. During January, February and March of 2020, 805 songwriters were certified Gold, Platinum and Multi-Platinum, and Lil Baby, who is published by UMPG, was the top songwriter overall with 22 certifications. The rapper is pictured here at the recent BLM protest in Atlanta.

#### ► AIMP Awards Angela

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Independent Music Publishers (AIMP) will present the inaugural Linda Komorsky Liker AIMP Scholarship Award to its first recipient, Angela McPhee, who is entering her senior year at the University of Southern California (USC) Thornton School of Music pursuing a Bachelor of Science in the Music Industry. She will be awarded \$5,000 to help continue her education.



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#### SONGWRITER PROFILE

## Maggie Szabo

Remixing Reality

ith an exquisitely nuanced voice and a gift for penning hookheavy melodies, Maggie Szabo is connected to a worldwide collective of co-writers, producers and remixers. For this Canadian native, her adopted hometown of Los Angeles is an ideal epicenter for her ever-expanding endeavors.

Szabo's most recent artist project, Back Where We Started: Remix Diary, is composed of previously released singles reimagined by a cast of remixers. "I've had my versions out there, but the reason I love remixes is that they bring in different styles, typically on the dance-EDM-electronic side, which can be great for clubs," she says.

Having recorded feature vocals and written toplines for numerous

EDM projects, Szabo shares history with these sonic collaborators. She introduced herself to Andy Jarvis when she discovered his work on a track with Ed Sheeran, featuring Camila Cabello and Cardi B. "I took a shot and Instagrammed him, told him I loved his stuff, and said that I'd like to collaborate."

While Szabo envisions future full-lengths, she says that singles allow for deep concentration. "It's nice to focus on one song at a time," she clarifies. "With an album, you have to pick your favorites. With singles, you can really devote all of your attention to each track.'

Originally from Dundas, Ontario, Szabo visted Nashville for a songwriter retreat when she was 15 and was captivated by the city's song-intensive aura. After graduating high school, she returned. "I was by myself, and it took me 14 hours to drive there. Because I had been there before, there was that familiarity.'

After a year and a half, she signed to a label in Canada and learned about the business side of music. With an album to her credit, Szabo wanted to expand her artistic reach. She severed ties with the record company and headed to the West Coast. "I love where I'm from," she says of Canada. "There are values and an outlook I wouldn't have otherwise. But for music, LA is definitely the place that I need to be.

As a collaborator, Szabo says that melody is her strong suit. While her remix release is invested with deep grooves and electronic signatures, her songs are also affective in stripped down versions. "That's why it was an easy transition from organic pop to more electronica,"she says. "Only the production changes. All

my collaborations in the electronic world come from me playing guitar or piano.'

Her song "Don't Give Up" has become an anthem for the transgender community. Szabo performs it at Pride festivals and other events along with The Trans Chorus of Los Angeles. "Coming from a small town, I was in a bubble," Szabo recalls. "I became involved with LGBTQ advocacy, which came from having a lot of friends in that community. The homeless rate—especially for trans youth—is shocking. I got connected to the Trans Chorus and we've done probably 30 performances together. They are like family to me now.'

Multiple sync uses for her songs for shows on Netflix, Disney, ABC, E!, TV Land and other networks provide economic viability. "Writing for sync and writing my stuff are two different things. I will stockpile a lot of music, or if a show requires a specific type of song, I will always write for that. There are so many more productions now, and you can have a song that plays constantly for three years.'

Maggie Szabo says that songs only connect when they are drawn from true experiences. "It is always interesting writing with people you've never met before. You introduce yourself, and start laying your whole life down. You have to get past vulnerability being an embarrassment. In the songwriting community you have to not care—it's normal."

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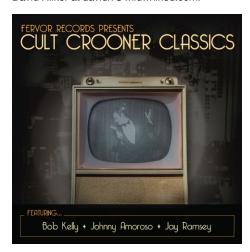




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#### **DROPS**

Indie label Fervor Records landed three 1960s rarities in Judd Apatow's new film The King of Staten Island, which premiered June 12. Songs include "Can't Understand" and "There She Is" by Johnny Amoroso, known for being a featured vocalist in Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra, and "One Little Kiss Will Do It" by Bob Kelly. All songs are contained on the Fervor release Cult Crooner Classics. Ferver Records is an independent label that releases cult hits, deep cuts and rarities. For more information, contact David Hilker at davidh@wildwhirled.com.



Wave Theory Records has digitally released the soundtrack to the acclaimed action-thriller Villain, about an ex-con returning to his criminal ways after a 10-year prison sentence. The album was composed by Aaron May and David Ridley, who met director Philip Barantini through a writer and collaborated with him previously on the short film Seconds Out. Villain's lead actor Craig Fairbrass saw the short and insisted that not only would Barantini direct the thriller, but the entire creative crew, including May and Ridley, must be on board as well. Contact Adrianna Perez at adrianna@whitebearpr. com for more details.

The Undefeated, ESPN's content platform exploring the intersections of sports, race and culture, released "Be Like Water," a new song and accompanying music video from RZA and 36 Chambers, inspired by the latest ESPN Films 30 for 30 documentary Be Water, about the life of martial artist and global icon Bruce Lee. The song, written and performed by RZA, and music video are tributes to Lee, who has been an influence on the artist's career, both in music and filmmaking, beginning with the album Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers). The music video for "Be Like Water" is available on TheUndefeated.com.

Eagle Vision released Live Baby Live, the seminal 1991 live show by INXS, on June 26, following the restored film's successful debut theatrical run in 2019. The new release features the film presented in widescreen for the first time, and in over 20 times greater resolution. During the 12-month restoration process, a performance of the X album track "Lately" that was previously thought lost was discovered and reinstated to the film. The physical package features new 4K-sourced photography from the show, new notes from the band and an essay



by broadcaster and fan Jamie East, who was in the crowd that day. Contact Carol Kaye at carol@kayosproductions.com.

Dawn, an 11-hour digital festival of arts, music, film and culture celebrating the Jewish holiday of Shavuot in May, featured the premiere of an original score to Cecil B. DeMille's Ten Commandments Pt. 1 by Steve Berlin of Los Lobos, Steven Drozd of Flaming Lips and Scott Amendola. The event was produced by Reboot, which last hosted a Dawn festival in

2010. Forced by COVID-19 to go digital with Dawn 2020, Reboot took the opportunity to expand the festival experience and bring in wider perspectives. Dawn featured dozens of guests including Jill Soloway, Carl Reiner, Norman Lear, Gabi Moskowitz, The Milk Carton Kids and the rabbis and leaders of the Jewish Emergent Network. For more information, contact Jesse Cutler at jesse@jpcutlermedia.com.

On May 15, Waylon Jennings: The Outlaw Performance was released on DVD and digital formats. Filmed in

1978, the concert film captures the outlaw musician performing at a sold-out Nashville Opry House. Favorites include "I've Always Been Crazy," "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys" and "Are You Sure Hank Done It This Way." The release includes interviews with the late country star, as well as interviews with friends including George Jones, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Waylon's longtime drummer Richie Albright. Contact carol@kayosproductions.com.

Singer songwriter Alfa, who was a Top 25 New Music Critiques artist featured in Music Connection, was featured on the premiere episode of Season 6 of the PBS National Series Songs at the Center, now beginning to air on more than 330 stations across the US. See the artist on the "sizzle reel" at youtu.be/7yW81uoLK7E. Contact Paul Condon at starmaker61@gmail. com for more information.

The new musical Swept Away, featuring the music of The Avett Brothers, has been resched-

uled to have its world premiere in summer 2021. Current ticketholders will receive new tickets to next year's performances with similar dates and seats. Written by Tony-winning stage and screen writer John Logan and directed by Tony winner Michael Mayer, Swept Away is set in 1888 and is about four sailors struggling to survive after a shipwreck off the Massachusetts coast. The production features choreography by Tony Award nominee David Neumann, music arrangements and orchestrations by Chris Miller and Brian Usifer, music direction by Justin Craig, and sound design

by Tony winner Kai Harada. Contact Taylor. Vaughn@umusic.com.

**SHANNON HOON** 

Oscilloscope Laboratories have announced the feature, All I Can Say, is set to hit virtual cinemas, record stores, and music venues with a release date of June 26. A rare autobiography of Shannon Hoon, the late lead singer of the rock band Blind Melon, the film was created solely with Hoon's own footage, voice and music. See AllICanSay.Oscilloscope.net.

#### **OPPS**

Broadway's first Korean musical, KPOP, is seeking video submissions only for this fall's pre-Broadway production. Korean, Korean-American and Asian-American men and women in their 20s who are strong singers and dancers are welcome to audition. Special dance skills are a plus. To submit a resumé, video and dance reel, and for audition specifics, visit kpopbroadway.com/casting.

The deadline is July 31 to submit a music video for the EnergaCAMERIM-AGE 2020 International Film Festival, an annual event celebrating the art of cinematography. There is no entry fee. Accepted submissions stand to win awards in Best Music Video and Best Cinematography. Terms and conditions for entry and an online submission form can be found at camerimage.pl/en/camerimage-2020/zglos-film-2/.

Summer Game Fest, a virtual, global gaming festival, has added an additional Developer Showcase event on July 20 to

spotlight a group of upcoming indie and AAA video games. The showcase will contain new content in each livestream, including gameplay, news and videogame musical performances. To see a schedule and find more information about the event, visit summergamefest.com.

WENDY DIO

fight the disease. In addition to highlighting the Dio Cancer Fund's Ride for Ronnie Motorcycle Ride and Concert and the Bowl for Ronnie Celebrity Bowling Tournament—both annual fundraising events—the video features clips of the 10th Anniversary Awards Gala in Hollywood held in February. Watch the video on YouTube and contact w3pr@yahoo.com.

Some Colorado partners are working to keep the

arts alive throughout the coronavirus pandemic by helping creative organizations adapt to virtual programming. This spring, the Colorado Office of Film, Television & Media and Colorado University **Denver's College of Arts** & Media partnered to launch Creative Corps. a team of students and recent graduates dedicated to helping nonprofit arts and cultural organizations make the leap to online programming. Not only does the team of students and graduates get paid, they also have the opportunity to network with organizations and professionals in the arts. Contact jill.mcgranahan@ state.co.us.

Sadly, live concerts are on hold indefinitely, but artists including Allen Stone and Amos Lee have still found a way to bring music to sick children via Seattle-based nonprofit Melodic Caring Project's MCPConnects. The artists'



#### **PROPS**

Soul-jazz duo Parlor Social has nailed another TV placement, this time on Netflix's original series Selling Sunset, where you can hear their single, "Let Me Hear You Say Hep Hep," on the Season 2 episode 6 show opener. Meanwhile, the act is continuing its livestreamed Soulful Jazz Brunch every Sunday. See ParlorSocial.com.

The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund, founded shortly after rock music legend Ronnie James Dio lost his monthslong battle with gastric cancer in May 2010, celebrated its 10th anniversary this spring by posting a video on its website highlighting the work it's done to raise more than \$2 million to

original performances are livestreamed for ill or hospitalized kids in quarantine or isolation, which has been the project's mission since 2011, well before the coronavirus pandemic. MCPConnects is the organization's newest series, allowing musicians to perform from home to safely bring music to their "rockSTARS" who are sick at home or hospitalized. Watch an interview and performance by Stone on YouTube and contact w3pr@yahoo.com for details.

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#### Out Take



#### Edward Patrick White Composer

Contact: ed@alphadogmusic.co.uk Most Recent: Gears Tactics

What do you do when you're tasked with composing the music for an iconic video game that you're also a huge fan of? For composer Edward Patrick White, he had to overcome the intimidation but also had the advantage of familiarity when working on Gears Tactics, a prequel to the Gears of War game set 12 years before the original. "Some of the game's past composers are titans of music and film," White says. "On tother hand, having a real personal history with the game, I was already very familiar. with it when we were listening to all the other music written and looking at cut scenes. It was like going to see an old friend."

As such, White's score was a self-proclaimed "love letter to fans" of *Gears of War*. "We haven't strayed too far frow and people known in a sum to be, and I drew on the same than the same that the same than the same than the same than the same than the my own experience with it," he says. "We analyzed all the material that came before, and you realize the story is heroic, but never so heroic you feel like you've won the day—you just won that battle. The musical material had to reflect that, whether the harmonies don't quite work or the orchestration is unpleasant or uncomfortable. That's how we make it authentic, and that's how fans hopefully feel about it."

White has spent the past two years creating the music for the game, crafting compositions that were both fresh and clearly referenced the original game. With many video games, the perspective is typically from behind the player; *Gears Tactics* has a top-down, birds-eye-view of the level, and is a turn-based strategy game, meaning players take turns. This gaming style offered unique challenges and opportunities for the president program. "Personal Programs" ties for the musical language. "Because your players are probably going to do a bit of thinking and strategizing, our music has to be very interactive to underscore the cerebral activity of how you play your turn. And because you have an enemy taking a turn, they have their own music, as well as

White's advice for composers taking on projects, whether they have a history or not, is simple: "Whether it's a new or an existing franchise, you always have to find whatever fragment within the project is going to be personal to you." •

#### MIXED NOTES

#### Alfa Goes the Extra Mile

Former Music Connection Top NMC of the year, Alfa, released a cover of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now," to be downloaded with 100% of proceeds going to the LA Regional Food Bank. In a Facebook post at the time of the cover's release, Alfa said, "I know food banks have felt a strain during COVID-19 and want to do my part to help—will you help too?" The YouTube video of Alfa's cover has gained almost 4,000 views. The MP3 is still available for download.



#### ▲ Detroit Institute of Music Education (DIME) Closes

The Detroit Institute of Music Education (DIME) announced in early June that it is closing its doors for good. In an email to students and faculty, the school announced that it would close due to a dispute over its partnership agreements with Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver). An executive from MSU Denver said that missed enrollment targets and low tuition revenue were the reasons for their falling out.





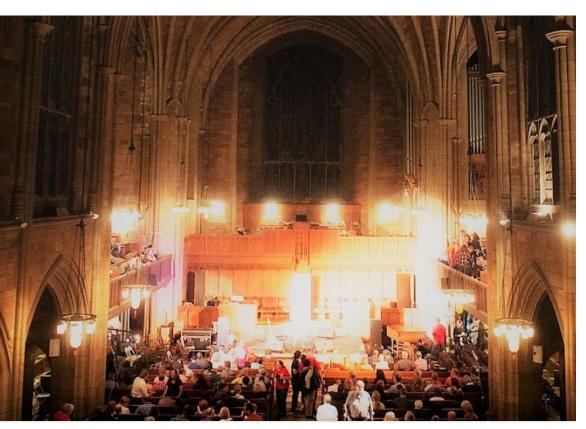
#### ■ Tenpenny Strikes Gold During Livestream

On June 4, Nashville's Mitchell Tenpenny was surprised by the founding member of his "Night Owls" fan club with an RIAA Gold certification plaque for his song, "Alcohol You Later." The moment occurred on Tenpenny's social media channels as he was hosting a Q&A livestream session with his fans as he's done several times during the shutdown. Tenpenny wrapped the session with a few acoustic performances, starting with "Alcohol You Later."



#### ▲ Gibson Offers Guitar Lessons to Hospitalized Kids

Gibson and MyMusicRx, the Childrens Cancer Association (CCA) flagship program, are joining forces to bring the healing power of music to kids facing cancer and other serious illnesses. 18 Gibson Generation Group (G3) artists will provide a virtual music mentorship for CCA-served children by sharing guitar lessons and giving hospitalized kids the chance to learn how to play an instrument. Pictured is 13-year-old Norwegian G3 artist Otto Junior.



#### Another Venue Joins the NIVA

Outpost in the Burbs, a venue in Montclair, NJ, recently joined the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA), a group of more than 1200 independent music venues and promoters in all 50 states. NIVA is seeking legislative and regulatory assistance with the goal of establishing guidelines so that public gatherings can occur in a safe manner.



#### ■ TDE Provides Food and Water to Watts, Los Angeles Residents

Top Dawg Entertainment and the Think Watts Foundation recently held an event in LA's Watts neighborhood to provide free, healthy food options and nutritional education for residents in all of the neighborhood's public housing complexes. The event took place on June 10, and provided thousands of locals with fresh produce and cases of water. TDE's founder, Anthony "Top Dawg" Tiffith (pictured), has stayed committed to the neighborhood where his label got its start. In April he paid rent for 311 families in the Jordan Downs, Imperial Courts and Nickerson Gardens apartments.

#### ► Trippie Redd Gives Back to HealthCare Workers

MC's February Cover Artist, Trippie Redd, joined forces in May with Purity Organic and Sweet Leaf Tea to bring organic beverages to frontline healthcare workers across the country, including to New York City, Los Angeles and his hometown of Canton, OH. Through this partnership, Redd provided more than 30,000 bottle of organic beverages to boost the well-being of those in the medical community during their fight against COVID-19.



#### Tidbits From Our Tattered Past



#### 2000-Sheila Chandra-#17

Experimental world music artist Sheila Chandra graced this cover of MC, stating, "Quality comes from the artist being absolutely excited, enticed and obsessive about their project's vision." Profiles of The Ventures, Buckethead, songwriter Christo-pher "Deep" Henderson, and session stars like Lili Haydn and Rusty Anderson round out the issue.



#### 2007-The Underdogs-#7

When asked to cite the most important lesson he's learned as a producer, Harvey Mason Jr. (one member of the duo. The Underdogs) replied, "It's not just about making a good beat. Being a total producer is about 25 percent making tracks and the rest of it is handling business, budgets, administration, legal aspects, which a lot of producers don't see as part of their job."



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f all had gone according to plan, the Black Keys would be on the road right now, continuing to promote 2019's aptly titled *Let's Rock* with shows at home and across the pond. But thanks to the novel Coronavirus pandemic, Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney are instead back home in Nashville waiting for a green light to play again.

It is an unexpected pause in the Ohio-bred duo's comeback campaign; Let's Rock (which debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard 200 albums chart and spawned the No. 1 Alternative Rock chart hit "Lo/Hi") is the Black Keys' first album in five years, ending the longest break of an 18-year recording career dotted with multiplatinum triumphs and five Grammy Awards.

Auerbach and Carney were hardly idle, however—quite the opposite. Auerbach won the Grammy for Producer of the Year, Non-Classical, in 2013, and was nominated again this year. His Easy Eye Sound studio and record label have been going non-stop, and he's helmed releases by Lana Del Rey, Dr. John, Ray LaMontagne, Cage the Elephant, Marcus King, John Anderson, Yola and many more.

Carney, meanwhile, opened Audio Eagle Studio and got behind the board for Michelle Branch [who he married in 2019], Tennis, the Sheepdogs, the Black Lips, Jessy Wilson and more, as well as writing the theme song for TV's Bojack Horseman and other music for its soundtrack.

They found it easy to open the Black Keys again, however—even taking the production reins themselves after making four previous albums with Danger Mouse. And you can be sure,with some time on their hands now, they have more music cooking—including an expanded 10th anniversary edition of the Black Keys' first platinum effort, *Brothers*.

**Music Connection:** So what have things been like in your corner of the guarantine?

Dan Auerbach: You know...the same. Kind of hunkered down, working a bunch in the studio, hanging out. It's allowed me to finish up a bunch of projects that needed some time to be worked on that I just didn't have with all the other things that were going on. So, yeah, I got to catch up with some projects, which feels really good.

Patrick Carney: I've been producing a record for Michelle, slowly, in my studio, just a couple hours a day, maybe. I've been working a lot and I've been watching a lot of weird shit on YouTube, since there's no sports on, and getting to hang out with my kids. I've had a few weeks that were really productive and a few weeks where I couldn't get it together to do anything—which is kind of how I am, anyway. I wait to feel inspired, I guess.

MC: It's been great to have you guys back as the Black Keys. What led you to take a hiatus? Carney: We had kind of just burned out by 2014, definitely by 2015. I'd broken my shoulder in early 2015 and we had to cancel a bunch of dates. When we came back to finish a few dates we decided to not book any more shows and give ourselves some time off. Dan was going to go on tour with his band The Arcs, which led to him doing a solo tour and led to me doing a tour with Michelle. One thing just kind of followed the other. That break we took, I think it saved our relationship, really. It proved to both of us that it's okay to slow things down. It's not a prison sentence; when we're excited about doing it we can do it, and if we need a break we can take a break.

**MC:** Could anything have kept the band going without interruption?

Carney: If I could go back and change one thing, I would've taken 2013 off. Before that it had always been "plow ahead" for us. We reached some sort of threshold and milestone, and then we'd get to the next level and then the next one. It culminated in 2012 with us doing our first arena tour—and that was arenas and festivals worldwide, not just the U.S.

Then 2013 started off with Dan going through a divorce and us trying to make a record and then going back out and touring all of 2015. I think we realized there's a lot to be said for taking care of things at home and it can't just all be work, work, work. So we took those couple years off to reset, and it ended up with me figuring out my own personal life, getting divorced a second time, meeting Michelle and starting a family. That seems to be what happens when we take time off.

MC: So how did the group come back together? Auerbach: I was making a record with [the late James Gang co-founder] Glenn Schwartz. He was my guitar hero growing up in Akron, and man, I just borrowed so much from him when I was starting, especially when I was starting the Black Keys. A couple of years ago I invited him to Nashville to record, and it was amazing. It got me excited about the idea of making a Black Keys record, so as soon as I finished that Glenn Schwartz record I got in touch with Pat and we put it in the books. We didn't even talk about it; I said, "Hey, let's record some stuff" and he said, "Cool," and that was about it.

**Carney:** Around the end of 2017 my uncle passed away. Then we found out Michelle and I were having a baby. I guess through all that Dan and I reconnected quite a bit and started talking and decided to make another record. So we went in the studio and made this record.

**MC:** What's different about being the Black Keys now?

Carney: I think part of the process of making the record was figuring out how we burned out last time, what caused us to burn out. And a lot of that came down to the touring. This time we agreed not to do too much. Initially we agreed to 30 shows [in 2019] and I think that's the right way to step back into touring. I can't imagine if we were still out there for, like, eight months straight again. At this point we're really excited about doing it and doing it smartly.

**MC:** What kind of perspective about the band did you get from the time off?

Carney: I always appreciate what Dan and I have. I do get reminded of it, what it's like to be in a band with just one other person who's equally as driven and on the same page and willing to do the work in spite of whatever

bullshit is happening. I think when you have a partner like that, you can kind of do anything you want; It doesn't mean it's gonna be successful, but you're gonna be accomplishing something with your friend and it's gonna be meaningful. Just taking stock of the things Dan and I have managed to accomplish is pretty fucking crazy.

**MC:** Was being the Black Keys again like riding the proverbial bike?

**Auerbach:** We just had this wild flurry of writing songs, just bashing them out—like, recording two, three songs a day, making them up from scratch, doing that a couple weeks at a time. It was like we didn't miss a beat.

Carney: It was easy. It's always easy for us to make something we're happy with—has been since the first time we played. I found some recordings recently of us in the late '90s, just fucking around, and I made a little archive of all the shit I had and sent it to Dan and he's like, "Oh shit, this is crazy!" He'd forgotten some of this stuff existed. That was pretty inspiring. And the very first idea ["Breaking Down"] made the *Let's Rock* record. I think that pretty much sums it up.

MC: You produced *Let's Rock* yourselves after a four-album run with Danger Mouse. How come? **Auerbach:** It just felt like the right thing to do. We hadn't made a record in so long, it just seemed like it should be just the two of us. We didn't have any meetings beforehand. We

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didn't do any pre-production. I sat down with the guitar, Pat sat down at the drums and we just kind of did our things. It didn't even occur to us to talk about working with someone else, especially on this record.

**MC:** Anything surprise you in making this particular album?

Auerbach: The only song on the record that has any sort of synthetic sound is "Walk Across the Water," just a little. There's a little drum machine Pat brought in called the Auto Orchestra. It gives you a little drone note that goes along and a foot controller that controls the major and minor of that note. I just played bass along with this drum machine and controlled the major/minor with my feet and Pat was annihilating the drums and we just made up [the song] almost instantly. So that was one that we didn't expect. It just came along

**MC:** Could the two of you feel the kind of pent-up appetite for the Black Keys during its absence?

**Auerbach:** Yeah, it was awesome. It felt really good. It made us even more excited about doing it again and going out and playing the shows.

**MC:** You expanded the band in a different way for the Let's Rock Tour. It's the first time you've had more than one guitarist on stage, in fact. What's that been like?

Auerbach: Every time we've had other musi-

cians before it was mostly for keyboard and bass, and on this tour there's absolutely no keyboard on stage. It's pretty wild hearing the songs with the triple guitars, because since the very beginning I've always doubled and tripled the guitar parts, but I've never heard that sound on stage before. So it's really interesting. It's a lot of fun, and really different for us.

Carney: It makes it easier to play "Free Bird." (chuckles) Dan describes it as we basically have our own Crazy Horse now. It feels great. The old stuff, we used to triple Dan's guitars anyway, so it kind of sounds more like us than when it was just the two of us, or the two of us with a couple other guys. A lot of those records were basically the same set-up as what we're touring with now. So it's exciting, and everybody gets along really well.

MC: You're both very busy producing and writing for and playing with others. What kind of reward do the two of you get from that work? Auerbach: I feel like I've gone to graduate school these last few years, getting to make records with all these crazy, incredible musicians. I learned so much; so, yeah, there are all kinds of things that are different about me this year than there were four, five years ago—and with Pat, too.

Carney: Obviously, Dan and I both love making music and love recording bands and producing bands. No matter what, we'll always be doing that. I really don't know if I've ever made a penny off it, but I always learn a lot.

I tend to gravitate towards these David vs. Goliath projects; I always naturally side with an underdog—even with Michelle. When I agreed to help Michelle make the record [Hopeless Romantic in 2017] it was because I really liked Michelle and wanted to get to know her, but also her struggle with trying to be heard, with being dropped by a record label which she had sold millions of records for. That really drew me in and made me want to help her.

So, yeah, it's not just making music. It's also to offer a little perspective to artists and maybe remind artists that just because they're not getting the support they should, they should still persevere through it.

**Auerbach:** My first love was playing music with my family, and my second love was making records. The first time I saw a four-track recorded was when Carney showed one to me, and ever since then I have been so in love with making records. It's just a really big part of who I am. I probably spend more time making records than anything else I do.

MC: What are your respective studios like? Carney: I built the studio I have now about eight years ago. It's centered around an old API 1604 desk that I bought off Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, that they used to teach recording on. So all the great Olympia, Seattle, Portland punk bands have done recordings on this desk. I made a record with Calvin Johnson from K Records and Beat Happening and he was looking at the desk, remembering the times different bands he was in had done stuff with it.

I have a few other things that are really kind of special that I always wanted. I have a plate reverb from Chung King studio in New York. I have a Mini Moog Model D that I have a hunch is connected to Devo; there's a plaque on there that says "Especially for Mark," which may be Mothersbaugh, which would be very cool. I have every one of my uncle's main saxophones I purchased from his estate. There's a lot of cool synthesizers. Lately, I'm into guitars.

**Auerbach:** The whole studio is centered around a Spectrasonics console, very rare. They had

Spectrasonics at Stax, Ardent, all kinds of amazing studios. We have a beautiful one, and that's the heart of our studio. From there, I've collected instruments for 30-something years, other gear. I've tried to whittle it down to things that work well. If it's broken it's asked to leave. I hate wasting time. We've rented studios that send you their gear list, and when we got there half the stuff was broken. I hated that so much, so that started me off making sure everything I have is working. It's mandatory, because it helps the flow.

Carney: Between Dan and I we have every single thing you can imagine—it's ridiculous--'cause we're both obsessed with this shit. He has more stuff than I do, but I almost intentionally get the stuff he doesn't have, so we have it covered—like, I have a [Neumann] U47, he has a U67. Between us, we have everything.

MC: You've both had success of varying degrees. Do you go in hoping for that, or does the success of the Black Keys give you a kind of freedom to be a little more pure in your intent? Auerbach: I've never really thought about it like that. Different records have different aspirations, but there are very few records where I'm even thinking about radio, let alone winning awards.

Carney: I've worked on records I know are great but I can't get even Warner Bros., OUR label, to listen to it, let alone respond to whether they've received it. That's a reminder of how necessary

it is for people like Dan and I, who have managed to be successful in this industry, to actually go to bat for music that we really believe in.

MC: Dan, you made some noise with Yola's Walk Through Fire, to the tune of four Grammy nominations, plus your own Producer of the Year nod. Satisfying? Auerbach: Oh my God, I'm so excited for her. To be nominated in four different cat-

egories was so huge. She's tearing it up on the road, converting people every single night when she's out on stage. It's just great to find a talent like that, let alone get to work with one on a level like that. So, yeah, I'm really extra excited for her, and we've recorded some fun new songs she's gonna release-but I can't spill the beans about that yet.

MC: Patrick's big 2019 project was with Jessy Wilson. What brought you to her?

Carney: Jessy's a very talented singer-she's a star, in my opinion. She and her former bandmate asked me to work on a Muddy Magnolias record. I took a meeting with them and basically told them I wasn't a big fan of the band. I offered them a little guidance or something, at which point they told me one of the singers was leaving the band. The whole thing was very confusing, so I ended up talking with Jessy and told her if she was interested to come to my studio to work on a song. She did and it went really well, and then we booked some time and made this record, without a label. It soon became apparent that she was in that type of situation in her career where no one was willing to take a gamble on her, but we made a great record and worked it and put it out there.

MC: One thing you've done on the road is have the acts you've both produced open for the Black Keys. Might as well use all available resources, eh?

Carney: Dan and I divided the tour in half and brought our artists out, which is what you do when you believe in something. An artist like Jessy, she needs to be in front of people for them to understand who she is and how she feels and that talent she has. We believe in these [artists], so we're happy to put them out there.

MC: Dan, you mentioned working with your guitar hero Glenn Schwartz before. How was that? Auerbach: Oh, man, it was so awesome. It was so good to see him. I had Glenn's guitar there, and as soon as he walked in the door he said, "There it is!" I just gave it to him and he just started combing over every little inch of it, looking at it, talking about it. Then I got to play a song, and it was just so much fun, really cool. He was the inspiration for the Black Keys record, the reason we ultimately went on tour. And then when we had Joe Walsh play with us in LA, it felt like it all came full circle.

MC: You're also working on an anniversary edition of Brothers, which was a real breakthrough for the band. What's going to be on it? Auerbach: We're just in the middle of doing the artwork and packaging. There's going to be some extra stuff, some new photos and things.

> There'll be a vinyl component to it. I can't really say all the stuff, because we haven't totally agreed on it yet, but it'll be very cool. Carney: My brother's doing the artwork for it, which is cool. It's the first time we've done an actual anniversary edition. When we had the 10th anniversary of The Big Come Up, that was right in the middle of the El Camino tour, and I think it maybe wasn't beneficial for us to highlight the fact

we'd been a band for 10 years already at that point. At this point, it's a badge of honor, so [Brothers] is the beginning of a bunch of things like that we'll have coming down the pipeline.

MC: Do we feel like the Black Keys are back for good again, or should we expect another kind of break from you guys?

Auerbach: I'm not sure. I really don't know. Only time will tell. Nothing's for sure in this life-we find that out every day. But I'm definitely excited for the shows... and for having new music out. It feels good.

Carney: In our almost 20-year career we've taken one break, y'know? I imagine the next time we make a record it will not be a five-year gap. I think it will be much sooner than that. As far as the extent of the touring we're gonna do, we're trying to figure that out. I don't think there will ever be anything as extensive as we used

Auerbach: We might already have [another album] done.

MC: Really?

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Auerbach: No-but we could. (laughs) That's what I'm saying. You just never know.

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# **QUICK FACTS**

- The Black Keys formed in Akron, OH, but Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney each moved to Nashville during 2010.
- The Black Keys have won five Grammy Awards. Auerbach won the Grammy for Producer of the Year, Non-Classical, in 2013 and was nominated again this year.
- Dan Auerbach operates Easy Eye Sound as both a recording studio and a record label. Carney operates Audio Eagle Studio.
- Auerbach is the second cousin once removed of the late New York guitar hero Robert Quine.
- Carney's brother Michael is a graphic artist who created cover art for several of the band's albums.
- Carney's late uncle Ralph Carney played saxophone for Tom Waits and was part of the band Tin Huey. He occasionally played with The Black Keys, appears on Patrick's theme song for Bojack Horseman and also worked with Elvis Costello, Jonathan Richman, The B-52's, They Might Be Giants and others.
- Auerbach and Carney worked with Damon Dash on the 2009 album Blakroc, which featured appearances by Mos Def, Ludacris, members of Wu Tang Clan, and A Tribe Called Quest and others.
- · Auerbach works with another band. The Arcs, and has released two solo albums, while Carney formed Drummer, comprising drummers from other bands.
- Carney married singer-songwriter Michelle Branch during 2019, after producing her 2017 album Hopeless Romantic. Their son, Rhys James Carney, was born during August 2018.

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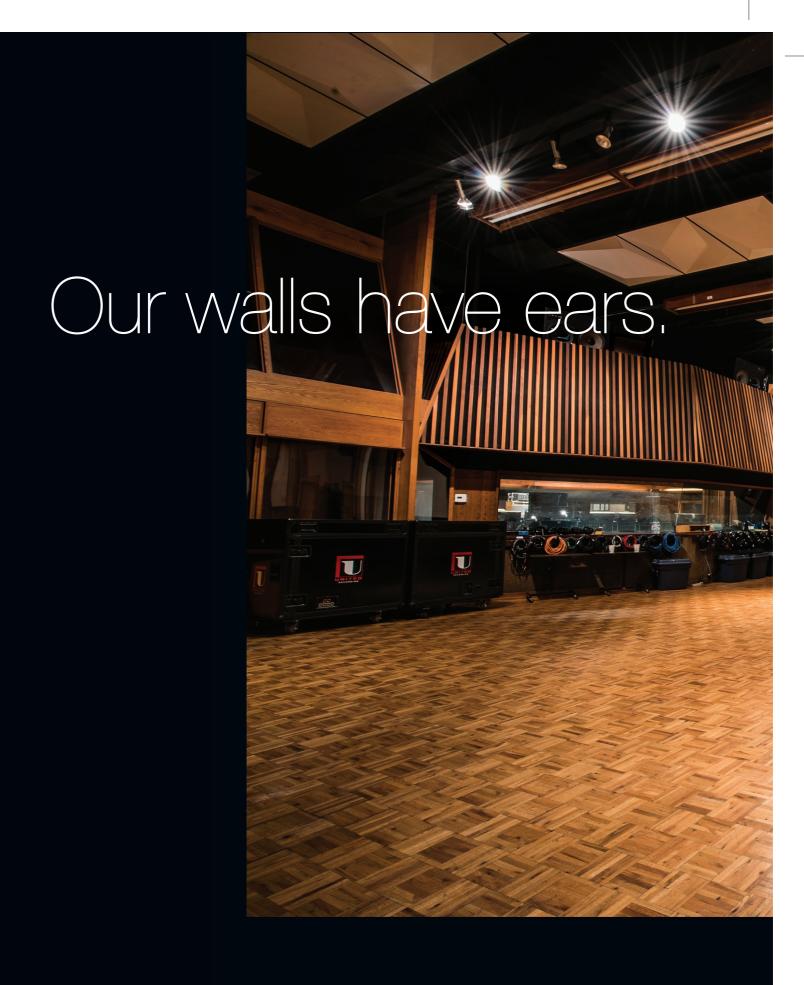
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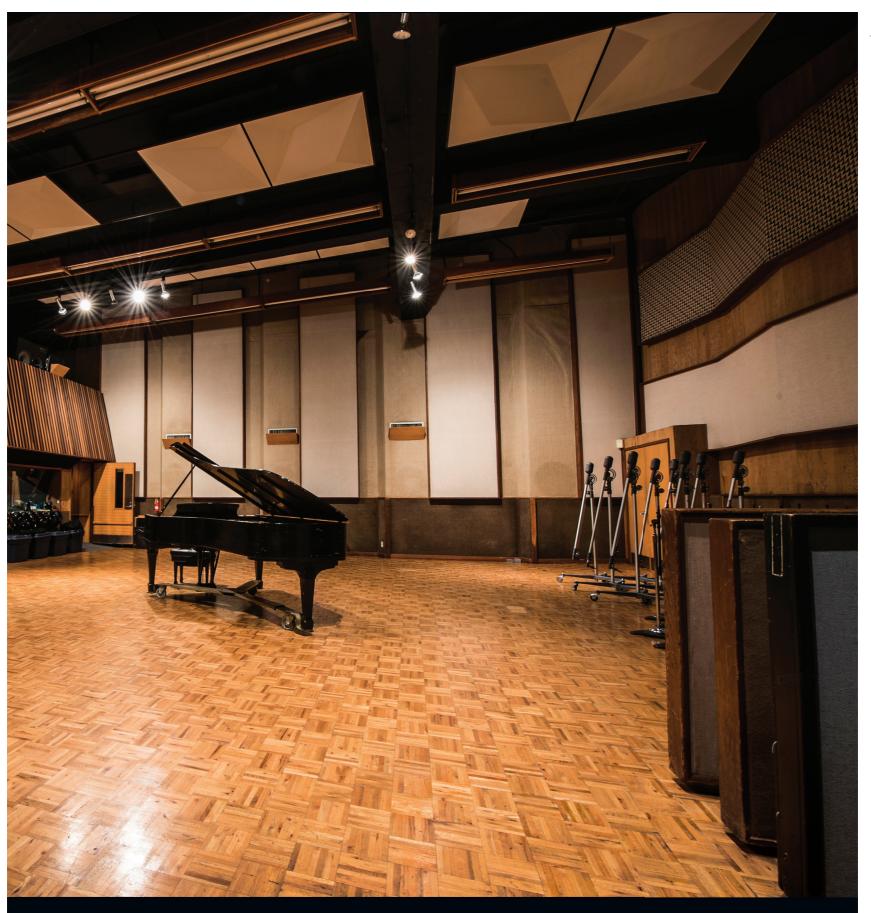












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# Recording Studio Roundtable: Finding Their Tone at Home

# By Rob Putnam

Music Connection speaks with an array of artists and producers from the worlds of rock, pop, hip-hop and EDM to learn what sort of effort they've put into building the perfect home studios for their projects.



# **Jessica Audiffred**

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Jessica Audiffred began her career as a DJ in Mexico City a decade ago. As she shifted her focus increasingly to her own bass and trap music, Audiffred enrolled in SAE Institute around 2013 and grew into the role of producer. She now runs her label A-Records and has a deal with London-based Circus Records. She performs at countless capacity shows, including last year's Las Vegas mega-bash Electric Daisy Carnival, which is billed as the largest electronic dance music festival in North America. She found that construction of her own studio proved a bigger challenge than expected, since gear isn't always easily sourced in Mexico, where she is based.

# When and how did you begin to build your studio?

I started as a DJ around 2010, and then about seven years ago I became interested in making my own music. I was doing fine as a DJ, but there's only so far you can go. So I graduated college with a degree in psychology and then seven years ago started at SAE [School of Audio Engineering]. Just as I was about to graduate, I met my boyfriend, who studied audio engineering and we started work on our studio.

#### What sets your studio apart?

We didn't call anyone professional. We did it all ourselves. It's right next to my terrace, so when you're fed up at, say, 4 a.m., you can step outside and get some fresh air. I don't have to leave my house to work. It's really cozy. There's nothing expensive or fancy here—just my controller and computer. But it's good enough to make my tracks.

# What are some of the biggest challenges about running your home studio?

It's definitely expensive, the MIDI controller, computer and monitors especially. I have the [Universal Audio] Apollo Twin interface and for MIDI control I use the Komplete Kontrol S49. My monitors are Focal [Alpha] 80s. It turns out those were really hard to get in Mexico.

# What are your favorite tech developments over the past few years?

The plug-in I use the most is [Xfer Records' wavetable synthesizer plug-in] Serum. I've used it ever since I started because it's so intuitive. I

do all of my songs in Serum and then move to other plug-ins. I also like tools from Soundtoys because they're easy to use and it's simple to modify your sound. Several of Universal Audio's plug-ins are also great.

# How do you establish a strong relationship with a mix and/or mastering engineer?

My boyfriend is an audio engineer, so he does all of my mixes. But when I release a track with another label, they usually ask for the mix and master it themselves. In electronic music, labels have each artist send their mixes and they're mastered similarly so that the tracks can sound cohesive.

# What's the biggest challenge you've ever faced in your studio?

Putting together all the pieces was hard. In Mexico, audio gear is really expensive. If you want a certain type of interface, there are no physical stores like there are in the States. We can't just walk in and test gear. When I tried to get my Focus 80 monitors online, it was crazy expensive. They had to be sent on a ship from France, it would have taken three months and I would've had to pay all kinds of customs charges. Eventually we found the guy who was the distributor in Mexico, but it wasn't easy.

When you produce bass music, you have to have good low-end monitors. That's what the Focus 80s gave me.

#### How important is pre-production?

I have a process and I usually start with the melody. Then I choose my drums and the structure. At the end, I put all the parts together. But if I do a track for a label, it's usually different. I also start by listening to music I love, which typically inspires me. Often when I try to figure out how a certain sound was done, I come up with something new.

#### What are the challenges of working in a post-COVID-19 world?

For me, the days are mostly the same. Before COVID-19, I'd tour from maybe Thursday through Sunday or Monday. Then the rest of the days I'd be working in my studio. So it's kind of similar for me except that I don't tour.

#### Any final thoughts?

For electronic music, you should absolutely build your own studio. It doesn't have to be expensive or fancy. Many of my amazing ideas come early in the morning or late at night. So it's important to have this creative outlet in your house and not just go to a studio, record something and then go home. If you want to make this a real job, you have to invest in your career and commit to it. You have the best ideas when you have your own studio and the possibilities are endless. If you're a DJ and don't have any [original] music, it's hard to play places. Music will get you there. •

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Guitar wizard Steve Vai discovered multitrack recording in the fourth grade. He amassed an impressive cache of gear early and found that, while to some people it was an expense, to him it became a steady stream of income. Most of what he bought he rented to other musicians and turned a tidy profit. He was tapped by Frank Zappa and later David Lee Roth before he embarked on a prolific solo career. He's built and owned three professional studios including his current home audio assembly line, Harmony Hut. Three Grammys sit atop his shelf and he's been nominated for more than a dozen.



#### When and how did you begin to build your studio?

When I started work with Frank [Zappa], he and his crew supported me as I learned to engineer. He taught me how to edit tape and gave me all sorts of gear. When I bought a house, there was a shed in the back and I converted that to Stucco Blue Studios when I was about 22. That's where I learned my chops and recorded [his first record] Flex-Able. When I started with Dave [Lee Roth], I bought my second house and put up The Mothership, then about 25 years ago I built The Harmony Hut. It's not as proper a studio as The Mothership, but it's much homier, bigger and more relaxing.

#### What sets your studio apart?

Upon entry, one might not even assume it's a studio. It's more like a gentleman's library. It's made of wood, fabric and glass and guitars are festooned all over the place. I did a lot of research on studio construction that's most conducive to capturing live sound. The walls and ceiling are all sort of shifted so it doesn't create standing waves. I was very methodical about the glass we use, the angles and the protection.

The power in your studio needs to be clean. The Mothership has outlets of two different colors. One is for dirty power, the other is for clean. The clean line is grounded with eight-foot polls that are buried in the yard. If you don't ground your power, you'll get a lot of noise in your line. The other thing that's important is the lighting system. In The Mothership I have Variacs. Without proper lighting protectors, there's no way you'll get a clean sound out of your guitar. I didn't use them at The Harmony Hut and it's a real problem.

#### What are some of the biggest challenges about running your home studio?

You have to insulate the walls properly so you can play as loud as you want without disturbing the neighbors. It's important to have a floating floor and walls. At The Mothership, the whole thing was floating. You couldn't hear anything outside. The floor doesn't float at The Harmony Hut, but the walls are all doubled-up. You have to have empty space in between. Vibrations go through anything that's touching.

Are you content to record your own material or is it necessary to bring in paying clients? No. I might loan my studio to friends, but The Mothership was a commercial studio. A lot of big artists recorded there.

What have been your favorite technical developments over the past few years?

Almost anything that UA releases is brilliant. The OX [Amp Top Box] was one of the last things that really grabbed my attention as a superior piece of gear. It's a workhorse.

How do you establish a strong relationship with a mix and/or mastering engineer?

I've always handed off my records to Bernie Grundman. The one thing he has that you can't build is his ears. I've experimented with some of the online mastering tools. One that's really good is LANDR. If it's a simple project, I'll master it myself.

#### What's the biggest challenge you've ever faced in your studio?

A culprit that cuts at the root of your audio real estate is phasing. I can spend hours chasing it. Mics have to be perfectly phased or it just destroys the sound. You'd be surprised what a difference it makes when the bass and kick drum are in sync and they're in phase. There's a power that happens on contact. If they're out of phase, you lose the balls on both.

#### How important is pre-production?

I usually don't do it [for myself]. I might have a little acoustic iPhone demo that captures the sentiment of an idea. The seed of the entire song is in there and I know exactly how to go about building it.

#### What are the challenges of working in a post-COVID-19 world?

I know it's been difficult for a lot of people. I happen to be one of the fortunate ones who hasn't been affected. The idea that I don't have to go out and nobody can come over? That's a win-win for me. I'm getting a lot of time in the studio without so much interruption.

#### What's one of your favorite professional studios in which to work?

Capitol Studios is one. They've got a beautiful console in [Studio] B and they just renovated their A room. Ocean Way Studio B is the bomb. There's another one I love called Wisseloord in Holland.

#### Any final thoughts?

Most young people being introduced to the industry may have a hankering to record. I highly recommend you get some recording chops by any means necessary. That could mean GarageBand or a simple laptop digital workstation. You get to understand signal flow, and then if you want to expand your horizons you study microphones, pre-amps and converters. People don't understand the value in having great converters. That's where your sound is. Another awakening for me was when I recorded entirely in the box: recording and mixing in Pro Tools. When you cram several tracks through a digital buss, they get washed somehow. I did Real Illusions that way and regret it intensely. •



# KOD Gavallo

CONTACT: Through a major studio or entertainment lawyer

The career path traversed by Rob Cavallo was paved with gold, platinum and diamond records. He signed Green Day and produced Dookie, the band's 20-million-selling major label debut, as well as the band's magnum opus American Idiot, both Grammy winners. He's worked with an honor roll of other platinum-selling artists such as Goo Goo Dolls, Shinedown and My Chemical Romance. For nearly three years Cavallo was the Chief Creative Officer at Warner Music Group and then chairman at

Warner Bros. Records for a further six. He's also won three Grammys himself. Like many, Cavallo was inspired to forge a future in music when he first heard The Beatles.

#### When and how did you begin to build your studio?

I built my first when I was 17. In 2007 I lived in Hidden Hills and started to work with Doctor Henry Nicholas, who's the co-founder of Broadcom. He wanted to help me put a studio in my house and brought in all of his heavyduty tech guys. I hired [Ocean Way owner and engineer] Allen Sides who tuned the room and [Capitol Studios engineer] Art Kelm. We built an honest-to-god serious place. I bought those giant Ocean Way monitors, which I still have. They have four 18-inch woofers, four 15-inch mids and two of those giant horns.

#### What sets your studio apart?

I have 150 guitars on the wall and about every amp you can imagine. The original head that was used on Dookie is here as well as the ones from Jawbreaker's Dear You. Many are modded, but some aren't.

#### What are some of the biggest challenges about running your home studio?

I made sure that the stereo image was great; that there wasn't a bad seat in the control room. It took about a year to get the sound perfect. When we first did it, there wasn't enough absorption in the back; I couldn't feel the low end. I ripped out the rear wall and put in Owens Corning 703 Rigid Fiberglass absorptive material covered by acoustic sound-passing grill cloth. We made it three feet thick. It always takes a long time to get the patch bay right and then you have to learn the sound of the room. The first record we did there was Shinedown's The Sound of Madness.

#### What have been your favorite technical developments over the past few years?

I like all the UA plug-ins and any of the Apollo interfaces. I plug a bass right into my Apollo 8. You can carve anything out of that.

#### How do you establish a strong relationship with a mix and/or mastering engineer?

Doug McKean and Chris Lord-Alge are great engineers. For mastering, I like Ted Jensen. I was with Bob Ludwig and then he moved. I love him, but I had to fly to New York and then get another flight to Maine. We took American Idiot to Ted. I remember sitting there with the band and listening to [the song] "American Idiot." The first couple of bars there's a guitar-through-a-telephone type of effect. Then on the fourth beat of the second bar, the mix opens up and you get bass, drums and guitar and it's at full range. Ted made it so the first part was loud and the second part was even louder. It was amazing.

#### What's the biggest challenge you've ever faced in your studio?

Getting the room to sound good was a big one. You almost have to be lucky. There's a thing called the golden ratio [approximately 1.618] and I always felt that if we stuck close to that with respect to the room dimensions and how we conceive of things, then naturally [things would work]. We've all heard stories of guys who spent a lot of money to build a studio and then couldn't get a good sound out of it; there was no mojo there. That always scared me. There's nothing worse than being in a control room that sounds too clinical. The first time I walked into Abbey Road's Studio Two

where the Beatles recorded, I almost fell over because I recognized the sound of the room.

#### How important is pre-production?

Unless I'm producing a rock band, it's gone away, for the most part. Now we have the computer sitting there and we write the song. Production and conception seem to be one and the same. I can get some samples of a drum, play a live bass to that and it could be the basis of a record. You can do that all in a tiny room.

#### What are the challenges of working in a post-COVID-19 world?

At first it wasn't too hard. But we had to spend money and time to figure out what technology to use [for remote work]. Now we're connected to record in real time where Doug [McKean] is in Woodland Hills and the singer is in Burbank. It took us a few days to get to a free-flowing session without bumming-out the artist.

#### Any final thoughts?

When I first started, I learned all kinds of engineering tricks and concepts. I put them in a basket and was later confronted with situations and, lo and behold, some of them worked. I used them a lot on records that the public knows; these are records that have sold 20 million copies. Also, it's a good thing to try to do a record like one that you love. But the thing to take from it is how to arrive at your own sound. Be the first person to make a new one. It's one of the toughest things to accomplish, but it's a worthy effort that will pay you back big time. •

# Moslev (Justin and Jordan)

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The Delaware-based production team Mosley-composed of twin brothers Justin and Jordan Mosley-has worked with a number of artists including Post Malone, Kanye West and Kevin Gates. Among the team's early standouts are Malone's 2015 single "Too Young" and his 2016 triple-platinum debut Stoney. In 2014 the brothers connected with artist and producer Timbaland when he reached out after they tagged him in one of their Instagram videos. They now share the same management company. The team's HD Studio was built in 2013 and relies on FL Studio rather than industry stalwart Pro Tools.

#### When and how did you begin to build your studio?

Jordan: We really started to get into the industry around 2014. Our studio is in the top room of our house. It's about 20 by 10. We're coming up with new ideas now. We'll get rid of the booth, because we're doing more recording in the main part and other little things that make it easy for us to work faster.

#### What sets your studio apart?

Jordan: It's not very large, so the sound is loud. It gives it a club feel and packs a nice punch, which is good because we mostly do hip-hop. It's soundproofed, but that's mainly to keep noise out rather than in.

#### What are some of the biggest challenges about running your home studio?

Justin: We work in FL Studio and a lot of people are accustomed to Pro Tools. We record a certain way that sometimes people aren't used to, [but] we know how to get the sound that we want from it. In Pro Tools it's more challenging for us. We produce in FL too so it's easier to go back in and take sounds and synths out and replay instruments.

Are you content to record your own material or is it necessary to bring in paying clients? Jordan: Most of the time it's our own material, but sometimes we bring in people for demos. We don't work with many outside clients. Sometimes we have other producers of different genres in and we'll blend it all together.

#### What have been your favorite technical developments over the past few years?

Jordan: The [UA] Apollo Twin has been a groundbreaker for us. When we go to another studio, it's kind of universal; everyone has one. We just plug in and go. Recently we started to use [MIDI controller] Komplete Kontrol. It's the best thing we've got in the last few years. It makes production easy, especially for musicians who don't know the key of a song or scales. If you have a lot of plug-ins, it lets you control them all inside the keyboard.

Justin: Right. It turns non-musicians into musicians.



#### How do you establish a strong relationship with a mix and/or mastering engineer?

Jordan: We mix ourselves and I master with iZotope's Ozone [9] Advanced. You can use a reference song-one by Katy Perry, for example—and it will give you the same dynamics.

#### What's the biggest challenge you've ever faced in your studio?

Jordan: When you're home, you need to get the right amount of hours in. It's too easy to get distracted. Put your phone away.

#### How important is pre-production?

Justin: We'll listen to some older records to

get inspired. When we work with Timbaland, he'll give us an idea of what he's looking for and we'll spend a week or so listening to those types of records. If it's a certain artist, we'll go through his or her catalog. Sometimes we'll go back to Motown, but usually it's '90s R&B, like Jodeci, Babyface or D'Angelo.

# What are the challenges of working in a post-COVID-19 world?

**Justin:** We can't fly to other studios or get together with artists. We used to go to Timbaland's studio three times a month. But we've found ways around it, like sending beats to artists.

# What's one of your favorite professional studios in which to work?

**Jordan:** Timbaland's The Hit Factory in Miami. It's a big room and the sound is isolated and very compressed.

#### Any final thoughts?

Justin: It's all about comfort. Sometimes people get equipment because they see other people using it. You need to know what works for you. I bought some beat machines one time and it just confused me; it took me away from what I was used to. •

# Adrian Young and Todd Forman

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No Doubt drummer Adrian Young and Todd Forman (sax player and keys collaborator with Sublime and Sublime with Rome) established The Ruby Red Room in Young's basement in 2018. The two had played together live in the '90s and more recently on a number of records, which led to the formation of their production partnership, The Moxy Brothers. Earlier this year they sponsored a contest wherein artists could submit a song. The single winner would receive their production and engineering services for free. It proved an excellent method to source untapped talent. Sandwiched between his music career and today, Forman became a doctor and now strikes a balance between both careers.

# When and how did you begin to build your studio?

Young: I've filled in as a drummer for a couple of Todd's bands in the past. He already had his stu-

dio and my basement was more of a jam room, but when we started to work together, that's when I became inspired to build-out a studio. Forman: I'd always had this edge of music versus medicine. After I moved back to Long Beach, my wife gave me permission to return to music. She didn't realize that would end up with me on a world tour with Sublime with Rome for 18 months. In 2010 I realized that I loved the process of music production and set up my home studio. I was blown away by all the innovations over the preceding decade and what we could do with a few pieces of gear and software.

# What are some of the biggest challenges about running your home studio?

Forman: Time. Both of us love it so much that we'd do it 24/7 if we didn't have to sleep and eat. But we had built in a schedule before the pandemic hit and we'd get together at least three times a week. We're able to work asynchronously so we can collaborate after our kids go to bed.

# Are you content to record your own material or is it necessary to bring in paying clients?

Young: The process is a huge part of it for us. When artists we work with are excited about something we've helped them produce, write or record and they put it on Spotify, that's fun to watch. We develop artists because creativity and great songs don't just come in one form, so we don't limit ourselves only to paying clients.

Forman: We've found that we're good mentors. Many artists come to us with fantastic talent, but sometimes that's all. You need perspective, realistic goals and to keep your expectations under control, especially in something like the music business. People respondivell to us because they understand that we've been through and seen a lot.

#### How do you find/choose clients?

Young: A lot of it is word-of-mouth. But earlier this year we ran a song contest. The winner was an artist named Rozetta Marie from the East Coast. We'd tracked nearly everything and the song was almost done. We were ready to fly out to New York to record her vocals, but then the pandemic hit. Now we're trying to figure out the technology where we can record and coach her in real time bi-coastal. Audiomovers allows us to share streams and hear

the music in super-good quality combined with Zoom for us to see each other.

# When you work with clients, do you also collaborate? Do you write, produce and/or engineer?

**Forman:** Yes, all of the above. We love to write together and Adrian has become quite proficient on guitar. I'm good on melody and play keyboards as well, so it's whatever the track needs. We're nimble as performers, writers and producers.

Young: Some bands want us to produce and mix. In the first half of our partnership, we farmed-out our mixes, but now we also do them on the side. We've put a lot of time into mixing and I really enjoy it.

# What have been your favorite technical developments over the past few years?

Young: I bounce back and forth between plugins and hardware, including amplifiers. I love a 1983 Marshall JCM 800. However, some of the Universal Audio amp plug-ins are pretty good. One that I'm really impressed with is their OX [Amp Top Box] attenuator. It takes the load from an amp head and acts as a cabinet simulator. It allows me to crank it super-loud after my kids have gone to bed.

**Forman:** I like the Spectrasonics plug-ins. Omnisphere is unbelievably important in my repertoire. Stylus and Trilian just make fantastic sounds.

# What's the biggest challenge you've ever faced in your studio?

Forman: Some of the problems had to do with connectivity such as UA's Apollo and Pro Tools. If we started to lay in several Pro Tools plug-ins, we'd get significant latency if we tried to add or record something later. We had to figure out settings and workarounds.

**Young:** Now we're getting into UA's LUNA and we don't have to mute plug-ins anymore because everything is all under one roof. You're not playing with a third-party DAW.

# What are the challenges of working in a post-COVID-19 world?

Young: Todd and I don't get together. We do screen shares, bounce files and send them back and forth. We haven't had anyone come in to sing in a while.

Forman: We plan to bring in a vocalist soon. We'll isolate her to one room and then we'll use a makeshift studio outside.

# What's one of your favorite professional studios in which to work? Which ones are the best for drums?

Young: The Record Plant and Ocean Way. Eric Kretz of Stone Temple Pilots had his studio Bomb Shelter in downtown LA and I really enjoyed tracking there. It had a massive drum room and the vocal booth was big enough for a second drum set for super-tight, warmsounding drums. Now if I want my kit to sound like it's in a bigger room, I use [UA's] Capitol Chambers or Ocean Way Studios plug-ins. Forman: I like Total Access [Recording] in Redondo Beach. It was founded by Wyn Davis and a lot of seminal records were done there. It has a big room with a nice drum sound.

#### Final thoughts?

Forman: The way technology is these days and the power of plug-ins are both unbelievable. The most important thing in any creative process, especially music, is collaboration. Technology will never farm that out.



# Celestion F12-X200 and Celestion Plus

elestion has long been one of the world's premier manufacturers of guitar speakers. While the company has been famous for building guitar speakers since the 1960s, their roots actually go back much further, to the 1920s when the company started building speakers for radios.

Today, as the market for guitar amps and speakers changes, Celestion has embraced the 21st century way of music making by adding to their product range "digitally downloadable tone," available through a new online store, CelestionPlus.com. This

site is dedicated specifically to marketing impulse response (IR) models of all Celestion's current range of iconic guitar speakers, including the Vintage 30, Greenback and Alnico Blue, as well as IRs of Celestion-loaded Blackstar, Vox, Laney Orange and Suhr cabinets.

The F12-X200 is Celestion's first full-range liveresponse physical speaker designed to work with the latest generation of modeling preamplifiers. The F12-X200 reproduces frequencies 60 HZ all the way to 20 KHz with the higher frequency reproduced using a Celestion compression driver, which is integrated using a high-quality crossover circuit. The Celestion has a free plan for a dedicated speaker cabinet for the F12-X200

on the Celestion Plus website which Fred Renner, a luthier friend of mine, helped me build. This speaker is intended to reproduce the output from a modelling amp across the entire frequency band without adding any additional coloration, but it will still "feel" like a traditional guitar speaker.

An Impulse Response can be thought of as the acoustic characteristic of an object as it responds to a given input signal, distilled into a digital file just a few milliseconds long. For guitarists, this means the sound of a specific speaker inside a specific cabinet within a particular environment (in this case, a recording studio).

To effectively record a guitar cabinet is a science unto itself and requires the correct acoustic environment as well as high-quality microphones and the ability to capture that sound in high resolution. Celestion has gone through a tremendous amount of time. trouble, and expense to faithfully recreate the actual sound of many of the world's iconic speakers. All the Impulse Responses have been recorded by top engineers in world class recording studios. Most of the Impulse Responses have been recorded using three microphones in six positions, effectively

advantage of this technology with simulated digital algorithms but fell drastically short of reproducing the acoustic properties of what a real speaker sounds like while it is being recorded.

It took me a while to actually figure out how to make this technology "work," and in the process I discovered that there were several options out there in the marketplace that were capable of importing Impulse Response files. Once loaded, you can virtually "mix and match" all of your available guitar amps, speakers and cabinet models in

> ways that would otherwise be impractical if not impossible.

The rig that I currently use in my studio consists of a Quilter Interblock 45-watt amplifier that weighs less than two pounds. The Quilter Interblock has both a speaker and a balanced line output so I can record into the F12-X200 for monitoring on the other side of the room I use for my home studio. I can also monitor direct through my studio monitors. For a preamplifier, I use an Atomic AmpliFIRE, one of several available modeling preamplifiers in the marketplace that can import third party Impulse Response wave files. I also use Line 6's Helix Native ProTools plug-in, which again has the



reproducing the actual sounds of the speaker cabinets being recorded "live" in a critical listening environment.

It is important to understand the significance of being able to "take with you" the actual Impulse Response of your favorite guitar speaker cabinet over any previous generations of digital modeling amplifiers. While there have been a lot of digital modeling products that offer combinations of cabinets and amplifiers, they all fall short in one critical aspect: they have not actually captured the physical properties of what that speaker is actually doing acoustically. Early generations modeling amplifiers tried to take same ability.

When you hear these Impulse Responses played back in your studio monitors, the difference (compared to the last generation of modeling amplifiers) is night and day. Performing live, you now can take your favorite guitar cabinets virtually to your next gig or recording session.

The result of all this technology is truly liberating. I really do find that I now can play and record with a drastically reduced physical footprint of equipment without sacrificing

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# iZotope Tonal Balance Control 2

Zotope's Tonal Balance Control 2 is an analysis tool that provides a real-time evaluation of your stereo mix as compared to other songs in thirteen carefully designed factory reference "target" genres. There is a drop down menu of these and you have the option of using any stereo audio track or even a whole folder of tracks as references.

Tonal Balance Control 2 comes with iZotope's Neutron 3.1 Advanced (\$399), Ozone 9.0 Advanced (\$499) or it can be purchased separately as a standalone version (\$199) TBC 2 is also part of Music Production Suite 3, and there is also a Tonal Balance Bundle.

In addition, TBC 2 comes with the Relay Source 1.03 plug-in to enable IPC—that's iZotope's Inter Plug-in Communication that allows direct control of other iZotope plug-ins equipped with IPC within TBC 2's GUI.

channel shows the fixed upper and lower amplitude limits vs. frequency of the selected target genre. Again a moving centerline runs the length of the channel but it's more like a spectrum analyzer where the various peaks and dips are more accurately indicated and it's easy to see them exceed the channel's upper limit or fall below the lower limit.

#### **Crest Factor**

The overall shape and the tilt in the low frequencies of this channel vary over the 20Hz to 20kHz audio range based upon the particular target genre you've selected. For example the "RnB-Soul" genre increases in the range of acceptable amplitudes starting at about 5kHz and continue out to 20kHz versus the "Reggae" genre that has a wider acceptance range in the bass.

divides in half horizontally with the bottom half of the window becoming a spectrum analyzer display showing Relay's selected source audio or the IPC plug-in's GUI.

I inserted the Ozone 9 Advance eight-band EQ before TBC 2 and instead of viewing the spectrum display in the lower half of the GUI, I have the equalizer screen with complete control of it from TBC2. Right now the iZotope plug-ins that are compatible IPC sources are: Ozone 9.0, Neutron 3.1, and Nectar 3.1. They will show up in the Source list automatically along with any channel (mono or stereo) with the Relay plug-in inserted. I thought it a powerful tool to watch the Tonal Balance 2 screen and then adjust Ozone 9's equalizer and see the immediate effect of tweaking!

If you see that the high frequencies are excessive in your mix, you can select the Relay



iZotope Tonal Balance 2 Showing Nominal Spectral Balance In All Four Bands Typical of The Pop Music Genre



iZotope Tonal Balance 2 In Fine Mode Showing Direct Controls in Ozone 9's Equalizer

#### Tonal Balance 2 Has Two Main Views or Modes

In the resizable GUI, there are both Broad and Fine views of your music mix's tonal makeup. Broad divides the audio frequencies into four slotted bands with white boundaries between the lower and higher frequencies. When the frequencies in any or all of these bands are within the targeted genre's range, the names of the bands will light up white.

The bands and ranges are: Low from 20Hz to 250Hz, Low-Mid 250Hz to 2kHz, High-Mid 2kHz to 8kHz, and the High band is from 8kHz to 20kHz. In addition, there is a horizontal bar spanning midway between each of these four ranges to show the instantaneous and varying amplitudes—a kind of average of the constituent frequencies in your music present in that band. This horizontal bar moves up and down in response to the music's changing frequency content over time.

Fine view is a more exacting analysis and is represented by a continuous response "channel" spanning all four bands. This

I used the Fine view to spot sudden peaks at certain frequencies and at particular times such as vocal peaks, weird resonances or excessively loud cymbal crashes.

Also shown in either Broad or Fine modes is the Crest Factor meter. Crest Factor is the ratio of average level to peak level. In TBC 2 this is an immediate measurement of the dynamic range in the low frequencies based also based on the selected target genre curve. This became especially helpful to me when setting up stereo bus limiting of an entire mix-I am able to see in a relative way the amount of limiting I was using compared to other music in the same genre.

At the bottom of the TBC 2 window is a "Select A Source" drop down menu for selecting any track in your session with either the Relay source plug-in inserted or other iZotope plug-

Relay provides an internal path to TBC 2 and when in this Source mode, the entire GUI instances on tracks that would contribute to the high frequency content and adjust them without having to leave TBC 2 to go find them individually in the mixer. Awesome!

Tonal Balance 2 is an exciting piece of music production software and it and Relay are in my mixing template from now on! TBC 2 is in the updated version of Neutron 3 Advanced and Ozone 9 Advanced and sells on its own for \$199MSRP. Highly recommended!

izotope.com/en/products/tonal-balancecontrol-2.html

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# ALBUM REVIEWS

#### **Bad Bunny**

Las Que No Querían Salir

Rimas Music Producers: Various

With this album, Bad Bunny has stepped in as an unlikely feminist hero. Whereas his acclaimed debut spoke about women, his more recent projects speak directly to them, providing them upbeat, trappy anthems to sing along to. In tune with "Yo Perreo Sola" from his previous record, YHLQMDLG, this



release contains female empowering gems such as "Si Ella Sale" and "Pa' Romperla." Born as a quarantine record, this album shows a different side of the Puerto Rican artist, who is known to sing about heartbreak, and now celebrates love with his partner and collaborator Gabriela Berlingeri, who is featured on the single "En Casita." - Alexandra Tirado

## **Future**

High Off Life Freebandz/Epic

High Off Life is Future's 8th studio album. and he takes somewhat of a detour from his usual "taking prescription drugs" subject matter that he has so often used to heavily promote to his core audience. Hence, High Off Life is more of Future being high off life vs. being under the influence all of the time.



The artist discusses relevant topics, like the current pandemic, but he's still giving us that Atlanta trap flair, with a few bangers, and unfortunately more fillers than usual. Nevertheless. Future seems to be tireless and spiritually inspired during the making of this offering. - Adam Seyum

#### **David K. Mathews**

The Fantasy Vocal Sessions Vol. 2, Soul. Pop. R&B

Effendi Records

Producer: David K. Mathews

Etta James once said of keyboardist Mathews, "he can play anything"—a compliment borne out by his work with Wayne Shorter, John McLaughlin, Sheila E., Boz Scaggs and Santana. After launching his

musical and vocal talents. - Jonathan Widran

The Fantasy Vocal Session series with the jazz-leaning Vol. 1, Standards, Mathews shows his pop/R&B groove on with Vol. 2. While he shimmers and simmers on a stunning array of vintage keys, his Quincy Jonesesque mission is helming supercharged sessions covering a wide range of classic material and showcasing some of the Bay Area's most worthy



# **Khruangbin**

Mordechai

Dead Oceans / Night Time Stories Producers: Khruanabin & Steve Christensen

Bands that defy categorization have the unique ability to transform the human spirit. Khruangbin embody this axiom with Mordechai, the hotly anticipated follow-up album to the song "Texas Sun," their breezy collab with Leon Bridges. Take, for example, lead single "Time (You and I),"



which rattles off a passel of languages during its shimmering climax. An accessible yet sophisticated mélange of soul and funk reflected by a holistic, humanistic outlook. Consider this your next step toward enlightenment. - Andy Kaufmann

#### Sheff G

One and Only **Empire Distribution** 

Producers: Great John, others

Just months after Pop-Smoke's tragic death, there's an obvious successor to the King of Brooklyn Drill. He goes by the name Sheff G, and his latest project One and Only is a firm footprint on the historical path of drill rap. Sheff G is gifted in many ways, from the smooth but heavy vocal tone of his melodic



bars to his ability to depict themes of personal loss and loyalty behind a typically aggressive lyrical exterior. This is especially evident in the first track (and one of my personal favorites), "2nd Intro." "Lost so many of my dogs, think I need a leash." One of Sheff's favorite ad-libs is a weighty "look," after each bar. It's safe to say we should all be looking now. - Jacob Trask

## **The Harmed Brothers**

Across the Waves Fluff and Gravy Records

Producers: Inaiah Lujan and The Harmed Brothers

Hailing from Kentucky, the Harmed Brothers began in 2010, with singer-songwriter-guitarist Ray Vietti and keyboardist-singer Alex Salcido at the helm. Their tight rootsy indiefolk sound has echoes of classic alt-rock like R.E.M. and The Jayhawks, along with the eccentricity of Wilco and the soul of The



Band. Vietti sings in a resonant baritone that takes their songs of hope, despair and the human condition to a higher plane. "Skyline Over..." is the kick-off track and an obvious single, with its strong hooks and spirited vocals. "Where You're Going" is transformative and cerebral, while the finale "Time" builds to a beautiful crescendo. - Eric Harabadian

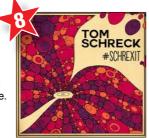
#### Tom Schreck

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Nashville Outsider Music

Producer: Tom Schreck

Working outside the box is a comfortable place for Tom Schreck. The Nashville artist is all over the creative map on his fourth release. But that's not to say he travels without an entertaining and purposeful compass. His approach seems to meld such disparate elements as Todd Rundgren, Brian Wilson,



George Martin, Matthew Sweet, Beck and Kraut rock. He knows exactly where he is going with his whimsical ideas. And whether it's the power pop of "Beef Supreme" or "Cobalt Blue," the brilliant socially observant "World Without War," the electronic instrumental "Der Februar" or the funky sampled jam hybrid "Imagine Me," you're in for one helluva ride! - Eric Harabadian

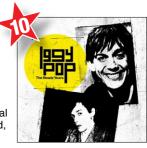
# Iggy Pop

The Bowie Years

U Me Records

Producers: Iggy Pop, David Bowie

Iggy made a major change in direction when he moved to Berlin and began working with Bowie in 1977, a partnership that wrought two acclaimed and highly influential albums The Idiot and Lust for Life. Included, among this remarkable 7-disc package are the re-mastered albums, rare late '70s live



solo performances, demos, alternate mixes, a 40-page booklet, and a brief interview with Pop where he discusses his relationship with Bowie. Looking back on this period, you hear Pop's evolution from Stooges frontman to adventurous musical raconteur. - Eric Harabadian

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MALIBU is the first original release from Australian born DJ GEM RPM.

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#### **Jayy Perk**

Contact: jayyperkinquiries@gmail.com Web: soundcloud.com/jayy-perk Seeking: Label, Management Style: Kap

Grand Rapids-based rapper Jayy Perk has set up a solid framework for himself. At just 18, he clearly has a sense for what's appealing right now: catchy melodies and hardthumping trap beats. "Background" is the perfect example of a track that could pop due to the playback value of the hook. We found ourselves humming the melody after listening for just the first time. Jayy has also done himself the favor of teaming up with YouTube-famous producers like CorMill and Manny Manhattan, who have provided him with excellent beats. But we recommend perhaps putting a little more "umph" behind the vocals, which feel kind of shy from time to time. As comedian Kevin Hart once said, "Say it with your chest!"



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## **All Systems Know**

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Seeking: Label, Booking, Mgmt., Film/TV Style: Alt-Rock

All Systems Know is a five-man, punk/alternative outfit that puts its musical aptitude on display with difficult rhythms, beautiful combinations of unusual rock sounds and an ability to blend together perfectly. Not a single member holds this rock band back. and a few members massively propel them forward. The inclusion of Glen Gregory Turner II on sax is a marvelous choice and adds to the band's gritty style in a way that's seldom heard. Further cementing the band in their punk-like genre are the impressive and versatile vocals of Marcelo Correa da Silva. He reminds us of a male Havley Williams. This band is certainly ready to make its next step toward representation.



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## **James Kahn**

Contact: thatiameskahn@gmail.com Web: thatjameskahn.com Seeking: Film/TV, Distribution, Marketing Style: Folk, Americana

Author James Kahn has a new novel, Matamoros, and he has created a wellproduced companion album, full of vintage sounding fiddle and mandolin, that add color and flavor to his historical saga. On the numerous verses of "Skully's Redemption" Kahn's voice invests the song with an Irish lilt as he relates a protagonist's trek to the Mexican-American War. These wartime exploits continue on "Matamoros," highlighted by martial snare, excellent accordian, a banjo solo and the French Foreign Legion. Our favorite is "So Long The River," the most contemporary-sounding of the three, whose soothing, atmospheric vibe is a pleasure. Kahn's suite of songs is tailormade for a visual, theatrical treatment.



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#### Malinda

Contact: matt@directartistmanagement.com Web: malindakathleenreese.com Seeking: Label Style: Singer-Songwriter

Malinda's humanistic voice and inspirational messages are captured with expert production skill. "More With You" is a showcase for the singer's impressive vocal range, the purity of her tone, and the grand gusher of emotion that more than 50 musicians and backup singers bring to the party. The tone shifts on "Don't Make Me," where she shows her backbone and indignation "Don't make me be the bad guy."). This pop song makes it clear that Malinda brings a theatrical flair to her work, even a Disney vibe. "Running" delivers another jubilant chorus of layered harmonic voices with pristine production values, showing once again why 250,000 Youtube followers have been drawn to this artist.



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# Chicago-based High Street, though a bit

**High Street** 

Contact: david.findling1@gmail.com

Web: highstreetofficial.com

Seeking: Label, Booking

Style: Hard Rock, Blues

rough around the edges, have a distinctly commercial mainstream rock sound with some garage-band accents here and there that give everything some bite. Example: "Shut Me Out" rides a persistent riff, showcases some scorching guitar licks and allows singer Phoebe Collins to take center stage with her rich, resonant voice right down to the "nah, nah nah..." singalong chorus. "Disrepair" is kinda catchy, and the guitar solo is pretty great. (Wish there were more bass in the mix, though!) The moody, cool "Friend in the Devil" is a nice changeup where Collins and her colleagues display their somber side. There's real potential for development in this Chi-town quintet.



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# **Tony Forrestt**

Contact: tonyforrestt@gmail.com Web: Spotify Seeking: Booking, Promotion Style: R&B

Brooklyn-based artist Tony ForresTT has love & loss on his mind and in his heart, which has been broken in myriad ways, giving his music a deeply sad, haunted quality. "X" and "Different" are examples of this. The former, especially, has a good, complex beat—it's a hitter right away—and though ForresTT's voice is decent, it's the vocal swirls and layerings that really impress. Most unusual are the dramatic chords of a metallic electric guitar, which is a (perhaps overused) signature of all his tracks. The main drawback is that despite his obvious skills, the artist's choruses often meander, lose focus, to the point where they simply do not fully hook the listener. We urge this talented artist to fix that shortcoming.

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#### Robert Kuhn

Contact: robertkuhnmusic@gmail.com Web: robertkuhnmusic.com Seeking: Label

Style: Psychedelic Folk

Robert Kuhn has a unique, distinctive sound. It's not for everyone, and he may be hard-pressed to find the right label, but his voice, with its matter-of-fact, loose delivery, is a standout, and it's a good match for his driving, uptempo, often monotonous music, which is rendered in a trebly, lo-fi style. On the breezy and uplifting "Li," Kuhn's voice dwells in a large, lysergic fog of reverb, swirling along with a harmonica and the drone of a sitar. It's trippy and it really grows on you. "Dragons" is another uplifting song and it adds a heavenly organ sound and some cool chants to his formula. We hear an Of Monsters and Men vibe in the spaced-out "Low Way." Fans of indiosyncratic music...here's your man.



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#### Theo Low

Contact: terrycaudill@gmail.com Web: theolow.bandcamp.com Seeking: Label, Film/TV Style: Indie Electronic

We get odd vibes right away from Floridabased artist Theo Low, who invests his electronic pop material with intriguing, unexpected sonics. For example, "Favorite Boy" is, on the surface, a sunny slice of synth-pop about an innocent, puppy-love infatuation. On the other hand, Low seasons the track with unusual electro accents that turn the song into something most unusual. A similar uniqueness inhabits "Show Me Love," which has lots of cool parts that are very well blended to achieve a catchy. optimistic glow. It's probably our favorite tune. Low's catchy, commercial "One and Only" has a familiar pop-rock groove, with a pretty melody. Overall, we advise this developing artist to improve his vocal mixes.



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#### Vivid Substanz

Contact: juancarceg@hotmail.com Web: spotify.com Seeking: Label, Film/TV Style: Ambient

Fancifully titled, instrumental excursions by artist Vivid Substanz are, by turns, moody, meditative and cinematic. "423 Days at Circe Dome" conjures an air of mystery and intrigue, deploying what sounds like guitar, harp and a bed of synth sounds to achieve a dramatic pull on the listener's ear. The sound of a running brook, cool clear water, combines with gentle synth surges for a soothing and relaxing effect on "Kerepakupai..." While those two themes are mildy pleasing, we find that Vivid Substanz is really onto something with "Concentration of Toruks," easily the composer's best outing, thanks to its giant shimmer of synthesizers and the wonderful "flute" parts that convey the pleasure of flight and floating.



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#### **White Water Ramble** Contact: patsites@comcast.net Web: WhiteWaterRamble.com

Seeking: Booking, Film/TV Style: Indie/Folk, Jamgrass

White Water Ramble have a style and sound, much of it based upon vintage influences, that help them stand out from the crowd. Right off the bat, "3 Minutes 2 Spare" delivers an infectiously grooving instrumental that leads to a clavinet solo that's pretty sweet. We only wish the song's vocals brought more power to the party. Well, we got our wish with "This Ol' Guitar." an all-out swing-band celebration ("music makes me whole!") with interesting horn parts and a strong, authoritative lead vocal. It's just fun to hear all those instruments having a great time together. The band downshifts to the breezy, banjo-fueled, deep-woods folk of "Hollow" where the instrumental blend is again top-notch.



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#### **Poshbwoy**

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Hailing from Enfield, North London. Poshbwoy is a multi-genre rapper who explores rap and house/electronic and clearly has chops in both. His most recent release, "Wagwan My Brudda," is a funky, radio-ready track that displays some clear hit-making ability, from the catchy hook to bars that are easy to rap along with. The song shows progress in rapping ability and instrumental choice from the track "Confession," which he released in 2015. We encourage a manager to pick him up and utilize the appealing tone of his voice for mainstream hits. It's also clear that Poshbwoy's sense for house music has always been there. "My House" would be ready to hit clubs as they open.



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# The Vignatis

Contact: contact@thevignatis.com Web: thevignatis.com Seeking: Label, Film/TV, Agency Style: "Gypsybilly"

The Vignatis are excellent players powered by an uncommon spirit of fun. "Bop, Hop & Roll" shows off their "Gypsybilly" concept. Though the song is a tribute to America's classic rockabilly heroes, Fabrice's Euro-accented vocals and Tracy's buoyant clarinet provide unexpected twists to the rockabilly sound. And Fabrice's Django Reinhardt quitar and rap solo in "New Direction" is another stylistic dare. Meanwhile, the patriotic "Red, White & Blue" is a straightahead poprocker that "celebrates the good times" and allows the pair to show off its superior musicianship. Perhaps this couple's genuine enthusiasm, along with their expert playing skills, could be a hit with young children? Or in Branson, MO?

## IVE REVIEWS

Livestream Boston, MA

Contact: music@toddboston.com Web: toddboston.com, YouTube / Facebook

Material: Anyone harboring an appreciation for new age, introspective ambient from a world fusion perspective will derive immediate comfort from Todd Boston's meditative style. One can easily imagine his instrumental healing tones gurgling throughout massage parlors like an audible brook comprised of watercolors. For this performance, he served selections from two albums-the first half plucked from 2017's One; the second, 2012's Touched By the Sun. "Rainstorm," a song concerning Boston's experience surviving a medical struggle, was accompanied by-what else?-the sound of rain. "Waves," alternatively, was penned the morning of the Japanese tsunami.

Musicianship: Joyfully frolicking within an acoustic Zen garden of his own design, Boston flits from instrument to instrument and provides his own backing track via live loops triggered by foot, creating a far fuller effect than would otherwise be possible. Boston is as comfortable blowing his custom Andean bamboo flute as he is alternately plucking then slapping his oneof-a-kind, Japanese-crafted acoustic guitar. Consider: he's a Billboard Top Ten guitarist associated with Windham Hill Records founder Will Ackerman and won the award for ZMR's Best Contemporary Instrumental of 2012. Does one need more proof to verify the man's extensive skillset?

Performance: Conducting multiple livestreams every week has prepared Boston well; he's



able to deliver an hour-and-a-half performance with ease. This artist's easygoing, understated speaking style perfectly suits his music. Limiting talking between songs, he concluded with a "VIP after-party" during which he detailed his custom-designed instruments and waxed poetic about the healing power of music and a love for Jimi Hendrix. He also received guestions and accepted praise from appreciative listeners. Shifting camera angles nicely reinforced audience engagement.

Summary: Todd Boston is a class act and his mission to heal the universe through music remains noble. While not signed to any label, he's toured the globe and worked alongside heavyweights like bassist Tony Levin and percussionist Jeff Haynes. Needless to say, Boston has already arrived as a player, composer and producer in the spiritual genre. While similar in many respects to his transcendental peers, Boston's ample abilities deserve serious notoriety. - Andy Kaufmann



Livestream Austin, TX

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Material: Staci Gray's mix of classic covers and her own family-friendly catalog-dubbed BYOB

(Bring Your Own Bubbles Bedtime Bash)-is comforting and refreshing. Like a journey into bedtime lullabies from my own father, this livestream is warm, welcoming and nostalgic. Well known tunes from Bob Marley or lesser known songs from Joe McDermott, mixed in with kindhearted banter about parenthood and tailored excellently to a young audience, make for a great performance for youngsters of all walks of life.

Musicianship: Gray has a voice that is wellsuited to this style of music. You can really hear the smile when she sings, an infectious sound that surely has an impact on children. Her guitar playing, while simple melodically, was clear and clean during this performance and the vocal harmonies that Gray triggered from a rig down at her feet were Andrews Sisters reminiscent. Despite having no children of my own, this performance was enjoyable to watch and would likely be even more enjoyable to those with little ones.

Performance: Livestream performances can be difficult for an artist to pull off; they are often lonely and without lots of audience interaction that fuels many acts. However, Gray walked that line excellently, with stories of her own to share and an energy that made you feel like you were right there in the room with her. Despite slight technical difficulties, the artist's positive attitude shone through.

Summary: Staci Gray has the pieces required to be the next big thing in family music, and her commitment to helping families with children during this difficult time is to be commended. Connecting with others is tremendously important; Gray helps parents and their kids connect before bedtime, singing songs, playing together and ultimately keeping their relationships strong through her music.

- Kara Bradford



Livestream New York, NY

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Material: Considered by some to be a country singer, Jessica Lynn (who hails from the New York area) is inherently more of a crossover artist who also flirts with rock and blues. The majority of her set comprises well-constructed and versatile material with an uber-catchy opening song,

"Crazy Idea," featuring a reticent partner who is nudged to throw caution to the wind, evident in the lyric payoff, move a little closer to me.

Differentiating itself from the rest of the set was "Run To" (the track for her new video), a reflective ballad in 6/8 time, where missed opportunities in a relationship are lamented: I can't remember a time that I didn't think of all of the should'ves/ they tear me up/...I wanna run to anything that makes me feel you/...I've lied to myself for so long.

Musicianship: Lynn's vocals possess an underlying gutsy vibe that most current female country singers share, tempered with warmth. There is a resemblance to Shania Twain, who couldn't be perfectly pigeonholed as pure country. Self-taught on guitar, Lynn more than adequately supports herself, traversing several styles.

Performance: During the performance, Lynn spoke directly to her fans as they posted comments, and it served as a strong example of how a loyal fan base can make or break the career of an independent artist. It was clear that Lynn knows how to package and promote herself: however, there were moments when the chatting seemed more directed to fans who are already on board, while the rest of us newcomers longed for more inclusion. She did break that pattern, fortunately, when a fan asked for the back story of one of the songs and we subsequently learned more about Lynn's life and what drives her. To her credit. the artist also shared how the pandemic has affected her (mostly on the professional front), something all of us can relate to.

Summary: Jessica Lynn is a poised, polished and approachable performer with a warm voice and good marketing instincts. It's little wonder that her ingenuity has captured a loyal fanbase. However, lessening some of the promoting during the show—inviting more universal connection—would organically draw even more fans. Lynn's new video, "Run To," was released recently. She was also invited to be a part of a livestream concert with Joan Jett and Pat Benatar

- Ellen Woloshin

Livestream Thousand Oaks, CA

Contact: docrogersmusic@gmail.com Web: FB@DocRogersMusic

Material: Doc Rogers cut no corners in his nearly two-hour live Facebook show, ranging through themes from juggling work and performing, to love, religion, overcoming darkness and the usual trials of just being human. As a performer with his band for over five years. Rogers invests all of himself into his shows, and even on this new remote platform he left it all on the show floor with his gravelly, soulful modern country.

Musicianship: As a solo acoustic singersongwriter, Rogers delivered a raw, heartfelt performance. Alternating between his Ovation Elite and Rainsong Carbon Fiber guitars, his gritty licks over smooth, versatile vocals made for a unique and memorable sound. A graceful performer, Rogers had no problem connecting through the camera and speaking candidly with his audience between songs, explaining each one, and remaining humble and approachable.

Performance: "Time to Have a Good Time," with its upbeat country feel, highlighted Rogers' solid, genuine performing style, followed by "Hey Hey Preacher Man," "Part Time Rockstar" and "Run," which spoke of the contradictory situations we find ourselves in at times. "She's My Everything" and "Can't Stop Loving You" dug deeper into the songwriter's softer side,



and "Everything's Broken" and "I'm Still Here" touched on the challenges of overcoming fear and depression during life's inevitable difficulties. Rogers' storylines revealed a positive, inspiring vulnerability, despite some of the darker themes.

He also shared covers of classics, including Marc Cohn's "Walking In Memphis," featuring a beautiful falsetto, and his lilting country version of the 4NonBlondes' classic "What's Up" offered gentle octave leaps and melodic lifts. A surprising stripped-down cover of AC/ DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long" followed, along with fan favorite "Two Princes" from The

Spin Doctors, including Rogers' trademark scat solos and steady guitar lines.

Summary: With his humble disposition, dedication to his audience and sincere fan appreciation, Doc Rogers is a natural entertainer. His flair for modern country feels like a combination of Keith Urban and Darius Rucker with an edgy vocal growl. Given the passion and power delivered in this one-man show, the Doc Rogers Band live and in-person would undoubtedly prove a fun night out and charge up any rockabilly/country fan.

- Andrea Beenham

## IVE REVIEWS

Livestream Asheville, NC

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Material: Jangling Sparrow is a solo artist in the folk roots/Americana genre with hints of country, rock and bluegrass to flavor the tunes nicely. A contemporary Alan Bean and Morris Kats come to mind as you listen to this present-day Americana artist sing his tunes and deliver his message. Songs like "Look Away Twice," with its funky chord progression and heavy lyrics like "You might take my sorrow for advice" and "You can't live on pearls of wisdom," might suggest to you that all the intelligence in this world might not get you all that love and happiness you're craving for.

Musicianship: Edelman has a really strong voice that resonates as he sings and needs little or no effects. Great vibrato keeps his songs glued together nicely for the audience as he gets his points across with lyrical accuracy. His guitar work is superb as he fingerpicks and strums with ease, all the while singing beautifully and making you think of a simpler past. The lyrics are rich with symbolism as well as direct messages that make you think about life and drama and what it all means. "Daddy Says" is a great example of the fine musicianship that Edelman brings to the table.

Performance: Edelman has great rapport with his audience. Constantly talking to



them and keeping them up-to-date about his whereabouts and albums and such. His disheveled, hung over look is misleading, but when he picks up the guitar and starts singing about a love lost, about being a kid, or about life lessons, you are easily and totally engulfed in the message while being transported to another time and place. Good stage presence makes Edelman a very likable character.

Summary: Heartfelt Americana music at its finest. Great lyrics accompany superb guitar skills to give you a feeling of authenticity and realism that instantly transports you to the 1950s, where you spent the summer at the lake and snuck off from the parents to go play in the woods. It's such a beautiful journey: innocent and naïve and even more beautiful with the right music. Jangling Sparrow has four CDs available. All are very consistent and true to the genre; North American and Susquehanna, Stranger Things, Truer Words, 140 Nickels, and Bootstraps and Other American Fables, and all are loaded with great music that'll make you wish you grew up in Maine in the '50s. - Pierce Brochetti



Livestream Nashville, TN

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Material: Borrowing from rock and blues influences such as Jimi Hendrix, artist Sam Johnston displays his wide-ranging material while incorporating what he learned from his time as a Belmont University music major.

Johnston's songwriting leads with his rich storytelling skills. "Old Kinkaid," a prime example of those skills, is about an old tree at his family's country property. He had many fond childhood memories and was crushed when he found out the tree was cut down by new homeowners, inspiring him to write the song. "The River," played near the end of his set, is a popular song as evidenced by comments from his viewers. His use of a slide, which added

something extra to the song, gave it a true blues style. The song also featured call-andresponse type vocals and was dynamic from verse to chorus.

Musicianship: Johnston's force as a player lies with his bluesy, syncopated guitar skills. His playing style is somewhat loose, but it brings an edge to the rock music, which would otherwise be derivative. What he lacks, he makes up for in songwriting and lyrical strengths. He did show polarized abilities with the insertion of diverse song styles, such as the covers of Hendrix's "The Wind Cries Mary" and Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine" paralleled next to his originals like the ballad "Isabelle."

Performance: Johnston's performance had some technical setbacks, but as a live stream, who can really nit-pick anyone performing from quarantine in their home, likely without a complete studio setup. Several times the camera was dropped or the mic misplaced, but Johnston did not miss a beat while playing. His energy and emotive facial gestures were also intriguing to watch as it was evident he enjoyed performing even if just from his bedroom. He also gained favor with his audience while taking requests.

Summary: Sam Johnston has great energy and attitude. His hunger and passion to excel are his strengths. He may be a newbie in the industry and scene, but with the right shows and a little bit of skill polishing, he could be a great contender in the Nashville singer-songwriter, blues-rock world. His original material is where he will find notoriety, as many of his songs are fortified with timeless narratives that listeners will find relatable. - Macie Bennett



Livestream Venice, CA

Contact: music@dannavarro.com Web: dannavarro.com

Material: With a vast mix of music, including older Lowen & Navarro classics from all 10 studio albums and cover tunes selected by his fans (aka the "Dan Fam"), Dan Navarro has thrown himself into an almost-daily (Sundays off!) 100-show livestream concert series of themed setlists, dubbed The CoronaZone, to see himself through the current quarantine. With all songs having been chosen by requestamong them cover songs he had never played before—and with no repeats, Navarro is being kept on his toes and this show proved a veritable smorgasbord of folk and vintage Americana.

Musicianship: Navarro's opening cover of "Good Things" by the BoDeans set the tone, with his trademark guitar picking and engaging storytelling. He took time between songs to shed light on his career and gave a window into duo partner Eric Lowen's (who passed in 2012) brilliant writing, such as in "Dreams

I Left Behind," with its classic line "I made some foolish decisions / and then I made them again." The varied music and lyrics that inspired Navarro were shared through his interpretations of Bob Dylan's "Tomorrow Is a Long Time" and the Glen Campbell classic, "Wichita Lineman," along with Bruce Springsteen's "Tucson Train" and The Eagles' "Take It Easy."

Performance: With an edgy tone like the bite from a great scotch, Navarro's comforting vocals feel like home as he shared Lowen & Navarro tunes "Seven Bridges," "The Grace Notes" and "Maybe Tomorrow It Will Rain." Using a 1968 Martin D-18 and a 1997 Martin OM-28VR, he played completely stripped down and live with no mic, pickup, amp or pedals. His humble and engaging delivery showed a true appreciation for all that he has and continues to achieve and receive through his love of music.

Summary: Recognizing the beauty in imperfection and staying true to his unique journey in the industry, Dan Navarro is the genuine article. With an incomparable writing career established long before he became a performer, it is very apparent that this is an artist who takes nothing for granted and makes no bones about vulnerability when sharing his compelling and authentic artistry. In Navarro's own words, "welcome to the CoronaZone. Check your infallibility at the door."

- Andrea Beenham

Livestream Tacoma, WA

Contact: mail@champagnesunday.com Web: champagnesunday.com

Material: Having just released their sixth album, Champagne Sunday has been committed to regular streaming shows to satiate their fans and continue demonstrating their musical passion and prowess. With a sound reminiscent of vintage rock-meets-Americana, this husband-wife duo boasts major chops. Drawing from decades-long musical careers and a variety of instrumental talents, and joined by guest vocalist and percussionist Angie Lynn, Champagne Sunday unveiled some magical music-making in their livestreamed ode to overcoming the challenges of life and finding joy.

Musicianship: Show opener "Make It Mine" highlighted this act's gorgeous signature sound, and their effortless harmonies echoed throughout the show. Lilting guitar lines and gentle melodic country bounce followed in "Stronger," and "Fallen" gave hints of Supertramp and early Fleetwood Mac. Themes ranged from the vulnerability and surrender of motherhood in "Top of the World"—with beautiful lower register vocals and even more delicious harmonies---to the fear of the unknown expressed in "Hideaway," featuring a gentle vibrato and darker, more intense lyrics.

Performance: Lead vocalist Jessi Fredeen's pipes are stunning, ranging from raw, powerful Melissa Etheridge growl power to poetic pop ballad, succinctly demonstrated in the track "Up North" with its punchy vocal licks,



the theme of which covers rape and trauma recovery. Fredeen's talents extend to her rhythm guitar playing throughout the show, as well as her contribution on the ukulele in "Top of the World," a song that highlights the group's incredible ability to harmonize. Husband and lead guitarist Jared Fredeen, who provides backing vocals, played surprisingly gentle accordion lines throughout "Top of the World," and contributed gorgeous guitar solos, particularly on tracks "Hideaway" and "Up North."

Summary: Rich musical artistry and seamless delivery set Champagne Sunday miles ahead of the crowd of musical talents clambering for an online presence. Reminding us that we are each ultimately in charge of our own reality, this talented duo is clearly in an absolute state of joy when they perform—the perfect example of following your bliss, staying present and appreciating each moment. This is what true musicianship looks and feels like when passion is front and center.

- Andrea Beenham



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603 E. Avalon Ave. Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Email: Info@famestudios.com
Web: fame2.com
Format: Pro Tools and vintage analog

Basic Rate: please call for info

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Email: info@gat3.com Web: gat3.com Contact: Susan Tabor

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Studio B: Recording and Mastering Suite:
Pro Tools 10HDY

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Web: soundcell.com Format: Pro Tools

Basic Rate: please call for info

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Contact: George Nardo
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Basic Rate: \$40/hr., \$300/8hr. block

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3365 S. Lucille Ln. Lafayette, CA 94549 510-428-2002

Email: mcogan@bayrec.com Web: bayrec.com, bayrec.com/gallery.html

Contact: Michael Cogan Format: 24-track analog and Pro Tools HD Basic Rate: Call or Email

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Email: patrick@differentfurstudios.com
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Contact: Kathleen Wirt
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Basic Rate: \$60-100/hr.
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1066, (4) Focusrite, (2) Telefunken V72, (2)
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(2) UREI 1176, (2) LA3A, Genelec 1031s,
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Web: adventuresinmodernrecording.com
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Basic Rate: call for info

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Format: digital and analog, 64 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info
Gear: 2" Analog 24 track plus Pro Tools HD
24 in and out, comfortable large control room,
large tracking room plus 4 iso booths, large
format console over 30 channels of class A
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213-44-6000 Email: bigswede@bigswedestudios.com Web: bigswedestudios.com Contact: Big Swede Format: digital and analog, 256 tracks Basic Rate: call for info

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Basic Rate: please call for info

CAPITOL RECORDING STUDIOS 1750 N. Vine St. Los Angeles, CA 90028 323-871-5001

Email: paula.salavtore@umusic.com
Web: capitolstudios.com
Contact: Paula Salvatore, VP/Studio Mgr.
Format: digital Pro Tools and vintage analog
Basic Rate: please call for info

**CHALICE RECORDING STUDIO** 

845 N. Highland Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90038 323-957-7100 Fax 323-957-7110 Email: sandra@chalicerecording.com Web: chalicerecording.com Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

CHAMPION SITE+SOUND

CHAMPION SITE+SOUND 3229 Casitas Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90039 323-254-4300 Email: booking@champion.biz/ Web: https://champion.biz/ Format: digital, 24 tracks Basic Rate: please call for info

CHARLES LAURENCE PRODUCTIONS 19002 Los Alimos St. Northridge, CA 91326 818-368-4962 818-368-4962
Email: charles@aol.com
Web: http://clpstudios.tripod.com/
Contact: Charles Laurence Format: analog and digital, 24 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

CLEAR LAKE RECORDING STUDIOS 10520 Burbank Blvd. N. Hollywood, CA 91601 818-762-0707 Email: contact@clearlakerecording.com

Web: clearlakerecording.com
Contact: Eli Smith - Manager/Eric Milos - Owner
Rates: From \$60 per hour. Call for a person-

Contact: Ell Smith - Manager/Enc Milos - Owner Rates: From \$60 per hour. Call for a personalized quote
For more affordable rates ask about recording in Studio B
Format: Full band tracking with Pro Tools
HDX or 24 Track Studer A827
Gear: Vintage Microphones, Vintage Trident
80b Console, Yahama C7Grand Piano, Hammond B3, Full Drum Kit, Selection of Amps
and Guitars, Large Selection of outboard including: Neve 1073 sidecar, 5 Pultec Egp3a,
3 UREI 1176, LA2A, Distressors, Tube Tech,
Manley Labs,
Comments: With our impeccably tuned
control room, large tracking room, first class
facilities, and industry leading staff, we are
the high end LA studio for the masses.

COCKPIT STUDIO

Avil Music Productions 21226 Ventura Blvd #208 Woodland Hills, CA 818-397-9849

Email: record@thecockpitstudio.com Web: thecockpitstudio.com

THE COMPOUND STUDIO

Signal Hill, CA 90755
Signal Hill, CA Email: compoundstudio@gmail.com Web: thecompoundstudio.com

COMP-NY
Glendale,CA 91201
Email: info@companyhq.com
Web: comp-ny.com
Contact: Be Hussey
Format: Analog/Digital, Pro Tools Hd (24 in/32out). Large Format
Neotek recording console. 2" analog. 1/4"

analog.

Basic Rate: Contact for day rate

**CONSUELO STUDIOS** 

Hollywood Hills, CA 90068 323-876-1168 **Web:** consuelostudios.com

Contact: Bret Thompson
Format: Pro Tools HD Native 16x16 IO w/ Vintage Analog Console Basic Rate: \$75/hr. (with engineer)

CONWAY RECORDING STUDIOS
5100 Melrose Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90038
323-463-2175 Fax 323-463-2479
Email: Stacey@conwayrecording.com
Web: conwayrecording.com
Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: please call for info

COSTA MESA STUDIOS 711 W. 17th St., Ste. D Costa Mesa, CA 92627 949-515-9942

Email: nick@costamesastudios.com Web: costamesastudios.com Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

**CUTTING EDGE STUDIOS** 

Torrance, CA 90504 310-326-4500, 818-503-0400 **Email:** info@cuttingedgeproductions.tv **Web:** cuttingedgeproductions.tv

DAVES ROOM

8321 Lankershim Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-925-6871

Email: davesroombooking@gmail.com
Web: facebook.com/DavesRoom.Record-

DAVE WATERBURY PRODUCTIONS Laurel Canyon and Magnolia Blvd. Valley Village, CA 91607 818-505-8080

818-505-8080 Email: davewaterbury91607@yahoo.com Web: davewaterbury.net Contact: Dave Format: Pro Tools HD.2 Basic Rate: call for info

DBW PRODUCTIONS Woodland Hills, CA 91367

818-884-0808 Email: info@dbwproductions.com Web: dbwproductions.com Contact: David Chamberlin Format: digital, unlimited tracks Basic Rate: \$75/hr.

D.M GREMLIN STUDIOS

6053 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, CA 90805 866-334-4364 Email: studio@dm-gremlin.com

Web: dm-gremlin.com Contact: Wendy Levin

Format: digital
Basic Rate: \$35/hr., mastering starts at

DIAMOND DREAMS MUSIC

North Orange County Carbon Carbon, CA 91709 909-393-6120
Email: diamonddreamsmusic@yahoo.com

Web: diamonddreamsmusic.com Format: digital, unlimited tracks
Basic Rate: Please call us for a quote

THE DEN RECORDERS, THE

THE DEN RECORDERS, THE
P.O. Box 2627
Pasadena, CA 91102
626-529-3066
Web: thedenrecorders.com
Contact: Josh Young, Darian Cowgill
Format: digital HD, video-online offline/
audio/mixing/mastering 5.1
Basic Rate: call for info

D.O'B. SOUND 8531 Wellsford Pl., Ste. I Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 562-464-9456 Email: dobsound20@yahoo.com Web: dobsound.net
Contact: Larry Ramirez, Derek O'Brien
Basic Rate: call for quote
Services: Full recording, Mixing and
Mastering Studio, Video Production, 5 fully-equipped rehearsal rooms and guitar repair shop.

THE DOGHOUSE STUDIO

Dolorosa St. Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Voodulate Hills, CA 91367 818-929-2795 Contact: Rodger Carter Email: info@thedoghousestudio.com Web: thedoghousestudio.com

DRUM CHANNEL STUDIOS

900 Del Norte Blvd.
Oxnard, CA 93030
866-439-7924
Email: info@drumchannel.com

Web: drumchannel.com
Contact: Papillon Zamprioli
Format: Analog and Digital
Basic Rate: Call for info

**EAGLE ROCK STUDIOS** Los Angeles, CA 90041 310-867-9091, 323-257-4949

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Email: record@eaglerockstudios.us

Web: eaglerockstudios.us

Format: Analog and Digital

Basic Rate: Call for info

EASTSIDE MANOR

EASTSIDE MANON 615-512-4059 Los Angeles, CA Contact: Aaron Dethrage, Studio Mgr. Email: booking@esmstudios.com Web: eastsidemanor.com/ Format: Neve VR48 Legend

**EARTHSTAR CREATION CENTER** 

505 Rose Ave Venice, CA 90291 310-581-1505

Email: earthstarstudio@gmail.com Web: earthstarvenice.com Contact: John X Volaitis

Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call or email for info

**EASTWEST RECORDING STUDIOS** 

6000 W. Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90028 323-957-6969 Fax 323-957-6966 Email: candace@eastweststudio.com

Email: candace@eastweststudio.com
Web: eastweststudio.com
Contact: Candace Stewart
Format: Analog and Digital
Rates: Call for Daily Rate or Block Bookings
Gear: 80 Chnl Neve 8078, 40 Chnl Neve
Custom 8028, 40 Chnl Trident "X" Range,
64 Chnl SSL G +, Fairchild 670, Bricasti,
EMI REDD 47 mic pre, GT Vipre Tube mic
pre, Urie 1176LN, Teletronix LA-2A, Avalon
AD2044, Pultec EQP-1A3, Lexicon 960L,
AMS RMX16, GML 8200, AKG C12's,
Neumann U67's, Neumann U47's, Neumann
M50's, Telefunken ELA-M 251's, Sony
C55p's, Coles 4038's, Royer R-121's. MKH800's, AEA-440
Clients: Lady Gaga, The Beach Boys, John

Clients: Lady Gaga, The Beach Boys, John Legend, Elton John

ECHO BAR RECORDING STUDIO

7248 Fulton Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91605 818-738-7320 Web: echobarstudios.com
Contact: Erik Reichers, Bob Horn

Format: call for info Basic Rate: call for info

ECUASOUND PRODUCTIONS 1540 N. Highland Ave., Ste. 107 Hollywood, CA 90028 323-467-0383 Email: ecuasound@ecuasoundproduction.

Web: ecuasoundproductions.com Contact: Ivan Castro

Format: Pro Tools Basic Rate: \$70/hr. includes engineer

**EL CERRITO STUDIO** P.O. Box 625 El Cerrito, CA 94530

510-776-3623 Email: contact@elcerritostudio.com

Web: elcerritostudio.com

**ELEVATED AUDIO** 14677 Aetna St. Van Nuys, CA 91411 818-909-9029

Email: elevatedaudio@gmail.com Web: elevated-audio.com

Contact: Fran
Format: Digital, Analog, or both
Basic Rate: call for info, no walk-ins

**ELITE REHEARSAL** 

1340 E 6th St. Los Angeles, CA 323-638-9710

Web: facebook.com/eliterehearsal Basic Rate: call or email for info

**ENCORE STUDIOS** 721 S. Glenwood Pl. Burbank, CA 91506 818-842-8300

Email: info@paramountrecording.com Web: paramountrecording.com/studios/

Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: call for daily rates.

ES AUDIO SERVICES 1746 Victory Blvd. Glendale, CA 91201 818-505-1007 Web: esaudio.com

Contact: Donny Baker Format: Pro Tools and Logic, Analog Front Basic Rate: Please call for current rates

**EXPOSITION REHEARSAL &** 

RECORDING STUDIOS
9214 Exposition Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90034
310-287-1236
Email: contact@expositionstudios.com

Web: ExpositionStudios.com
Studio Specs: Control Room 20ft x 20ft Live
Room 20ft x 12ft
Basic Rate: Please Call For Rates



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WEEZER, VERTICAL HORIZON, A PERFECT CIRCLE, JOE BONAMASSA, STEVE MARTIN, D.R.A.M.

#### THE FAB FACTORY

7248 Fulton Ave North Hollywood, CA 91605 818-435-4070 Email: shaun@thefab-factory.com

Web: fabfactorystudio.com

Rate: please call for info

# **FEVER RECORDING STUDIOS**

Inspired. Creative. Perfectly Private.
5739 Tujunga Ave.
N. Hollywood, CA 91601
818-762-0707
E-mail: contact@clearlakerecording.com

Web: feverrecording.com
Contact: Eli Smith - Manager/Roxy Flo Business Development/Eric Milos - Owner
Rates: Please call to discuss a personal-

Hates: Please call to discuss a possibility and quote.

Format: Full featured, and private boutique recording experience. Studio A features two private lounges, private parking, and runner

services.

Gear: Newly installed 48 ch SSL Duality
Delta Pro Station w/ custom Neve summing,
Augsburger Mains with dual 18" Subs, large
selection of high end outboard and microphones. Full backline including, Yamaha G5
grand piano, Montineri Custom drum set,
amps, and guitars.

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Comments: Fever Recording Studios offer an unparalleled recording experience in a boutique and private environment. Our expertly trained staff, impeccable service, and modern luxe decor make Fever a truly 5-star destination.

#### FITTING ROOM STUDIO

Canoga Park, CA 310-717-4739

Email: fittingroomstudio@yahoo.com
Web: fittingroomstudio.com
Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for info

#### **FONOGENIC STUDIOS**

7710 Haskell Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406 818-305-HIFI (4434) Email: info@fonogenic.com Web: fonogenic.com Clients: see client list

#### FOREWORD PRODUCTIONS

FOREWORD PRODUCTIONS
RECORDING STUDIO
3391 Robertson Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90034
310-853-9124
Email: booking @fwdpro.com
Web: forewordstudio.com
Contact: Matthew Nelson
Format: Pro Tools HD3 - 32 ins/16 outs
(Mac Pro)

Basic Rate: \$75/hr. w/ engineer

## FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Sherman Oaks, CA 818-995-4642

Email: info@fridayentertainment.com
Web: fridayentertainment.com
Contact: Sam Dress
Format: Digital

Basic Rate: call for info
Services: recording, mixing film editing, sound to picture. Great live room for jazz,

#### FUEL MUSIC STUDIO

1150 E Valencia Fullerton, CA 92831 714-809-2107

Email: fuelmusic@hotmail.com Web: fuelmusicstudio.com

#### **GLENWOOD PLACE STUDIOS**

619 S. Glenwood Pl. Burbank, CA 91506 818-260-9555

Email: kit@glenwoodstudios.com Web: c

Contact: Kit Rebhun Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: call for info

#### GOLD-DIGGERS

GOLD-DIGGERS 5632 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90038 323-546-0300 Email: studioinfo@gold-diggers.com Web: gold-diggers.com/pages/record

#### **GOLD STREET**

Burbank, CA 91504 818-567-1911

Email: avpost@goldstreet.net
Web: goldstreetmusic.com Contact: Eric Michael

Format: digital, 128 tracks Basic Rate: Start \$40/hr.

THE GREENE ROOM RECORDING STUDIO

Van Nuys, CA 818-781-1144 Web: greeneroom.com

#### **GREEN STREET STUDIOS**

Sherman Oaks, Ca 626-552-8181 Email: PARomero@aol.com Web: greenstreetstudios.com

#### THE GROOVE LAB

West Hills, CA 91326 818-903-0005 818-903-0005 Email: olivierroulon@thegroovelab.org Web: thegroovelab.org Contact: Olivier Format: digital, 32+ tracks Basic Rate: call for rates

HARDSHIP RECORDS
Van Nuys, CA 91405
818-780-7845
Email: HJ@hughjamesmusic.com, hughjames@ sboglobal.net
Web: hughjamesmusic.com/studio
Contact: Hugh James
Express | Guide Land angles | 48 tracks

Format: digital and analog, 48 tracks
Basic Rate: variable rates: per hour and

per project
Format: digital and analog, recording and production

HELL'S HALF ACRE Frazier Park, CA Email: info@stevekravac.com Web: stevekravac.com Contact: Steve

Contact: Steve Format: Digital Basic Rate: \$50/hr. Services: Live tracking, mixing, and master-ing with R.I.A.A. Gold Accredited producer/ engineer/mixer Steve Kravac. Clients: Less Than Jake, MxPx, Blink-182, 7-Seconds, Pepper, Epitaph, SideOne/Dummy, Capitol, Atlantic, A&M, Tooth & Nail

#### HENSON RECORDING STUDIO

1416 N. La Brea Ave. Hollywood, CA 90028 323-856-6690, Fax 323-856-2712 323-850-6090, Fax 323-850-2/12
Email: faryal@hensonrecording.com
Web: hensonrecording.com
Contact: Faryal Russell
Format: SSL SL 6072E/G, 4072G+, 6056/G,
9090J, Augsperger, 8 Neve
Basic Rate: call for info

#### HIT SINGLE RECORDING SERVICES

1935 C. Friendship Dr. El Cajon, CA 92020 619-258-1080 619-258-1080
Email: rfuelle@hitsinglerecording.com
Web: hitsinglerecording.com
Contact: Randy Fuelle
Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

#### HORSE LATITUDE RECORDING STUDIO

1640 Victory Blvd.
Glendale, CA 91201
Contact: Robby Krieger, Owner
Email: horselatitudes1@icloud.com
Web: hlrecording.com

#### HOUSE OF BLUES STUDIOS

Encino, CA 91436 818-455-2030 Email: gbelz@msn.com Web: houseofbluesstudios.com
Format: digital and analog, 48+ tracks
Basic Rate: call for rates

HUMAN TOUCH PRODUCTIONS
Helping Songwriters & DIY home recordists
5066 Lankershim Blvd.
North Hollywood Arts District, CA 91601
818-235-2070 (call/text)
Email: production@BradStanfieldMusic.com
Web: BradStanfieldMusic.com

Web: BradStanteldMusic.com
Contact: Brad
Format: Pro Tools HD
Services: Helping your DIY home studio
recordings and mixes sound fuller and
better; Mastering to CD, iTunes and other
online digital formats plus music mixes for
TV shows! Pro vocalists and musicians also
available

Basic Rate: Flexible! (Call, text or email to discuss your project.)

HYBRID STUDIOS 3021 S. Shannon St. Santa Ana, CA 92704

714-850-1499 **Email:** info@hybridstudiosca.com Web: hybridstudiosca.com
Format: Analog and Digital
Basic Rate: Please call for rates

#### HUMAN ELEMENT

(Post Studios) 453 S. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90013 213-232-1193

Email: info@humanelement.tv Web: humanelement.tv Basic Rate: Call or email for information

#### IGLOO MUSIC STUDIOS

228 West Palm Ave. Burbank, CA 91502 818-558-7733

Email: studio@igloomusic.com Web: igloomusic.com
Contact: Gustavo
Basic Rate: call or email for info

#### IMAGINE POST PRODUCTIONS

IMAGINE POST PHODUCTIONS
(Recording and Mixing)
145 Carte Madera Town Center, Suite #311
Corte Madera, CA 94925
310-924-7849
Email: info@imaginepost.com
Web: ImaginePost.com
Contact: Chris Julian
Format: Pro Tools HD3 / Logic
Basic Rate: call for info

IN FLIGHT MUSIC GROUP 1015 E. 14th St. Los Angeles, CA 90021 323-685-2054

323-685-2054

Email: contact@inflightmusicgroup.com

Web: inflightmusicgroup.com

INFINITESPIN RECORDS Sherman Oaks, CA 818-384-1451

818-384-1451
Email: matt@infinitespinrecords.com
Web: infinitespinrecords.com

Contact: Matt Linesch
Studio: Pro Tools 12HDX, 40 channel 1972
API, 16 channel Neve, 24 track Studer A827,
array of outboard gear, upright piano, Hammond B3 & Leslie, Fender Rhodes, assortment of vintage amps and guitars, lounge, kitchen, private gated parking Basic Rate: \$85/hour (3 hour minimum), lock outs available (contact for pricing)

#### JAGGO STUDIOS

Hollywood Hills, CA 90068 323-850-1819 Bemail: studios-at-jaggo.com
Web: jaggo.com/studios
Format: Pro Tools HD3 Accel
Basic Rate: Call us for a rate sheet

#### J.E. SOUND

Burbank, CA 323-509-7259 Email jesound@gmail.com Email: jcsoundstages.com Web: jesound.com
Contact: John
Format: Analog & Digital
Basic Rate: Call for info

#### **JRLDRUMS**

Internet Drum Sessions
818-903-3690
Email: johnlewis@jrldrums.com
Web: jrldrums.com Contact: John Lewis Format: digital
Basic Rate: call for rates

#### Additional location:

Phoenix, AZ 480-374-3786

JUNGLE ROOM RECORDING STUDIO 604 1/2 Sonora Ave. Glendale, CA 91201 818-247-1991 Email: info@jungleroom.net Web: jungleroom.net
Contact: Kevin Anderson
Format: digital and analog, 128 tracks

Basic Rate: negotiable

#### KAIROS MUSIC GROUP

Burbank, CA
Email: admin@kairosmusicgroup.com Web: kairosmusicgroup.com Basic Rate: email for info

#### KONSCIOUS STUDIOS

1655 9th St. Santa Monica, CA 90404

310-980-9968 **Email:** booking@konsciousstudios.com

Web: konsciousstudios.com Contact: Dan or Ric Basic Rate: call or email for info

#### KRAZY POP STUDIO

North Hollywood, CA 213-293-7903 Contact: Russell Wolff, Steve Marcantonio Email: record@krazypopstudio.com Web: krazypopstudio.com

KRIS STEVENS ENTERPRISES Calabasas, CA 91302

818-225-7585
Email: inquiry@kriserikstevens.com
Web: kriserikstevens.com
Contact: Christine Fletcher Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: call for info

LAGUNA SOUND STUDIO 381 Forrest Ave., Ste. D Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Adylana Beatri, CA 92651 949-395-9400 Contact: Gary Hicks, Studio Manager Email: info@lagunasoundstudio.com Web: lagunasoundstudio.com Format: Logic Pro X, Pro Tools 11

#### LAKE TRANSFER RECORDING

11300 Hartland Street North Hollywood, CA 91605 1-818-508-7158 Contact: Steven Barry Cohen or James

Holvay
Email: info@laketransfer.com

Web: laketransfer.com
Format: Pro Tools, Logic, ADAT & Mastering
Basic Rate: \$60/hr.

#### LAFX RECORDING SERVICES

P.O. Box 827 North Hollywood, CA 91603 818-769-5239 Email: lafx1@aol.com
Web: lafx.com
Contact: Dan or Anne Vicari

Format: digital and analog, 24 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

#### LARRABEE SOUND STUDIOS

LAHABEE SOUND STUDIOS
4162 Lankershim Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91602
818-753-0717, Fax 818-753-8046
Email: Amyb@larrabeestudios.com
Web: larrabeestudios.com
Contact: Amy Burr, Studio Manager
Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: call for info

#### LAUREN ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, THE

LAUREN ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, II Sherman Oaks, CA 91403-3005 818-788-9784, Fax 818-788-9763 Email: info@laurengroup.com Web: laurengroup.com Contact: Len Kovner Format: digital and analog, 196+ tracks

Basic Rate: please call for info

LINEAR MANAGEMENT 9922 Poole Ave Shadow Hills,ca 91040 Snadow Hills;ca 91040 818-802-0732 Email: kelle @ steakhousestudio.com Web: Www.linearmanagement.com Contact: Kelle Musgrave Glanzbergh Basic Rate: please call for info

LITTLE BIG ROOM STUDIOS 2912 W. Burbank Blvd. Burbank, CA 91505 818-846-2991 Email: brad@littlebigroom.com Web: littlebigroom.com
Basic Rate: please call for info

# MAMBO SOUND AND

RECORDING 2200 W. Esther St. Long Beach, CA 90813 562-432-9676

Email: steve@mambosound.net
Web: mambosoundandrecording.com
Contact: Steve McNeil Format: digital and analog, 48 tracks
Basic Rate: call for info

#### MARC DESISTO PRODUCTIONS

Sherman Oaks, CA 818-259-4235 **Email:** marcdmix@gmail.com Web: marcdesisto.com Contact: Marc DeSisto Format: Pro Tools HD

Basic Rate: please call for info

# Download at musicconnection.com/industry-contacts

MARC GRAUE VOICEOVER RECORDING STUDIOS 3421 W. Burbank Blvd. Burbank, CA 91505 818-953-8991 Email: info@fixinthemix.com Web: fixinthemix.com Contact: Marc Graue Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

MARTINSOUND RECORDING STUDIOS

1151 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra, CA 91803 800-582-3555, 626-281-3555

Email: dblessinger@martinsound.com Web: martinsound.com

Contact: Dan Blessinger Format: digital and analog, 32 tracks Basic Rate: please call for info

#### MAR VISTA RECORDING STUDIO

Mar Vista, CA 310-467-0889

Email: remmusic@verizon.net

Web: jerrymanfredi.com
Contact: Jerry
Basic Rate: Please call for information

#### MASTER GROOVE STUDIOS / RADD

Northridge, CA Nashville, TN 818-830-3822, 615-799-9366 **Email:** davejavu@att.net Web: mastergroovestudios.com
Contact: David Morse
Format: digital, unlimited tracks

Basic Rate: please call for rates

MAURICE GAINEN PRODUCTIONS 4470 Sunset Blvd., Ste. 177 Hollywood, CA 90027 323-662-3642

Email: info@mauricegainen.com

Web: mauricegainen.com Contact: Maurice Format: Logic Pro/Pro Tools Basic Rate: Call for info. Indie rates avail.

Gear: Pro Tools Omni and HD192, Mac Intel 8 Core, Yamaha O2R Mixer, Waves Horizon, API, SSL CLA Signature, GTR Solo, JJP Signature, Kramer Tape, all Spectrasonics, Auto-Tune, Bomb Factory and many other plug-ins, soft synths and EFX. Avalon 737, ART Dual-MP, DBX 160X and other outboard gear. Neumann U47 FET and many other excellent mics, Genelec speakers w/ subwoofer, acoustic piano, 4 ADAT's, much more.

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Clients: Starbucks (mastering for 185 compilations), Disney, EMI, UNI, Warner, Sony,
Rafael Moreira, Alex Skolnick, Andy McKee,
The Hues Corp ("Rock The Boat"), Mighty
Mo Rodgers, Nori Tani, Orchestre Surreal,
Angel Town Combo, Darek Oles, Chelsea
E., Dale Fielder, Little Willie G, Gina Nemo
with Billy Vera. with Billy Vera.

MAXIMUS MEDIA, INC. 2727 N. Grove Industrial Dr., Ste. 111 Fresno, CA 93727 559-255-1688 Email: ray@maximusmedia.net Web: tothemax.com Format: digital and analog

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### **MEGA SOUND STUDIOS**

2789 E. Main Street Ventura, CA 805-667-8100

Email: megasoundstudios@yahoo.com Web: megasoundstudios.com/

#### MELROSE MUSIC STUDIOS

(on the Raleigh Studios Lot) 5254 Melrose Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90038 818-216-5409 , 323-333-8946 Email: melrosemusic@mac.com Web: facebook.com/melrosemusicstudios Contact: David Williams

Format: analog and digital processing Basic Rate: recording: Studio A \$60/hr., Studio B \$45/hr. Special prices for day rates.

#### **METROSTUDIOS**

San Fernando Valley, CA 818-366-5588 Email: tom@metrostudios.com

Web: metrostudios.com Basic Rate: call for info

MIX CITY MUSIC 19410 Kilfinan St. Porter Ranch, CA 91326 818-464-5844 Email: Matt.Pakucko@MixCityMusic.com

Email: Matt. Pakucko @ MixCityMusic.com Web: MixCityMusic.com Contact: Matt Pakucko Format: Pro Tools HDX, Logic X, 40 input custom analog console, 18' ceiling live tracking room, 3 iso rooms. Yamaha acoustic piano. Gold/Platinum credits.

Basic Rate: Starting at \$45/hr, \$600/day, appinger inpl. Project rates practiable.

engineer incl. Project rates negotiable Services: Producing, mixing, overdubs, songwriting, vocal recording. Editing, pitch-correction. ADR for film and TV.

#### MIX RECORDING STUDIO

539 S. Rampart Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 323-218-7475

Email: info@mixrecordingstudio.com
Web: mixrecordingstudio.com

Basic Rate: Fixed rate for session with an engineer \$54/hr

MIX ROOM, THE 2940 W. Burbank Blvd. Burbank, CA 91505 818-846-8900

Email: info@themixroom.com

Web: themixroom.com
Format: digital and analog, 128 tracks Basic Rate: please call for info

#### M L E STUDIOS

P.O. Box 1014 Hollywood, CA 91356 866-246-8846

5002-240-0049 Email: mail@mlestudios.com Web: https://www.majorlabelmusic.com/ Contact: Col. Darryl Harrelson Format: digital/analog, Pro Tools HD2 Accel

Basic Rate: \$45/hr. or flat rate per song/

#### MOUNTAIN DOG MUSICWORKS

485 Ventura Ave., Ste. E3 Oak View, CA 93022s 805-649-8500

Web: mountaindogmusic.com Contact: Tim Frantz

Format: digital
Basic Rate: please call for info

MY SONIC TEMPLE 13200 Warren Ave Los Angeles, CA 90066 310-944-1994

Email: mysonictemple@gmail.com Web: mysonictemple.com

#### MYSTICAL ARTS

RECORDING STUDIO 23550 Ehlers Dr. Chatsworth, CA 91311 818-262-9951 Email: JamesFuria@aol.com

Web: mysticalartsrecording.com/
Contact: James Furia
Format: Digital
Basic Rate: \$35/hr., see website for details

#### NIGHTBIRD RECORDING

STUDIOS At Sunset Marquis Hotel 1200 Alta Loma Road West Hollywood, CA 90069 310-657-8405

Email: manager@nightbirdstudios.com
Web: nightbirdstudios.com
Contact: Angelo Caputo
Format: Pro Tools HDX / Logic Pro Basic Rate: call for prices

#### **NIGHT SKY SOUND**

3420 Laketree Dr. Fallbrook, CA 92028 760-731-6434

Email: inquiries@nightskysound.com
Web: facebook.com/NightSkySoundStudios
Contact: Steve Donato, Owner, Producer/

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NRG RECORDING SERVICES
11128 Weddington St.
North Hollywood, CA 91601
818-760-7841
Email: ayex@nrgrecording.com
Web: nrgrecording.com
Web: ayex@nrgrecording.com
Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: Call for details

OC RECORDING COMPANY, THE

3100 W. Warner Ave., Ste. 7 Santa Ana, CA 92704 323-244-9794

323-244-9794
Email: info@ocrecording.com
Web: ocrecording.com
Contact: Asaf Fulks, Engineer and Producer
Format: Analog and Digital, Pro Tools HD 11,
Sony C-800G, Neve 1073, Neumann, Avalon
Styles: All music genres, ADR and Voice
Overs, World Class Recording, Mixing,
Mastering & Production
Basic Rate: Please call for info.

OCEAN STUDIOS BURBANK 435 S. San Fernando Blvd. Burbank, CA 91502 818-955-9010

Email: info@oceanstudiosburbank.com

Web: oceanstudiosburbank.com Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

OLD BOOTS RECORDING STUDIO

14947 Gilmore St. Van Nuys, CA 91411 818-785-8611

Email: greggb69@yahoo.com Web: oldbootsrecordingstudio.com

PACIFICA STUDIOS

2620 La Cienega Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90034 310-559-9777 Contact: Glenn Format: Pro Tools Basic Rate: please call

PANGEA P.O. Box 591

Topanga, CA 90290 310-455-2356 Email: pangea @ verizon.net Web: pangeaproduction.com
Format: digital and analog, 48 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

PARAMOUNT RECORDING STUDIOS

6245 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90038 323-465-4000 Fax 323-469-1905 Email: info@paramountrecording.com
Web: paramountrecording.com
Format: digital and analog, 96+ tracks
Basic Rate: call for rates

PAWN SHOP STUDIO

14819 Oxnard St. Van Nuys, CA 91405 818-982-7763

Email: Pawnshopstudio@gmail.com Web: pawnshopstudio.com
Format: API mic pres, Lynx Aurora Converters
Basic Rate: call (or list your rates here)

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P.O. Box 91332 Pasadena, CA 90041 323-259-8612 Fax 323-259-8613 Email: john@penguinrecording.com Web: penguinrecording.com Contact: John Strother Format: digital and analog, 48 tracks

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90000 310-795-1526 Email: colin@plasticdogrecording.com Web: plasticdogrecording.com

PLATINUM STUDIO

818-994-5368

Email: paulhilton123@sbcglobal.net
Web: paulhiltonmusic.net
Contact: Paul Hilton

Format: digital, 200 stereo tracks Basic Rate: please call for info

PARSONICS STUDIO
1500 Farren Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93117
805.272.0159
Email: studio@parsonics.com
Contact: Noah Bruskin
Web: Parsonics.com
Format: Neve 32 channel analog console/
Pro Tools/Apogee 48 channel
Basic Rate: Call or email for rates
Comments: Owned and operated by
Grammy award-winner Alan Parsons

POLYMATH RECORDING
13439 Moorpark St E
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
815-351-8183
Email: graham@polymathrecording.com
Web: polymathrecording.com
Contact: Graham
Format: Digital and Analog
Basic Rate: Call for info

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(A PPL Entertainment Group Company)
468 N. Camden Dr., Ste. 200
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
310-860-7499, 818-506-8533
Email: pplzmi@aol.com
Web: pplzmi.com
Contact: Jim Sellavain
Format: Applica Gioital AVID, Apple Fins

Format: Analog, digital, AVID, Apple Final Cut, Pro Tools, DVD authoring Basic Rate: please call for info

PRIVATE ISLAND TRAX

1882 S. Cochran Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90019 323-856-8729 Email: info@privateislandtrax.com
Web: privateislandtrax.com
Format: digital, Pro Tools
Basic Rate: please call for info

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673 Valley Dr. Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 310-379-6477 Email: rockzionrecords@rockzion.com

Web: rockzion.com/productionco.html
Format: 2-inch Ampex 16 track and Trident
Mixing Console, Pro Tools and Analog

Mastering
Basic Rate: \$50 per hour

PYRAM-AXIS PRODUCTIONS

Redondo Beach, CA 90278 310-869-8650 Email: music@pyramaxis.com
Web: pyramaxis.com
Contact: Jim D.

Contact: Jim Format: Pro Tools HD, Logic Services: world class production, mixing, mastering, music for media Basic Rate: Project Rates - Call for details.

**RACE HORSE STUDIOS** 

3780 Selby Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90034 310-280-0175 Fax 310 280-0176 Email: duncan@racehorsestudios.com Web: racehorsestudios.com
Contact: Duncan Macfarlane
Format: digital, 192 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

RADIUM MEDIA 1141 Seward St., Suite 105 Los Angeles, CA 90038 323-366-2559 Email: info@radium-media.com Web: radium-media.com

RAINMAN STUDIOS, INC. Montrose, CA 910208 818 468 5701

Email: PlatinumMixes@gmail.com
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Contact: David "Rain" Banta
Format: Cubase 9 wide selection of top
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Basic Rate: please call for info

READY MIX MUSIC 5635 Lankershim Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91601 818-388-2196 Email: studio@readymixmusic.com Web: readymixmusic.com Contact: Paul or Sarah

Format: Pro Tools
Basic Rate: Call for info

RE-AMP STUDIOS 15441 Red Hill Ave., Ste. G Tustin, CA 92780

Email: info@reampstudios.com Web: reampstudios.com
Contact: Tyler Wirtz, Engineer

Format: Pro Tools 10 HD
Basic Rate: call or see website

REAL LINE MUSIC 1141 Seward St. Hollywood, CA, 90038 USA 323-839-7716
Email: info@reallinemusic.com

Web: reallinemusic.com
Contact: Alexey Voronov, Sound Engineer,
Owner

Format: Digital and analog, 32 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

RECORD PLANT

1032 N. Sycamore Ave. Hollywood, CA 90038 323-993-9300 Fax 323-466-8835 Email: Jeff@recordplant.com Web: recordplant.com Contact: Jeff Barnes Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: please call for info

RESONATE MUSIC & SOUND 449 S. San Fernando Blvd. Burbank, CA 91502 818-567-2700 Email: inquire@resonate.la Web: resonate.la
Format: Digital and Analog
Basic Rate: call for info

REVOLUTION 9 RECORDING STUDIOS 1041 N. Orange Dr. Hollywood, CA 90038 323-405-7389 Email: booking @ rev9recording.com Web: rev9recording.com Contact: Daniel Balistocky Format: Pro Tools 9 and Cubase 7.5 Basic Rate: Call for rates

RIOTVAN

RIOTVAN
323-868-0240
North Hollywood, CA
Email: jason@riotvanproductions.com
Web: riotvanproductions.com
Format: Pro Tools HD, Tube Preamps,
Neumans and nice guys.
Basic Rate: call for rates
Comments: Good Sound is about the
people and the songs.

ROBERT IRVING PRODUCTIONS, INC. Woodland Hills, CA 91367 818-224-3633

818-224-3633 'Email: riving@pacbell.net
Web: robertirving.com
Contact: Robert/Tim
Format: Digital Performer or Logic, Pro Tools
Basic Rate: flexible
Notes: 3 great live rooms, Yamaha DC-7
Grand Piano, vintage mic collection

**ROSE STUDIOS** El Centro, CA 760-352-5774

700-32-3/14 Email: info@dannyberg.org Contact: Danny Berg Web: dannyberg.org/private-recording-studio Format: digital, 48 tracks Basic Rate: please call for info.

ROUND HILL MUSIC 1411 5th Ave, Suite 305 Santa Monica, CA 90401 310-428-0859 Email: info@roundhillmusic.com Web: roundhillmusic.com Format: Digital and analog Basic Rate: please call

RPD STUDIOS 1842 Burleson Ave. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 805-496-2585 Email: rpdstudios@roadrunner.com Web: rpdsound.com Contact: Randy Format: digital, 192 tracks Basic Rate: \$50/hr.

SAGE AND SOUND RECORDING

Hollywood, CA 90028 323-469-1527, 818-563-1176 Email: info@sageandsound.com Web: sageandsound.com

Contact: Bryan McCurry, Studio Manager Format: Pro tools, 24 Track Basic Rate: call for info

SANCTUARY SOUND

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7053 Rubio Ave.
Van Nuys, CA 91406
818-989-9997
Email: foz@barryfasman.com
Web: barryfasman.com
Contact: Barry Fasman
Format: digital, 96 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

SANCTUS SOUND RECORDING COMPANY E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA 90803 562-999-1332

Web: sanctussound com

Contact: Peter Guinta
Format: Pro Tools HD 9 and Logic Pro 9 Basic Rate: please call for info

SANTA BARBARA SOUND DESIGN

33 W. Haley St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 805-965-3404 Email: dom@tekmstr.com Web: santabarbarasound.com Contact: Dom Camardella Format: digital and analog, 192 tracks

Basic Rate: please call for info **SEAHORSE SOUND STUDIOS** 

1334 S. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90015 909-210-2317

Email: seahorsesoundstudios@yahoo.com Web: seahorsesoundstudios.com

Contact: Samur

Format: analog and digital, 16 tracks
Basic Rate: call for rates

**SEANCE ROOM** 5800 Willis Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91411 818-915-1196

Email: brett@seanceroom.com Web: seanceroom.com

Contact: Brett Cookingham Format: Apple Mac Pro 8 core, Pro Tools 10 HD3

Basic Rate: Call for rates

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1509 Gordon St. Los Angeles, CA 90028 323-467-6001

Email: info@serenitywestrecording.com
Web: serenitywestrecording.com

SIGNATURE SOUND
5042 Ruffner St.
San Diego, CA 92111
858-268-0134
Email: info@signaturesound.com
Web: signaturesound.com
Basic Rate: call for info

**SKELETON STUDIOS** 

5629 Tunjunga Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91601 323-594-3113

Email: info@skeletonstudios.com Web: skeletonstudios.com

Web: skeletonstudios.com

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P.O. Box 280010
Northridge, CA 91328-0010
818-300-0400 Fax 818-881-7092
Email: skipsaylor@gmail.com
Web: skipsaylor.com
Contact: Skip Saylor
Format: digital and analog, HDX
Basic Rate: call for info
Gear: SSL 4100G+, Pro Tools HDX, Yamaha
grand piano, Hammond B3, TAD, Lexicon
480L,PCM70, PCM42 (4), AMS 1580 (2),
AMS RBX-16 (2), Yamaha, Pultec EOP1A
(2), Neve, MicPre/EQ's, API (15), EMT,
Apogee, GML, Avalon, Distressors (4),
Aphex, Manley, Roland, TC Electronics
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Eclipse, Instant Flanger, Urei LA2A, 1176LN,
LA3A, DBX, PanScan, Ampex ATR, BASE
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Comments: Facility features a large high ceiling tracking room and excellent mix room built/owned by a 30+year veteran of the recording industry.

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Glendora, CA

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310-402-2390, 604-522-2646 **Email:** zoran@sonicfarm.com Web: sonicfarm.com Contact: Zoran T.

Format: digital and analog, 64 tracks, Neve analog mixing
Basic Rate: call for rates

#### SONIC FUEL STUDIOS

El Segundo CA 90245 310-499-9274

Web: sonicfuelstudios.com Contact: Kyrina Bluerose Format: Pro Tools, Euphonix board Basic Rate: call for information Services: Sonic Fuel Studios is a stateof-the-art, eco-friendly tracking and mixing facility specializing in film, television, and interactive media music.

Email: team@sonicfuelstudios.com

#### SONIKWIRE STUDIOS

Irvine, CA 949-851-9340

Email: alex@sonikwire.com Web: sonikwire.com Contact: Alex Bush

Format: digital and analog, 60 tracks Basic Rate: call for info

#### SONORA RECORDERS

3222 Los Feliz Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90039 213-841-0712 Email: ductape@aol.com Web: sonorarecorders.com Contact: Richard

Basic Rate: call for information

#### SOTTO VOCE STUDIO

Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 818-694-3052 Email: info@sottovocestudio.com

Web: sottovocestudio.com
Format: digital, unlimited tracks, albums/

Basic Rate: call for rates

#### SOUND CITY STUDIOS

15456 Cabrito Road Van Nuys, CA 91406 818-304-0573

Email: booking@soundcitystudios.com Web: soundcity.la

#### SOUND FACTORY

6357 Selma Ave. Hollywood, CA 90028 467-2500

Email: Management@SoundFactoryHollywood.com

Web: soundfactoryhollywood.com
Contact: Craig Hubler

Format: digital and analog, 48 tracks Basic Rate: call for rates

#### SOUND IMAGE

15462 Cabrito Rd. Van Nuys, CA 91406 805-231-5728

805-231-5/28 Email: sound\_image@msn.com Web: soundimage.us Contact: Melody Carpenter Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

SOUND-TECH STUDIO 24300 Country Rd. Moreno Valley, CA 92557 951-243-6666 Email: soundtechstudio@yahoo.com

Web: facebook.com/soundtechmusic Contact: Allan Johnson Basic Rate: please call for info

#### S.R.S. / HIT RECORDS NETWORK

P.O. Box 6653 Santa Barbara, CA 93160 805-964-3035

Web: tc\_67.tripod.com
Format: digital and analog, 35 tracks
Contact: Ernie Orosco, Greg Lewolt or Cory

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### Additional location:

6633 Yucca St., Suite 311 Hollywood, CA 90028 323-467-4082

#### STAGG STREET STUDIO

15147 Stagg St. Van Nuys, CA 91405-1001 818 371-1562 cell / text Email: studio@staggstreetstudio.com Web: staggstreetstudio.com Format: Pro Tools 2018

Basic Rate: please call for info

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14545 Valley View Ave., Ste R Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
562-929-1050

Email: info@steppingoutstudio.com Web: steppingoutstudio.com

Contact: Steve Smith Format: digital Basic Rate: please call for info

#### SPHERE STUDIOS

10335 Magnolia Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91601 818-769-1176

Email: Mackenzie@spherestudios.com Contact: Francesco Carnelli, Chief Engineer/Producer

Web: spherestudios.com Basic Rate: Call for info

#### STEELMAN STUDIOS

Los Angeles, CA 818-465-3357

Email: devonsteelman@hotmail.com Web: steelmanstudios.net

817 N. Vine St. Los Angeles, CA 90038 323-993-3172 Email: booking@afm47.org
Web: afm47.org/studio.html
Format: Pro Tools HD9

Basic Rate: \$50/hr

#### STUDIO 770

770 S. Brea Blvd., #218 Brea, CA 92821 714-672-1234 Email: info@studio770.com Web: studio770.com Contact: Shantih Haast Format: Pro Tools HD

Basic Rate: call for current rates

#### STUDIO CITY SOUND

STUDIO CITY SOUND
4412 Whitsett Ave.
Studio City, CA 91604
818-505-9368 Fax 818-761-4744
Email: booking @studiocitysound.com
Web: studiocitysound.com
Contact: Estelle Harrison, Manager
Format: digital (256 tracks) and analog (24
track 2-inch)

track 2-incn)
Basic Rate: \$100-150/hr.
Gear: Custom Classic Neve 8068 MKII, SSL
4048 E/G+ w/ Tangerine Automation, Augspurger Duo 15V with Dual 18 inch Subs,
PULTEC EQP-1A (2), UAD-2 OCTO Card
with UAD Ultimate 6 Bundle, ATC SCM45A,

EMT 140 plate reverb, Pro Tools HDX, Avid HD I/O's, Otari MX-80 2-inch 24-track, Neumann: U47 - M149s - U87s, Sony C800g, AKG C12As, Inward Connections, URI, ADL, Quested, Royer, Coles, Yamaha C5 Grand Piano, Hammond B3 w/ Leslie, Fender Bybdos etc. Fender Rhodes etc.

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Comments: Studio City Sound is a full-service recording studio, owned and oper-ated by Grammy award-winning mixer Tom Weir. SCS has three fully equipped studios, with a spacious tracking room, iso rooms, and a world-class blend of state of the art and vintage gear.

3306 Glendale Blvd., Ste. 4 Los Angeles, CA 90039 323-662-0512

Email: hueydee1234@gmail.com Contact: Huey Dee Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

STUDIO MALIBU 22509 Carbon Mesa Rd Malibu, CA 90265 310-571-5389, Intl. Calls: +1-310-497-8011 **Email:** info@studiomalibu.com Web: studiomalibu.com

Format: Pro Tools HD10 Basic Rate: call for rates

#### STUDIO WEST OF SAN DIEGO

11021 Via Frontera, Ste. A San Diego, CA 92127 858-592-9497

Email: chris@studiowest.com

Web: studiowest.com
Format: SSL, Neve, ICON, Pro Tools HD6,
Surround Sound, ISDN, Phone-Patch, ADR Basic Rate: call for rates

#### SUBURBAN SOUL STUDIOS, LLC

Torrance, CA 90505 310-891-0006

Email: info@suburbansoulstudios.com Web: suburbansoulstudios.com Basic Rate: call for rate information

#### SUNSET SOUND

6650 Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90028 23-469-1186 Fax 323-465-5579
Email: traffic@sunsetsound.com
Web: sunsetsound.com

Contact: Craig Hubler Format: digital and analog, 48 tracks Basic Rate: call for rates

#### SUNSPOT PRODUCTIONS

912 Glendon Way Alhambra, CA 91803 323-574-1110

Email: ricklawndale@live.com Web: sunspotprod.com
Contact: Rick Lawndale Format: Pro Tools, 46 tracks
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1309 W Riverside Dr. Burbank, CA 91506 818-955-5888 (call for appt.) Email: studio@thetasound.com Email: studio@thetasound.com
Web: thetasound.com
Contact: Randall Michael Tobin
Basic Rate: call for rates
Gear: Yamaha C5 Grand Piano; Mid 60s
Slingerland Maple Drum Kit; Diverse Mic
Collection, Analog, Digital and Computerbased Recording/Mixing; Samplitude and
Cubase DAWs; JBL, Yamaha, Auratone
Manitor, Economic for full care lich)

Cubase DAWs; JBL, Yamaha, Auratone Monitors (see website for full gear list) Services: Audio and Video Recording/Editing/Mixing/Mastering, Live In-studio Multitrack Audio/Multi-camera Video Recording and Post Production; Music Arranging/Production/Collaboration; Website Design Clients: Art Podell, Mel Carter, Harriet Schock, Dave Tourjé, Linda Lee, Charlie Fleischer, Constance Hauman, Steve Sharp, Debbie Montgomery, Randy Crenshaw, Susan Kohler, Bob Corff, Ray Manzarek, Harvey Kubernik, William Vendice, Jerry Sternbach, Lamont Dozier, Placido Domingo, Amanda McBroom, Amy Buccellato, Randall Michael Tobin

THRESHOLD SOUND + VISION 2114 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 310-566-6677 Fax 310-314-3826 Email: micheleb@thresholdsound.com Web: thresholdsound.com
Contact: Michele Blankenship, Operations Format: digital and analog, 64 tracks
Basic Rate: call for info

#### THUD STUDIOS II RECORDING STUDIO

11320 Burbank Blvd North Hollywood, CA 91601 818-378-8162 **Web:** thudstudios.com Contact: Jeff Abercrombie
Services: Budget recording studio
Basic Rate: Call for info

#### THUNDER UNDERGROUND

RECORDING STUDIO Palm Springs, CA 760-835-7847

Email: kat@thunder-underground.com Web: thunder-underground.com

Contact: Kat
Format: see website for equipment list
Basic Rate: call or email for info

#### **TIMEART STUDIO**

Studio City, CA 818-980-2840 Email: info@timeart.us

Website: TimeArt.us
Format: Digital. ProTools 10.5, DP7, Vocal
Basic Rate: \$50 Hr, Call for Block Rates

#### TITAN MUSIC, INC.

13547 Ventura Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 818-990-6992

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Web: titanrecording.com
Format: digital and analog, 64+ tracks
Basic Rate: please call for info

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Contact: Alexander Track, producer/engi-

Contact: Alexander Track, producer/engineer, Grammy Winner
Format: 4 Pro Tools suites, music production and recording, post production, mixing and mastering, 7.1 surround sound, songwriting, composing, arranging, film scoring, commercials, live drums etc.

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### TRACK RECORD STUDIOS

5102 Vineland Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91601 818-761-0511

Email: info@paramountrecording.com Web: paramountrecording.com/studios Format: digital and analog, 120 tracks Basic Rate: call for info

TRACK STAR STUDIOS 7242 University Ave. La Mesa, CA 91942 619-697-7827 Email: info@trackstarstudios.com

Web: trackstarstudios.com Contact: Josquin des Pres Basic Rate: Call for rates

#### TRAIN TRACKS STUDIOS

213 Agostino Rd. San Gabriel, CA 91776 562-240-3395 Email: info@traintrackstudios.com
Web: traintrackstudios.com
Contact: Alex Truberg Format: digital
Basic Rate: please call for info

#### TREBEL GIRL STUDIOS

3200 N. San Fernando Blvd. Burbank, CA 91504 818-806-9337

Email: treblegirlstudios@gmail.com Web: treblegirlstudios.weebly.com

#### TREE HAUS RECORDING

Woodland Hills, CA 818-497-0664 **Email:** TreeHausWH@gmail.com Web: facebook.com/treehausrecording

#### TRINITY SOUND COMPANY

751 S. Weir Canyon Rd., Suite 157-535 Anaheim Hills, CA 92808 714-881-5211

Email: info@trinitysoundcompany.com
Web: trinitysoundcompany.com
Basic Rate: Please call for info

#### TRU-ONE RECORDS AND REHEARSALS

Buena Park, CA 562-773-5877 Email: truonerecords@aol.com

Web: truonerecords.com Contact: Robert Trujillo Format: Live rehearsal recordings for only

Basic Rate: Record "Live" for \$25

#### **UNCLE STUDIOS**

6028 Kester Ave. Van Nuys, CA 818-989-5614

Email: uncleesca27@gmail.com Web: unclestudios.com Format: digital, 24 at a time 126 playback Basic Rate: \$50/hr

UNION RECORDING STUDIO 7051 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90038 323-615-3575 Email: info@unionrecstudios.com Web: https://unionrecstudios.com/

#### Rates: \$23/hr/\$87/\$199 UNITED RECORDING STUDIOS

6050 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028 Contact: Rob Goodchild, Studio Manager Email: booking@unitedrecordingstudios.com Web: unitedrecordingstudios.com VALLEY RECORDING COMPANY

Burbank, CA
Email: wakeinthepm@gmail.com
Web: valleyrecordingcompany.com

VENETO WEST PO Box 6363 Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 310-591-4440, 310-200-9010 Email: rcm@venetowest.com,

Web: www.venetowest.com
Contact: Liz Redwing, Ronan Chris Murphy

Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: call for info

#### VILLAGE (RECORDER), THE

1616 Butler Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90048 310-478-8227 Email: info@villagestudios.com

Email: info@villagestudios.com
Web: villagestudios.com
Format: Digital and Analog
Basic Rate: Please call or email for information.
Gear: Pro Tools HDX in all rooms. Studio
A - Vintage Neve 8048 Console, Studio B
and D - Neve 88R Consoles and Studio
F - Avid S6 Control Surface. Compressors
include 1176's, LA-2A's, Neve and SSL Stereo Compressors as well as Fairchild 670.
Vintage mics including ELAM 251, C-800,
U47s, U67s, C12 and C24 as well as a large
selection of standard mics as well.

Village flics including LEAW 251, 0-500, U47s, U67s, C12 and C24 as well as a large selection of standard mics as well.

Clients: Fleetwood Mac, Rolling Stones, Coldplay, U2, Kesha, Snoop Dogg, Pink Floyd, Usher, Lady Gaga, Cage The Elephant, The 1975, John Mayer, Taylor Swift, Harry Styles, Elton John, Miguel, P!nk, Sara Bareilles, Films: A Star is Born, Crazy Heart, Toy Story, Cars, Oh Brother Where Art Thou?, The Bodyguard.

Services: Recording, Mixing (Stereo & 5.1), Analog Archival/Tape Transfers, Technical Repair Services, ISDN/Source Connect Remote Sessions, Live to Air/Web Sessions, Live Showcases/Performances.

Comments: The Village has produced landmark songs and soundtracks of every generation for the last five decades.

#### VIRLOUISE RECORDING 1631 N. Placentia Ave., Ste. K Anaheim, CA 92806

714-322-3600 Email: info@virlouise.com Web: virlouise.com

Contact: Bill Davidow
Format: digital recording / Pro Tools
Basic Rate: see website for rates

#### WALL OF SOUND STUDIOS

WALL OF SOUND STUDIOS 1745 S. Claudina Way Anaheim, CA 92805 714-533-ROCK (7625) Email: booking@wallofsoundstudios.com Web: wallofsoundstudios.com

Contact: Shannon Grillo
Format: State-of-the-art, fully-equipped
hourly facility: rehearsal, recording, equipment rental: Tama, Shure, Mackie, Marshall,
Ampeg, JBL and more.
Basic Rate: Call for details

## Additional location:

Las Vegas, NV 702-371-0811

#### WARRIOR GIRL MUSIC

Burbank CA

Bulbath, CA 818-448-6277 Email: info@warriorgirlmusic.com Web: warriorgirlmusic.com Contact: Gilli Moon

Format: digital, 64 Basic Rate: call for info

# WESTLAKE RECORDING STUDIOS Studios A & B

8447 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048 323-851-9800 Email: bookings@westlakestudios.com
Web: westlakestudios.com
Contact: Alexandra Burdick, Sara Clark or

#### WESTLAKE RECORDING STUDIOS

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Email: bookings@westlakestudios.com
Web: westlakestudios.com Contact: Alexandra Burdick, Sara Clark or Steve Burdick
Format: Pro Tools HDX, Logic and Analog Recording

Basic Rate: please call for rates.

#### WINDMARK RECORDING

Santa Monica, CA 424-289-5200 Email: Samantha@windmarkrecording.com

Web: windmarkrecording.com
Contact: Samantha Marquart
Format: Digital and analog
Basic Rate: Call or email for info

#### WOMB RECORDING STUDIO, THE

Lake Balboa, CA 91406 818-414-6369

Email: haddaddrum@yahoo.com
Web: davehaddad.com
Contact: Dave

Format: digital and Analog, more than 64

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### WOODSHED RECORDING

Email: welcometowoodshed@gmail.com Web: woodshedrecording.com Contact: Richard Gibbs
Clients: U2, Barbra Streisand, Coldplay,
Kanye West, Sting
Format: Hyprid ocean view resort/residential

recording

Basic Rate: contact us by email

#### WOODSOUND STUDIOS

120 Front St. Covina, CA 91723 626-956-7455

Email: tom@woodsoundstudios.com
Web: woodsoundstudios.com

#### WYMAN RECORDS

1908 Burbank Blvd. Burbank, CA 91506 818-845-8787

818-845-8787
Email: contact@wymanrecords.com
Web: wymanrecords.com
Contact: Tip Wyman
Format: dipital and analog, 128 tracks
Basic Rate: please call for rate

#### COLORADO

#### ASPEN LEAF RECORDING

1992 S. Broadway Grand Junction, CO 81507

970-201-6166
Email: aspenleafrecording@gmail.com
Web: aspenleafrecording.com
Contact: Ken Dravis
Format: ProTools 10
Basic Rate: contact us for rates

#### THE BLASTING ROOM

1760 Laporte Ave., Ste. 2 Fort Collins, CO 80521 970-416-9292

Email: info@blastingroomstudios.com
Web: blastingroomstudios.com
Contact: Bill Stevenson, Andrew Berlin,

Chris Beeble
Format: Pro Tools 10.3 HD-X
Basic Rate: \$25-75/hr, \$\$200-650/day

#### **CCM RECORDING STUDIOS**

4214 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80220
720-941-6088
Email: info@ccmstudios.com Web: ccmstudios.com Contact: Darren Skanson Format: digital
Basic Rate: please call for info

#### **CHERRY SOUND RECORDING STUDIO**

CHERRY SOUND RECORD....
700 S Vallejo st
Denver, CO 80223
303-910-5359
Email: guillot3000@gmail.com
Contact: Christopher Guillot

**COLORADO SOUND STUDIOS** 3100 W. 71st Ave Westminster, CO 80030 303-430-8811

Suo-40-68TI Email: colosnd@coloradosound.com Web: coloradosound.com Contact: Kevin Clock Format: Pro Tools 12 HDX Also Remote Recording and Mastering Services

## DERRYBERRY RECORDING STUDIO

7380 Devinney Ct. Arvada, CO 80005 303-456-8216

303-405-5210
Email: info@derryberrysrecordingstudio.com
Web: derryberrysrecordingstudio.com
Contact: Mark Derryberry, producer/engineer
Format: Pro Tools HD
Basic Rate: call for rates

#### MAD DOG RANCH STUDIOS

Old Snowmass, Co. 970-927-7686

# Download at musicconnection.com/industry-contacts

Email: mdrs@maddogranchstudios.com

Email: mdrs@maddogranchstudios.com Contact: Ralph Pitt Rates: Please Call for Quote Web: maddogranchstudios.com Services: Full Recording, Mixing and Mas-tering, A-for-V, Remote Recording, Absentee Mixing (send in your raw tracks), Rehearsal Space by appointment

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECORDERS 1250 W. Cedar Ave. Denver, CO 80223 303-777-3648

Email: frontdesk@rockyrecorders.com Web: rockyrecorders.com Contact: Rachel Converse

Basic Rate: please call for info

STEALTHTRAXX.ONLINE Greater Roaring Fork Valley, Co.
Email: info@stealthtraxx.online
Contact: Ralph Pitt 970.319.0252
Rates: Please Call for Quote
Web: StealthTraxx.online
Services: Remote Recording, Absentee

Mixing (send in your raw tracks), Remote Audio for Video, Studio Availability

#### CONNECTICUT

**CARRIAGE HOUSE STUDIOS** 

119 Westhill Rd. Stamford, CT 06902

203-358-0065
Email: johnny@carriagehousemusic.com
Web: carriagehousemusic.com
Contact: John Montagnese

Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call for info

FIREHOUSE 12

45 Crown St. New Haven, CT 06510 203-785-0468 Email: info@firehouse12.com Web: firehouse12.com

Format: see website for studio equipment Basic Rate: call for information

#### FRESH TRACKS STUDIO

65 Deer Hill Ave Danbury, CT 971-344-1115

Email: jon@freshtracksstudio.com Web: freshtracksstudio.com Contact: Jon Lindahl

Format: HD
Basic Rate: call for rates

#### ONYX SOUND LAB

56 Cooper St. Manchester, CT 06040 860-436-4581

Email: contact@onyxsoundlab.com
Web: onyxsoundlab.com
Format: digital

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### POWER STATION NEW ENGLAND

215 Parkway North Waterford, CT 06385 860-326-3878

Email: powerstation@sonalysts.com

Web: powerstationne.com

SAGESOUND STUDIOS 549 Howe Ave. Unit 404

Shelton, CT 06484 203-922-0491

Email: info@sagesoundstudios.com Web: sagesoundstudios.com

Basic Rate: call for rates

#### STUDIO UNICORN

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36 Sanford Town Rd.
Redding, CT 06896-2411
203-938-0069
Email: paul@studiounicorn.net
Web: studiounicorn.net

Contact: Paul Avgerinos, Grammy-nominat-

ed producer
Format: Pro Tools HD 128 Tracks

Basic Rate: call for information

#### STUDIO WARMWOOD

Mansfield, CT 860-230-1176 Contact: Dave Kaminsky
Web: studiowormwood.com

#### **TARQUIN STUDIOS**

Bridgeport, CT Contact: Sandy Roberton Email: studio@tarquinrecords.com Web: tarquinrecords.com/studio

#### TROD NOSSEL

10 George St. Wallingford, CT 06492 203-269-4465 Web: trodnossel.com Format: Pro Tools HD2/HD3 Basic Rate: call for information

JAMLAND STUDIO

2326 Empire Dr. Wilmington, DE 19810 302-475-0204 Email: music@jamlandstudio.com Web: jamlandstudio.com Format: see website for equipment Basic Rate: call for information

#### SIDE DOOR STUDIO

69 Albe Dr. Newark, DE 19702

302-738-8777
Email: sdseng@sidedoorstudioinc.net Web: sidedoorstudioinc.net Basic Rate: \$75/hr, \$350/8hr block

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CLEANCUTS MUSIC

4100 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., 1st Fl. Washington, D.C. 20008 202-237-8884

Web: cleancuts.com Format: digital

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### Additional locations:

8403 Colesville Rd., Ste. 250 Silver Springs, MD 20910 301-495-7772c

2901 Chestnut Ave Baltimore, MD 21211 410-467-4231

#### LION AND FOX RECORDING STUDIOS

9517 Baltimore Ave

College Park, MD 20740 301-982-4431

Email: mail@lionfox.com Web: lionfox.com

Contact: Jim Fox Format: 32 track I/O, 96k, 24bit Basic Rate: \$75/hour

#### LISTEN VISION RECORDING STUDIOS

2622 Georgia Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001 202-332-8494

Email: info@listenvision.com Web: listenvision.com

Contact: Jeremy Beaver Format: Pro Tools, digital, 124 tracks Basic Rate: call for rates

AUDIO-VISION 13885 W. Dixie Hwy. North Miami, FI. 33161 305-893-9191, 305-321-4565 Email: sales@audiovisionstudios.com

Web: audiovisionstudios.com Format: Digital and Analog Basic Rate: Please Call in

#### **BRICKKS HOUSE OF BEATZ**

1331 West Cass St. Tampa, FL 33605 813-808-1492 Contact: Corey Jackson
Email: info@dirttybeatz.com
Web: dirttybeatz.com Basic Rate: call for rates

#### CLEAR TRACK STUDIOS

CLEAR THACK STUDIOS 814 Franklin St. Clearwater, FL 33756 727-449-8888, 866-963-3108 Email: info@cleartrackstudios.com Web: cleartrackstudios.com

Contact: Marina

Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for info

#### CRESCENT MOON

6205 Bird Rd. Miami, FL 33155 305-663-8924

Email: josem@crescentmoon.com

Web: crescentmoon.com Format: Audio/Video Suites, ISDN, Digital/

Analog Basic Rate: Call for rates

#### **CRITERIA RECORDING STUDIOS**

(The Hit Factory Criteria) 1755 N.E. 149 St. Miami, FL 33181 305-947-5611 Contact: Trevor Fletcher

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Web: emeraldictypro.com
Contact: Danny Ozment
Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for rates

## EVERMORE SOUND

RECORDING STUDIOS 1633 Acme St. Orlando, FL 32805 407-218-5953

Email: info@evermoresound.com Web: evermoresound.com Contact: Luke Beaulac

Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call or email for info

#### GASOLINE ALLEY RECORDING STUDIOS

2202 Lake Bradford Rd. Tallahassee FL 32310 850-575-4277

Email: info@gasolinealleystudios.com

Web: gasolinealleystudios.com
Contact: Jerry Gaskins
Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call or email for info

#### **HEIGA STUDIOS**

168 SE 1st St. #5 Miami, FL 33131 786-212-1591 #500

Email: info@heigastudios.com Web: heigaaudiovisual.com

#### PHAT PLANET RECORDING STUDIOS

3473 Pkwy. Center Ct. Orlando, FL 32808 407-295-7270

Email: info@phatplanetstudios.com Web: phatplanetstudios.com

Contact: Ed Krout

Format: Pro Tools HD, analog 2-inch etc. Basic Rate: \$75/hr. Studio A, \$65/hr. Studio B

Tampa, FL 813-658-5747, 631-905-7466 Contact: Andrew Boullianne, Head Eng./

Studio Mgr. Email: info@lalamansion.com

Web: lalamansion.com

#### LOG CABIN STUDIO

Tallahassee, FL 850-567-5554

Email: kris@logcabinmusic.com

Web: logcabinmusic.com
Contact: Kris Kolp
Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call or email for info

#### MIAMI BEACH RECORDING STUDIOS

14880 NE 20th Ave. North Miami, FL 33181 305-956-3939 Email: Pablo@mbrs.us Web: studio.mbrs.us

#### MyPLATINUM SOUND

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SONIC RECORDING

Cape Coral Fort Meyers, FL 239-898-1339

Email: bo@sonicrecording.net
Web: sonicrecording.net
Contact: Bo Davis Basic Rate: \$65/hr

STUDIO CENTER 6157 N.W. 167 St. F-4 Miami, FL 33015 305-828-7231 Email: studiocentermiami@gmail.com

Web: studiocentermiami.com
Format: Digital and Analog
Basic Rate: please call for info

STYLE-CITY MUSIC P.O. Box 40403

St. Petersburgh, FL 33743 727-520-2336

Email: stylecitymusic@yahoo.com
Web: stylecitymusic.wixsite.com/home
Contact: Steven Berry

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Basic Rate: call for rates

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Email: 21centurystudios@bellsouth.net
Web: twentyfirstcenturystudios.com Basic Rate: call for rates

**UNITY GAIN RECORDING STUDIO** 

1953 Ricardo Ave. Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-332-4246 Email: info@unitygain.com Web: unitygain.com
Contact: Bart lannucci
Format: Direct to Disk, Digital & Analog
Tape, & MIDI
Basic Rate: call for rates

VELVET BASEMENT RECORDING STUDIO 1954 N.E. 147th Terrace Miami, FL 33181 786-252-2924 Email: info@velvetbasement.com Web: velvetbasement.com Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for info

THE WADE STUDIO

Ocala, FI Contact: Andrew Wade Web: thewadestudio.com

ARCADIA PRODUCTION AND

RECORDING STUDIO Atlanta, GA 30071 770-448-9992

Email: streetkid@arcadiarocks.com Web: arcadiarocks.com

Contact: Knox
Format: Pro Tools HD2 Accel 2-in tape
Basic Rate: please call for info

THE BLUE ROOM RECORDING

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Atlanta, GA 30318
424-259-3519
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Web: theblueroomrecording.com

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911 65th St. Savannah, GA 31405 912-356-9445 Web: elevatedbasement.com Contact: Kevin Rose Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: \$65/hr.

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340 Rossiter Ridge Alpharetta, GA 30022 770-842-5511

Email: eatunison@bellsouth.net Web: groovetunes.com Contact: Eric Tunison Format: Pro Tools HD/3 v. 8.0 Basic Rate: \$75/hr.

HARTWELL STUDIOS

Atlanta, GA 404-543-8825

Email: .lohn@hartwellstudioworks.com Web: https://hartwellstudioworks.com/

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Format: digital and analog, Sonar recording Basic Rate: call for info

PARHELION RECORDING STUDIOS 684 Antone St. S.E., Ste. 110 Atlanta, GA 30318

678-949-9119

Email: mail@parhelionrecordingstudios.com Web: parhelionrecordingstudios.com Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: \$100/\$75/hr

PATCHWERK 1094 Hemphill Ave., N. Atlanta, GA 30318-5431 404-874-9880

404-9840
Email: pwr@patchwerk.com
Web: patchwerk.com
Contact: Curtis Daniel III
Format: SSL48-Channel Duality console,
SSL J-9000 Console.

Basic Rate: call for rates

SILENT SOUND STUDIOS

588 Trabert Ave., N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309 404-350-9199

#04-30-319-30-8 Email: tk@silentsoundstudios.com Web: silentsoundstudios.com Contact: Thom "TK" Kidd, Studio Owner Format: (Pro Tools, digital/analog for

Basic Rate: call for rates

SONICA

500 Bishop St., Bldg. C-2 Atlanta, GA 30318 404-350-9540 Email: john.briglevich@gmail.com Web: sonicarecording.com Contact: John Briglevich Format: Pro Tools HD, Studer 2"

Basic Rate: call for rates TREE SOUND STUDIOS

4610 Peach Tree Industrial Blvd. Norcross, GA 30071 770-242-8944

Email: info@treesoundstudios.com Web: treesoundstudios.com Basic Rate: please call for info

TWEED RECORDING

130 East Washington St. Athens, GA 30601 706-204-9144

/06-204-91440 Email: info@tweedrecording.com Web: https://tweedrecording.com/ Contact: Andrew Ratcliffe Format: digital Pro Tools Basic Rate: please call for info

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P.O. Box 25993 HO. Box 25993 Honolulu, HI 96825 808-396-9771 Email: pakala@aol.com Web: highwayrecording.com Contact: P. Keat Format: digital, 24 tracks
Basic Rate: \$25/hr.

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TONIC ROOM, THE

1509 Roberts St., Ste. 103 Boise, ID 83705 208-338-8433

Email: info@tonicroomstudios.com Web: tonicroomstudios.com

Contact: Jason or Chris Format: Pro Tools HD/Neve Basic Rate: \$50\hr(8-12hrs) \$265/half day,

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Email: jfo@deafdogmusic.com Web: deafdogmusic.com Basic Rate: call or email for info

**ELECTRICAL AUDIO** 

2621 W Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL 60618 773-539-2555

Contact: Steve Albini, Owner and Recording Engineer
Email: info@electricalaudio.com

Web: electricalaudio.com
Basic Rate: \$400/\$600 per day

**GRAVITY STUDIO** 2250 W. N. Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 773-862-1880

Email: info@gravitystudios.com Web: gravitystudios.com Format: Digital/Analog Basic Rate: please call

**GROOVEMASTER STUDIOS** 

Studio 11 345 N. Loomis St. Chicago, IL 60607 312-372-4460 Email: studio11@chicago@gmail.com

Web: producerjohnnyk.com
Contact: Johnny K, Studio Owner
Format: 24 tracks analog 2 inch, 2 track
analog 1/2 inch and Pro Tools HD3 Accel
Basic Rate: \$65/hr

HANDWRITTEN RECORDING 1346 W. Belmont Chicago, IL 60657 773-472-7132 Web: handwrittenrecording.com

Format: digital and analog
Basic Rate: \$395 day (10hr) / \$45/hr

IPPOLITO RECORDING COMPANY

523 Penrose Rd. Dixon, IL 61021 815-440-0987 Email: vippol@aol.com Web: vippolito.com Contact: Vince Ippolito Format: audio and midi digital Basic Rate: call for info

MYSTERY STREET RECORDING COM-

PANY 2827 N. Lincoln Ave. Chicago, IL 60657 773-512-2630

Email: record@mysterystreetrecording.com

Web: mysterystreetrecording.com Basic Rate: \$50-\$75/hr

PILLAR PRODUCTIONS, INC. P.O. Box 35 301 Oak St. Quincy, IL 62306 217-228-7200, 888-616-1179

Email: record@pillarproductions.com Web: pillarproductions.com Contact: Jack Inghram Format: DA88 and DAW
Basic Rate: call for rates

PRESSURE POINT RECORDING STU-

2239 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60616 312-842-8099 Email: contact@pprecs.com
Web: pprecs.com
Format: Digital/Analog
Basic Rate: please call

RAXTRAX 3126 N. Greenview Chicago, IL 60657 773-871-6566 Email: info@raxtrax.com

Web: raxtrax.com
Format: 2 SSL control rooms, digital/analog
Basic Rate: please call for info

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1551 W Chestnut St. Web: shirkmusic.com

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1719 S. Clinton, Floor Zero Chicago, IL 60616 312-698-9977

Email: info@stonecutterstudios.com Web: www.stonecutterstudios.com

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Contact: Matt Geiser Email: mg@treehouserecordschicago.com Web: treehouserecordschicago.com Basic Rate: \$40.hr

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Chicago, IL 60640
773-271-5119
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Web: uptownrecording.com
Contact: Matt Denny
Format: see website for equipment list
Basic Rate: \$75/hr

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Indianapolis, IN 317-849-2009 Email: Ryan@azmythrecording.com Web: azmythrecording.com Contact: Ryan Adkins Format: Pro Tools HD2/HD3 Basic Rate: \$70/hr

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Format: Pro Tools HD, 175 tracks
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Basic Rate: please call for info

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52 W. 8th St. New York, NY 10011 212-677-4700

Email: lee.foster@electricladystudios.com
Web: electricladystudios.com

Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call

#### **ENGINE ROOM AUDIO**

42 Broadway, 22nd Fl. New York, NY 10004 212-625-3467

Email: info@engineroomaudio.com
Web: engineroomaudio.com
Format Tracking, Mixing, Mastering and

Manufacturing

Basic Rate: Contact us for details

#### **EUSONIA STUDIOS**

1133 Broadway, Suite 919 New York, NY 10010 212-260-7295

Web: eusoniastudios com

Contact: Steve Dalmer
Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for info

FLUX STUDIOS 154 E. 2nd St., Ste. #4A New York, NY 10009 917-512-3489 Email: info@fluxstudios.net

Web: fluxstudios.net
Format: Vintage Heart, Modern Mind
Basic Rate: Call for rates

**GERMANO STUDIOS** 676 Broadway, 3rd Fl. New York, NY 10012

New York, NY 10012 212-260-6001 Ext. 1 Email: tgermano@germanostudios.com Web: germanostudios.com Contact: Troy Germano Format: SSL Duality SE 48 input analog

with Total Recall

Basic Rate: please call for info

#### GRAND STREET RECORDING

455 Grand St. Brooklyn, NY 11211 718-360-9355

Contact: Ken Rich, Jake Lummus, Luke

Young
Email: info@grandstreetrecording.com

#### HYPERSTUDIO RECORDING

419 Maple St. West Hempstead, NY 11552

West Hempstead, NY 11552 516-486-5198 Email: hyperstudiorecording@gmail.com Contact: Eitan Kantor Format: Pro Tools Basic Rate: \$75-125/hr. Services: Comfortable large rooms with cathedral ceilings, creative atmosphere with windows overlooking grass & trees, musi-cal & efficient engineers, C7 grand piano, Yamaha recording drum set and more.

THE ICE PLANT
Long Island City, NY
Email: bookings@theiceplant.com
Web: theiceplant.com
Contact: Wayne Silver
Basic Rate: email for rates
Services: API Console, lots of analog outboard, Studer, Pro Tools HDX, live room, iso
room, lounge with full kitchen and daylight,
and a lot of musical instruments.

#### INVITE ONLY STUDIO

48 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 646-998-4524

Email: info@inviteonly.studio

Web: inviteonly.studio/

Services: Slate Media technology Raven Z3C, SSL Duality 48 channel, Delta, ProTools, Logic Pro, FL Studio 12, Ableton 10, Ableton 9

#### JUNGLE CITY STUDIOS

520 W. 27th St., Ste. 1002 New York, NY 10001 646-476-2684

646-4/6-2684 Email: phil@junglecitystudios.com Web: junglecitystudios.com Format: SSL Duality, Euphonix S5Fusion, Digidesign's Icon D-Command Basic Rate: please call for info

#### JUNGLE ROOM STUDIOS

Saugerties, NY
Contact: Brian Tarquin, info@gtrtrax.com Web: jungleroomstudios.com/equipment.html Format: Trident 24 Series 28 channel 24 bus w/TT patch bay, Custom made GMPS 18 Power Supply, Otari MTR 90 - 24 track 2" Analog Tape Machine, Ampex 440c 1/4" 2 Track Tape Machine, and much more. See site for complete list.

#### LOUNGE STUDIOS

315 W 39th St. New York, NY 212-268-8522

Contact: Walter Randall Email: frontdesk@LoungeStudiosNYC.com

Web: loungestudiosnyc.com

#### MARS MAGIC SHOP THE

Brooklyn, NY 11201 212-226-7035 Email: mars@magicshopny.com Web: magicshopny.com
Format: Analog and Digital
Basic Rate: Call for information

#### **MAVERICKS STUDIOS**

New York, NY Email: blurry55@gmail.com Web: mavericksrecording.com

Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: email for info

#### METROSONIC RECORDING

143 Roebling St., 3rd Fl. Brooklyn, NY 11211 718-782-1872

Email: manager@metrosonic.net
Web: metrosonic.net

Contact: Peter Mignola
Format: all analog and digital formats
Basic Rate: Call for information

#### MISSION SOUND

16 Powers St. Brooklyn, NY 11211 917-566-9701

Email: missionsound@mac.com Web: missionsoundrecording.com

#### MONO LISA STUDIOS

43-01 21st St., Ste. 212B Long Island City, NY 11101 212-920-0192

Email: MONOLisaNYC@gmail.com
Web: monolisanyc.com
Format: ProTools HD10 Basic Rate: Available upon request

SABELLA STUDIOS

Roslyn Heights, NY 11557 516-484-0862

Email: sabellastudios@gmail.com Web: sabellastudios.com

Basic Rate: \$75 per hr/min 2 hrs, \$350 Half Day, \$650 Full Day

#### SKILLMAN MUSIC

65 Skillman Ave Wiliamsburg, NYC 11211 917-546-0961

Email: booking@skillmanmusic.com Web: skillmanmusic.com
Basic Rate: please call for info

#### SKYHIGH SOUND RECORDING

15 West 28th Street New York, NY 212-226-6365

Contact: Lou Holtzman

Email: Info@cathcartmusicworks.com
Web: http://cathcartmusicworks.com/skyhigh-sound

#### SPACEMAN SOUND

Greenpoint, Brooklyn
Contact: Alex Mead-Fox, Tom Tierney

Email: info@spaceman-sound.com Web: spaceman-sound.com, facebook.com/ SpacemanSound

#### STRANGE WEATHER RECORDING

STUDIO Brooklyn, NY 347-422-6419

Email: booking@strangeweatherbrooklyn.

Web: strangeweatherbrooklyn.com

#### STUDIO G BROOKLYN

44 Dobbin St. New York, NY 11222 347-281-1226

Contact: Tony Maimone Email: booking@studiogbrooklyn.com

Web: studiogbrooklyn.com/studio

#### **PYRAMID RECORDING**

12 E. 32nd St., 3rd Fl New York, NY 10016 212-686-8687

Contact: Todd Hemleb, Founder
Email: pyramidrec@gmail.com
Web: facebook.com/pyramidrecordingnyc

QUAD STUDIOS 723 7th Ave., 10th Fl. New York, NY10019 212-730-1035

Email: bookings@quadnyc.com Web: Quadnyc.com

Format: Analog /digital Basic Rate: Call for info

#### ROUND HILL MUSIC

650 Fifth Ave., Suite New York, NY 10019 1420 212-380-0080

Email: info@roundhillmusic.com Web: roundhillmusic.com Format: Digital and analog
Basic Rate: please call

#### SEAR SOUND

353 W. 48th St., 6th Fl. New York, NY 10036 212-582-5380 Email: waltersear@aol.com Web: searsound.com





Contact: Roberta Findlay, Studio Manager Format: Analog and Digital, Studio 'A', Re-cording/mix Neve 8038, Studio 'C', Large Recording/mix, Studio 'D', pre/post room/vacuum tube console & Moog Basic Rate: call for rates

THRESHOLD RECORDING STUDIOS 440 W. 41st St. New York, NY 10036 212-244-1871 Email: thresholdstudiosnyc@gmail.com

Web: thresholdstudios.com
Web: thresholdstudios.com
Contact: James Walsh
Format: Analog/Digital
Services: Music Producers, Artist Development, Recording Studios
Basic Rate: call for rates

STRANGE WEATHER

New York, NY 347-422-6419

Email: booking@strangeweatherbrooklyn.com
Web: strangeweatherbrooklyn.com
Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for info

**NEW WARSAW STUDIO** 

Brooklyn, NY 718-662-8928

Email: riley@rileymcmahon.com Web: newwarsawstudio.com

VALHALLA STUDIOS Auburn, NY 315-255-0370

Email: contact@valhallastudiosny.com Web: http://valhallastudiosny.com/

WATCHMEN STUDIOS

5996 Snyder Dr. Lockport, NY 14094 716-439-6146

Email: watchmens@aol.com
Web: watchmenstudios.com, facebook.com/
watchmenstudios

Format: Pro Tools L.E. Basic Rate: \$35/hr, \$280/8hr

#### NORTH CAROLINA

SON SET BEACH PRODUCTIONS Concord, NC 28027 505-228-8131

Email: sonsetbeach@comcast.net
Web: sonsetbeach.com
Contact: Bob Reynolds

Format: analog and digital Basic Rate: Call for rates

DAXWOOD PRODUCTIONCOMPANY

Fayetteville, NC 910-323-2550 Email: daxwood@aol.com Web: daxwood.com
Format: Pro Tools
Basic Rate: call for rates

DEEP RIVER SOUND STUDIO

6173 Deep River Rd. Sanford, NC 27330 919-718-0075

Email: deepriverstudios@gmail.com Web: deepriverstudios.com

EARTHTONE RECORDING

8-d Wendy Ct. Greensboro, NC 27409

336-210-7107

Email: earthtonesrecording@gmail.com

Web: earthtonesrecording.com
Contact: Benjy Johnson
Basic Rate: \$50hr, two-hour minimum, \$325

**ECHO MOUNTAIN RECORDING** 175 Patton Ave. Ashville, NC

828-232-4314 Email: info@echomountain.net

Web: echomountain.net Format: Digital/Analog Basic Rate: please call for more info

**GAT3 PRODUCTIONS** 

655 Pressley Rd., Ste. E Charlotte, NC 28217 704-525-5552

704-525-552 Email: info@gat3.com Web: gat3.com Contact: Susan Tabor Studio A: ProTools 10HDX, SSL 9000J 72 Input Console. Studio B: Recording and Mastering Suite: ProTools 10HDX

ProTools 10HDX.
Equipment list available on our website.
Studio Rate: Studio A \$115.00 per hour,
Block Rate (8 hours or more) \$95.00 per

hour Studio B \$95.00 per hour, Block Rate (8 hours or more) \$85.00 per hour

CATALYST RECORDING

Charlotte, NC 704-526-8400

Format: oble Catalystrecording.com
Web: catalystrecording.com
Contact: Rob Tavaglione
Format: digital and 16 track analog
Basic Rate: Tracking, Mac'ing & mixing at
\$40/hr, mastering at \$25/song (6 or more)

MANIFOLD RECORDING

P.O. Box 1239 Pittsboro, NC 27312 919-444-2290

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RUBBER ROOM STUDIO

508 Estes Dr Ext Chapel Hill, NC 27516 919-929-7209

Email: jerrybrownchapelhill@gmail.com Web: rubberroomstudio.com

**SOUND TEMPLE RECORDING** Asheville, NC

828-633-2149

Email: Robert@soundtemplestudios.com Web: soundtemplestudios.com Format: Pro Tools 12.5

TEQUILA SUNRISE MUSIC

112 Ann St.
Gaston, NC 27832
800-537-1417, 252-537-0317
Email: tequilasunrisemusic@yahoo.com

Web: tequilasunrisemusic.com Contact: Kenny Barker Format: digital

Basic Rate: \$45/hr. 2 hr. min.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

WHISKYSAM RECORDING STUDIO

3314 Royal Cir. Grand Forks, ND 701-741-4667

Email: whiskysam@hotmail.com Web: whiskysam.com Format: Pro Tools HD 10 Basic Rate: call for rates

COMMERCIAL SOUND + IMAGE

6001 W. Creek Rd. Independence, OH 44131 216-642-1000

Web: commercialrecording.com Contact: George Gates Format: digital Basic Rate: please call for info

REFRAZE RECORDING STUDIOS 2727 Gaylord Ave. Dayton, OH 45419 937-298-2727 Email: ron@refraze.com

Web: refraze.com
Contact: Ron Pease
Format: Digidesign Pro ToolsIHD 2 Accel
Basic Rate: \$600/day incl. engineer

BENSON SOUND, INC.

5717 S.E. 74th St., Ste. F Oklahoma City, OK 73135 405-610-7455 Email: info@bensonsound.com
Web: bensonsound.com

Format: digital
Basic Rate: please call for info

CASTLE ROW STUDIOS 2908 Epperly Dr. Del City, OK 73115 405-429-4055 Email: info@castlerowstudios.com

Web: castlerowstudios.com
Basic Rate: Call or email for rates

CORNERSTONE RECORDING CO.

1315 Locust Ln. Edmond, OK 73013

405-848-8400 **Email:** info@cornerstonerecording.com Web: cornerstonerecording.com
Contact: Ken Sarkey
Format: Digital and Analog
Basic Rate: please call for info

STUDIO SEVEN / LUNACY RECORDS 417 N. Virginia Ave.

Oklahoma City, OK 73106 405-236-0643

405-236-0643
Email: cope@okla.net
Web: lunacyrecords.com
Contact: Dave Copenhaver
Format: 2-inch 24-Track, Pro Tools & other

digital formats. I arge playing room, tracking, mixing &

mastering
Basic Rate: call for rates

**BIG RED STUDIO** 

BIG HED STUDIO
PO.Box 66
Corbett, OR 97019
503-695-3420
Email: billyo@bigredstudio.com
Web: bigredstudio.com
Contact: Billy Oskay
Format: 2-inch analog, vintage Trident
Console, Pro Tools HD2
Basic Rate: Please call for rates

Basic Rate: Please call for rates

**FALCON RECORDING STUDIOS** 

15A S.E. 15th Ave. Portland, OR 97214 503-236-3856 Email: falconstudios@comcast.net Web: falconrecordingstudios.com Contact: Dennis Carter
Format: digital Pro Tools
Basic Rate: please call for info

JACKPOT! RECORDING STUDIO

2420 S.E. 50th Portland, OR 97206 503-239-5389

503-239-5389
Email: info@jackpotrecording.com
Web: jackpotrecording.com
Contact: Larry Crane
Format: see website for equipment list
Basic Rate: \$50/hr

**OPAL STUDIO** 6219 S.E. Powell Blvd. Portland, OR 97206 503-774-4310 Email: info@opal-studio.com

Web: opal-studio.com Contact: Kevin Hahn Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: \$50/hr.

SPROUT CITY STUDIOS

Eugene, OR 541-687-0947 Email: giddy@sproutcity.com

Web: sproutcity.com
Format: digital
Basic Rate: please call for info

#### PENNSYLVANIA

APOCALYPSE THE APOCALYPSE 303 W. Market St. Clearfield, PA 16830 225-266-1973

Email: fred@fredweaver.com Web: apocalypsetheapocalypse.com Contact: Fred Weaver Basic Rate: \$40 hr/\$400 Day

**CAMBRIDGE SOUND STUDIOS** 

2003 West Moyamensing Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19145 215-465-7500 Email: jscambridge@verizon.net Web: cambridgesoundstudios.com

FORGE RECORDING

100 Mill Rd. Oreland, PA 19075 215-326-9401 Email: info@forgerecording.com

Web: forgerecording.com Format: ProTools HD3 Accell, MacPro 2.8 quadcore, API 1608 Basic Rate: \$95/hr, \$400/1/2 day, \$800/day

GREEN VALLEY RECORDING

590 S. Frymire Hughesville, PA 17737 570-584-2653

Email: greenvalleyrecording@windstream.

Web: greenvalleyrecording.com
Contact: Richard or Alison Rupert
Format: Analog, Digital
Basic Rate: call for rate

LIFELINE STUDIOS & MUSIC SERVICES
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-380-9729
Email: davekurtz@comcast.net

Web: lifeline-studios.com Contact: Dave Kurtz

Format: 16 track analog Basic Rate: call or email for rates

MINER STREET BOOKING

Contact: Brian McTear

Email: minerstreetbooking@gmail.com Web: minerstreet.com

REPERCUSSION STUDIOS

2424 Coral St. Philadelphia, PA 19125 257-307-6648

Contact: Andrew Ha, Founder Email: repercussionstudios@gmail.com
Web: repercussionstudios.com
Basic Rate: \$50/Hr (2 Hr min)

RIGHT COAST RECORDING

Columbia, PA 717-681-9801

Email: studio@rightcoastrecording.com Web: rightcoastrecording.com Format: 2-inch 16 + 24 track analog, 48 track 192k digital performer, automated Neotek elite console

Basic Rate: call for rates

SINE STUDIOS 127 S. 22nd St., 2nd Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19102 484-883-4343

Email: matt@sinestudios.com
Web: sinestudios.com
Basic Rate: \$100 min. (2 hr blocks

**SURREAL SOUND STUDIOS** 

2046 Caster Ave., 2nd Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19134 215-288-8863

Web: surrealsoundstudios.com
Format: Digital and Analog THINK LOUD STUDIOS

210 York St., Suite #400 York, PA 17403 855-548-4330

Email: info@thinkloudstudios.com Web: thinkloudstudios.com

THIRD STORY

THIRD STORY
5120 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19139
215-747-1200
Email: Isr2@verizon.net
Web: thirdstoryrecording.com
Format: Pro Tools, Digital/Analog
Basic Rate: please call for rate

THE VAULT RECORDING

6500 Grand Ave. Pittsburg, PA 15225 412-420-9239

Contact: Bob McCutcheon, Owner Email: bob@thevaultrecording.com
Format: SSL AWS 948, ProTools II HD

RHODE ISLAND MACHINES WITH MAGNETS

400 Main St. Pawtucket, RI 02860 401-475-2655

Email: recording@machineswithmagnets.

Web: machineswithmagnets.com Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for rates

STATIC PRODUCTIONS

North Kingstown, RI 401-267-8236 Email: record@staticproductions.com
Web: staticproductions.com
Contact: Peter LaGrasse

Basic Rate: see website SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON SOUND

2612 Larch Land, Ste. 107 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466 843-216-5556 Email: info@charlestosound.com Web: charlestonsound.com

THE JAM ROOM

THE JAM HOOM
201 S. Prospect St.
Columbia, SC 29205
803-787-6908
Email: jamroomstudio@gmail.com
Web: jamroomstudio.com
Contact: Jay Matheson
Format: Pro Tools HDX
Basic Rate: please call for rates

# Download at musicconnection.com/industry-contacts

#### MISSION CONTROL STUDIOS

14363 Ocean Drive, Unit 13 Pawleys Island, SC 29585 509-220-1216

509-220-1216

Email: karl@mission-control-studios.com

Web: mission-control-studios.com

Contact: Karl Bingle

Format: Analog, digital and hybrid recording, mixing, mastering and music production.

Basic Rate: \$95/hr, block and corp to corp rates available. All major credit cards accented. accepted.

#### STRAWBERRY SKYS RECORDING STUDIOS

1706 Platt Springs Rd. West Columbia, SC 29169 803-794-9300

Email: info@strawberryskys.com Web: strawberryskys.com Contact: Gary Bolton Format: Radar24 and Pro Tools Basic Rate: call for pricing

#### TRUPHONIC RECORDING

816 St. Andrews Blvd. Charleston, SC 29407 843-619-7700 Contact: Elliott Elsey
Email: Elliott@truphonic.com Web: truphonic.com

#### ADDICTION SOUND STUDIOS

506 E. Iris Drive Nashville, TN 37204 615-953-6243

Email: addictionstudios@me.com Contact: Jonathan Cain or David Kalmusky
Format: Pro Tools HDX2 System Web: addictionsound.com/
Basic Rate: please call for info

#### ARDENT STUDIOS

2000 Madison Ave. Memphis, TN 38104 901-725-0855

Email: info@ardentstudios.com

Web: ardentstudios.com
Format: Pro Tools 9.0.1 and analog 24, 16, 8

and 2 trk 1/2-inch and 1/4-inch Basic Rate: please call for info

#### ART HOUSE STUDIOS

Nashville, TN Email: ahsnashville@gmail.com Web: http://www.ahsnashville.com/

#### **BOB BULLOCK**

Cool Springs Mix Franklin, TN 615-972-8280

Email: bob@bobbullock.net
Web: https://bobbullock.net/
Format: Mixing services, specializing in country, Pop and Rock, Nuendo and pro See website for details Basic Rate: "Contact for Rates"

#### BLACKBIRD STUDIO

BLACKBIND 310D0 2806 Azalea Pl. Nashville, TN 37204 615-467-4487, 615-487-2509 Email: info@blackbirdstudio.com Web: blackbirdstudio.com Contact: John McBride, Studio Owner; Rolff Zwiep, Studio Mgr. Format: Digital/analog Basic Rate: please call

#### **CASTLE RECORDING STUDIO**

1393 Old Hillsboro Rd. Franklin, TN 37069 615-791-0810

Email: booking@castlerecordingstudios.com Web: castlerecordingstudios.com
Format: digital and analog

#### Basic Rate: please call **CAVE STUDIOS, THE**

5853 Davis Hollow Rd. Franklin, TN 37064 615-790-7578

Email: thecaverecordingstudios@gmail.com Web: thecavestudios.net Contact: Andrew Hooker

Format: Pro Tools HD3
Basic Rate: call for rates

# DARK HORSE RECORDING 2465 Old Charlotte Pike

Franklin, TN 37064 615-791-5030 Email: info@darkhorserecording.com Web: darkhorserecording.com Clients: Taylor Swift, Halestorm, Keith Urban, Hunter Hayes

#### **EMERALD CITY PRODUCTIONS**

Nashville, TN 703-489-8482

703-469-6462
Email: danny@emeraldcitypro.com
Web: emeraldcitypro.com
Contact: Danny Ozment
Format: see website for equipment list

Basic Rate: call for rates

#### HOUSE OF DAVID STUDIO

1205 16th Ave. S Nashville, TN 615-320-7323

Email: houseofdavidstudio@gmail.com Web: houseofdavidnashville.com

#### JAY'S PLACE RECORDING STUDIO

1508 17th Ave. S Nashville, TN 37212 615-479-7986

Email: jaysplacerecording@comcast.net Web: facebook.com/jaysplacerecording-

#### HILLTOP STUDIO

902 Due West Ave Nashville, TN 37115 615-865-5272, FAX 865-5553 Fmail: studio@hilltonstudio.com Web: hilltopstudio.com

#### HOUSE OF BLUES NASHVILLE

518 E. Iris Dr. Nashville, TN 37204 615-777-9080, 818-455-2030 Email: gbeltz@msn.com Web: houseofbluesstudios.com Format: Digital and analog Basic Rate: Please call

#### LAYMAN DRUG COMPANY

1128 3rd Ave., S Nashville, TN 615-750-2228

Email: studio@laymandrugcompany.com Web: www.laymandrugcompany.com

#### JAMES LUGO'S VOCAL ASYLUM

Email: james@jameslugo.com Web: jameslugomusic.com/about Contact: James Lugo Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: call for rates

#### LOVE SHACK RECORDING STUDIOS

909 18th Ave., South Nashville, TN 37212 615-843-0019

Email: book@loveshackstudios.com Web: loveshackstudio.com

#### MADE IN MEMPHIS

400 Union Ave. Memphis, TX 38103 901-779-2031

Email: info@mimecorp.com Web: mimecorp.com/studio

#### ManAlive Studios

1121 Harpeth Industrial Ct. Suite 100 Franklin, TN 37064 615-538-7623 Email: studio@manalivestudios.me Web: manalivestudios.com Contact: Alex Wolaver - Manager Main Format: Pyramix DSD/DXD and

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#### service video and audio production

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MADE IN MEMPHIS
400 Union Avenue
Memphis, TN 3103
901-779-2031
Email: info@mimecorp.com, booking@

mimecorp.com

Web: www.mimecorp.com/studio

NASHVILLE TRAX RECORDING STUDIOS 2817 W. End Ave., Ste's 126-259 Nashville, TN 37203 615-319-8616

Email: nashtrax@bellsouth.net





Web: nashvilletraxrecordingstudio.com Basic Rate: call for rates

OCEAN WAY NASHVILLE

1200 17th Ave., S. Nashville, TN 37212 615-320-3900

615-320-3900
Email: pmcmakin@oceanwaynashville.com
Web: oceanwaynashville.com
Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call

OMNISOUND STUDIOS

1806 Division St. Nashville, TN 37203 615-482-1511

Web: omnisoundstudios.com
Format: Pro Tools HD/24 TK analog
Basic Rate: call for rates

PALETTE MUSIC 2491 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., #1934 Mount Juliet, TN 37121 615-681-4061 Contact: Jeff Silverman Web: palettemusic.net Basic Rate: Call for info

PARAGON STUDIOS

320 Billingsly Ct. Nashville, TN 37067 615-778-9083

Email: fred@paragon-studios.com Web: paragon-studios.com Format: digital and analog Basic Rate: please call

PARLOR PRODUCTIONS

1317 16th Ave., South Nashville, TN 37212 615-385-4466

Email: larry@parlorproductions.com Web: parlorproductions.com

PRIME CUT STUDIO Nashville, TN 615-582-7307

Web: primecutstudio.com Basic Rate: call for rates

**QUAD STUDIOS** 

Nashville, TN 37212 615-292-5100 Web: facebook.com/quadnashville/ Contact: Mark Greenwood Format: Digital and analog Basic Rate: please call

THE RECORD SHOP RECORDING STUDIO

2480 Moore Way
La Vergne, TN 37086
248-207-4975
Email: info@therecordshopnashville.com
Web: therecordshopnashville.com
Contact: Sean Giovanni

ROUND HILL MUSIC

HOUND HILL MUSIC
1802 Grand Ave
Nashville, TN 37212
615-292-5100
Email: info@roundhillmusic.com
Web: roundhillmusic.com
Format: Digital and analog
Basic Rate: please call

ROYAL STUDIOS 1320 Willie Mitchell Blvd. Memphis, TN 38106 901-775-3790 Web: royalstudios.com

Format: see website for equipment list Basic Rate: call for info

THE RUKKUS ROOM RECORDING

2741 Larmon Dr. Nashville, TN 37204 615-385-4007

Email: booking@rukkusroom.com
Web: rukkusroom.com
Basic Rate: Call or email for rates

SAM PHILLIPS RECORDING 639 Madison Ave. Memphis, TN 38103 901-523-2251

901-523-2251

Email: samphillipsrecording@gmail.com

Web: samphillipsrecording.com, https://www.facebook.com/samphillipsrecording/

SKYWAY STUDIO

3201 Dickerson Pike Nashville, TN 37207 615-650-6000 Web: skywaystudios.tv

SOUND EMPORIUM STUDIOS

Nashville, TN 37212 615-383-1982

Email: info@soundemporiumstudios.com
Web: soundemporiumstudios.com
Basic Rate: call or email for rates

SOUND KITCHEN STUDIOS

112 Seaboard Ln. Franklin, TN 37067 615-370-5773

615-370-5773
Email: iblonder@soundkitchen.com
Web: soundkitchen.com
Format: Pro Tools HD & Vintage Analog Neve, SSL, & API Legacy
Basic Rate: Please call Ira Blonder, Manag-

SOUND STAGE STUDIOS LIVE

10 Music Circles Nashville,TN 37203 615-873-1501

Contact: Nick Autry
Web: soundstagestudioslive.com
Basic Rate: call for rates

SOUTH BY SEA

1313 Jewel St. Nashville, TN 37207 Web: southxseastudios.com

STATION WEST 616 W Iris Drive Nashville, TN 37204 615-463-9118

Contact: Luke Wooten, Owner/Producer/Eng Email: stationwest@gmail.com

Web: stationwest.com

STARSTRUCK STUDIOS 40 Music Square W. Nashville, TN 37203 615-259-5400 Web: starstruckstudios.com Contact: Janet Leese

Format: digital/analog Basic Rate: call

STONEBRIDGE MASTERING STUDIO

STONEBRIDGE MASTERING STUDIO
140 Jefferson Ave.
Memphis, TN 38103
901-654-6491
Web: stonebridgemastering.com
Contact: Gebre Waddell
Format: see website for equipment list
Basic Rate: \$75/single, \$50/song for 2 or

SUN STUDIO

706 Union Ave. Memphis, TN 800-441-6249, 901-521-0664 Email: nina@sunstudio.com

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SPUTNIK SOUND

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Format: see website for equipment list
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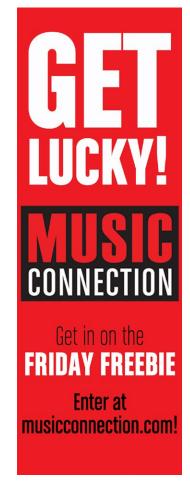
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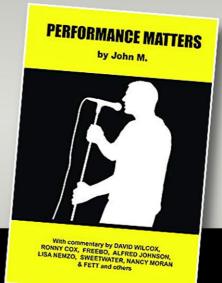
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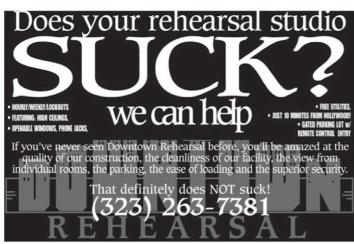
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# 7 Tips for Improving Your Studio's Acoustics on Your Own

Ithough there are full-service companies that you can hire to build an immaculate new control room for you, most of us have to make do with imperfect rooms and limited budgets. The following tips will help you turn a frustrating listening environment into a viable space for producing quality mixes.

#### 1. Choose your listening position carefully:

"Listening position" refers to where your ears are. If space allows, your head should be centered between the left and right walls. This ensures that your left and right ears hear similar things.

Then, from front to back, the ideal listening position is the spot in the room where the frequency response is flattest, i.e. where the room least exaggerates certain parts of the audio spectrum. You can experiment to

find this spot or you can use the "38% rule." Industry wisdom says that frequency response is usually flat at 38% of the distance between the front and back walls. So in a 120" long studio, we want our listening position to be about 46" from the front wall.

#### 2. Give your speakers some space:

The most common mistake I see in home studio setups is positioning the speakers too close to the wall behind them. Speakers should be at least a few feet away or bass frequencies will be exaggerated (and also sound "smeary"). If you're skeptical, you can experiment with it yourself. If your room

does not allow you enough space, then treating the reflection points behind the speakers (more on this in a moment) can help.

The speakers' tweeters should be at the same height as your ears in listening position. The speakers should be about as far apart from each other as you are from each of them, forming an equilateral triangle with your head. Isolation pads under the speakers are great and can help you adjust height as well.

#### 3. Acoustically treat your first-reflection points:

This is the first priority of acoustical treatment. Think of it this way: You hear the sound coming from your speaker directly to your ear, but when there is a solid surface off to the side, then you also hear the sound coming from the speaker, bouncing of the surface, then coming to your ear. You are therefore hearing the signal twice, slightly out of synchaven't considered the other walls (or floor or ceiling).

Imagine now that there is a mirror on the surface in question. If you can see either speaker in this imaginary mirror from your listening position, you are probably getting reflected sound off of that spot on the wall. Run this thought experiment with all walls, floors, and ceiling. Those spots should be acoustically treated to prevent reflections.

The same principles apply when recording—you want the microphone only to pick up the sound directly from the source, not the sound bouncing off the wall.

#### 4. Minimize overall room ambience:

We've all walked into an empty room and heard how reverberant it is. While reverberation can be pleasant, it's usually trouble in spaces that

weren't specifically designed to reverberate. A good rule of thumb is to say that 15-30% of the total surfaces in a room should be covered in something absorptive (rugs and furniture, while not always ideal, can be counted in the calculation). This should cut down on boominess and give you a more accurate sound.

#### 5. Bass trap liberally:

Bass trapping is last in terms of treatment, not because it is least important, but because it is the most challenging and expensive. You need thick and/or dense material to absorb bass frequencies (I use 6 lb/sq ft. fiberglass panels >4" thick) and it's rare that a room is over-bass trapped: within reason, the more bass treatment, the better. You can build bass traps on your own, or they can be found used. Corners are the standard

> placement position for bass traps because it maximizes air space behind the panels (which extends effective frequency range) without taking up too

# much usable space.

6. Select high-quality

materials:

My main pet peeve in self-treated studios is overuse of acoustical foam. Although it can be helpful, foam is not very dense and therefore is only capable of absorbing relatively high frequencies. If you extensively treat a room with foam, when you clap your hands, you will not hear an echo. Room fixed, right? Wrong. The foam hardly affects mid and low frequencies, meaning that you've

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> just dampened the highs in your room without handling anything else. More than likely, the room is now boomy and unnatural-sounding. It may be worse than before.

> Fiberglass insulation (the denser the better) or compressed cotton can both be sourced for a reasonable price and won't have to be abandoned when you upgrade. There are lots of online guides to making panels and traps with these materials.

> You can find special acoustically transparent fabric to cover it with, but on a budget a good rule of thumb is that if you can easily breathe through the fabric, then it will let through sound and not be too reflective.

#### 7. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good:

There is no such thing as an acoustically perfect environment. If you can only afford a little bit of acoustical treatment, then start with your first reflection points and upgrade little by little as you can afford more material. If you buy good-quality material and treat it kindly, it can move with you from studio to studio for the rest of your life; this can be treated as an ongoing project that you're always tweaking. There are great resources online and in books to help fill out the knowledge that this article doesn't have room to cover. Perfecting your working environment is a lifelong project and I encourage your experimentation and creativity.

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