

album... and **Van Morrison** is also in the studios working on an album tentatively titled *Let the Cowboy Ride*... **Brian Eno** has finished his work as producer on Devo's first album and is currently in Nassau in the West Indies producing **Talking Heads'** second LP... there'd talk that the next **Graham Parker** album may be a double and the long-awaited **Bruce Springsteen** album (if you all haven't given up) is likely to be titled *Racing in the Streets*... and finally, all those **Elvis Costello** fans who have found his current single "Watching the Detectives", somewhat hard to come by will be pleased to know that it will feature on his next album *This Years Model* (due for late April release) even though it is not on British copies of the LP...



**Springsteen has title but no album**

**The Doors** have reformed. Original members Ray Manzarek, Robbie Krieger and John Densmore are in the studios finishing off a new album which will include new material as well as previously unreleased live songs... **Todd Rundgren** has recorded a solo album which will be released under the title *Hermit of Mink Hollow*. This does not mean that Todd has split from Utopia, he continues as a member of that band... **Brian Auger** and **Julie Driscoll** have reunited for a one-off album which they recorded last year in San Francisco... **Jackson Browne** helping John Prine out on his next LP... WEA in NZ are re-releasing several hard-to-get records. These include the first few albums from Randy Newman and Ry Cooder, also **The Stooges** *Fun House* and *Stooges*...



## Leo Kottke

Leo Kottke, widely regarded as one of the world's finest 12 string guitarists, plays two dates in New Zealand — Auckland on April 15 at His Majesty's Theatre and April 16 at Wellington's St James Theatre. Kottke has recorded 11 albums that stretch back over the last eight years and he has consistently polled very highly in *Guitar Player's* Best Folk Guitarist section.

Kottke's music covers a wider range than just the 12 string guitar pieces that he is best known for and includes 6 string arrangement and vocal pieces. He has toured with many major rock acts such as Procul Harum, Yes and Jethro Tull and has consistently managed to hold his own against such tough competition. This will be Kottke's second visit to Australia and his first NZ visit.

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### Red Hot Peppers



A number of New Zealand acts are continuing to attract attention overseas.

**Red Hot Peppers** have reformed in Melbourne and have now signed a world wide recording contract with EMI. Original members Marion Arts and Robbie Laven are joined by NZers Michael Farrell on guitar, Pete Kershaw on bass and Aussie Vaughan Mayberry on drums. The band has maintained their distinctive range of music and their first Australian album *Bright Red* should see local release soon.

Soul trio **Dalvanius and the Fascinations** have been signed to support Isaac Hayes and Dionne Warwick on their Australian tour. Dalvanius has also been working with Richard Clapton on his next album. A trip to NZ for the trio is likely in May and June.

NZ loonies **Mother Goose** are to record their next LP in Los Angeles. They have also signed a recording deal with a large US company launching a new label, although exact details are being kept secret at the moment.

**Mark Williams**, now resident in Australia, has moved from Melbourne to Sydney and is currently writing songs with ex-Larry's Rebels man and long-time Renee Geyer keyboard player, Mal Logan.

Jazz-rock band **Landscape**, currently carving a niche in London, feature NZer Richard Burgess on drums, a one time Quincy Conserve member. The band has scored much favourable press and have established their own label on which they have issued their first single.

## Dud, Hook, Sailor, Cooder, & Sayer.

No overseas rock tours are scheduled for this month but **Hello Sailor** do undertake a tour of the four main centres beginning at Hamilton's Founders Theatre on April 5 followed by Dunedin at the Regent Theatre, April 9; Wellington Opera House April 12 and Auckland at his Majesty's Theatre on April 16.

The **Dudley Moore Trio** play three dates in NZ in April. This jazz trio play Auckland on April 24; Wellington, April 27 and Christchurch on April 29.

**Seals and Crofts** dates have been re-

scheduled and they will now perform between May 7 and 10. **Dr Hook** will tour between May 5 and 10.

**Leo Sayer** dates for concert performances here are now set between May 21 and 28. And look out later in the year for J. J. Cale.

Other possible acts are Joan Armatrading and Manhattan Transfer. Also the dates for David Bowie's concert appearances have been set. They are Auckland on November 29 and Christchurch on December 2.

The other major tour news is that **Ry Cooder** is confirmed for a NZ tour in May. Dates are: Auckland, May 16; Wellington, May 17; and Christchurch, May 19

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