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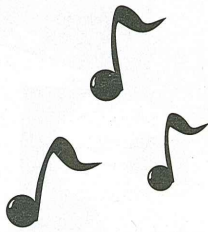
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Rank	Artist	Album	Label	Chart	Weeks	Peak
1	Alanis Morissette	Supposed Former... Maverick 47094 - P	MA PL	35	68	2
2	U2	Best Of 1980-90 Mercury 314 534 613 - Q		36	30	6
3	Lenny Kravitz	Virgin 45605 - F		37	56	13
4	The Barenaked Ladies	Stunt Reprise 46963 - P	MA PL	38	28	15
5	Metallica	Garage Inc. Elektra 12262 - P		39	47	4
6	GooGoo Dolls	Dizzy Up The Girl Warner 47058 - P	MA PL	40	37	14
7	Shawn Mullins	Soul's Core Columbia 69637 - H	MA PL	41	39	13
8	Eagle Eye Cherry	Desireless Work 69434 (comp 075)-H		42	44	7
9	Sheryl Crow	The Globe Sessions AGM 314 540 959 (comp 7)-Q		43	60	2
10	Jewel	Spirit Atlantic 82950 - J		44	34	28
11	Offspring	Americana Columbia 69661 - H		45	42	15
12	Big Wreck	Under The Lighthouse WEA 83032 (comp 364)-P	MA PL	46	38	5
13	The Flys	Holiday Man Trauma 78864 - N		47	41	5
14	Jennifer Paige	Self-titled Hollywood 62171 (promo CD)-Q		48	31	13
15	98 Degrees	98 Degrees And Rising Motown 314 530 956 (promo CD)-Q		49	40	10
16	REM	Up Warner 9482 (Promo CD) - P		50	46	9
17	Black Crowes	My Heart Around Columbia - H		51	54	7
18	Bryan Adams	Title-track AGM 314 541 014 (promo CD)-Q	MA PL	52	49	17
19	Lauryn Hill	The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill Ruff House 69035 (promo CD)-H		53	50	12
20	Madonna	Ray Of Light Maverick 46847 (promo CD)-F		54	57	3
21	Lauryn Hill	The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill Ruffhouse 69035 (promo CD)-H		55	66	2
22	Jonny Lang	Wander This World A & M 540984 - Q		56	61	5
23	Matthew Good Band	Underdogs AGM 280 994 001 (promo CD)-Q	100% Canada	57	52	9
24	Fastball	All The Pain Money Can Buy Hollywood 62045 (promo CD)-Q		58	55	6
25	Sarah McLachlan	Surfacing Nettwerk 39708 (CD Track)-F	100% Canada	59	49	26
26	Monica	The Boy Is Mine Arista 19001 (comp 43)-N		60	77	2
27	Will Smith	Big Willie Style Columbia 68683 (promo CD)-H		61	45	17
28	Tragically Hip	Phantom Power Universal 80813 - J	100% Canada	62	81	3
29	Amanda Marshall	City Of Angels O.S.T. 530/Epic 68971 - H	100% Canada	63	65	16
30	Brandy	Never Say Never Atalantic 63039 - P		64	72	2
31	Pearl Jam	Live On Two Legs Epic 69752 - H		65	82	12
32	Stars On 54	"54" O.S.T. Tommy Boy 1293 (comp 43)-N	MA PL	66	NEW	
33	New Radicals	Maybe You've Been Brainwashed Too MCA 11858 - J		67	69	3
34	Kelly & Dion	R. Jive 12141 - N				
35	Spice Girls	Virgin - F				
36	Black Sabbath	Reunion Epic (promo CD) 41026 - H				
37	Melanie Doane	Title-track Columbia 80325 (promo CD)-H				
38	Marilyn Manson	Mechanical Animals Nothing 90273 (promo CD)-J				
39	Placebo	Without You I'm Nothing Virgin 41617 - N				
40	Shania Twain	w/Bryan White - Come On Over Mercury 314 514 422 (promo CD)-Q	MA PL			
41	Sky	Piece Of Paradise EMI 58732 (promo CD)-F	MA PL			
42	Cake	Prolonging The Magic Capricorn 314530 - Q				
43	N'SYNC	Home For Christmas RCA 77262 - N				
44	Barenaked Ladies	Stunt Reprise 46963 (promo CD)-P				
45	Big Sugar	Heated AGM 314 540 955 (comp 7)-Q				
46	Rush	Different Stages Anthem 83122 - Q				
47	The Bruce Springsteen	Boxed Columbia - H				
48	John Mellencamp	Self-titled Columbia 6960 (promo CD)-H				
49	Kiss	Psycho Circus Mercury 558 992-Q				
50	Deborah Cox	Arista 07822 - N				
51	Monster Magnet	Power Trip A & M 314 540 908 - Q				
52	Faith Hill	Faith Warner Bros. 46790 (promo CD)-P				
53	Prozak	Hot Show Epic 80367 (comp 077)-H				
54	Seal	Human Being Warner 46828 - P				
55	Carey & Houston	#1's Columbia 69670 - H				
56	Everlast	Whitey Ford Sings The Blues Tommy Boy 1236 - J				
57	Edwin McCain	Misguided Roses Lava-82995 (comp 373)-P	100% Canada			
58	Placebo	Without You I'm Nothing Columbia 80336 - H				
59	Chantel Kreviazuk	Armageddon O.S.T. Epic 69440 (promo CD)-H				
60	The Watchmen	Silent Radar EMI 590 312 - F				
61	Smashing Pumpkins	Adore Virgin 45879 (comp 18)-F				
62	Love Inc.	S/T VIK 59031 - F	100% Canada			
63	Inoj	So So Def Vol. 3 Columbia 1179016 (promo CD)-H	100% Canada			
64	Blackstreet & Maya	Rugrats O.S.T. Interscope 6494 (promo CD) - J				
65	Third Eye Blind	Self-titled Elektra 62012 (promo CD)-P				
66	Britney Spears	S/T Jive 41651 - P				
67	Maestro	Built To Last Attic 1518 - Q	100% Canada			
68	Beck - Mutations	Bong Load 25309 - J				
69	Janet Jackson	Velvet Rope Virgin 44762 (promo CD)-F				
70	All Saints	Self-titled London 314 556 004 (promo CD)-Q	MA PL			
71	Aerosmith	Armageddon O.S.T. Columbia 69440 (promo CD)-H				
72	Garbage	Version 2.0 Almo 80018 - J				
73	Shania Twain	w/Bryan White - Come On Over Columbia 80336 (comp 074)-H	MA PL			
74	Jay - Z	Hard Knock Life Vol 2 Def Jam 558902 - F	MA PL			
75	Shaggy w/ Janet Jackson	How Stella...O.S.T. MCA 11806 (promo CD)-J				
76	Hole	Celebrity Skin Geffen 25164 - J				
77	Spice Girls	Spice World Virgin 42174 (CD track)-F				
78	V.I.P.	Do You Think You're Ready Popular Records 3252 (CD track)-P	100% Canada			
79	Big Sugar	Heated A & M 31454 - Q	100% Canada			
80	The Moffatts	Chapter 1: A New Beginning EMI 95169 (promo CD)-F	100% Canada			
81	Hootie & The Blowfish	Musical Chairs Atlantic 83136 (comp 072)-P				
82	Beastie Boys	Hello Nasty EMI 37716 (comp 13)-F				
83	The Philosopher Kings	Famous Rich & Beautiful Columbia 80291 (comp 077)-H	100% Canada			
84	NEW					
85	Jim Cuddy	All In Time WEA 23107 (comp 369)-P	100% Canada			
86	Dishwalla	And You Think You Know A & M - 31454 - Q				
87	Ace Of Base	Cruel Summer Arista 1921 (promo CD)-N	100% Canada			
88	Rolling Stones	No Security Virgin 72438 - F				
89	Dave Matthews Band	Before These Crowded... RCA 65515 (promo CD)-N				
90	The Watchmen	Silent Radar EMI 59031 (promo CD)-F	100% Canada			
91	N Sync	N Sync RCA 74321 (promo CD)-N				
92	Brian Setzer Orchestra	The Dirty Boogie Interscope 90183 (promo CD)-J	MA PL			
93	Cardigans	Gran Turismo Stockholm 314 559 081 - Q	100% Canada			
94	Philosopher Kings	Famous Rich And Beautiful Columbia 80291 (comp 073)-H	MA PL			
95	Natalie Imbruglia	Left Of The Middle RCA 67364 (promo single)-N				
96	Celine Dion w/Bee Gees	Let's Talk About Love Columbia 68861 (comp 075)-H	100% Canada			
97	Godsmack	S/T Republic - Q				
98	NEW					
99	Mercury Rev	Deserter's Song's V2 63881 - N				
100	Jacynthe	Feat. KC - s/t KLM - J	100% Canada			

Reynolds and Lennox to head up UMG Canada

The new worldwide structure of the Universal Music Group (UMG), encompassing the combined Universal and PolyGram music companies was announced (Dec. 10/98) by Doug Morris, who is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the new company.

In making the announcement, Morris pointed out that the new music group, which immediately became the market leader in every region of the world, "will embody the best of both Universal and PolyGram executives, artist rosters and business practices." He continues with "The integration of these two companies presents a rare opportunity to create an organization that is well positioned for profitable growth. UMG will be a lean, flexible organization that will benefit from economies of scale while nurturing a strong local entrepreneurial spirit in its management team around the world."

The important news for Canada is that Universal Music Group (Canada) will be headed by Ross Reynolds as Chairman and Randy Lennox as President.

Also of particular interest is the role of John

Reid, outgoing Chairman of the Canadian operation of PolyGram, who has been appointed President of the merged Island and Mercury labels based in New York. The label group is headed by Jim Caparro as Chairman.

Morris also revealed that his worldwide executive team would comprise Bruce Hack as Vice Chairman; Zach Horowitz as President and Chief Operating Officer; and Jorgen Larsen, who has assumed the post of Executive Officer of Universal Music International.

A west coast group of labels, located in Los Angeles, will comprise Interscope, Geffen and A&M labels and will be run by Co-Chairmen Jimmy Iovine and Ted Field and Tom Whalley as President. It's expected that UMG will purchase the rest of the Interscope label it doesn't presently own.

MCA Records Nashville will continue to be headed by Bruce Hinton as Chairman and Tony Brown as President.

Jay Boberg will continue to head up the Los Angeles-based MCA Records as President.

Universal Music & Video Distribution will remain headquartered in Los Angeles with Henry Droz as President and with Jim Urie and Craig Kornblau as Co-Executive Vice-Presidents and General Managers. It was also revealed that the merging of these two companies will place UMVD as "the leading single supplier of home entertainment product in the country."

It's been a long haul for both Reynolds and Lennox and they've managed to keep their cool in the face of tremendous pressure from within the industry and particularly from the media.

With the above announcement from Morris, Reynolds and Lennox reveal they are very much looking forward to taking the process to the next level.

Regarding their Canadian roster and the Canadian independents they distribute, Reynolds explains, "our overall philosophy is that we will continue to be very supportive and try to further develop the roster. And we have some strong relationships with the independents and we look forward to continuing the relationship there."

Obviously the integration of two very successful companies, which is unprecedented, and the added marketshare that goes with it, will be demanding on Reynolds and Lennox and their mid-management team which might require a timetable that could conceivably extend into the new year.

"The added marketshare is extremely exciting," says Lennox, "But I think that under the category of 'attitude is everything', and although it's going to be a 30 plus share, one thing we're adamant about is that we have the marketing and A&R energies of

our current marketshare, which is half of that. We want to be the best record company in the country and the fact that we may in fact be the biggest, is a little less important."

Reynolds adds, "We want to be hungry, artist friendly and people friendly and we want to be supportive of retail."

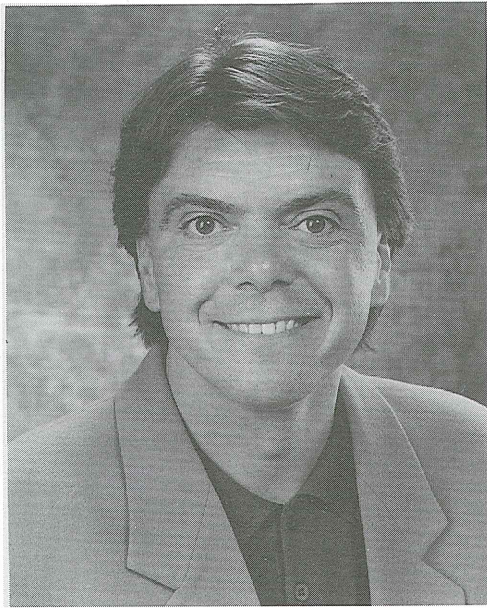
Reynolds also points out that the integration planning process has moved ahead smoothly. "There are eight teams made up of representatives from both organizations that are looking at various functional areas and trying to map out the best way and the best time frame to integrate the two companies. So, it's already moved down to various levels and will continue to do so because it is a massive undertaking and will require input from a significant number of people from both organizations."

Integration of distribution will also be a challenge and one that is expected to also continue into the new year.

Moving ahead and addressing the integration process properly is a priority, says Reynolds. "We want to move as quickly as possible and yet we want to do it right. So we're trying to balance those two."

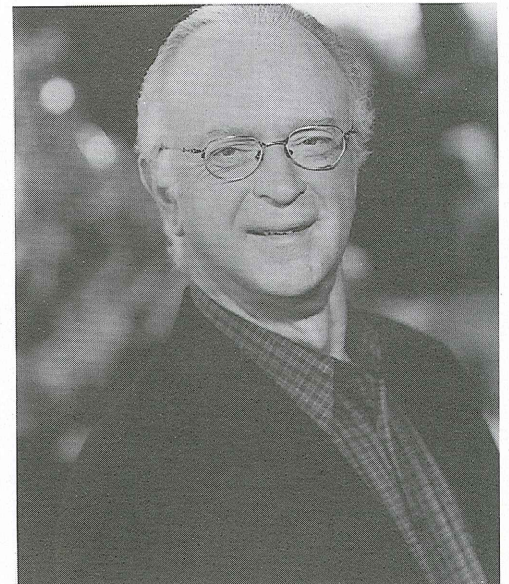
There are obviously a lot of questions that can't be addressed at this time, being as the deal was only closed today (Dec. 10), but as Reynolds stresses. "We want to make sure the process is as fair and open as possible."

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UMG Canada President Randy Lennox

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UMG Canada Chairman Ross Reynolds

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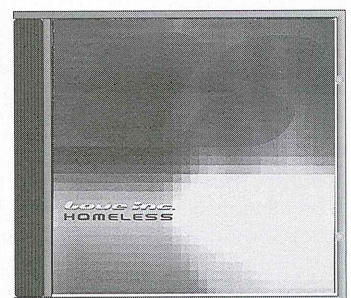
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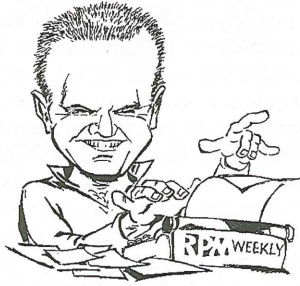
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WALT SAYS . . . !



with Elvira Caprese

Nice going Mike!!! How 'cum Canada's most popular comedian, when he's doing stand-up, that is, screwed up the names of the two most powerful guys in the industry? GN became GL and RL became RN . . . and they were both in the same room. Maybe it was by design? You know Bullard. And while we're at it, did you notice the pic on the front cover of last week's RPM of the gathering of the Warner clan and Colin James and his band. Who's the only guy not looking at the camera and worse still, looks like he's about to yawn? (EC: *Maybe he's pissed off he didn't get an award!!!*)

By the way!!! Remember this? "Mike Bullard is something else. After witnessing his instant wit and great knowledge of the business, I think he would be perfect to host the Juno Awards next year." That was in this column dated March 17, 1997. We've been plumping for Bullard to host the Juno awards ever since. He didn't get the nod last year, but guess what? Yeah! He's the host for the one coming up in March. (EC: *Don't give me that crap about the power of the mighty pen, again!!!*)

Another comedian??? JR was obviously in good form at that same function with Bullard (EC: *Why shouldn't he be . . . he's got a job!!!*) He followed a video showing RC and a couple of people doing something or other, and quipped, "Well, there's living proof RC does exist!" And it got a laugh, even from RC's people who felt safe because true to his reputation . . . he wasn't there. (EC: *Presence, nor personality, aren't necessary when you have a black BLACK bottom line!!!*)

It's No. 1 for Centro!!! Centro, which happens to be a popular upscale Toronto restaurant, is obviously highly thought of by a lot of people. The readers of En Route magazine, and there must be a few million of them considering the magazine is tucked into the seat pockets of every seat on Air Canada and regional partner aircraft, have voted Centro as the No. 1 restaurant in Canada. A nice four-colour shot of the restaurant's dining room, sans customers, is included in the 1998 Dining Guide which was written and edited by food critic Sarah Waxman. It would have made for a more interesting shot if the seats had been filled with satisfied diners. Anyway, considering who Centro beat out, and we won't name them, owner/manager Tony Longo and owner/chef Marc Thuet were beaming from kitchen to vestibule when En Route's president Richard Staunton made the presentation of the award. (EC: *From kitchen to vestibule???*)

Country music in Canada??? It seems we have a problem of our own up here regarding country music and artists. It's tough getting enough submissions to come up with a credible looking nominee list for the three country Juno awards. The fault doesn't lie with the Juno people however and it's interesting to see what the CCMA's executive director Sheila Hamilton has to say, "Needless to say, the lack of support for the Junos by the country community, makes it very difficult indeed to make

the case that country should even be a part of what is, after all, the most prestigious awards show that covers the entire music spectrum, and one with huge promotional opportunities and a massive television audience." Well said Sheila! She also suggests there's one school of thought that claims country has its own awards show, so why bother with the Junos? "Let's not bury our heads in the sand," says Hamilton. Yes indeed! One hand feeds the other, or something like that. (EC: *Yes indeed . . . something like that. Maybe it washes the other!!!*)

Me too! Me too!!! Look who made that list of power people in that other RAG! Insightful and affluent he may be, but breaking power? (EC: *Breaking wind, maybe!!!*) Now who do I have to talk to so my name won't be on any list that I publish! On the other hand, give the guy some credit!!! (EC: *I hear . . . many have!!!*) I never miss his rambling!

Gone but not forgotten!!! Interesting news out of Hollywood this week. Michael Ovitz, the \$20 million "angel of . . ." for Livent, is still the major shareholder of Artist Manager Group (AMG) which he founded away back when, and he's still calling the shots. He's playing it close to the vest however, not wanting the outside to know what's going on which might confuse what's going on up here. (EC: *Hey! Only a genius knows how to lose money to make money!!!*)

The cream rises!!! While the big L Liberal leaning Toronto Star tried frantically to take over the little paper that grew, the Star came off like a bully, but worse, the Sun allowed too much space trying to fight the monster. Standing on the sidelines, the Globe content has improved so much their "read up" campaign must be working. And no longer lurking on the sidelines is the National Post. Boy, have they got it together. Their writers, a few they took from the Sun, have obviously been hustling their buns, although Christie Blatchford was much better when she was controlled at the Sun, I mean spacewise. In the December 5th edition of the National Post, Theresa Tedesco filed one of the best pieces yet on the crumbling of Livent, under the heading "Livent's playhouse of cards." She's grabbed all the players by the short ones, and opens the door to even more speculation. This whole mess could go on for months. (EC: *I'm impressed by who Tedesco does have by the short ones!!!*)

Welcome Quebecor??? My how things do change. Wasn't it about three years ago when Quebecor was a contender for the Sun? And didn't the emotions run as high against that proposed takeover as they did for the Star's pitch? Getting into bed with Quebecor will at least guarantee that the Sun will continue. But we might see a backing off of separatist-bashing. It's interesting how the founders of the little paper that grew have taken lesser roles, one even being squeezed out, and how the lawyers and ex-politicians have taken over. But then again, isn't that what happens to most founders and/or creators? (EC: *I guess you know what you're talking about!!!*)

The real work now begins!!! Well, the other shoe has dropped, kinda, and we know who the executive survivors are, and there weren't any surprises. Now comes the tough job of who goes and who stays. But let's not be too depressing. I'll lay odds that 85 per cent, maybe even 90 per cent of those who find themselves loose with a nice severance package will find their way back into the industry within four to six months. (EC: *Nice positive message!!!*)

Do you believe it??? There I was sitting in the Elgin Theatre amidst hundreds of screaming and roaming kids and their parents, waiting for the curtain to go up on Aladdin. It did. The kids still roamed and screamed, particularly at the bad guy

on stage and cheered and joined in singing something about a wiggly worm with Mr. Dressup, yes Ernie Coombs, who was as fit as a fiddle, and the star of the show Tyley Ross, who, as you probably guessed, was Aladdin, and a very, pardon the pun, polished Aladdin. It's the kind of show however, that does grow on you and I began to sing the wiggly worm song, and even wiggled my finger just like all the other kids. A wonderful cast, and a comfortable theatre, I might add, and what's more important, a delightful take on the time-worn pantomime or fairy story as the kids probably refer to it. The audience participation adds to the entertainment value of the show which runs through to mid-January. (EC: *We had fun, didn't we???*)

That's another wrap!!! As we fade into yet another year, 35 to be exact, and after a tumultuous one, it's time to wish everyone a Merry, very Merry Christmas and a Happy, very Happy New Year, particularly to all "the boys and girls", to use a JR euphuism, at PolyGram. (EC: *We are the champions, to use a Freddie Mercury euphuism!!!*)

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Gross/Keeley release boosts Special Olympics

Santa Drives A Pickup, a CD single featuring the vocals of Due South's Paul Gross and David Keeley, is now at radio in time for the Christmas season where it is picking up significant spins.

Written by Gross, Keeley, Jay Semko and Dean McDermott, the single was recorded in Nashville and qualifies as three-parts Cancon (MAL). The track was recorded for Holiday Heroes, a special Christmas CD produced by Jack Lenz and Gilles Godard, created to raise funds and awareness for Canadian Special Olympics. Gross and Keeley donated the track to the project.

A video of the single is also available. "We were obviously ecstatic when they donated the song," says Glenn MacDonell, executive director of the Ontario Special Olympics, "but to go through the tremendous expense of actually bringing over 50 professionals on set to shoot this fabulous video is truly unbelievable." MacDonell was referring to the "far reaching benevolence and time" that

Lenz and his wife Debrah donated to both the single and video.

Holiday Heroes, which was released Oct. 27, includes a previously unreleased track of Pretty Paper by Roy Orbison along with songs by Kevin Bacon, Michelle Wright, Alan Jackson, Brooks & Dunn, Stef Carse, Donna Summer and Rita MacNeil. The album has already sold more than 30,000 copies.

"It's hard to explain sometimes the strong urge you get to really support a cause," says Lenz, "I just knew that David and Paul would be excited about helping and the truth is, the more we discovered about the tremendous effects Special Olympics have in the development and building of self esteem and self confidence for these athletes, the more we wanted to do. Our hope is that the video and single will truly create a heightened awareness and subsequent sales of Holiday Heroes."

For more information call Lenz Entertainment at 416-966-6665.

Holborne Distributing expands into Mexico

Holborne Distributing, with offices and warehouse/manufacturing facilities in Newmarket, Ontario, has established Holborne Mexico, SA de CV. The new operation with a warehouse and sales office in Mexico City, will allow Holborne to better service their rapidly growing account base in South and Central America.

Established in Canada more than 25 years ago, Holborne supplies what they bill as their "unique music". to the gift, book, duty free and garden

shop industries as well as traditional record retailers.

Holborne also pioneered the "Interactive" sales kiosks that are now common place throughout the world, and their signature Tapestries series makes Holborne the merchandiser of choice.

Besides the Newmarket base, Holborne's Canadian operation also includes offices in Calgary. Internationally there are sales offices and warehouses in Sydney for Australia-Asia, Farnham, England for Europe, and Buffalo for the US.

ON-STAGE

Fame On Stage

by Bill Watt

of Bill Watt's World

First, there was the motion picture, then the television series. Now, finally and properly, Fame has made it to the legitimate stage in a spanking world premiere at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre. After T.O., it's scheduled for a North American tour before arriving in New York City.

Extensive touring and probable concomitant rewriting and tightening might make it a Big Apple success, but we have reservations . . . in the mind and not, as yet, for the New York engagement.

It's a show for young people about young people, the last class to graduate from the old New York High School of Performing Arts. It's a high energy spin in the manner of today's youth. Which is to say, the dancing is rather more athletic than balletic; the singing confuses volume with passion

and much of the dialogue is of the gutter.

It's a pity really because the cast is gifted musically, vocally and terpsichoreally. It does well with mostly less than memorable songs, poorly staged tableaux and over the top direction.

Young people in the opening night audience hugely enjoyed it. We doubt though, that top dollar and long yen New York theatregoers will warm to Fame, at least in its present incarnation.

But then, Brooks Atkinson didn't like or appreciate Oklahoma when he first saw it.

This just in: in view of the response to the current sold-out run of Fame, David and Ed Mirvish are bringing the musical back to Toronto for two weeks in August. Tickets for this run are now on sale. As part of the its 40-city North American tour, the musical will play Ottawa's National Arts Centre in January and Montreal's Place des Arts in April.

1998 In Review

We're only two weeks from the new year and it's a given that 1998 will be a banner year. It's also being predicted that carry through into the new year is almost guaranteed to set the stage for an exciting follow-up year. Following are the month by month happenings that made news during 1987. **-WG**



January 12

Strong Christmas retail forecasts positive year

According to reports in from record companies and retailers, the industry experienced an exceptional year end, with strong sales coming in for the season as a result of a lot of strong selling and timely titles.

Madonna manager newest name on CMW bill

Freddy DeMann, Madonna's manager and co-CEO of Maverick Entertainment, has been added to the cast of celebrity speakers at this year's Canadian Music Week.

Winnie the Pooh's Cancon roots gets Grammy nod

Disney's original story of Winnie the Pooh has been nominated for a Grammy Award in the category of Best Spoken Word Album for Children.

Spice Girls domination continues around the world

Virgin's Spice Girls continue to break records and make headlines despite a tide of speculation that has the act giving up their gig in the coming year.

Victoria's "blackhole" plugged by CBC

The CRTC has approved the CBC's application to bring CBC Radio One local service to Victoria, BC.

Francine McLaughlin to Universal's marketing

Francine McLaughlin has joined Universal Music Canada as manager of catalogue marketing. She will report directly to Wesley Hayden, Universal's national sales manager.

Keith Randall leaves Radio Canada International

Keith Randall has left Radio Canada International (RCI), a parting described by RCI Executive Director Bob O'Reilly as "amicable."

Recipients named for Stompin' Tom Award

The East Coast Music Association has named the following as recipients of the Stompin' Tom Awards: Cape Breton's Ranch Boys (Traynor Donovan, Mickey MacIntyre, Byron MacPhee, Sid Martell, Joe Wayne and Sean Wayne); Mainland Nova Scotia's Fred Reddon; Newfoundland's Kevin Broderick; PEI's James Banks; and The Bunkhouse Boys from New Brunswick.

Nashville memorial service for RCA president

A memorial service was held in Franklin, Tennessee for Robert (Bob) Cook, who served as president of RCA Records Canada for five years. Mr. Cook, who was 80, died Dec. 23 of an undisclosed illness.

#1 album - Big Shiny Tunes 2

#1 hit - I Do

January 19

Parachute Club rise up against EMI Publishing

Rise Up, the Juno award winning hit of yesteryear is in the throes of yet another legal battle after the song was used for a pizza commercial and caused outrage among members of the Parachute Club, the band who made a popular hit of the song in 1983.

SFA Productions scores four Gemini nominations

Less than one year old, Toronto-based SFA Productions (Sandra Faire & Associates), possibly one of the smallest production companies to submit nominations for the 1998 Gemini Awards, has received four nominations.

Canada on board with copyright treaties

Canada's Minister of Heritage, Sheila Copps and Minister of Industry John Manley have announced that Canada has committed to signing two new international treaties dealing with copyright and with protection for performers and phonogram producers.

Holly Cole headlines ECMA's opening night

Holly Cole returns to her hometown of Halifax to headline the opening night of the East Coast Music Awards.

McLachlan and Twain added to Juno Lineup

Sarah McLachlan and Shania Twain have been added to the lineup of performers for this year's Juno awards to held March 22 at General Motors Place.

Quarry Press publishes Fitzgerald's take on McLachlan

Building A Mystery: The Story of Sarah McLachlan & Lilith Fair, written by award-winning poet Judith Fitzgerald, has been published by Quarry Press.

Bryan Adams lends talent to Breast Screening depot

Bryan Adams will join model Linda Evangelista in her hometown of St. Catharines, Ontario for a benefit concert.

#1 album - Big Shiny Tunes 2 - Various Artists

#1 hit - Back To You - Bryan Adams

January 26

Newman to Warner President and Kulin to Chairman

Stan Kulin has been appointed Chairman Warner Music Canada and Garry Newman becomes President and Chief Operating Officer of Warner Music Canada.

Broadcasters on attack with Broadcastfax

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) expanded its high-powered lobbying strategy into the electronic media with the Broadcastfax release of Radio Renaissance.

Virgin's Change of Heart decides to call it quits

Change of Heart, the Toronto-based pop alternative quartet signed to Virgin for two albums, has disbanded.

Our Lady Peace poised to break stateside

Sony recording artists Our Lady Peace will be the first to break the Canadian jinx this year by breaking out in America.

Rockabilly legend Carl Perkins dead at 65

Guitar legend Carl Perkins died in Jackson-Madison County General Hospital on Jan. 19 from complications of recent strokes.

Bryan Adams on Much's Intimate & Interactive

Bryan Adams is scheduled to perform with his band and chat with fans on MuchMusic's Intimate & Interactive series on Feb. 17.

#1 album - Big Shiny Tunes 2

#1 hit - 3 AM

FEBRUARY

February 2

Jann Arden to host first radio music awards

Jann Arden will host the premiere Canadian Radio Music Awards.

Maureen Jack leaves Vancouver's Music West

The Pacific Music Industry Association (PMIA) has announced that Maureen Jack is leaving Music West.

Dion sole Cancon winner at American Music Awards

Celine Dion was the only Canadian winner at this year's American Music Awards, winning female artist.

Blockbuster named sponsor of Juno awards

Blockbuster Video Canada will be the official music sponsor of this year's Juno Awards.

James Monaco opens office in Toronto

Veteran entertainment industry publicist James Monaco has announced the opening of his new office in Toronto.

Catherine Durand signed to Warner Music Canada

Catherine Durand, who became popular as a videographer at MusiquePlus in Montreal, becomes the first French-language recording artist with Warner Music Canada.

Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern celebrates 50th birthday

The famous Horseshoe Tavern is celebrating its 50th birthday on Feb. 3.

New York nod to Arsenault's Be-Bop

Mary Arsenault's Be-Bop Communications PR firm has made a positive imprint in New York City where she opened offices last year.

Halifax prepares to host East Coast Music Awards

Halifax is this year's host city for the annual East Coast Music Awards which celebrates its 10th year.

Loggerhead's See Spot Run scheduled for TVO

See Spot Run, who gained national recognition with their past releases, Au Naturel and My Name Is Santa, will appear in Hitting Them, a series produced by the Regina-based Incredible Story Studio.

ECMA pays tribute to legendary Don Messer

The East Coast Music Association (EMCA) will pay tribute to the late Don Messer at this year's ECMA awards show.

UK and US dates firmed for Rick Tippe tour

West coast-based Rick Tippe will shortly set out on the first leg of his world tour.

#1 Album - Titanic
#1 Hit - Back To You

February 9

Great Big Sea scoops five east coast awards

Great Big Sea proves their popularity is not restricted to the rock.

George Balcon to retire after 28 years at CJAD

After 28 years as CJAD's morning personality, George Balcon is calling it quits as of May 28.

Internal moves for BMG's marketing and promotion

Shelley Snell, Dawn Dwyer, Dave Harris and Sean Cordner are named in marketing moves at BMG.

Industry Builder award to Brookes Diamond

Introduced for the first time during the East Coast Music Association conference, the Industry Builder Award was presented to Brookes Diamond at a FACTOR-sponsored luncheon.

#1 album - Titanic

#1 Hit - Back To You

February 16

Our Lady Peace "anything but clumsy" at '98 Junos

Our Lady Peace leads the pack for Juno nominations in five categories.

SOCAN to appeal Copyright Board decision

SOCAN's general Manager Michael Rock expressed his disappointment in the Copyright Board's decision to reduce Tariff 2A by 15 per cent retroactive to Jan. 1, 1997.

IATSE "not locked out" says Universal's Corcoran

Universal Concerts Canada has taken Ron Colpaart, President of IATSE Local 471, to task over his apparent allegations that the union had been locked out of Ottawa's Corel Centre.

First Radio Music Award nominees named

The first Radio Music Awards will be part of this year's Canadian Music Week which is being held at Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre.

#1 Album - Titanic

#1 Hit - Back To You

February 23

Federal Court broadsides copyright infringers

The Federal Court of Canada has found Michael Vogiatzakis and Kyriakos Vogiatzakis in contempt of court for having violated an Order of the Federal Court issued in 1996.

WIC air and cash to Big Brothers/Sisters

WIC Western International Communications has chosen the Big Brothers and Sisters of Canada and their in-school Mentoring Program as the 1998 recipients of the WIC Cares donation.

Brickman and Wright celebrate Valentine's Day

Jim Brickman and Michelle Wright met up in Toronto for a busy Friday the 13th.

Johnny Favourite swings into Toronto's Horseshoe

The 12-piece Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra is firmed for a Swing Dance date at Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern.

Contact East '98 firmed for Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Contact East, Atlantic Canada's largest Performing Arts trade show has been firmed for the Atlantic Theatre Festival in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

RPM's urban chart marks first national weekly survey

This week RPM introduces an all new urban music chart to coincide with the rising popularity of this music across the country.

Balmur sells Murray's Intimate Evening to PBS

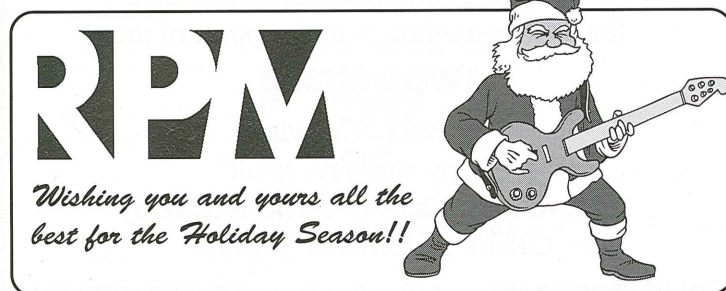
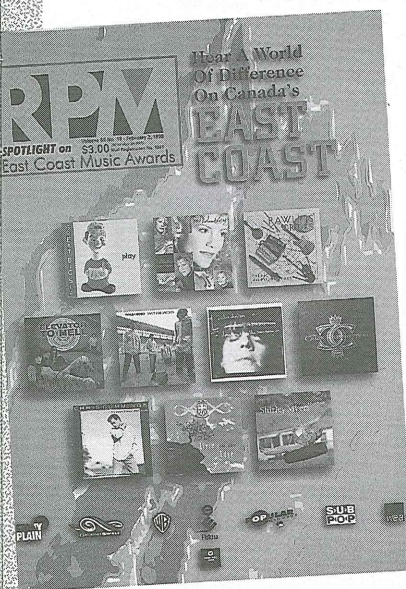
Balmur Entertainment announces the sale of An Intimate Evening With Anne Murray to PBS.

Jerry Renewych structures Golden Phoenix Music

In the short span that Jerry Renewych has been associated with Golden Phoenix Music Corp. there has been significant north/south dialogue and activity.

#1 album - Titanic

#1 Hit - Truly Madly Deeply





March 2

HMV merges with book retailer under joint venture

Newco, a new joint venture between the EMI Group and the Advent International Corporation acquires the HMV Group.

Madonna trips into Toronto for a clandestine press scrum

The ever and always guarded Madonna has a secret rendezvous with Toronto's media.

Ice Storm '98 benefit set for Toronto's RTH

Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall will be the setting for Ice Storm '98, a benefit concert.

Former Lighthouse singer Bob McBride dead at 51

Bob McBride, who was catapulted into stardom as lead singer of Lighthouse in 1970, passed away in Toronto on Feb. 20.

Ted Southam joins Goldrich Mediapak

Ted Southam, an expert in the field of packaging, has joined Goldrich Printpak as an equity partner.

Universal Canada agrees to hold on to Garbage

Universal Music Canada and Almo Sounds have opted to hold on to each other after the major disintegrated ties with Geffen.

Rita MacNeil hits stores on cross Canada tour

Rita MacNeil has been adding to her popularity by taking time to visit fans in various retail stores on her extensive Canadian tour.

Steve Herman resigns Universal Concerts post

Universal Concerts Canada has announced the resignation of Steve Herman.

RPM spotlights World Music

RPM's Rod Gudino puts together a special issue on World Music.

#1 Album - Titanic

#1 Hit - My Heart Will Go On

March 9

Livent to live on up Toronto's downtown

Canada's foremost theatre entrepreneur Garth Drabinsky unveils plans to create an entertainment complex in downtown Toronto.

Lisa Zbitnew named President BMG Music

Lisa Zbitnew has been appointed President, BMG Music Canada.

McLachlan and Alanis pick up Grammy nods

Vancouver's Sarah McLachlan and Ottawa's Alanis Morissette were the only Canadians to win Grammy awards.

Cooke and Raaflaub in Warner shuffle



Garry Newman, president and CEO of Warner Music Canada, has announced the appointment of Kim Cooke to senior vice-president and managing director US division and Doug Raaflaub as director national sales and marketing.

Fifteen years for Toronto's CMW

Canadian Music Week founder Neill Dixon celebrates the 15th year of staging this annual trade/consumer show.

Sony returning to Cancon country fold

Sony's Nashville operation has signed Canadians Gil Grand, Lisa Brokop and Tara Lyn Hart.

Warner gold for Linda Lemay in just 10 days

Linda Lemay's self-titled album has been certified gold by Warner Music, only ten days after release.

Ann Mainville-Neeson named director of CBSC

Ann Mainville-Neeson is the new full-time executive director of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC)

#1 Album - Titanic

#1 Hit - My Heart Will Go On

March 16

Amos Alter leads Madacy group to No. 1 status

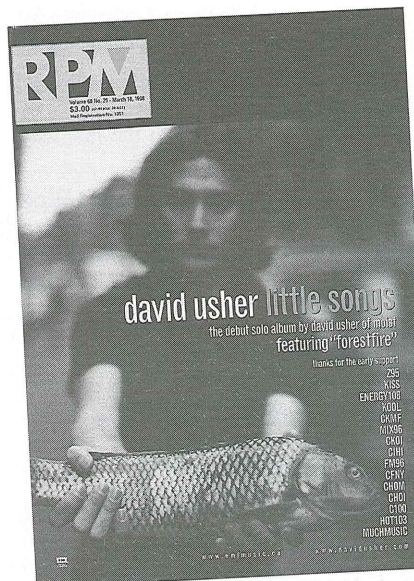
The Montreal-based Madacy Entertainment Group has emerged as the No. 1 independent record label in the US.

Rita MacNeil brings the big numbers home to CTV

The overnights for Rita MacNeil's Celtic Celebration, a CTV special revealed an incredible 1.624 million viewers.

Best Aboriginal Music nominees are named

Vancouver's Native Education Centre will stage a special aboriginal honouring ceremony for the nominees of this year's



best music of aboriginal Canada.

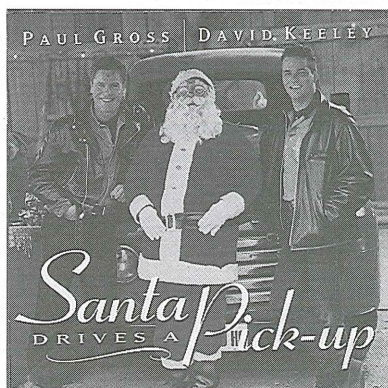
Junos cap tough year for industry-wise Roch Voisine

After chalking up sales of more than 14 million albums sold worldwide, Roch Voisine is finally at the cusp of becoming a household name for all of Canada.

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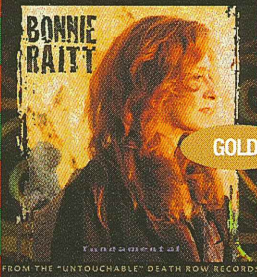
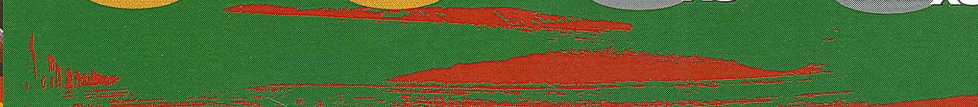
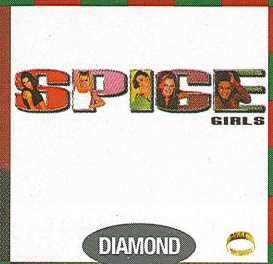
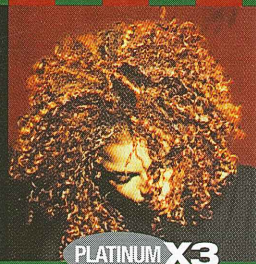
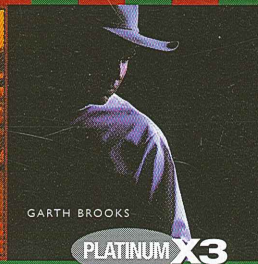
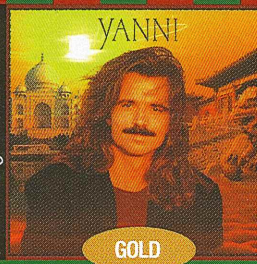
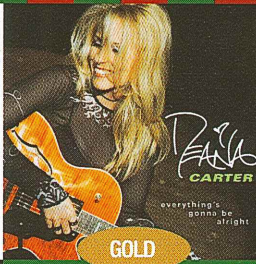
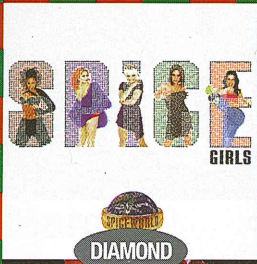
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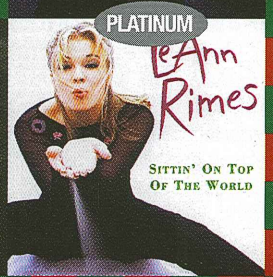
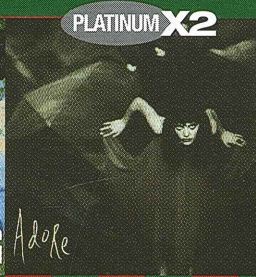
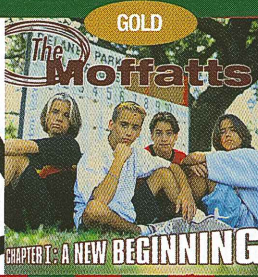
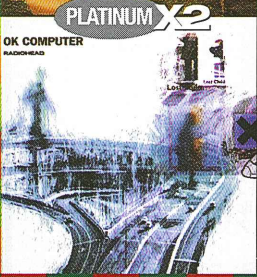
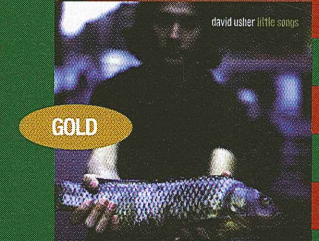
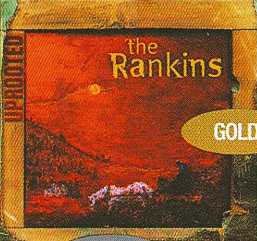
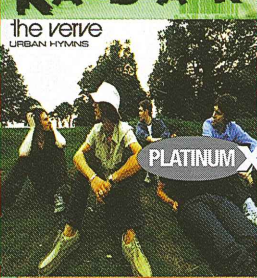
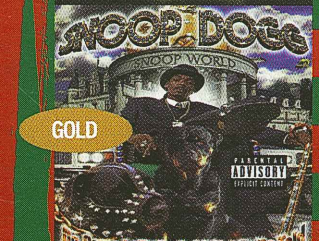
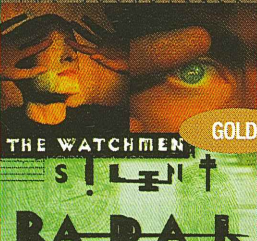
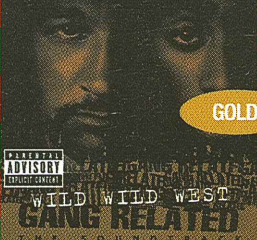
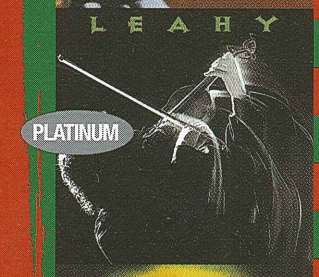
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| 1 | TITANIC O.S.T.
Various Artists - Sony Classics-H | | | | |
| 2 | NOW! 3
Various Artists - Universal-J | | | | |
| 3 | BIG SHINY TUNES 2
Various Artists - WCU-P | | | | |
| 4 | SPICE GIRLS
Spice World - Virgin-F | | | | |
| 5 | AQUA
Aquarium - Geffen-J | | | | |
| 6 | CELINE DION
Let's Talk About Love - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 7 | SAVAGE GARDEN
Savage Garden - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 8 | CITY OF ANGELS O.S.T.
Various Artists - Warner Bros.-P | | | | |
| 9 | ANDREA BOCELLI
Romanza - Phillips-Q | | | | |
| 10 | MADONNA
Ray Of Light - Maverick-P | | | | |
| 11 | BACKSTREET BOYS
Backstreet's Back - Jive-N | | | | |
| 12 | ARMAGEDDON O.S.T.
Various Artists - Columbia-H |  | | | |
| 13 | BRANDY
Never Say Never - Atlantic-P | | | | |
| 14 | SHANIA TWAIN
Come On Over - Mercury-Q |  | | | |
| 15 | SARAH McLACHLAN
Surfacing - Nettwerk-F |  | | | |
| 16 | BEASTIE BOYS
Hello Nasty - Capitol-F | | | | |
| 17 | NOTRE DAME DE PARIS
Various Artists - Select |  | | | |
| 18 | N'SYNC
N'Sync - RCA-N | | | | |
| 19 | WOMEN IN SONG
Various Artists - Warner Bros.-P |  | | | |
| 20 | HIT ZONE 4
Various Artists - Polymedia-Q | | | | |
| 21 | ALL SAINTS
All Saints - London-Q | | | | |
| 22 | THE TRAGICALLY HIP
Phantom Power - Universal-J |  | | | |
| 23 | MATCHBOX 20
Youself or Someone Like You - Lava-P | | | | |
| 24 | WIL SMITH
Big Willie Style - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 25 | MUCH DANCE 1997
Various Artists - Polytel-Q | | | | |
| 26 | SPICE GIRLS
Spice - Virgin-F | | | | |
| 27 | NATALIE IMBRUGLIA
Left of the Middle - RCA-N | | | | |
| 28 | GROOVE STATION 4
Various Artists - ViK-N |  | | | |
| 29 | GODZILLA O.S.T.
Various Artists - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 30 | BULLWORTH O.S.T.
Various Artists - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 31 | THE VERVE
Urban Hymns - Virgin-F | | | | |
| 32 | BRYAN ADAMS
On A Day Like Today - A&M-Q |  | | | |
| 33 | BRYAN ADAMS
Unplugged - A&M-Q |  | | | |
| 34 | JANET JACKSON
The Velvet Rope - Virgin-F | | | | |
| 35 | CELINE DION
These Are Special Times - Columbia-H |  | | | |
| 36 | PEARL JAM
Yield - Epic-H | | | | |
| 37 | ALANIS MORISSETTE
Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie - Maverick-P |  | | | |
| 38 | THE SMASHING PUMPKINS
Adore - Virgin-F | | | | |
| 39 | LAURYN HILL
The Miseducation Of... - Ruff House-N | | | | |
| 40 | LOREENA McKENITT
The Book of Secrets - Quinlan Road-P |  | | | |
| 41 | WEDDING SINGER O.S.T.
Various Artists - Maverick-P | | | | |
| 42 | MONICA
The Boy Is Mine - Arista-N | | | | |
| 43 | LOVE INC.
Love Inc. - ViK-N |  | | | |
| 44 | MASE
Harlem World - Arista-N | | | | |
| 45 | U2
Best Of - Island-Q | | | | |
| 46 | ERIC CLAPTON
Pilgrim - Reprise-P |  | | | |
| 47 | ROB ZOMBIE
Hellbilly Deluxe - Geffen-J | | | | |
| 48 | OUR LADY PEACE
Clumsy - Columbia-H |  | | | |
| 49 | CREED
My Own Prison - Attic-J |  | | | |
| 50 | PHIL COLLINS
Hits 1981-1990 - Atlantic-P | | | | |
| 51 | GARTH BROOKS
Sevens - Capitol-F |  | | | |
| 52 | USHER
My Way - Arista-N | | | | |
| 53 | FRANK SINATRA
My Way - WEA-P |  | | | |
| 54 | ALLY McBEAL O.S.T.
Various Artists - Epic-H | | | | |
| 55 | BOY POWER
Various Artists - BMG-N | | | | |
| 56 | BARENAKED LADIES
Stunt - Reprise-P | | | | |
| 57 | FAITH HILL
Faith - Warner Bros.-P | | | | |
| 58 | GARBAGE
Version 2.0 - Almo Sounds-J | | | | |
| 59 | K-CI & JOJO
Love Always - MCA-J | | | | |
| 60 | MUCH DANCE 1999
Various Artists - EMI-F | | | | |
| 61 | GREAT BIG SEA
Up - WEA-P |  | | | |
| 62 | NEXT
Rated Next - Arista-N | | | | |
| 63 | FASTBALL
All The Pain Money Can Buy - Hollywood-Q | | | | |
| 64 | KORN
Follow The Leader - Epic-H | | | | |
| 65 | CHUMBAWAMBA
Tubthumper - Universal-J | | | | |
| 66 | THE FULL MONTY O.S.T.
Various Artists - RCA-N |  | | | |
| 67 | PUFF DADDY
No Way Out - Arista-N |  | | | |
| 68 | MARCY PLAYGROUND
Marcy Playground - EMI-F |  | | | |
| 69 | RADIOHEAD
OK Computer - EMI-F | | | | |
| 70 | BIG WRECK
In Loving Memory Of - Atlantic-P |  | | | |
| 71 | ALL STARS 1999
Various Artists - Popular-P | | | | |
| 72 | TRISHA YEARWOOD
Songbook - MCA-J | | | | |
| 73 | FROSH O.S.T.
Various Artists - Polymedia-Q | | | | |
| 74 | MARILYN MANSON
Mechanical Animals - Interscope-J | | | | |
| 75 | SARAH BRIGHTMAN
Time To Say Goodbye - EMI-F | | | | |
| 76 | MATTHEW GOOD BAND
Underdogs - A&M-Q |  | | | |
| 77 | GREEN DAY
Nimrod - Reprise-P | | | | |
| 78 | AARON CARTER
Aaron Carter - Attic-J | | | | |
| 79 | COLIN JAMES
Little Big Band 2 - WEA-P |  | | | |
| 80 | BACK TO TITANIC
Various Artists - Sony Classics-H |  | | | |
| 81 | DAVE MATTHEWS BAND
Before These Crowded Streets - RCA-N | | | | |
| 82 | CELINE DION
S'il Suffisait D'aimer - Columbia-H |  | | | |
| 83 | WYCLEF JEAN
Carnival - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 84 | ROBYN
Robyn Is Here - RCA-N | | | | |
| 85 | LILITH FAIR
Various Artists - Nettwerk-F |  | | | |
| 86 | METALLICA
Reload - Warner Bros.-P | | | | |
| 87 | 1998 GRAMMY NOMINEES
Various Artists - Epic-H | | | | |
| 88 | PHILOSOPHER KINGS
Famous Rich and Beautiful - Columbia-H |  | | | |
| 89 | MC MARIO DANCE 2001
Various Artists - Sony Music-H | | | | |
| 90 | HOLE
Celebrity Skin - Geffen-J | | | | |
| 91 | GOO GOO DOLLS
Dizzy Up The Girl - Atlantic-P | | | | |
| 92 | CHERRY POPPIN' DADDIES
Zoot Suit Riot - Mojo-J | | | | |
| 93 | LEANN RIMES
Sittin' On Top Of The World - Curb-F | | | | |
| 94 | THIRD EYE BLIND
Third Eye Blind - Elektra-P |  | | | |
| 95 | GARTH BROOKS
Double Live - Capitol-F | | | | |
| 96 | HANSON
Middle Of Nowhere - Mercury-Q | | | | |
| 97 | SHERYL CROW
Globe Sessions - A&M-Q | | | | |
| 98 | AEROSMITH
A Little South of Sanity - Columbia-H | | | | |
| 99 | R. KELLY
R. - Jive-N | | | | |
| 100 | PAGE & PLANT
Walking Into Clarksville - Warner Bros.-P | | | | |



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Joey Cee inducted into Hall of Fame

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Alan Frew and Friends go to bat for charity

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#1 Album - Ray Of Light

#1 Hit - My Heart Will Go On

March 23

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SOCAN #1 plaques to Sheppard and Daymond

Songwriters Chris Sheppard and Bradley Daymond receive SOCAN #1 plaques for Broken Bones, a song performed by Love Inc. that topped the RPM Dance chart on Feb. 9/98.

Warner strengthens image in Northern Ontario

Gregory Balec has been appointed customer service representative for Warner Music Canada in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Urban music seminar set for Montreal

The Montreal Urban Music Seminar (MUMS) will be held in Montreal from April 9 through 12.

Toronto's entertainment strip setting for Walk of Fame

Canada will have its first Walk of Fame, just outside Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theatre, which will be unveiled in June.

Sulk and Page Music sign distribution deal

Sulk, a Toronto-based band, and Page Music Distribution have signed a distribution deal.

CHUM's Toronto stations launch Cityview Traffic

CHUM and CHUM-FM have announced the launch of Cityview Traffic from their new traffic centre.

Radio awards and gold to Wide Mouth Mason

Saskatoon's Wide Mouth Mason not only won two Canadian Music Awards, but their self-titled Warner Music album went gold.

Shania Twain hits the road with Canadian tour

Shania Twain will kick off her 42-date North American tour in Sudbury with two shows May 29-30.

#1 Album - Ray of Light

1 Hit - My Heart Will Go On



March 30

Vancouver setting adds excitement to Junos

Vancouver was once again an excellent setting for the Juno Awards, the second time the awards travelled west.

Denon Canada closes up music division

After several months of rumours, Denon Canada has finally dropped all its music related business activity.

HMV amalgamation closes US head office

In an unexpected move, HMV has announced the closing of its American head office.

Moore and Smale join duMaurier Jazz

Anne Moore & Associates and Joanne Smale Productions have been added to the support team for this year's duMaurier Downtown Jazz Festival.

TMP to sub-publish Windswept Pacific catalogue

TMP - The Music Publisher has been appointed Canadian sub-publisher of Windswept Pacific Entertainment.

Ed and David Mirvish win Olivier award

The 1998 Olivier special award was presented to Ed and David Mirvish.

Much muscle for Stop Racism concert and video awards

The 1998 Stop Racism concert and national video competition awards to be aired by MuchMusic as a special.

Virgin Group adds punch to New Age music market

Virgin will release the best selling catalogue titles worldwide of Narada and Higher Octave.

Pinewood appointments for Silver and Liber

Christine Liber and Sandi Silver have joined the marketing and publicity team of Pinewood Communications.

Best year ever for Toronto's SkyDome

Toronto's SkyDome has announced that 1997 was "an all time record year for business."

#1 Album - Ray of Light

1 Hit - My Heart Will Go On

Melfort's CJVR gets nod from SCMA

750 CJVR Melfort, Saskatchewan was voted country station of the year at the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards night.

Determination is winning for Newfoundland's Hilda V

Courage and determination factor in the return to health for recording artist Hilda V of Hare Bay, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland.

#1 Album - Ray of Light

1 Hit - My Heart Will Go On



April 13

The long-awaited arrival of Lorraine Segato

Parachute Club's Lorraine Segato returns with solo album.

YTV sets date for Achievement Awards

The 9th annual YTV Achievement Awards will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Jeff Remedios appointed to Virgin artist/media

Jeff Remedios has been upped to the position of national artist and media relations representative for Virgin Music Canada.



Music industry Joint Venture sets a benchmark in sales

The Joint Venture by EMI Music, Universal Music and Warner Music has achieved "unprecedented sales" for its compilation releases NOW! and MuchMusic's Big Shiny Tunes.



April 6

Warner Music returns as marketshare leader

Recently appointed president and CEO of Warner Music Canada, Garry Newman has guided the company back up as the marketshare leader.

Power 88.5FM residency for Tarzan Dan and Don Berns

Tarzan Dan and Don Berns have been added to the on-air lineup at Power 88.5FM in Newmarket, Ontario.

The Mirvishes to stage a celebration of Celtic culture

Ed and David Mirvish have announced the staging of Needfire: Passion of the Heart, a 100 per cent Canadian creation to be staged at Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre.

Telemedia funds Ryerson communications

Ryerson University received a \$175,000 boost from Telemedia Communication.

Concert birthday party for Louis Applebaum's 80th

The Louis Applebaum Composers Fund was launched with a special concert to honour Applebaum's 80th birthday.

Brandon's CKX celebrates 50th year

CKX-AM Brandon celebrates 50 years of broadcasting.

Storm blamed for lagging CRIA stats

CRIA stats for the month of February showed a significant drop in the net value of sales and the recent ice storm has been blamed.

NRCC appointment for Baron Manett

The Neighbouring Rights Collective of Canada (NRCC) has appointed Baron Manett as executive director.

Ian Tremblay launches Sanso label with Mishka

Quebec record executive Ian Tremblay launched his Sanso label at the Canadian Music Week conference and trade show.

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CMT goes interactive with Faith Hill

CMT is gearing up to make history with a special interactive CMT Live With Faith Hill.

Country's first lady Tammy Wynette is dead at 55

Tammy Wynette died at her home in Nashville on April 6.

Arraymusic to spotlight seven young composers

Arraymusic will spotlight seven of its accomplished alumni of its Young Composers' Workshop.

#1 Album - Titanic
#1 Hit - Torn



April 20

Windsor's Capitol Theatre prepares to be "wired"

The Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre in Windsor, Ontario is preparing to be "wired" into the net.

Beaches Jazz festival celebrates tenth year

The Beaches International Jazz Festival will celebrate its tenth anniversary this year.

North American tour dates for Loreena McKennitt

Loreena McKennitt kicks off her North American tour with two dates at Toronto's Massey Hall.

Spice Girls firm dates for North American tour

Virgin's superspicers, the Spice Girls, announce tour dates for Canada and the US.

Roger Hodgson sets out on Solo Tramp '98 tour

Nanci Malek of BENTertainment is promoting Roger Hodgson's solo album.

Erin Smyth appointed Universal Concerts post

Erin Smyth joins Universal Concerts central Canada as marketing manager.

Ragna Stamm'ler joins Velvel's press/retail team

Ragna Stamm'ler has been appointed national press and publicity representative for Velvel.

Lucy Medeiros moves up as CMRRA royalty manager

Lucy Medeiros takes on the mantle of manager of royalties at the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency (CMRRA).

Canadian Chart Research moves to Calgary location

Ted Kennedy has moved his Canadian Chart Research company to Calgary.

Camroux to Mercury as Vancouver promo rep

Charlene Camroux has been appointed promotion representative for Mercury Records in Vancouver.

SOCAN firms dates for Town Hall meetings

SOCAN, is holding a series of Town Hall meetings for its members across Canada.

Gerry Massop loses battle with MS

BC country music songwriter Gerry Massop dies of complications from multiple sclerosis.

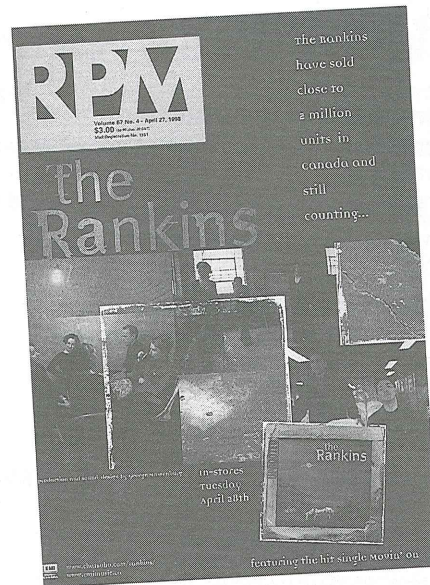
Dumas and Watt programming for Roadhouse

Cliff Dumas and Michael Watt developing variety programming for their Roadhouse Production company.

Tom Jackson to tour against youth suicide

Tom Jackson's Dreamcatcher tour set to hit the road again.

#1 Album - Titanic
#1 Hit - Torn



April 27

Don Kollar structured BMG's takeover of RCA

News of the death of former BMG Canada president Don Kollar shocks industry.

MuchMoreMusic draws "warm bath" for boomers

Adult Contemporary video is set to make its national debut on MuchMoreMusic or M3 as it is affectionately known at MuchMusic.

Sharon Douce joins Mercury marketing team

Sharon Douce has been appointed marketing representative for Mercury Records Canada.

Sean Hogan's single to aid western

rain forests

Barnstorm recording artist Sean Hogan is donating proceeds from his new single, My Neck of the Woods, to the Western Canada Wilderness Committee's Victoria branch.

Ontario Country Music Association names winners

The Ontario Country Music Association (OCMA) held its second annual awards show in Hamilton on April 19.

#1 Album - Titanic
#1 Hit - Torn



May 4

Terry Lynd - first Canadian to helm Columbia Canada

The industry was saddened to hear of the passing of Terence McNally (Terry) Lynd, the first Canadian to become president of Columbia Records Canada.

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Hip celebrates 10 years with MCA re-signing

The Tragically Hip have signed a new long-term recording contract with Universal Music Canada.

Mike James appointed to Dexter executive post

Mike James has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Vancouver-based Dexter Entertainment Group.

Sarah McLachlan sets dates for new Lilith Fair

Sarah McLachlan releases details on her 57-date Lilith Fair tour.

Celine Dion donates time for North Korean charity

Celine Dion helps Canadians raise more than \$1 million for North Korean Famine Relief.

Spitfire Band founders given Steinbrenner welcome

New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner flew the Spitfire Band and its founders to Tampa Florida for a private party.

SOCAN front and centre at Tin Pan South Festival

SOCAN sponsors Canadian Songwriter's Night during the Tin Pan South Festival in Nashville.

On Stage Entertainment brings Legends to Toronto

John Stuart is bringing his original Legends in Concert to open permanently at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel.

#1 Album - HitZone 4

1 Hit - Torn

May 11

SOCAN a major supporter of content rules for radio

SOCAN meets the CRTC head on over proposed changes to the Canadian content rules for radio.

Steve Blair to Warner as director of A&R

Steve Blair has been appointed director of A&R for Warner Music Canada.

Drabinsky's Ragtime scores 13 Tony nominations

Garth Drabinsky's production of Ragtime has been nominated for 13 Tony Awards.

World Music Awards set for Citytv May 28

Citytv will telecast the 1998 World Music Awards from Monte Carlo's Sporting Club on May 28.

Intersound and Ichiban pact distribution deal

Intersound has been named the exclusive Canadian distributor for the Ichiban and associated group of labels.

Colin James adds to swing with new album

With more than 200,000 copies of his first Little Big Band album sold, Colin James follows up with the release of his Little Big Band II album.

The Rankins head west with a hit single

The Rankins have moved out on an extensive tour of BC and the prairie provinces.

Ontario Government tax credit to record companies

The Ontario Government is about to introduce a new 20 per cent tax credit to small Ontario-based recording companies.

Canada Post and HMV introduce CD mailer

Canada Post has introduced its new CD mailer now available at all 93 HMV music stores across Canada.

New staff appointments for Toronto's SkyDome

SkyDome Corporation appointments for Greg Howson, Daniel McPhee, Holly Chapman, and Linda Ruickbie.

Limited Series boxed set for Garth Brooks

EMI Music Canada has targeted May 19 for the release of Garth Brooks - The Limited Series.

#1 Album - HitZone 4

1 Hit - Torn

May 18

Sutherland to Warner as executive assistant

Darlene Sutherland has been appointed executive assistant to Garry Newman, Warner Music Canada president and CEO.

Sire US release for Great Big Sea's Rant

Great Big Sea will make their official debut with their Rant and Roar release in the US on the Sire label.

Seagram buyout of PolyGram rumoured to be "done"

Shocking news this week of the proposed takeover of the huge PolyGram organization by Seagram/

Universal.



Gowan to perform at Diana tribute concert

Larry Gowan has been invited to join the all-star lineup for the Diana Princess of Wales Tribute Concert in Althorp, England.

Sony Music leads April certifications

Sony recording artists Our Lady Peace and Savage Garden led the CRIA certifications each with seven-times platinum records.

Craven A Today's Country a finalist in NY fest

For a record breaking fifth year, Craven A Today's Country has reached the world's finals of the New York Festivals.

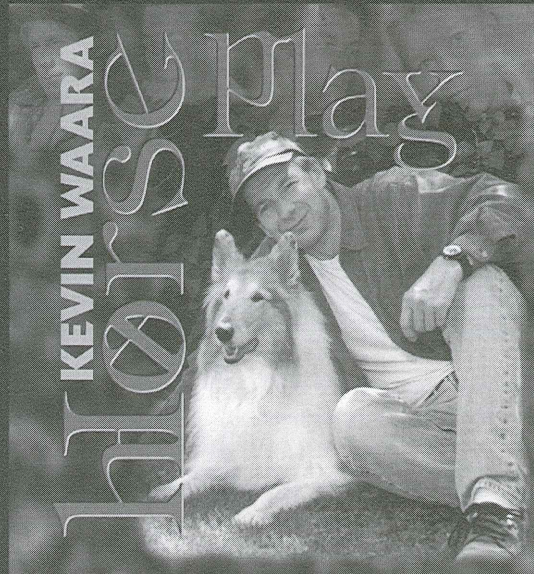
Terri Clark to host CCMA awards show

Terri Clark will host the CCMA awards show which will be telecast from Calgary on the CTV Network on Sept. 14.

#1 Album - HitZone 4

1 Hit - Torn

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RPM's Top 50 Dance Tracks of '98

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| <p>1 IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND
Stars On 54 - BMG-N</p> <p>2 ECUADOR
Sash - PolyMedia-Q</p> <p>3 SUPERSTAR
Love Inc. - BMG-N</p> <p>4 GOD IS A DJ
Faithless - Arista-N</p> <p>5 BROKEN BONES
Love Inc. - BMG-N</p> <p>6 BEACH BALL
Nalin and Cain - Ultra-Q</p> <p>7 BOY IS MINE
Brandy feat. Monica - Atlantic-P</p> <p>8 DIABLO
666 Fingerprints/New Muzik</p> <p>9 DOO WOP (THAT THING)
Lorne Hill - Ruffhouse-H</p> <p>10 IT'S JUST MY LUCK
VIP - Popular-P</p> <p>11 TOO CLOSE
Next - BMG-N</p> <p>12 HANDS OF TIME
Temperance - Hi Bias</p> <p>13 INTERGALACTIC
Beastie Boys - Capitol-F</p> <p>14 SOUL GRABBER
PJ - Stickman-M</p> <p>15 MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH YOU
Stardust - Dance Pool-H</p> <p>16 BACKBONE '98
Maestro - Attic-J</p> <p>17 ROCKEFELLER SKANK
Fat Boy Slim - Virgin-F</p> | <p>18 FREE
Bacon Poppers - J.C. - Unidisc</p> <p>19 GETTIN' JIGGY WITH IT
Will Smith - Columbia-H</p> <p>20 THE MUSIC I LIKE
Alexia - Dance Pool-H</p> <p>21 WANNA GET UP
2 Unlimited - Level One-N</p> <p>22 TOGETHER AGAIN
Janet - Virgin-F</p> <p>23 NOBODY'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE
Deborah Cox - Arista-N</p> <p>24 TALK OF THE WORLD
Brandy w. Mase - Atlantic-P</p> <p>25 LIFT ME UP
Red 5 - Hi Bias-Q</p> <p>26 ON THE RUN
De Boss - Ariola-N</p> <p>27 HOMELESS
Love Inc. - ViK-N</p> <p>28 STAY
Sash - PolyMedia-Q</p> <p>29 ELECTRONIC FUNK
M1 - Jinx-P</p> <p>30 OOH LA LA
Elvissa - Attic-J</p> <p>31 ANGEL
Joee - Popular-P</p> <p>32 FEEL IT
Tamperer w. Maya - Jive-N</p> <p>33 I KNOW WHERE IT'S AT
All Saints - BMG-N</p> <p>34 NO NO NO (Part 2)
Destiny's Child - Columbia-H</p> | <p>35 CRUEL SUMMER
Ace of Base - Arista-N</p> <p>36 BEAUTIFUL DAY
Hypertrophe - BMG-N</p> <p>37 GHETTO SUPERSTAR
Pras w/ Ol' Dirty Bastard - Universal - J</p> <p>38 LA DE DA DE DA DE
Outhere Bros. - Attic-J</p> <p>39 WANT YOU BACK
N Sync - BMG-N</p> <p>40 SUNCHYME
Dario G. - Warner Bros.-P</p> <p>41 WHAT YOU WANT
Mase - Bad Boy-N</p> <p>42 WITH ME (Part 2)
Destiny's Child - Columbia-H</p> <p>43 PUSH IT
Tria Black - SPG-J</p> <p>44 IF YOU THINK I'M JIGGY
Lox - Bad Boy-N</p> <p>45 A ROSE IS A ROSE
Aretha Franklin - Arista-N</p> <p>46 AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME
Backstreet Boys - BMG-N</p> <p>47 FEELS GOOD
Mase - Bad Boy-P</p> <p>48 TEARNIN' UP MY HEART
N Sync - RCA-N</p> <p>49 DOCTOR JONES
Aqua - Universal-J</p> <p>50 FREAKOUT
Nutta Butta - BMG-N</p> |
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RPM's Top 50 Country Albums of '98

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| <p>1 SHANIA TWAIN
Come On Over - Mercury-Q</p> <p>2 GARTH BROOKS
Sevens - Capitol-F</p> <p>3 FAITH HILL
Faith - Warner Bros.-P</p> <p>4 GARTH BROOKS
Double Live - Capitol-F</p> <p>5 HOPE FLOATS O.S.T.
Various Artists - EMI-F</p> <p>6 ALAN JACKSON
High Mileage - Arista-N</p> <p>7 LEANN RIMES
Sittin' On Top of the World - Curb-F</p> <p>8 LEANN RIMES
You Light Up My Life - Curb-F</p> <p>9 TRISHA YEARWOOD
Songbook: A Collection of Hits - Universal-J</p> <p>10 COUNTRY HEAT 1998
Various Artists - Ariola-N</p> <p>11 VINCE GILL
The Key - MCA Nashville-J</p> <p>12 TAMMY WYNETTE REMEMBERED
Various Artists - Elektra-P</p> <p>13 GARTH BROOKS
Box Set - Capitol-F</p> <p>14 BROOKS & DUNN
Greatest Hits - RCA-N</p> <p>15 TIM MCGRAW
Everywhere - Curb-F</p> <p>16 BROOKS & DUNN
If You see Her - Arista-N</p> <p>17 NEW COUNTRY 5
Various Artists - Warner Bros.-P</p> | <p>18 TRISHA YEARWOOD
Where Your Road Leads - Universal-J</p> <p>19 DIXIE CHICKS
Wide Open Spaces - Monument-H</p> <p>20 DEANNA CARTER
Did I Shave My Legs For This? - Capitol-F</p> <p>21 GEORGE STRAIT
One Step - MCA Nashville-J</p> <p>22 THE MAVERICKS
Trampoline - MCA-J</p> <p>23 JO DEE MESSINA
I'm Alright - Curb-F</p> <p>24 THE WILKINSONS
Nothing But Love - Giant-P</p> <p>25 TERRI CLARK
How I Feel - Mercury-Q</p> <p>26 REBA McENTIRE
Moments and Memories - MCA-J</p> <p>27 BRUCE GUTHRO
Of Your Son - EMI-F</p> <p>28 MARTINA McBRIDE
Evolution - RCA-N</p> <p>29 CLINT BLACK
Nothin' But the Tailights - RCA-N</p> <p>30 ALABAMA
For The Record - RCA-N</p> <p>31 THE MAVERICKS
It's Now It's Alive - Universal-J</p> <p>32 JULIAN AUSTIN
What My Heart Already Knows - ViK-N</p> <p>33 REBA McENTIRE
If You See Him - MCA Nashville-J</p> <p>34 LEANN RIMES
Blue - Curb-F</p> | <p>35 TRACY BYRD
I'm From the Country - MCA Nashville-J</p> <p>36 CLAY WALKER
Greatest Hits - Giant-P</p> <p>37 GREATEST COUNTRY LOVE SONGS
Various Artists - MCA-J</p> <p>38 STEVE WARINER
Burnin' the Roadhouse Down - Capitol-F</p> <p>39 COLLIN RAYE
The Best Of - Epic-H</p> <p>40 ANNE MURRAY
An Evening With Anne Murray - EMI-F</p> <p>41 PAUL BRANDT
Outside the Frame - Reprise-N</p> <p>42 THE HORSE WHISPERER O.S.T.
Various Artists - MCA-J</p> <p>43 TY HERNDON
Big Hopes - Epic-H</p> <p>44 LILA McCANN
Lila - Atlantic-P</p> <p>45 GIL GRAND
Famous First Words - Monument-H</p> <p>46 PATSY CLINE
The Patsy Cline Story - MCA-J</p> <p>47 WILLIE NELSON
Teatro - Island-Q</p> <p>48 LISA BROKOP
When You Get To Be You - Columbia-H</p> <p>49 SAMMY KERSHAW
Labour of Love - Mercury-Q</p> <p>50 DWIGHT YOAKAM
Long Way Home - Reprise-P</p> |
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May 25

CARAS announces new management team

Stan Kulin has been elected Chairman of the CARAS board and Daisy Falle takes on the mantle of President of the academy.

Elmopalooza! sets sales mark for Sony Wonder

Elmopalooza! shipped more than 125,000 units, the fastest selling Sesame Street property ever.

Nancy Yu appointed Lilith Fair publicist

Nancy Yu has been appointed publicist for Lilith Fair in Canada.

VIVA! Latin to make summer sweep

A seventeen title Latin music campaign

will be issued by Warner Music Canada.

MacKeel to headline MIAC '98 Gala

MacKeel, a new Celtic rock band from Pictou County, Nova Scotia will headline MIAC's gala.

Seagram buys PolyGram for \$10.6 billion

Canada's Seagram Company has made a move to acquire PolyGram for a reported \$10.6 billion.

RPM's Big Country Awards to air on CTV Network

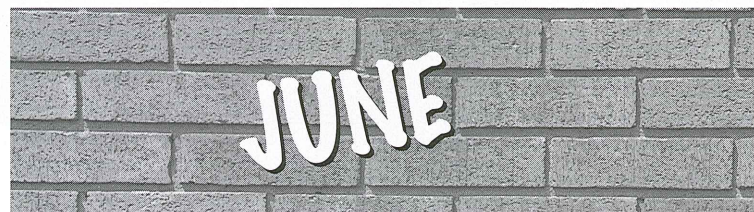
The annual Big Country awards presentation will once again be telecast nationally by the CTV Network.

CISS-FM hosts sixth annual country festival

Toronto's CISS-FM will host its sixth annual New County Festival in the Beaches on Canada Day.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Torn



June 1

It's the big silver for Attic Records

Attic Records turns 25 this year, after a quarter of a century making and breaking artists here and abroad.

Major shuffle underway for BMG marketing team

BMG Music Canada has announced a number of changes and promotions within the marketing department involving Ken Bain, Jill Snell, Jane Tattersall, Dave Harris and Brett Gelfant.

Joanne Rusnell to finance for Toronto's SkyDome

Joanne Rusnell has been named vice-president of finance and business development for SkyDome Corporation.

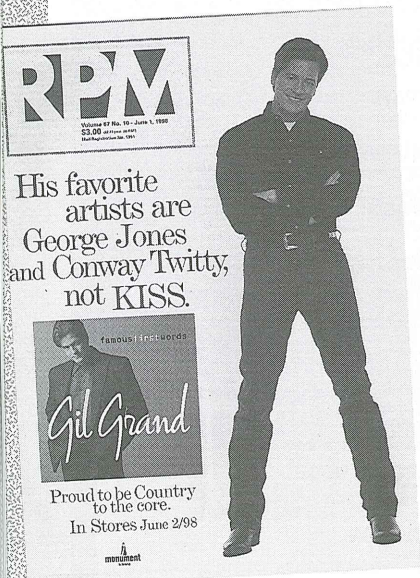
Tyson Parker to publicity for Universal Music

Tyson Parker has been appointed publicist for

Universal Music Canada.

Steven Ehrlick to EMI's legal and business affairs

Steven Ehrlick has been appointed vice-president of legal and business affairs at EMI Music Canada.



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His favorite artists are George Jones and Conway Twitty, not KISS.
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Pindoffs donate \$5 million to land mine project

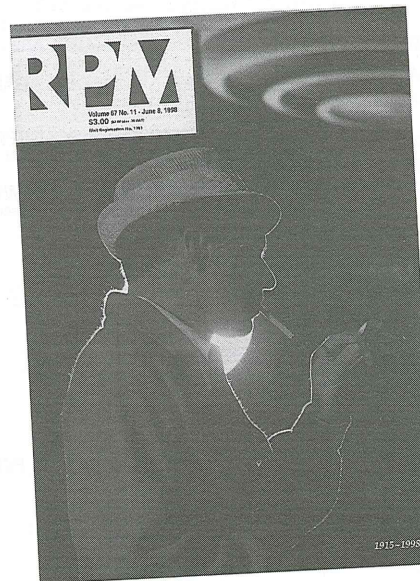
Eva and Kroum Pindoff have donated \$5 million to the Canadian Red Cross which will go toward helping land mine survivors.

Breau documentary among Sleeping Giant releases

Canadian jazz legend Lenny Breau will be the subject of a \$6 million television documentary by Sleeping Giant Productions.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Torn



June 8

The end of an era - Francis Albert Sinatra

Frank Sinatra, the 82-year old patriarch of modern music dies in Los Angeles.

Original chart inaugurates world music pool

Billy Bryans spearheads monthly pool and chart to serve the world music community.

Disney releases Mulan soundtrack

The June 19 opening of Mulan, Walt Disney's 36th full-length animated feature film was pre-empted by the June 2 release of the soundtrack.

SOCAN and broadcasters sign royalty deal

The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers (SOCAN) and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) have reached a new five-year agreement for playing music works.

Caryn Hanlon to new digital post at EMI

Caryn Hanlon has been appointed digital media marketing manager for EMI Music Canada.

CIRPA's booth boosts indie status at MIDEM Latin

CIRPA is once again organizing the Canada Stand at MIDEM Latin America.

Tarlton shifts priority to concentrate on labels

Donald Tarlton (aka Donald K. Donald) has announced his retirement as a concert promoter.

Don Oates celebrates 25 years as industry kingpin

Don Oates, senior vice-president of sales for Sony Music Canada, is honoured at a surprise reception at Sony headquarters that attracted hundreds of his friends and competitors who helped him celebrate his 25th anniversary with Sony/CBS.

Helmut Lotti returns to Toronto's Massey Hall

Belgium classical pop star Helmut Lotti is returning to Toronto's Massey Hall by popular demand.

Radio veteran Robert Palmer dies in Tillsonburg

Robert Palmer, a veteran broadcaster whose voice was familiar to listeners in a number of Ontario markets, passed away in his 56th year.

HMV/Universal to launch Best Unsigned Band contest

HMV Canada and Universal Music Canada will launch the HMV Best Unsigned Band contest during this year's North By Northeast Music Festival.

Kenny Hess first Canadian signed to Curb Records

After 21 years as an independent artist, Kenny Hess has signed a deal with the Curb label in Nashville.

CCMA Fans' Choice Award nominees named

Paul Brandt, Terri Clark, Farmer's Daughter, Jason McCoy and Shania Twain have been named contenders for the annual CMT Maple Leaf Foods Fans' Choice Award.

Carmen Lindsay brings joy to Angela Cooper

Stony Plain, Alberta singer/songwriter Carmen Lindsay pays tribute to Angela Cooper who was born with cerebral palsy, with a recorded song for her 17th birthday.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Torn

June 15

Sheppard trio spearheads BMG offensive

BMG Music Canada launches a trio of releases around DJ Chris Sheppard.

Nettwerk settles dispute with former partners

Nettwerk has announced the settlement of a dispute with two former associates.

Steve Propas appointed Velvel International VP

Steve Propas takes on the role of vice-president of New York-based Velvel International.

EMI Music Canada supercedes international results

EMI Music Canada enjoys a 20 per cent increase over last year and a significant increase in profits, considerably better than EMI's global record.

ECMA votes in new board at St. John's meeting

Members of the East Coast Music Association (ECMA) have voted in a new board for the 1998-99 year.

TMP pacts deal with Nashville's Bluewater Music

TMP - The Music Publisher and Bluewater Music have announced a "creative representation" deal between the two companies in Nashville.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - The Way

June 22

Cinram adopts new shareholder rights plan

Cinram has announced a new shareholder rights plan to replace the current plan which expires June 21.

Songwriters Assoc. elects new president and director

The Songwriters Association (SAC) has elected Ian Thomas as its new president and Brad Clark as a new fulltime executive director.

Needfire's Celtic magic revealed in Cancon production

As perfect a Celtic musical as ever was, is Needfire, currently playing Toronto's Princess of Wales Theatre.

Energy Radio arrives in southern Ontario

The hit music format of Energy Radio has teamed with Energy 108 to form Energy Radio.

Warner Music Canada signs Robert Michaels

Warner Music Canada has finally made the bid to scoop Robert Michaels, and the nouveau flamenco sensation has accepted.

Squash launches newest mobile studio

Squash Sound becomes Toronto's newest 24-track mobile recording studio.

Tsao to Warner's international division

Georgia Tsao has been appointed manager of the international division for Warner Music Canada.

Exclusive jazz package released by HMV

HMV has released its own Jazz Classic Collection, an 8-track CD which pays tribute to the legends of jazz.

Teeny Boppers lead May certifications

The Backstreet Boys lead CRIA's May certifications with BMG diamond for both the band's self-titled album and Backstreet's Back.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Torn

June 29

Morris and Larsen named in Universal shuffle

Doug Morris assumes the position of Chairman and CEO of the PolyGram/Universal Music combination and Jorgen Larsen takes on the mantle of Chairman and CEO of Universal Music International.

Ca-na-da's Bobby Gimby is dead at 79

Bobby Gimby, affectionately known as "Ca-na-da's Pied Piper", died in a nursing home in North Bay.

Southam and Pattison buy stake in Livent

Conrad Black and Jim Pattison

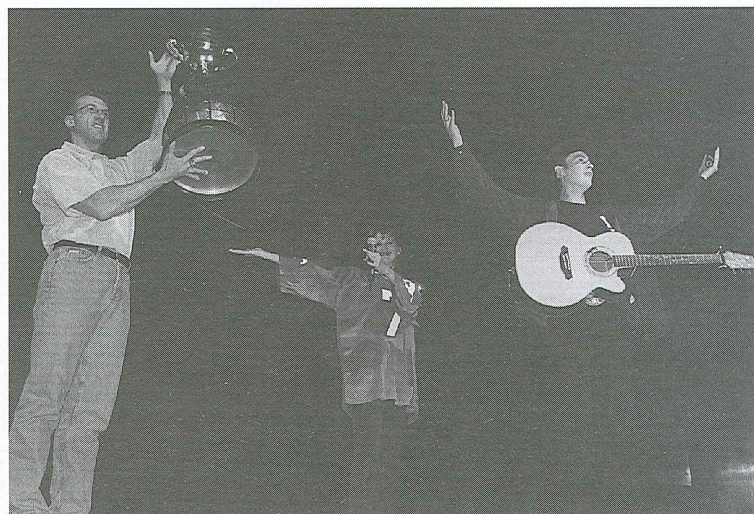
have made individual bids to acquire shares in Livent.

Oz cast album recorded at Manta Eastern Sound

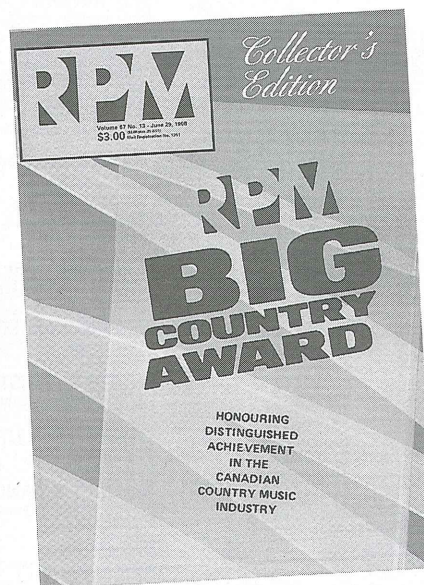
The first cast album of the Wizard of Oz was recorded at Toronto's Manta Eastern Sound.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Torn



Show opener Lisa Brokop and Calgary Stampeder Mark McLoghlin surprised Paul Brandt and his Calgary audience when they showed up on stage holding the Grey Cup aloft which they had won from the Hamilton Ti-Cats the day before the concert.



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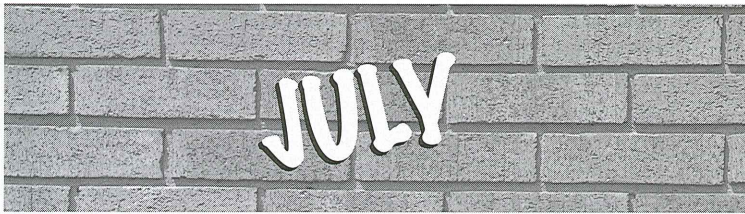
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| 1 | TORN
Natalie Imbruglia - RCA-N | 35 | I DO
Lisa Loeb - Geffen-J | 68 | FORESTFIRE
David Usher - EMI-F  |
| 2 | CRUSH
Jennifer Page - Hollywood-Q | 36 | STOP
Spice Girls - Virgin-F | 69 | AMNESIA
Chumbawamba - Universal-J |
| 3 | MY HEART WILL GO ON
Celine Dion - Columbia-H | 37 | YOU MAKE ME WANNA
Usher - La Face-N | 70 | HEY NOW NOW
Swirl 360 - Mercury-Q |
| 4 | THE WAY
Fastball - A&M-Q | 38 | CRY 
The Philosopher Kings - Epic-H | 71 | SURROUNDED
Chantal Kreviazuk - Columbia-H  |
| 5 | 3 AM
Matchbox 20 - Atlantic-P | 39 | FLY
Sugar Ray - Atlantic-P | 72 | THANK U
Alanis Morissette - Maverick-P |
| 6 | TRULY MADLY DEEPLY
Savage Garden - Columbia-H | 40 | CRUEL SUMMER
Ace Of Base - Arista-N | 73 | I'M READY 
Bryan Adams - A&M-Q |
| 7 | BOY IS MINE
Brandy & Monica - Atlantic-P | 41 | SHOW ME LOVE
Robyn - RCA-N | 74 | ALL THAT YOU ARE 
Econoline Crush - EMI-F |
| 8 | WANT YOU BACK
NSync - RCA-N | 42 | MY FATHER'S EYES
Eric Clapton - Reprise-P | 75 | I DON'T WANT TO WAIT
Paula Cole - Warner Bros.-P |
| 9 | BACK TO YOU
Bryan Adams - A&M-Q | 43 | TUBTHUMPING
Chumbawamba - Geffen-J | 76 | TURN BACK TIME
Aqua - MCA-J |
| 10 | ADIA 
Sarah McLachlan - Nettwerk-F | 44 | BROKEN BONES 
Love Inc. - ViK-N | 77 | THE FIRST NIGHT
Monica - Arista-N |
| 11 | TOGETHER AGAIN
Janet Jackson - Virgin-F | 45 | EVERYWHERE 
Bran Van 3000 - Mount.-Select | 78 | PERFECT
Smashing Pumpkins - Virgin-F |
| 12 | IRIS
Goo Goo Dolls - Warner Bros.-P | 46 | (YOU'RE A) SUPERSTAR 
Love Inc. - ViK-N | 79 | NO NO NO
Destiny's Child - Columbia-H |
| 13 | SEX AND CANDY
Marcy Playground - Capitol-F | 47 | I'LL BE THERE 
The Moffatts - EMI-F | 80 | WISHING THAT 
Jann Arden - A&M-Q |
| 14 | TOO CLOSE
Next - Arista-N | 48 | IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND
Stars On 54 - Tommy Boy-N | 81 | TOP OF THE WORLD
Brandy Feat. Mase - Atlantic-P |
| 15 | FROZEN
Madonna - Maverick-P | 49 | SEARCHIN' MY SOUL
Vonda Shepard - Epic-H | 82 | TOO MUCH
Spice Girls - Virgin-F |
| 16 | RAY OF LIGHT
Madonna - Maverick-P | 50 | GHETTO SUPERSTAR
Pras Michael Feat. Ol' Dirty Bastard - Interscope-J | 83 | I WILL WAIT
Hootie And The Blowfish - Atlantic-P |
| 17 | REAL WORLD
Matchbox 20 - Lava-P | 51 | TIME OF YOUR LIFE
Green Day - Reprise-P | 84 | IMMORTALITY
Celine Dion - Columbia-H |
| 18 | GET JIGGY WITH IT
Wil Smith - Columbia-H | 52 | MUMMER'S DANCE
Loreena McKennitt - Quinlan Road-P | 85 | POETS 
The Tragically Hip - Universal-J |
| 19 | I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING
Aerosmith - Columbia-H | 53 | ANYTIME
Brian McKnight - Motown-Q | 86 | SUMMER LONG 
Emm Gryner - A&M-Q |
| 20 | UNINVITED
Alanis Morissette - Maverick-P | 54 | WISHING I WAS THERE
Natalie Imbruglia - RCA-N | 87 | BITCH
Meredith Brooks - Capitol-F |
| 21 | WALKIN' ON THE SUN
Smash Mouth - Interscope-J | 55 | CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF YOU BABY
Smash Mouth - Elektra-P | 88 | TIME AFTER TIME
Inoj - Columbia-H |
| 22 | KISS THE RAIN
Billie Myers - Universal-J | 56 | BRICK
Ben Folds Five - Mercury-Q | 89 | SPACEMAN
Bif - Aquarius-F |
| 23 | SWEET SURRENDER 
Sarah McLachlan - Nettwerk-F | 57 | VIVA FOREVER
Spice Girls - Virgin-F | 90 | SAVE TONIGHT
Eagle Eye Cherry - Work-H |
| 24 | ALL MY LIFE
K-Ci And Jo Jo - MCA-J | 58 | DO YOU REALLY WANT ME
Robyn - RCA-N | 91 | THIS KISS
Faith Hill - Warner Bros.-P |
| 25 | ARE YOU JIMMY RAY?
Jimmy Ray - Epic-H | 59 | SEMI-CHARMED LIFE
Third Eye Blind - Elektra-P | 92 | JUST MY LUCK 
V.I.P. - VM |
| 26 | AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME
Backstreet Boys - Jive-N | 60 | SINCE WHEN 
54.40 - Columbia-H | 93 | CLUMSY 
Our Lady Peace - Columbia-H |
| 27 | ONE WEEK 
Barenaked Ladies - Reprise-P | 61 | JUST THE TWO OF US
Wil Smith - Columbia-H | 94 | DIGGIN' A HOLE 
Big Sugar - A&M-Q |
| 28 | TEARIN' UP MY HEART
NSync - RCA-N | 62 | HEROES
The Wallflowers - Columbia-H | 95 | ON A DAY LIKE TODAY 
Bryan Adams - A&M-Q |
| 29 | GO DEEP
Janet Jackson - Virgin-F | 63 | KIND & GENEROUS
Natalie Merchant - Elektra-P | 96 | THE OAF (MY LUCK IS WASTED) 
Big Wreck - Atlantic-P |
| 30 | YOU'RE STILL THE ONE 
Shania Twain - Mercury-Q | 64 | ALL I HAVE TO GIVE
Backstreet Boys - Jive-N | 97 | SLIDE
Goo Goo Dolls - Warner Bros.-P |
| 31 | NEVER EVER
All Saints - London-Q | 65 | MY FAVORITE MISTAKE
Sheryl Crow - A&M-Q | 98 | SWEETEST THING
U2 - Island-Q |
| 32 | HURTS TO LOVE YOU 
Philosopher Kings - Columbia-H | 66 | ARE YOU THAT SOMEBODY?
Aaliyah - Atlantic-P | 99 | LUCKY MAN
The Verve - Virgin-F |
| 33 | CLOSING TIME
Semisonic - MCA-J | 67 | HOW'S IT GOING TO BE
Third Eye Blind - Elektra-P | 100 | I KNOW YOU 
Jann Arden - A&M-Q |
| 34 | BITTERSWEET SYMPHONY
The Verve - Virgin-F | | | | |

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July 6

CMRRA and CRIA pact Mechanical Licensing Agreement

The Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency and the Canadian Recording Industry Association have announced a new Mechanical Licensing Agreement.

Stan Kulin to be inducted into the CMW Hall of Fame

Former Warner Music Canada chairman, Stan Kulin, will be inducted into the Music Industry Hall of Fame during Canadian Music Week International.

Virgin Music Canada signs on Choclair

Virgin Music's Russ Hergert and Geoff Kulawick sign Choclair to the label.

Julian Austin is multi Big Country award winner

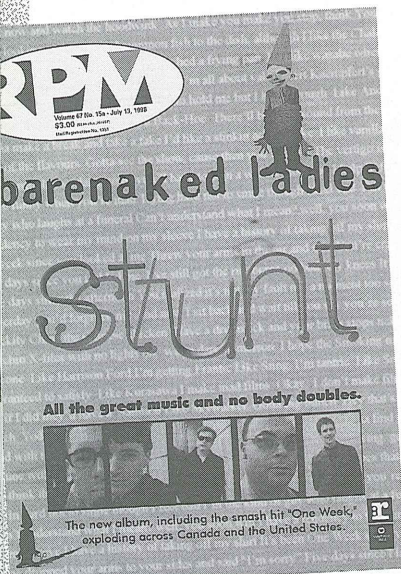
One of the big winners at this year's Big Country Awards hosted by Farmer's Daughter was ViK recording artist Julian Austin who took home three of the coveted awards.

Benefit fund set up for Graham Townsend

Veteran broadcaster Barry Nesbitt is instrumental in setting up a benefit fund for Mr. Country Fiddle, Graham Townsend who is gravely ill.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Torn



July 13

Snell and Copnick to focus on new BMG country wing

Jill Snell and Warren Copnick will spearhead BMG's new department to focus on the development of Canadian and international country music.

FACTOR changes policy on claiming of costs

FACTOR has made a policy change regarding the claiming of costs.

Panasonic introduces smallest portable DVD player

Panasonic Canada introduces the DVD-L10, the world's first and smallest portable DVD player.

BNL priority with US modern rock stations

In just one week, One Week, the first single from Stunt, the upcoming album from the Barenaked Ladies has scored big with modern rock stations in the US.

Donna Presley Early debuts at Elvis Orillia fest

Donna Presley Early, the daughter of Elvis Presley's Aunt "Nash" will make her singing debut at the 4th Canadian Elvis Tribute & Convention.

Spice Girls Diamond captured by MuchMusic

Virgin Music Canada will present a diamond award to the Spice Girls on MuchMusic's Intimate & Interactive series.

The Fox sets up repeater in Whistler

Vancouver's 99.3 The Fox has been granted an extension to its existing licence to set up a repeater transmitter to broadcast its signal in Whistler.

Larry & Willy celebrate 10 at The Fox's Edgefest

Vancouver's 99.3 The Fox will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the station's morning team Larry and Willy, at UBC's Thunderbird Stadium.

The Hip play benefit shows for Camp Trillium

The Tragically Hip have played a series of benefit shows in four Ontario cities with all proceeds going to Camp Trillium.

Tony Boone killed in tragic accident

Sydney, Nova Scotia singer/songwriter Tony Boone was killed in an auto accident in Ithaca, New York at age 28.

TMP appoints director for new Music Row offices

Gerd Muller has been appointed director of operations in Nashville for TMP - The Music Publisher's new office.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Iris

July 20

BMG promo nod to Peters, Drolet and Ramsay

BMG has announced the promotion of three regional promotion representatives to new management positions: Dale Peters, Stephane Drolet and Ray Ramsay.

Jerry Mason joins The River's music staff

Jerry Mason is the new music director and swing announcer at CIDR in Windsor.

SL&B's Skinnamarink TV set for 26 new episodes

Production is underway for the second season of Sharon, Lois & Bram's television series, Skinnamarink TV.

MMS eyes majors as potential customers

Lindsay Gillespie, who launched Music Manufacturing Services (MMS) in 1988, has set his sights on the majors as customers.

David Lee Roth signs with Velvel Canada

Velvel Music Group Canada has acquired the rights to David Lee Roth's latest album, DLR Band for Canada.

Classical Kids celebrates a new generation

The Children's Group celebrates 10th anniversary of Classical Kids.

Garry Newman to CEO Warner Music Canada

Jim Caradine, Executive Vice President of Warner Music International (WMI), has named Garry Newman as Chief Executive Officer of Warner Music Canada.

Beaches Jazz Festival turns ten years of age

The annual Beaches International Jazz Festival celebrates its tenth anniversary this year.

Variety Club salutes Big Country

Variety Club once again salutes Big Country with a packed Concert Hall at Toronto's Royal York Hotel with entertainment supplied by Lisa Erskine and Gil Grand.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Iris

July 27

Cover of RPM gets Canada Post noses out of joint

The cover of RPM had to be shipped in a special cover-all to hide the bare-it-all photo of the winner of The Fox's (Vancouver) What Would You Do To See Pearl Jam contest.

Universal Music signs east coast's Johnny Favourite

The Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra has been signed to a multi-album recording deal with Universal Music Canada.

The Rankins cancel World Festival date

The Rankins have cancelled their date at the End of the World Festival in Kenora, Ontario.

SOCAN mounts seminar on simplifying forms

SOCAN to hold a Forms Made Friendly seminar at its head office.

Amy Sky to make debut at CMT Songwriter series

Amy Sky will be the featured artist on CMT's Songwriter Series.

Kingston's Fort Henry hosts first full moon dance party

Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario will be the setting for the first full moon dance party.

Wicklow replaces Unisphere

Unisphere Records, a joint venture deal with Paddy Moloney of The Chieftains, has been renamed Wicklow Records.

Kiss The Midget documentary to end at Freedom Fest

Calgary-based Kiss The Midget have been slotted to perform at this summer's Freedom Festival.

Heywood takes CKNX Barndance into its 61st year

The 61-year old CKNX Barndance is still active, as is its founder, 82-year old Earl Heywood.

Celebrities lined up for Inside Country golf tournament

The annual Chas Hay Inside Country Celebrity golf tournament has celebrities lining up to take part.

#1 Album - NOW! 3

#1 Hit - Iris

**August 3****Levi's the jean people sponsor Lilith Fair contest**

Besides being a sponsor of Lilith Fair, the Levi's brand also sponsored the fair's acoustic talent search.

Applications being accepted for Hamilton Music Scene

Hamilton will play host to the 4th annual Hamilton Music Scene.

Poets fuels retail for Hip's Phantom Power

Poets, the first single from the Tragically Hip's new album, Phantom Power, helps create impact at retail.

Full Cancon lineup for Summersault '98

Columbia's Our Lady Peace has been firmed to headline the all-Cancon lineup for Summersault '98.

Stephanie Heyens to EMI's business affairs

Stephanie Heyens has joined the EMI Music Canada business affairs team as manager legal and business affairs.

BMG Publishing signs deal with Chris Sheppard

Chris Sheppard has been signed to a worldwide multi-year deal with BMG Music Publishing Canada.

Emmy nomination for Erbe and Solomon

Toronto-based songwriters Micky Erbe and Maribeth Solomon have been nominated for an Emmy Award.

Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy flies solo with debut album

Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy makes his debut as a solo artist.

Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee hits tenth anniversary

The Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee returns to Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall for its tenth anniversary.

BMG Entertainment undergoes organizational changes

Strauss Zelnick has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of BMG Entertainment.

Tower's Vince Parr appointed to RMAC

Vince Parr, director of marketing for Tower Records, has been appointed executive director of the Retail Music Association of Canada (RMAC).

MIAC '98 conference posts sold out notices

The Music Industries Association of Canada (MIAC) 1998 conference and trade show has posted sold out notices for its Toronto dates.

#1 Album - Phantom Power

#1 Hit - Iris

August 10**Juno Award sandwich lady dies at 95**

Renowned for having made the sandwiches at the first Juno Awards in Toronto at St. Lawrence Hall, Sabina Klees died in Toronto's Wellesley Hospital Aug. 6 three months short of her 96th birthday.

CCMA nominations put polish on country star system

Canada's country star system was given a boost with the announcement of this year's nominees.

Onrot, Baker and Mitchell principals in CEO Events

Martin Onrot, Kathryn Baker and Margaret Mitchell launch CEO Events.

Universal takes the lead in revival of swing music

Universal Music has taken the lead in the revival of swing music with releases by Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra, the Brian Setzer Orchestra, Cherry Poppin' Daddies and the Squirrel Nut Zippers making an impact at retail.

Colin James to guest on B.B.King's Blues fest

Colin James and the Little Big Band will be special guests at the B.B.King Blues Festival at Toronto's Molson Amphitheatre.

Stern's TV premiere on hold at Citytv

The Howard Stern Show, scheduled to premiere at midnight Aug. 22 on Citytv has been put on hold.

CBC Records and PolyGram sign distribution deal

CBC Records and PolyGram Group Canada have jointly signed "an unprecedented distribution agreement."

Keith Brown resurrects Reckless Eddy Roadshows

Keith Brown, who helms his own Keith Brown Music company is returning Reckless Eddy to the road.

Pattison's All New 600 AM has a Sinatra hook

Listeners to Vancouver's 600 AM were given the opportunity to win trips for two to the world exclusive Frank Sinatra compound in Palm Springs.

Sold out notices posted for Lilith Fair's Toronto dates

Nancy Yu, Canadian publicist for Lilith Fair, reports both Toronto dates have been sold out.

Brian Henderson to mornings at 1050 CHUM

1050 CHUM listeners woke up to a new morning host on Aug. 4 when Brian Henderson began anchoring the show.

Craven A pulls out of Today's Country

Craven A has announced it will drop sponsorship of Today's Country with the Sept. 27 show.

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Junos return to Hamilton for 1999 awards show

Daisy Falle, president of the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (CARAS) has revealed that the 1999 awards show will return to Hamilton.

Michael Rapino to Core as partner and vice-president

Steve Herman, president of the Toronto-based Core Audience, has announced the appointment of Michael Rapino as partner and senior vice-president.

Dave Muzik Morgan now swings at GX94

After close to 19 years on the air in the Saskatoon market, Dave Muzik Morgan is now in place at GX94 Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

#1 Album - Phantom Power
#1 Hit - Iris

August 17

Garth Drabinsky's dream becomes a nightmare

The theatre community was shocked to learn of the suspension of Livent's co-founder and vice-chairman Garth Drabinsky and co-founder, vice-president Myron Gottlieb.

Sony utilizes Internet for Melanie Doane campaign

Sony launches an Internet campaign on Columbia recording artist Melanie Doane.

Swirl 360 set to launch extensive promo tour

Swirl 360 releases debut CD, Ask Anybody, on the Mercury label.

CMRRA revamps website to expedite data flow

After introducing its website 10 years ago, CMRRA "wipes the slate clean," and creates a new website.

CARAS and CBC pact three year production deal

CARAS and CBC Television have signed a co-production deal for the next three years.

Beverly Mahood signs major deal with Foster

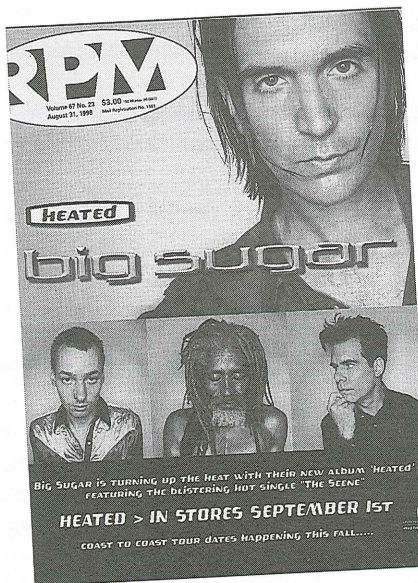
Country recording artist Beverly Mahood has signed a production deal with David Foster and 143 Records of Los Angeles.

#1 Album - Armageddon
#1 Hit - The Boy Is Mine

TNN offers US telecast of CCMA's music awards

TNN will once again telecast the Canadian Country Music Association's music awards.

#1 Album - Armageddon
#1 Hit - Iris



August 31

Wrong message getting out on proposed tape levy

Reports on the proposed new levy on audio tape being circulated by some in the media has created some concern.

CHUM pulls plug on Stern's radio/TV shows

CHUM Limited has axed Howard Stern's radio show on Montreal's CHOM-FM and dropped its rights to his Saturday night television show.

Patrick McDougall to CEO of Toronto's SkyDome

Patrick McDougall has been appointed president and CEO of SkyDome Corporation.

Sir George Martin exits with Beatles' music album

MCA Records/Universal Music Canada releases Sir George Martin's farewell production of In My Life.

MuchMusic Video Awards to air live Sept. 24

The annual MuchMusic Video Awards will be telecast live from the CHUMCity building in Toronto.

FACTOR's annual report reveals record year

Jason Sniderman, retiring president of FACTOR reveals the organization has registered "a record-setting year."

Calabrese and Moreau beef up BMG promotion

Julie Calabrese and Mike Moreau are named in appointments for BMG promotion.

Judy & David sign with Paquin Entertainment

Canadian family talent Judy & David have signed with Winnipeg's Paquin Entertainment Agency.

Cliff Dumas returns to Hamilton's CHAM

Cliff Dumas has left his CISS-FM morning show in Toronto to return to CHAM in Hamilton.

#1 album - Armageddon
#1 Hit - Iris

August 24

MuchMoreMusic Sept. 30 launch to 3.5 million homes

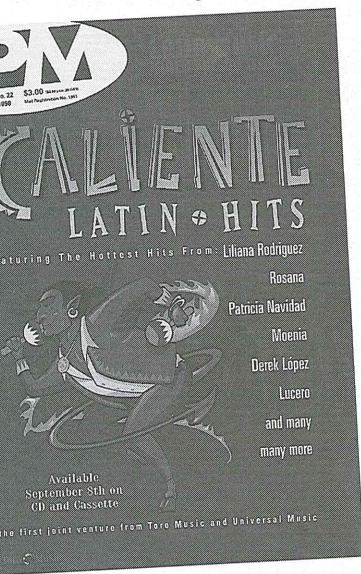
MuchMoreMusic will be available to approximately 3.5 million Canadian households with its launch on Sept. 30.

The Moffatts check in with new EMI single

The Moffatts have a new EMI single and have just come off the road from a promotion tour.

Rare Presley memorabilia for sale on Internet

Rare exclusive Elvis Presley memorabilia is for sale in a DDA (Digital Downloadable Album) format.



Bruce "The Barkman" Barker off to Cooperstown

Toronto's MIX 99.9 sports authority, Bruce "The Barkman" Barker has been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Maestro is welcomed back to Attic fold

Maestro, formerly known as Maestro Fresh Wes, has returned to the Attic roster.

The Nines winners of Universal/HMV contest

The Nines has won the HMV Best Unsigned Band contest.

Two new staffers for Shoreline/Alien

Eric Alper and Mark Hillier have been named in appointments for Shoreline/Alien Records.

Second Celtic Colours firmed for Cape Breton

The second annual Celtic Colours will be held during the height of Cape Breton's fall colours.



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CIRPA launches campaign for MIDEM Canada Stand

CIRPA is mounting a heavy promotion campaign to signal the importance of MIDEM's upcoming international trade show in France.

Full Monty Live takes off at HMV's Yonge Street store

The final scene of the Full Monty movie is recreated in the window of HMV's flagship store in downtown Toronto.

Lilith Fair to London for first European date

Organizers have secured a Sept. 23 date for Lilith Fair at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Fosse goes to Broadway for Broadhurst opening

Garth Drabinsky's latest theatrical triumph, Fosse: A Celebration In Song and Dance, opens on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre.

Dean Nesbitt: a modern renaissance man

Popular Toronto keyboardist/composer Dean Nesbitt launches campaign on release of his Castaway album.

Sphere Clown Band back to Asia by popular demand

Pioneering Canadian children's performance/recording group Sphere Clown Band returned to Asia by popular demand.

Lumby and Richards to CISS-FM's morning show

Jeff Lumby and Mike Richards will now front CISS-FM's morning show.

CMT boosts image with a new look and new hosts

CMT bows a brand new look and landed Greg Shannon as the host of its CMT Request Line.

#1 Album - Korn

#1 hit - Iris

September 14**Oh What A Feeling reveals the caring side of CARAS**

The Starlight Room at Toronto's Children's Hospital became a reality through the generosity of Oh What A Feeling, the Juno 25th anniversary commemorative CD boxed set.

The Children's Group switches to Warner Music

Canadian distribution of The Children's Group catalogue is now handled by Warner Music Canada.

Steve Klein launches syndicated radio show

Steve Klein has launched a nationally syndicated daily radio show under the banner of A Motivational Minute.

Vancouver hosts Broadcasting '98 and Media Expo

An estimated 1500 delegates are expected to attend the National Media Expo in Vancouver.

I Mother Earth signed to Mercury/PolyGram

I Mother Earth have been signed to the Mercury domestic roster.

Warner Music gold to fiddler Natalie MacMaster

Natalie MacMaster's second album, Fit As A Fiddle, has been certified gold.

Paddy Moloney's Fire goes gold in Canada

Fire In The Kitchen, the latest project by chief Chieftain Paddy Moloney, has been certified gold by BMG Music Canada.

SOCAN supports country with award and seminars

SOCAN is once again supporting country music through sponsorship of the SOCAN Song of the Year Award at the CCMA awards show and a seminar at this year's Canadian Country Music Week.

#1 Album - Korn

#1 Hit - Crush

September 21**Mike Bullard's a go for second CTV season**

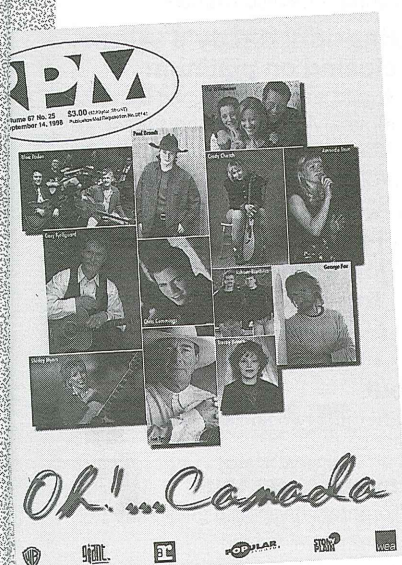
Open Mike with Mike Bullard has been renewed for a second season.

MuchMusic once again sets stage for video awards

The 9th annual MuchMusic Video Awards will go live from MuchMusic World headquarters on Sept. 24.

Master talk show host John Gilbert is dead at 68

Veteran on-air radio personality John Gilbert died Sept. 15 on his 68th birthday.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: WELCOME, KAI & THE WAR MILK BOYS, LAWNIE WALLACE, DAYNA MANNING, J.T. & STAGGERED CROSSING, GIL GRAND, THE HUDONS.

Growing opposition to dilution of Canadian content system

David Basskin, executive director of the Canadian Music Publishers Association (CCMPA) has mounted vigorous opposition to the suggestion that changes be made to the MAPL system.

Warner Music Canada sets benchmark for conventions

It was a new president and a new tact as Warner Music Canada's Garry Newman pumped up his troops for the company's convention at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, Ontario.

Canadian country music is Shania Twain

This year's Canadian Country Music Association awards belonged to Shania Twain as the Mercury recording star took home eight of the coveted awards.

Warner Music Canada holds first fan fair

Warner Music Canada's first fan fair held during Canadian Country Music Week '98 in Calgary drew a crowd of more than 2,000 country fans.

CCMA's President's Dinner honours industry movers

A highlight of this year's President's Dinner was the awarding of the Humanitarian Award to Paul Brandt.

Independent artists honoured at Country Music Week

The best of Canada's independent country artists, musicians, radio personalities and stations were honoured with Citation Awards at an industry luncheon.

#1 Album - Armageddon

#1 Hit - Crush

September 28

34 artists take MuchMoreMusic into 5 million homes

The new MuchMoreMusic channel makes its debut with a special commemorative, non-profit compilation of 34 hits from 34 stars.

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Quartetto Gelato readies 80-date concert tour

Marquis Classics' recording quartet, Quartetto Gelato off on 80-date tour across Canada and the US.

Universal releases first album from Jerry Seinfeld

Jerry Seinfeld's first-ever comedy album is released by Universal Music.

New and established take MuchMusic Video awards

The ninth annual MuchMusic Video Awards pays tribute to new and established artists.

#1 Album S'il Suffisait D'aimer

#1 Hit - Crush



October 5

People's Choice winners cap MuchMusic awards

It was an awards show like no other awards show as the MuchMusic Video awards honoured the People's Choice winners.

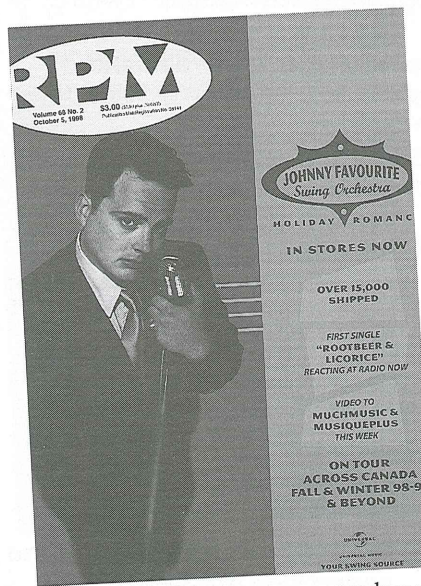
Hagood Hardy's Alone closing on platinum

A gold award for Hagood Hardy's album, Alone, was presented to Martha, wife of the late composer at a ceremony in the Glenn Gould Studio.

Terry David Mulligan joins Citytv's Startv

Terry David Mulligan has joined Startv as senior segment

producer.



ViK's Love Inc. goes gold with debut

Love Inc.'s self-titled debut album goes gold after just two and a half months on release.

Colin James teams with Johnny Favourite on tour

Colin James & the Little Big Band swing into Toronto with special guests Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra.

Change in policy for Morning Music

Morning Music is changing its policy with regard to submissions of unsolicited song material.

Greg Shannon goes to air with CMT Request Line

CMT's Request Line with Greg Shannon on board as host, premieres.

#1 Album - Mechanical Animals

#1 Hit - Crush

October 12

Submission forms ready for 1999 Juno Awards

CARAS has announced that the submission forms for next year's Juno Awards are now available.

Celine Dion and R.Kelly team for new single

I'm Your Angel, a duet with Celine Dion and R.Kelly is now at radio.

Navarre pacts deal with EMI Canada and Page

Navarre has signed a "strategic alliance" with EMI Music Canada and Page Music Distribution.

OAC holds seminar for the self-employed artist

The Ontario Council is holding a two-day workshop for self-employed artists.

Shaw Communications adds to Project Discovery

Shaw Communications continues its support of Canada's independent artists/musicians with the release of Project Discovery.

Tina Van Dusen to CAB as executive vice-president

Tina Van Dusen has been appointed executive vice-president of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters.

Margaret McKie launches new booking agency

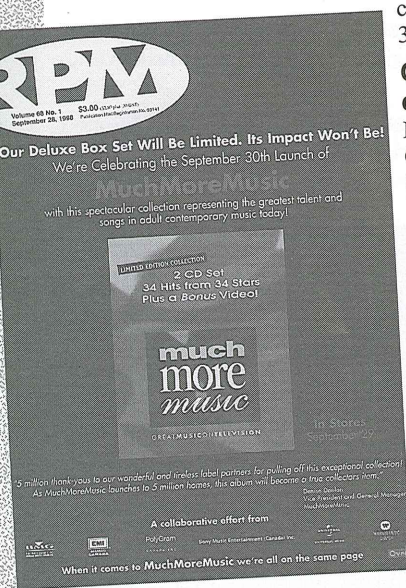
Margaret McKie, has launched her own "multi-genre" booking agency.

Fame: The Musical set for Royal Alexandra

David and Ed Mirvish will present the North American premiere of Fame: The Musical.


Change of ownership for St. Clair Entertainment

Montreal-based St. Clair Entertainment has been purchased by a company controlled by Miles Flood and Morey Richman.




Al Dubin and Ed Preston were among the hundreds of friends and well-wishers who were on hand to say goodbye to Warner Music Canada chairman Stan Kulin, who retired and then took over the reins of CARAS as the organization's first chairman.

RPM's Top 50 Alternative Tracks of '98

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| <p>1 POETS
Tragically Hip - Universal-J</p> <p>2 SEX AND CANDY
Marcy Playground - Capitol-F</p> <p>3 THE WAY
Fastball - Hollywood-Q</p> <p>4 THE DOPE SHOW
Marilyn Manson - Interscope-J</p> <p>5 HEROES
The Wallflowers - Epic-H</p> <p>6 DO YOU WANNA GET HEAVY
John Spencer Blues Explosion - Matador-F</p> <p>7 FOLLOW THE LEADER
Korn - Epic - H</p> <p>8 AVA ADORE
Smashing Pumpkins - Virgin-F</p> <p>9 IRIS
Goo Goo Dolls - Reprise-P</p> <p>10 DRAGULA
Rob Zombie - Geffen-J</p> <p>11 3 AM
Matchbox 20 - Atlantic-P</p> <p>12 MOOSE JAW
Kittens - Sonic Unyon-N</p> <p>13 WISH LIST
Pearl Jam - Epic-H</p> <p>14 THE DOWN TOWN
Days Of The New - Outpost-J</p> <p>15 CLOSING TIME
Semisonic - Universal-J</p> <p>16 SINCE WHEN
54.40 - Sony-H</p> <p>17 EMPIRES WILL FALL
Scratching Post - Squirtgun-Ind.</p> | <p>18 TOXYGENE
The Orb - Island-Q</p> <p>19 CELEBRITY SKIN
Hole - Geffen-J</p> <p>20 PERFECT
Smashing Pumpkins - Virgin-F</p> <p>21 I LIE IN THE BED I MAKE
Brother Cane - Virgin-F</p> <p>22 DU HAST
Rammstein - Slash-Q</p> <p>23 GIVEN TO FLY
Pearl Jam - Epic-H</p> <p>24 I WILL BUY YOU A NEW LIFE
Everclear - EMI-F</p> <p>25 WASH IT
Black Lab - Universal-J</p> <p>26 THE SCENE
Big Sugar - A&M-Q</p> <p>27 BITTERSWEET SYMPHONY
The Verve - Virgin-F</p> <p>28 SWEET SURRENDER
Sarah McLachlan - Nettwerk-F</p> <p>29 SPASMOLYTIC
Skinny Puppy - Nettwerk-F</p> <p>30 ANY DAY NOW
The Watchmen - EMI-F</p> <p>31 PUSH IT
Garbage - Almo Sounds-J</p> <p>32 SOMETHING ON
Tragically Hip - Universal-J</p> <p>33 MONEY CITY MANIACS
Sloan - Geffen-J</p> <p>34 APPARITIONS
Matthew Good Band - A&M-Q</p> | <p>35 FIRE ESCAPE
Fastball - Hollywood-Q</p> <p>36 DON'T DRINK THE WATER
Dave Matthews Band - RCA-N</p> <p>37 UNINVITED
Alanis Morissette - Maverick-P</p> <p>38 OVER YOUR SHOULDER
7 Mary 3 - Atlantic-P</p> <p>39 TROPICALIA
Beck - Cyanide Breathmint-J</p> <p>40 PSYCHO CIRCUS
Kiss - Mercury-Q</p> <p>41 MOMBASSTIC
Talvin Singh - Omni-Q</p> <p>42 SHINE
Junkhouse - Sony-H</p> <p>43 AROUND THE FUR
Deftones - Maverick-P</p> <p>44 SHE SAID
Collective Soul - Warner Bros.-P</p> <p>45 STEREO
The Watchmen - EMI-F</p> <p>46 SPACE LORD
Monster Magnet - A&M-Q</p> <p>47 ONLY WHEN I LOSE MYSELF
Depeche Mode - Mute-P</p> <p>48 THE MEDICATION IS WEARING OFF
Eels - Dreamworks-J</p> <p>49 DELTA SUN BOTTLENECK STOMP
Mercury Rev - V2-N</p> <p>50 SLIDE
Goo Goo Dolls - Reprise-P</p> |
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RPM's Top 50 Urban Tracks of '98




































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| <p>1 THE BOY IS MINE
Brandy w. Monica - Atlantic-P</p> <p>2 HORSE AND CARRIAGE
Cam'Ron feat. Mase - Bad Boy-N</p> <p>3 KALIFORNIA
Fat Boy Slim - Virgin-F</p> <p>4 MONEY, POWER, RESPECT
The Lox - Bad Boy-N</p> <p>5 PUSHIN' WEIGHT
Ice Cube - Virgin-F</p> <p>6 DEJA VU
Lord Tariq feat. Peter Gunz - Sony-H</p> <p>7 TOP OF THE WORLD
Brandy feat. Mase - Atlantic-P</p> <p>8 STILL NOT A PLAYER
Big Pun - Loud-N</p> <p>9 I'LL BE AROUND
Rahsun w. Big Pun - 550-H</p> <p>10 LOOKIN' AT ME
Mase feat. Puff Daddy - Bad Boy-N</p> <p>11 MADE
Mac 10 - Virgin-F</p> <p>12 STICK TO YOUR VISION
Maestro - Attic-J</p> <p>13 I HONOR YU
Canibus - Universal-J</p> <p>14 WHAT YOU WANT
Mase w. Total - BMG-N</p> <p>15 GET ME A DOG
DMX feat. The Lox - Def Jam-N</p> <p>16 4,3,2,1
LL Cool J - Def Jam-N</p> <p>17 ARE YOU THAT
Aaliyah - Atlantic-P</p> | <p>18 RAPPER'S DELIGHT
Def Squad - Virgin-F</p> <p>19 A ROSE IS A ROSE
Aretha Franklin - Arista-N</p> <p>20 ANYTIME
Bryan McKnight - A&M-Q</p> <p>21 BOUT YOUR...
Glen Lewis - Ill Vibe Records</p> <p>22 HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE
Dru Hill - Ruff House-H</p> <p>23 BLUE ANGEL
Pras - Ruff House-H</p> <p>24 MY WAY
Usher - La Face-N</p> <p>25 HE GOT GAME
Public Enemy - Def Jam-N</p> <p>26 GONE TIL NOVEMBER
Wycleff Jean - Ruff House-N</p> <p>27 NO NO NO (PART 2)
Destiny's Child - Columbia-H</p> <p>28 WHAT U WANT
Mase - Bad Boy-N</p> <p>29 DON'T STOP THE MUSIC
Playa - Def Jam-N</p> <p>30 GUESS WHO'S COMING...
Rakim - Universal-J</p> <p>31 STILL IN LOVE
Next - BMG-N</p> <p>32 CROOK COUNTY
Twista and the Speed Knot Mobstaz - Big Beat-Q</p> <p>33 GO DEEP
Janet - Virgin-F</p> <p>34 FREAKOUT
Nutta Butta - BMG-N</p> | <p>35 BOUNCIN'
Lost Boyz - Untertainment-H</p> <p>36 WITH ME
Destiny's Child feat. Master P - EMI-F</p> <p>37 WE CAN FREAK IT
Kurupt - Polymedia-Q</p> <p>38 GETTIN' JIGGY WITH IT
Wil Smith - Columbia-H</p> <p>39 CLUBBIN'
Ice Cube - Priority/Virgin-F</p> <p>40 MONEY AINT' A THANG
J Z w. Beenie - SoSo Def-H</p> <p>41 ELECTRONIC FUNK
M1 - Jinx-P</p> <p>42 THA BOMB
Siamese - Epic-H</p> <p>43 L-L-L-LIES
Diana King - BMG-N</p> <p>44 PHONE TAP
The Firm - Sony-H</p> <p>45 WE WILL BALL
Lord Tariq w. Peter Gunz - Sony-H</p> <p>46 YOU MAKE ME WANNA
Usher - La Face-N</p> <p>47 I GOT THE HOOKUP
Master P - No Limit-F</p> <p>48 NICE AND SLOW
Usher - La Face-N</p> <p>49 ALL MY LIFE
KC & JoJo - MCA-J</p> <p>50 BEACH BALL
Nalin and Kane - Ultra-Q</p> |
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's Top 100 Adult Contemporary Tracks of '98

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|----|--|---|----|---|---|-----|--|---|
| 1 | MY HEART WILL GO ON
Celine Dion - Columbia-H | | 35 | TOO MUCH
Spice Girls - Virgin-F | | 68 | HEAVEN 'S WHAT I FEEL
Gloria Estefan - Epic-H | |
| 2 | ADIA
Sarah McLachlan - Nettwerk-F |  | 36 | LOOKING THROUGH YOUR EYES
LeAnn Rimes - Curb-F | | 69 | I WONDER
Tom Cochrane - EMI-F |  |
| 3 | TORN
Natalie Imbruglia - RCA-N | | 37 | ORDINARY
Great Big Sea - WEA-P |  | 70 | YOUR LOVE
Jim Brickman w/Michelle Wright - Windham Hill-N | |
| 4 | OOH LA LA
Rod Stewart - Warner Bros.-P | | 38 | VIVA FOREVER
Spice Girls - Virgin-F | | 71 | TELL HIM
Barbra Streisand w/Celine Dion - Columbia-H | |
| 5 | MY FATHER'S EYES
Eric Clapton - Reprise-P | | 39 | TIME
Lionel Richie - Mercury-Q | | 72 | SAFE PLACE FROM THE STORM
Michael Bolton - Columbia-H | |
| 6 | TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY
Savage Garden - Columbia-H | | 40 | I DO
Lisa Loeb - Geffen | | 73 | INTO YOU
3 Deep - Beat Factory-F |  |
| 7 | FROM THIS MOMENT ON
Shania Twain w/Bryan White - Mercury-Q |  | 41 | GIVE ME FOREVER
John Tesh w/James Ingram - GTSP-Q | | 74 | I WILL WAIT
Hootie And The Blowfish - Atlantic-P | |
| 8 | I'M READY
Bryan Adams - A&M-Q |  | 42 | SO HELP ME GIRL
Gary Barlow - Arista-N | | 75 | HURTS TO LOVE YOU
Philosopher Kings - Columbia-H |  |
| 9 | CRUSH
Jennifer Paige - Hollywood-Q | | 43 | THE BEST OF LOVE
Michael Bolton - Columbia-H | | 76 | UNBOUND
Robbie Robertson - Capitol-F |  |
| 10 | YOU'RE STILL THE ONE
Shania Twain - Mercury-Q |  | 44 | I'LL NEVER BREAK YOUR HEART
Backstreet Boys - BMG-N | | 77 | IRIS
Goo Goo Dolls - Warner Bros-P | |
| 11 | BACK TO YOU
Bryan Adams - A&M-Q |  | 45 | HIGH
Lighthouse Family - A&M-Q | | 78 | ALL ROADS LEAD TO YOU
Chicago - Reprise-P | |
| 12 | FROZEN
Madonna - Maverick-P | | 46 | TUBTHUMPING
Chumbawamba - Geffen-J | | 79 | NEVER EVER
All Saints - London-Q | |
| 13 | IMMORTALITY
Celine Dion - Columbia-H | | 47 | SURROUNDED
Chantal Kreviazuk - Columbia-H |  | 80 | SHOW ME LOVE
Robyn - Arista-N |  |
| 14 | ON A DAY LIKE TODAY
Bryan Adams - A&M-Q |  | 48 | THE SOUND OF
Jann Arden - A&M |  | 81 | MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP
Celine Dion - Columbia-H | |
| 15 | THIS KISS
Faith Hill - Warner Bros.-P | | 49 | THANK U
Alanis Morissette - Maverick-P |  | 82 | MY ALL
Mariah Carey - Epic-H | |
| 16 | AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME
Backstreet Boys - Jive-N | | 50 | KIND & GENEROUS
Natalie Merchant - Elektra-P | | 83 | HALF ON A BABY
R. Kelly - Jive-N | |
| 17 | MUMMER'S DANCE
Loreena McKennitt - Warner Bros.-P |  | 51 | THE WAY
Fastball - Hollywood-Q | | 84 | A PROMISE I MAKE
Dakota Moon - Elektra-P | |
| 18 | CRUEL SUMMER
Ace Of Base - Arista-N | | 52 | MY FAVORITE MISTAKE
Sheryl Crow - A&M-Q | | 85 | PROMISE AIN'T ENOUGH
Daryl Hall And John Oates - Universal-J | |
| 19 | ONE WEEK
Barenaked Ladies - Warner Bros-P |  | 53 | WITH THESE EYES
Roch Voisine - RV Int.-N |  | 86 | SEARCHIN' MY SOUL
Vonda Shepard - Epic-H | |
| 20 | SWEET SURRENDER
Sarah McLachlan - Nettwerk-F |  | 54 | FOOLISH GMAES
Jewel - Atlantic-P | | 87 | AFTER ALL THESE YEARS
Anne Cochran w/Jim Brickman - Windham Hill-N | |
| 21 | RECOVER YOUR SOUL
Elton John - Rocket-Q | | 55 | CRY OPHELIA
Adam Cohen - Columbia-H |  | 88 | POETS
The Tragically Hip - Universal-J |  |
| 22 | I'M YOUR ANGEL
Celine Dion w/R.Kelly - Jive-J | | 56 | NOBODY'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE
Deborah Cox - Arista-N | | 89 | WHEN YOU BELIEVE
Whitney Houston /Mariah Carey - Dreamworks-J | |
| 23 | LOVE, PAIN, AND THE WHOLE . . .
Amy Sky - Iron Music-N | | 57 | 3:00 AM
Matchbox 20 - Atlantic-P | | 90 | LEAVING ON A JET PLANE
Chantal Kreviazuk - Columbia-H |  |
| 24 | TRUE COLORS
Phil Collins - Atlantic-P | | 58 | IF I COULD
Joee - Popular-P |  | 91 | I WANT YOU BACK
N'Sync - RCA-N | |
| 25 | YOUR LIFE IS NOW
John Mellencamp - Columbia-H | | 59 | IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD
Great Big Sea - WEA-P |  | 92 | EVERYWHERE
Bran Van 3000 - Select |  |
| 26 | WISHING THAT
Jann Arden - A&M-Q |  | 60 | THE SWEETEST THING
U2 - Island-Q | | 93 | OOH IT'S KINDA CRAZY
Indecision - Popular-P |  |
| 27 | I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING
Aerosmith - Columbia-H | | 61 | I'LL BE
Edwin McCain - Lava-P | | 94 | IT'S JUST MY LUCK
V.I.P. - Popular-P |  |
| 28 | KISS THE RAIN
Billie Myers - Universal-J | | 62 | LULLABY
Shawn Mullins - Columbia-H | | 95 | LIKE I LOVE YOU
Amy Grant - A&M-Q | |
| 29 | AT THE BEGINNING
Donna Lewis w/Richard Marx - Atlantic-P | | 63 | TRUST ME THIS IS LOVE
Amanda Marshall - Epic-H |  | 96 | WALK THIS ROAD
Bruce Guthro - EMI-F |  |
| 30 | STOP
Spice Girls - Virgin-F | | 64 | DREAMS
The Corrs - Atlantic-P | | 97 | ME
Paula Cole - Warner Bros.-P | |
| 31 | SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU . . .
Elton John - Rocket-Q | | 65 | FALLING
Bruce Guthro - EMI-F |  | 98 | ONE BELIEF AWAY
Bonnie Raitt - Capitol-F | |
| 32 | CRY
Philosopher Kings - Columbia-H |  | 66 | HOW COULD AN ANGEL . . .
Toni Braxton/Kenny G - BMG-N | | 99 | THE POWER OF GOODBYE
Madonna - Maverick-P | |
| 33 | HANDS
Jewel - Atlantic-P | | 67 | MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY
The Moffatts - EMI-F |  | 100 | I CAN'T GO FOR THAT
The Nylons - Shoreline |  |
| 34 | I KNOW YOU
Jann Arden - A&M-Q |  | | | | | | |



Please join us
in a toast to the new year...

Cheers!

...and to all a good night.



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Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, PolyGram Canada has made a donation to charity.

Brooks tour to coincide with new Live release

Garth Brooks commenced his only three Canadian dates in Quebec City followed by two Montreal dates.

#1 Album - Mechanical Animals

#1 Hit - Crush

October 19

EMI special series for Anne Murray catalogue

EMI Music Canada's Heritage Series releases all of Anne Murray's studio recordings on CD for the very first time.

RPM spotlights children's music with special issue

The RPM spotlight was on children's music which has become a major sales factor for some labels.

Entries up 44% as CAB unveils Gold Ribbon finalists

Winners of this year's Gold Ribbon awards will be revealed at a gala during the CAB convention in Vancouver.

Tarlton and Flood reunite to attack independent sector

Donald Tarlton and Terry Flood are back together as a team.

Rik Emmett signs deal with EMI Music Canada

Rick Emmett has signed a unique distribution deal with EMI Music Canada.

Biron Wong premieres on return of The New Music

The new face at Citytv's New Music belongs to Biron Wong.

Nico makes English Canada debut at Park Plaza

Internationally-acclaimed model Nico (Matisse) will make her English Canada debut at Toronto's Park Plaza.

CIRPA to release Songs in the Key of Kids

CIRPA Kids, a one-hour program on CD and cassette will be released by CIRPA with proceeds from the sale of the compilation going to various children's charities.

Keltic Kids released on Oak Street

Larry Kirwan's Keltic Kids will be available through Winnipeg's Oak Street Records.

Oak Street releases Fred's Favourites

Fred's Favourites a new album by Fred Penner is now available from Oak Street Records.

#1 Album - Dizzy Up The Girl

#1 Hit - Slide

October 26

19% marketshare caps best year ever for Warner Music

Garry Newman, who took over the helm of Warner Music Canada as President and CEO in January of this year, has led the company up to a 19% marketshare.

Sir George Martin has Nov. 8 date on CBC-TV

A documentary on the making of Sir George Martin's "final album" will be aired by CBC-TV on Nov. 8.

Anthem/Universal releases Rush's 25th year 3-CD set

Different Stages, a 3-CD set by Rush, is a tribute to the 25-year career of Canada's legendary rock trio.

New season, new faces at Mirvish Productions

David and Ed Mirvish will move into the new season by filling new positions as part of a restructuring move.

Shoreline and Koch sign distribution deal

Shoreline Records and Koch International have signed a distribution deal.

Lacquer Channel Mastering releases unique recording

Toronto's Lacquer Channel Mastering is set to introduce its new compilation. Audio Channels Vol. 1.

Apsis signs US deal with Electric Kingdom

Apsis Music has signed a mainstream US distribution agreement with New York's Electric Kingdom Distribution.

Toronto Blues Society presents Women's Blues

The 12th annual Women's Blues Revue will be presented by the Toronto Blues Society.

#1 Album - Dizzy Up The Girl

#1 Hit - Slide



November 2

Bryan Adams receives honours from CAB

Bryan Adams was inducted into the CAB's Broadcast Hall of Fame at the Gold Ribbon Awards Gala in Vancouver on Nov. 2, joining Anne Murray who was the first recipient of this award honouring Canadian recording stars last year in Toronto.

HMV tests water with Sakamoto's pre-book

HMV is experimenting with on-line purchasing of product, an idea that came from Ron Sakamoto.

Core Audience firms

Phoenix date for Mayfield

Curt Smith, formerly of Tears for Fears, has a Toronto date through Core Audience.

Tyley Ross to launch Coloured Stone's new policy

A new music experience will be launched on the Centre Stage of The Coloured Stone by Tyley Ross.

EMI rolls out red carpet for Tom Cochrane release

EMI's big guns welcomed Toronto media and retailers to meet and greet Tom Cochrane for a listening session.

SOCAN and Bluebird North host annual awards show

Bluebird North, in association with SOCAN, will host its annual salute to the SOCAN Awards on Nov. 15.

Nylons honoured with lifetime achievement award

The Nylons were presented with a lifetime achievement award at the World A Cappella Festival '98.

Manager and promoter Brendan Clinch dead at 78

Veteran manager and promoter of the Canadian sound in the early '60s and '70s, Brendan Clinch died in Toronto of a massive stroke.

#1 Album - Miseducation of Lauryn Hill

#1 Hit - On A Day Like Today

November 9

Big Shiny Tunes 3 - a charm for EMI

EMI Music Canada will be helming the newest instalment in the Big Shiny Tunes franchise.

Canada never too late for Mannheim Steamroller

Elvis Stojko will star in an NBC-TV special that will reintroduce the Mannheim Steamroller music to Canadian audiences.

Luc Plamondon inducted into Juno Hall of Fame

Quebec composer Luc Plamondon will be inducted into the Juno Canadian Music Hall of Fame at next year's televised awards.

Capitol to release 4-CD Lennon Anthology boxed set

A 4-CD boxed set of The John Lennon Anthology will be released by Capitol Records on Nov. 3.

Major upgrades complete at Cherry Beach Sound

Toronto's Cherry Beach is now "one of the first Pro Tools 24 Mix Plus systems" in Canada.

Alanis back with a Jagged Little Pill follow-up

Judith Fitzgerald spotlights the release of Alanis Morissette's new album.

A night in the big city with Emma Shaplin

Music Solutions' Linda Dawe, Dulce Barbosa and Scott Richards made all the right moves to make Emma Shaplin's night at Centro a memorable event.

Stephanie Beaumont seeded idea for CMT project

It was Stephanie Beaumont who sold CMT on the idea of taking a backstage look at the Canadian Country Music Awards.

CMT adds Songbook to programming week

Songbook has been added to CMT's fall schedule, a show that "answers fan's questions about the real life experiences behind country music's lyrics."

#1 Album - Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie

#1 Hit - Sweetest Thing

November 16

V2 finally opens Canadian doors

Alison Mercer oversees Richard Branson's V2 label in Canada.

Canadian Music Week to honour industry icons

Among those to be honoured at next year's Canadian Music Awards are Stan Kulin who will be inducted into the Music Industry Hall of Fame and Donald Tarlton, the first to be inducted into the Session & Touring Industry Hall of Fame.

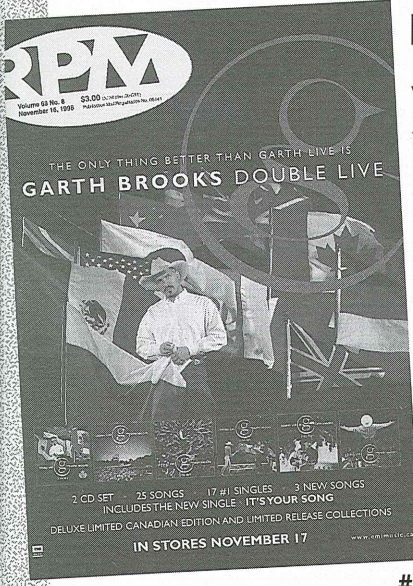
SOCAN holds seminar on creative blocks

SOCAN On Song will present a seminar themed "being present, not perfect" at its head office on Nov. 24.

#1 Album - The Best of 1980-1990

#1 Hit - Sweetest Thing

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Aerosmith at Copps Coliseum (Oct. 24) receive 3xplatinum for Nine Lives and 4xtimes platinum for Armageddon from Sony Canada president Rick Camilleri and Lorraine Quartaro of Columbia Publicity.



Prior to the YTV Achievement Awards, BMG's Lisa Zbitnew, Cameron Carpenter, Alison Mercer, Vince Degiorgio, Ken Bain and Noah Segal presented Robyn and her manager Alex Strehl with double platinum for her debut album Robyn Is Here.



Universal Music Canada president Ross Reynolds and senior vice-president Randy Lennox present diamond award to Aqua's Lene Nystrom and Rene Ditt for their Aquarium album.

1998 certification presentations

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







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Garth Brooks - Capitol-F | | 68 | SHE'S GOT THAT LOOK IN HER EYES
Alabama - BMG-N | |
| 2 | NOW THAT I FOUND YOU
Terri Clark - Mercury-Q |  | 36 | OUTSIDE THE FRAME
Paul Brandt - Warner Bros.-P |  | 69 | TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
Michael Peterson - Warner Bros.-P | |
| 3 | 26 CENTS
The Wilkinsons - Warner Bros.-P |  | 37 | HOW LONG GONE
Brooks & Dunn - BMG-N | | 70 | I READ LIPS
Thomas Wade & Wayward - Peg |  |
| 4 | DON'T BE STUPID
Shania Twain - Mercury-Q |  | 38 | ROUND ABOUT WAY
George Strait - Universal-J | | 71 | I'M GONNA MAKE HER MINE
Jason McCoy - Universal-J |  |
| 5 | THIS KISS
Faith Hill - Warner Bros.-P | | 39 | COMMITMENT
LeAnn Rimes - Curb-F | | 72 | WOMAN'S WORK
Tracey Brown - Warner Bros.-P |  |
| 6 | THERE'S YOUR TROUBLE
Dixie Chicks - Monument-H | | 40 | BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND ME
Alan Jackson - BMG-N | | 73 | CANADIAN SUNRISE
Prairie Oyster - VIK-N |  |
| 7 | I JUST WANT TO DANCE WITH YOU
George Strait - Universal-J | | 41 | FOREVER LOVE
Reba McEntire - Universal-J | | 74 | IF I NEVER STOP LOVING YOU
David Kersh - Curb | |
| 8 | THERE GOES MY BABY
Trisha Yearwood - Universal-J | | 42 | EVERYTHING'S CHANGED
Lonestar - BMG-N | | 75 | STEPPING STONE
Lari White - Mercury-Q | |
| 9 | YOU'RE STILL THE ONE
Shania Twain - Mercury-Q |  | 43 | I'M GONE
George Fox - Warner Bros.-P |  | 76 | MINUTE AND A HALF
Chris Cummings - Warner Bros.-P |  |
| 10 | YEAH
Paul Brandt - Warner Bros.-P |  | 44 | CRIED ALL THE WAY HOME
Jamie Warren - Too Hip/Spin |  | 77 | I CAN LOVE YOU BETTER
Dixie Chicks - Sony-H | |
| 11 | WALK THIS ROAD
Bruce Guthro - EMI-F |  | 45 | YOU'RE GONE
Diamond Rio - BMG-N | | 78 | THE DAY SHE LEFT TULSA
Wade Hayes - Sony-H | |
| 12 | THE SHOES YOU'RE WEARING
Clint Black - BMG-N | | 46 | THE HOLE
Randy Travis - Universal-J | | 79 | HARD TIME LOVING YOU
Julian Austin - BMG-N |  |
| 13 | A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR LOVE
Joel Feeney - Universal-J |  | 47 | WHAT IF I SAID
Anita Cochran w/Steve Wariner - Warner Bros | | 80 | YOU'RE LOVE
Jim Brickman w/Michelle Wright | |
| 14 | IF YOU SEE HIM/IF YOU SEE HER
Reba McEntire w/ Brooks & Dunn - Universal-J | | 48 | FAMOUS FIRST WORDS
Gil Grand - Columbia-H |  | 81 | ABSENCE OF THE HEART
Deanna Carter - EMI-F | |
| 15 | LITTLE RED RODEO
Collin Raye - Epic-H | | 49 | THE KIND OF HEART THAT BREAKS
Chris Cummings - Warner Bros.-P |  | 82 | WHAT MY HEART ALREADY KNOWS
Julian Austin - VIK-N |  |
| 16 | WIDE OPEN SPACES
Dixie Chicks - Monument | | 50 | I WANNA FALL IN LOVE
Lila McCann - Warner Bros.-P | | 83 | HAPPY GIRL
Martina McBride - Sony-H | |
| 17 | BYE BYE
Jo Dee Messina - Curb-F | | 51 | LET ME LET GO
Faith Hill - Warner Bros.-P | | 84 | YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
Mindy McCready - BMG-N | |
| 18 | COVER YOU IN KISSES
John Michael Montgomery - EMI-F | | 52 | I'LL GO ON LOVING YOU
Alan Jackson - BMG-N | | 85 | JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME
The Kinleys - EMI-F | |
| 19 | SHE'S GONNA MAKE IT
Garth Brooks - Capitol-F | | 53 | ONE OF THESE DAYS
Tim McGraw - EMI-F | | 86 | COME SOME RAINY DAY
Wynonna - Universal-J | |
| 20 | IF YOU EVER HAVE FOREVER
Vince Gill - Universal-J | | 54 | HOLES IN THE FLOOR OF HEAVEN
Steve Wariner - EMI-F | | 87 | LOVE WORKING ON YOU
John Michael Montgomery - Warner Bros.-P | |
| 21 | LONGNECK BOTTLE
Garth Brooks - Capitol-F | | 55 | JUST TO HEAR YOU SAY
Faith Hill w/Tim McGraw - Warner Bros.-P | | 88 | IF I COULD JUST GET TO YOU
Duane Steele - Mercury-Q |  |
| 22 | I CAN STILL FEEL YOU
Collin Raye - Epic-H | | 56 | NOTHIN' NEW UNDER THE MOON
LeAnn Rimes - Curb-F | | 89 | I MIGHT EVEN QUIT LOVING YOU
Mark Chestnut - Universal-J | |
| 23 | TRUE
George Strait - Universal-J | | 57 | MOVIN' ON
The Rankins - EMI-F |  | 90 | NEVER GIVING UP
Rick Tippe - Moontan | |
| 24 | A LITTLE BIT OF YOU
Jason McCoy - Universal-J |  | 58 | THEN WHAT
Clay Walker - Giant-P | | 91 | TO HAVE YOU BACK AGAIN
Patti Loveless - Sony-H | |
| 25 | OUT OF MY BONES
Randy Travis - Universal-J | | 59 | DREAM WALKING
Toby Keith - Mercury-Q | | 92 | A MAN HOLDING ON
Ty Herndon - Sony-H | |
| 26 | WHERE THE GREEN GRASS GROWS
Tim McGraw - EMI-F | | 60 | I DO (CHERISH YOU)
Mark Wills - Mercury-Q | | 93 | HOW DO YOU FALL IN LOVE
Alabama - BMG-N | |
| 27 | PERFECT LOVE
Trisha Yearwood - MCA-J | | 61 | YOU'RE EASY ON THE EYES
Terri Clark - Mercury-Q |  | 94 | THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
Kenny Chesney - BMG-N | |
| 28 | JUST TO SEE YOU SMILE
Tim McGraw - EMI-F | | 62 | I'M FROM THE COUNTRY
Tracy Byrd - Universal-J | | 95 | DO THE MATH
George Fox - WEA |  |
| 29 | DON'T LAUGH AT ME
Mark Wills - PolyGram-Q | | 63 | TO MAKE YOU FEEL MY LOVE
Garth Brooks - Capitol-F | | 96 | THERE'S A SONG IN THERE SOMEWHERE
Thomas Wade & Wayward - Peg-H |  |
| 30 | NOTHIN' BUT THE TAILLIGHTS
Clint Black - BMG-N | | 64 | ONE LAST STEP
Shirley Myers - Warner Bros.-P |  | 97 | FALLING
Bruce Guthro - EMI-F |  |
| 31 | SOME DAYS ARE BETTER
Charlie Major - VIK-N |  | 65 | LONELY WON'T LEAVE ME
Trace Adkins - EMI-F | | 98 | RADIO 101
Beverley Mahood - Spin |  |
| 32 | A LITTLE PAST LITTLE ROCK
Lee Ann Womack-Universal-J | | 66 | I SAID A PRAYER
Pam Tillis - BMG-N | | 99 | HOW DO I LET GO
Lisa Brokop - Columbia |  |
| 33 | 2 PINA COLADAS
Garth Brooks - Capitol-F | | 67 | LOOSEN UP MY STRINGS
Clint Black - BMG-N | | 100 | HAS ANYBODY SEEN MY ANGEL
Denise Murray - Loggerhead |  |
| 34 | I'M ALRIGHT
Jo Dee Messina - EMI-F | | | | | | | |



BMG Music Canada president Lisa Zbitnew presents ViK recording artist Julian Austin with a gold record for his album What My Heart Already Knows.



Billie Myers and her band and manager Bill Diggins receive gold awards for her debut album Growing Pains from Universal Music's Randy Lennox and Werner Wiens.



Beastie Boys MCA, Adrock and Mike D surrounded by EMI staffers and EMI Street team, receive 3xplatinum for Ill Communication and platinum for Hello Nasty, Check Your Head and Paul's Boutique prior to their Molson Park (Barrie) show (Aug. 15).



Warner Music's Stan Kulin, Dave Tollington and Candy Higgins surprised Natalie MacMaster and her manager Andre Bourgeois with a gold record for her album No Boundaries which was presented on the Dini Petty Show.



After blowing the roof off MuchMusic's headquarters (May 11/98) Austin's Fastball were presented with gold for their sophomore album All The Pain Money Can Buy.



When the Goo Goo Dolls rolled into Toronto for their sold-out date, they were presented with Canadian platinum awards for their Dizzy Up The Girl album from Warner's Kim Cooke, Ron Morse and Ken Berry.



Chris Sheppard, Brad Daymond and Simone Denny (aka Love Inc.) whoop it up after scoring gold debut albums and a pair of MuchMusic Video Awards.

New Releases

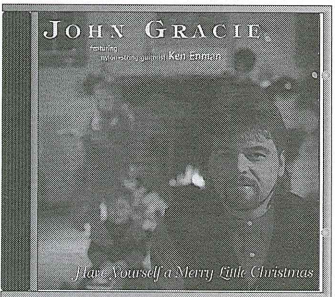


NOËL - Christmas
Early Canadian Christmas Music With the Elmer Iseler Singers
 Marquis Classics-77471-81227-F

Perfect programming for the Christmas season. This is the real thing, traditional religious music of Christmas past. Includes Canada's first Christmas song, the famous Huron Christmas Carol with melody and lyrics by the Jesuit missionary Jean de Brébeuf. This is also the last complete recording of Elmer Iseler and is dedicated to his memory. Also of importance is that this album is "an authoritative collection," selected by the Canadian Musical Heritage Society. Featured with the world-renowned Elmer Iseler Singers are tenor Michael Schade and mezzo-soprano Norine Burgess. Liner notes are in both English and French. Features organist Mireille Lagacé and Ruth Watson Henderson on the piano, harmonium and organ. **-WG**

JOHN GRACIE - Christmas
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
 Great-Sea-3055 (Atlantica)

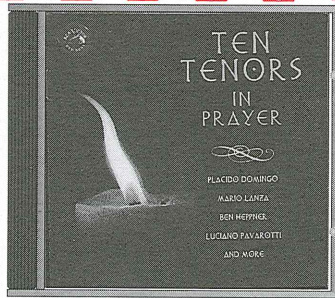
What a treasure, and sure to be a perennial favourite. Includes 12 of the more popular holiday songs, including the title track, Winter Wonderland, Silver Bells, White Christmas, O Holy Night, Away In A Manger, plus a Children's Christmas Medley of Rudolf The Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty The Snowman



and Jingle Bells. The production is crisp and pristine with Gracie's vocal warmth intoning the necessary ingredients to make each track memorable. An unusual acoustic sound featuring nylon-string guitarist Ken Enman, and some of the best pickers in the east: a little fiddle and mandolin by Gordon Stobbe, cellist Shimon Walt, Ross Billard on keys, trumpeter Mike Cowie, Celtic harpist Cheryl Reid, bassist Dave Isner, percussionist James Faraday and Kevin Evans on rhythm guitar. Produced by Gracie at SoundMarket Studios in Halifax. Mastered by Don Chapman at DC Productions. **-WG**

TEN TENORS IN PRAYER - Sacred
 Various Artists

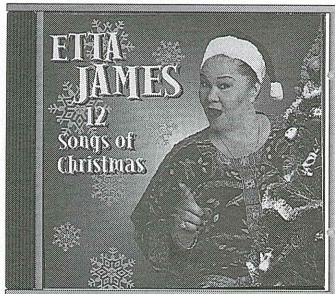
RCA Victor Red Seal-09026-63237-N
 The Ten Tenors series continues with a fine selection of songs of prayer. Some of the artists are with us now only through the magic of recordings. They are Bjoerling,



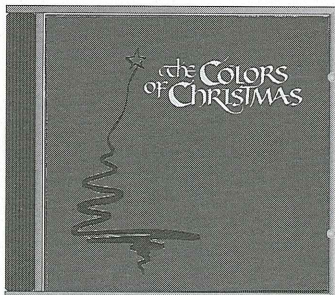
Caruso, Lanza, Peerce and McCormack. The others are Domingo, Hadley, Heppner, Pavarotti and Seiffert. Of the late artists only Jan Peerce is heard in stereo. The others are heard in mono and one is grateful. Mono can be, and has been, transferred into stereo but the results aren't always satisfactory. Far better to leave them as simply restored and still enjoyable. John McCormack, for example, though popular, was essentially a light "Irish" tenor and an "electronically enhanced" recording of the Ave Maria from Cavalleria Rusticana could not possibly capture the purity of his sustained final note. And, what a delight once again to hear Fritz Kreisler and Vincent O'Brien on violin and piano in sublime and natural accompaniment. Technical sentiments aside however, for us the finest of the 15 tracks is that of Placido Domingo singing Panis Angelicus with the Vienna Symphony (Helmuth Froschauer, conducting) and the Vienna Choir Boys. Yes, we weep listening to it, every time. **-BW**

ETTA JAMES - Christmas Jazz
 12 Songs of Christmas
 Private Music-01005-821662-N

One of the weekly glossies south of the 49th suggests that Ms. James is an under rated R&B singer. Well, allow us to become again the little boy looking at an emperor's supposed new clothes and state that she is rather much over rated; that she is a singer who barely lands on key but who compensates with seeming true emotion. Here, she turns her



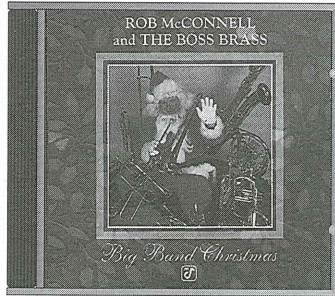
talent to jazz readings of Christmas "standards" and, in the main, does well with them although some listeners might consider her approach disrespectful. What ever. This reviewer knows only that he recommends the album if for no other reason than that she has actually made The Little Drummer Boy enjoyable. It's an odious song that we usually avoid like the plague but, sung by her with a decided Swing beat it becomes positively pleasurable. Anyone who can do that is aces with us. **-BW**



THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS - Soul Christmas
 Various Artists
 Windham Hill-01934-11368-N
 For those unable to attend the December 4th concert in Toronto's Massey Hall, this is

as good as it gets outside a concert venue. Peabo Bryson, Melissa Manchester, Jeffrey Osborne, Oleta Adams, Roberta Flack, Sheena Easton and Philip Bailey sing, in solo or duets, songs associated with The Most Wonderful Time of the Year which just happens to be the first selection, sung with brio by Peabo Bryson. The twelve tracks are varying lengths, thus allowing each artist to get the most out of them. The last, we suggest is the one that should receive the most airplay though, given the overstated political correctness of most programmers, it's unlikely. That's The Lord's Prayer sung with reverence and feeling by Sheena Easton. An excellent album, soul or otherwise. **-BW**

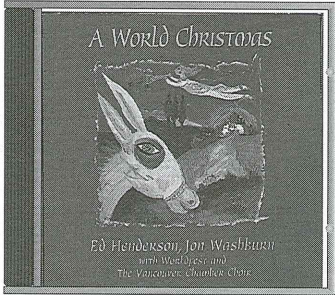
ROB McCONNELL & THE BOSS BRASS - Seasonal
 Big Band Christmas
 Concord Jazz-4844-4844 (St. Clair Ent.)
 Some will consider this as seasonal music played more or less in seasonal style. Other



might think the beloved Sally Ann have stumbled into the flesh pots of secularism. Either way, enjoy. **-BW**

WORLDFFEST! - Seasonal
ED HENDERSON - VANCOUVER CHAMBER CHOIR/JON WASHBURN
 A World Christmas
 Miracle Records-98202

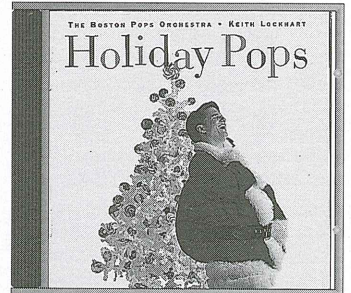
Quite the most refreshing Christmas album to be heard this year, or any other for that matter. We borrow respectfully from the liner notes to advise that this is a cultural feat of 16 carols and songs from China, England, Liberia, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Germany, France, Wales, Costa Rica, the U.S., the Far East, Spain Czechoslovakia and Argentina. Vancouver-based Ed Henderson has



wondrously melded western world and other musicians together with the Vancouver Chamber Choir, directed by Jon Washburn in presenting a collection of Yuletide selections that glorify the occasion as well as one's auditory senses. The orchestrations are novel though not arcane and the choir is remindful of the Robert Shaw Chorale in its majesty. We can write nothing more except, listen, and enjoy **-BW**

THE BOSTON POPS - Seasonal
 Holiday Pops
 RCA Victor-09026-63252-N

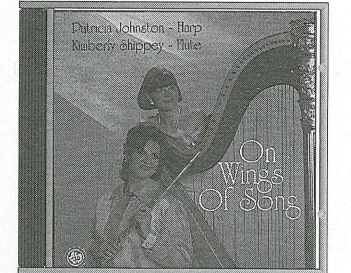
There are many Pops orchestras in North America, but none approaches the Boston Pops with its lush arrangements, "feel" for popular favourites and how to present them.



Current conductor Keith Lockhart puts it through its musical paces in 13 Yuletide selections ably complemented by the Tanglewood Festival Chorus directed by John Oliver. We suggest that Good Swing Wenceslas, arranged by Sammy Nestico, could become the next holiday classic. It grooves but with respect. Delicious! **-BW**

PATRICIA JOHNSTON - Light Classics
KIMBERLY SHIPPEY - On Wings Of Song
 Great Canadian Flute and Harp Company-GCFH03

We first heard this during the Yuletide and immediately thought of "angels bending near the earth to touch their harps" -- and flutes --



of gold. "M'selles, Johnston and Shippey have collaborated again on a superb collection of songs to soothe the mind and soul. The title song sets the mood and all the others follow. It's impossible to choose a single favourite but we are much taken by the Chopin nocturne and by his Variations on a Theme by Rossini, Enchantingly simple and simply enchanting... as is the entire album. **-BW**

ALBUM PICK

WOMEN & SONGS 2
 Pop
 Various artists
 WEA-37040-P

Warner Music's Director of Special Projects Allan Fletcher has done it again. Following on the success, almost to the day, of last year's release of Women & Songs, this package should do as well, perhaps better. The lineup of artists represented here is pretty impressive, some new, but most established: Loreena McKennitt (The Mummies' Dance), Chantal Kreviazuk (Surrounded), Billie Myers (Kiss The Rain), Jewel (Who Will Save Your Soul), Amanda Marshall (Birmingham), Sarah McLachlan (Unchained Melody) k.d.lang (If I Were You). Also of particular note is You And I, the track from Quebec artist Catherine Durand, and the introductory track of I Know by Toronto artist Sarah Slean. A pretty good follow-up to the first album which sold more than 300,000 copies, the biggest selling compilation of female recordings in Canadian history. Lots of in-store play goodies, and radio friendly tracks. Front-racking would attract as well. **-WG**



November 23

McLachlan, Gowan honoured at SOCAN Awards

Sarah McLachlan and Lawrence Gowan received special recognition at this year's annual SOCAN Awards.

#1 Album - Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie

#1 Hit - Sweetest Thing

November 30

A gentle mix of moxy and comedy for CMW '99

CMW organizers have a full slate of industry who's who for next year's annual event.

Rumours and innuendo cloud UniGram's launch

There continues to be much speculation on the launch of UniGram, but the more stable of mind are waiting for the Dec. 10 announcement.

New Brunswick's music industry finally unites

Music/Musique NB has finally been launched to represent New Brunswick's music industry.

Universal's Christmas fever begins in June

Sarah Norris, Universal Music Canada's vice-president of marketing, reveals that the company's Christmas planning begins in June.

Warner to cash in on big time, big hitters

Warner Music Canada's senior vice-president and managing director of the US division, Kim Cooke, sums up 1998 as being "a spectacular year."

Spice Girls et al spice up year's end for Virgin

It was the Spice Girls and more who created a banner year for the Virgin Music Group says Virgin Canada's vice-president and general manager Bill Banham.

CMT '99 ships gold on Nov. 10 release

CMT 99 arrived in stores on Nov. 10 with an already high demand due its initial shipment of 50,000 units.

#1 Album - Garth Brooks

#1 Hit - Thank You



December 7

Domestic side of Warner Music is structurally sound

Dave Tollington, senior vice-president and managing director of Warner Music Canada's domestic and international division, reveals that 1998 has been "a very successful year" for the company's domestic roster.

Bravo airing an Evening with Colin James & Band

An Evening with Colin James & The Little Big Band will be aired on Bravo.

MuchDance 1999 ships in excess of 250,000 units

MuchDance/Danse Plus 1999 shipped more than 250,000 units on its Nov. 10 release date.

World Music Kingsway wins Universal's \$5,000

The grand prize of \$5,000 in Universal Music's Best Music You Don't Have Yet! Part 2 campaign was won by Music World Kingsway.

Garth Double Live brings EMI home for Christmas

With the Garth Brooks' Double Live album debuting at #1 on all trade charts and with the success of Big Shiny Tunes and the Spice Girls among other releases, Deane Cameron, president of EMI Music Canada confidently boasts, "We're having a good quarter."

Reid cites team effort for successful year

Outgoing chairman of PolyGram Group Canada, John Reid, credits PolyGram's success for 1998 on the team effort of his people. Particularly successful were Shania Twain, U2 and Bryan Adams, who will obviously contribute to what's expected to be a record breaking January. "We're hot," says Reid "and it's because of the team effort we have here."

BMG outdoes itself with biggest November in history

The month of November has gone down as the biggest November in the history of BMG Music Canada and the company's president Lisa Zbitnew says the reason for this success is "because we're just a damn good record label." Zbitnew also credits retail with "popularizing urban music," a music form that contributed much to the overall year at BMG."

Be-Bop celebrates 10th anniversary as PR leader

Mary Arsenault, founder of Be-Bop Communications, celebrates the PR firm's 10th anniversary, now, with offices in both New York City where she is headquartered, and in Toronto which is manned by Cate Fair.

#1 Album - These Are Special Times #1 Hit - Thank You

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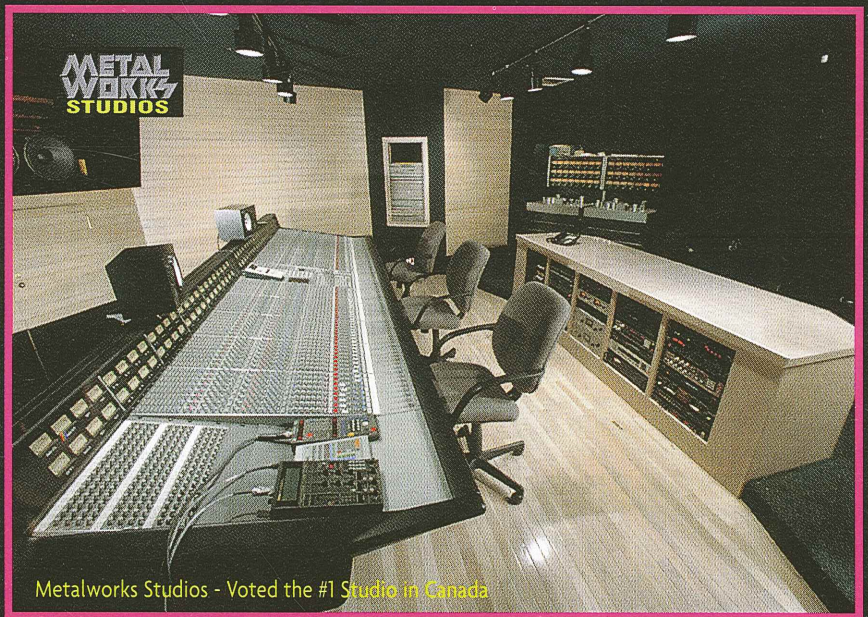
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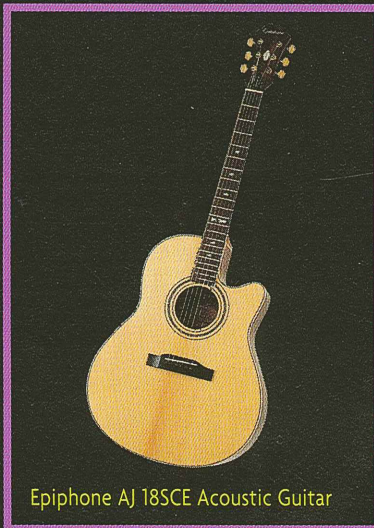
For full contest details, pick up an application at participating radio stations and music stores nationwide or visit the Canadian Musician web site at: canadianmusician.com



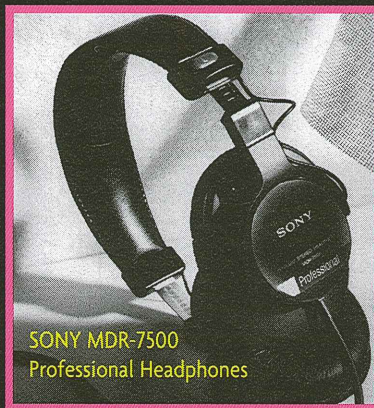
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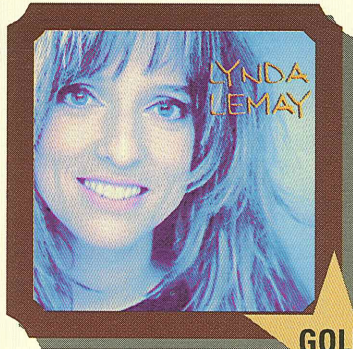
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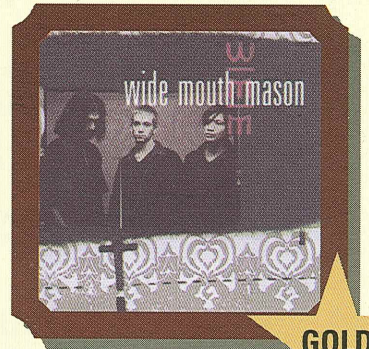
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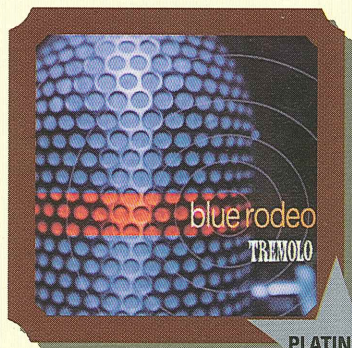
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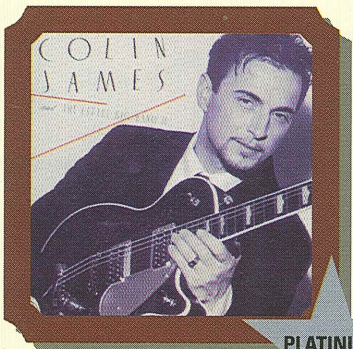
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Blue Rodeo
Tremolo



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Paul Brandt
Outside The Frame
 Wea/Reprise



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**Colin James
 and The Little Big Band II**



2x
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Great Big Sea
Play



3x
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