# HARDWARE

### Soundlink (DRS) Digital Recording Systems

Fully digital, eight bus recording console which is compatible with ADAT equipment. The 168RC is the first digital console to feature two ADAT optical digital interfaces and eight analog inputs as standard. Since the ADAT optical interface uses a single fiber optic cable to transmit eight channels of digital audio problems such as transmission loss are eliminated. The Soundlink 880 A/D and 880 D/A converters form part of the Soundlink Digital Recording System which are used to expand analog inputs and outputs respectively. Retail prices: 168RC- \$4995, 880A/D - \$1795, 880D/A \$1495 from Custom Music

### Korg Pandora Personal Multi Effect Processor (PX2)

The follow up to the PX1, the PX2 is a pocket size effects processor containing 32 preset stations, center canceller, key transpose, advanced cabinet resonator. 56 on-board effects, six simultaneous effects and 38 user programs. Retail \$399 from Custom Music

### Korg iX300 Interactive Music Workstation

An efficient and quick music production environment with realtime performance capabilities that takes full advantage of styles and SMF music data. The iX300 provides full synthesiser capabilities. high-quality stereo piano sounds together with rich musical database functions. Retail \$2795 from Custom Music

### **Pocket Songs**

Pocket songs are a karaoke style, singalong range of cassettes and CDs from artists around the world. Expensive karaoke equipment is not required to play them, these songs can simply be used on a normal stereo that has a balance control for left and right channels. One channel contains the full song while the other channel contains only the instrument tracks allowing the user to provide the vocals. Pocket songs have a range of rock, blues, jazz and country styles available and come with a lyric book. Suitable for vocal training.

Available from Music Matters, phone (09)

### Joemeek VC Professional Audio range

The very notable green coloured, British made Joemeek pro audio range includes compressors, studio channels, tubes channels, enhancers and pro channels for use in live recording, studio vocals and instruments and broadcast. Priced from \$750 from Oceania Audio.

### Numark DM 1885X Mixer

The 1885 Series Mixer allows ultimate control for the sampling DJ. The highquality 44.1kHz sampler features gain, bass, mid, treble, and panning controls on each input channel as well as multiple zones and assignable treble, mid and bass 35dB cut switches. Retail \$1995

### Carver PX850 Pro Amplifier

The most unique feature of the Carver PX range is the Signal Smart Standby circuitry, a power saving feature which automatically turns off or on the amplifier based on the presence of a signal. Features 250W per channel into eight ohms, 41 independent detent level controls for both channels, protection circuitry in the form of DC fault, Thermal and Short circuit. Retail \$2595 from

### Numark DM1635 Stereo Mixer

The DM1635 is the new Mixer from Numark containing the Beatkeeper unit. The DM1635 has a dual six-band graphic equalizer with In/Out switch, Master and zone level controls, three phono inputs. split cue headphone monitoring with cross-fader, user replaceable ass. Sync Lock Button for accurate BPM tracking, user replaceable assignable ALP's crossfader, automatic BPM tracking of up to eight input sources (six simultaneously). The Beatkeeper has two bar graphs - one showing the tempo difference, and the other showing the beat offset. This enables the user to see when the mix is on track. If the beat starts to drift, the music can be easily adjusted before the audience hear it. Retail \$1295 from Livesound.

# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The GM of Sony Publishing in New Zealand Paul Ellis will leave his A&R position in Auckland where he has signed and worked with artists such as Bic Runga, the Exponents, Shona Laing, Dave Dobbyn, Strawpeople, Verlaines and Eddie Rayner (ENZSO) to accept a New

York position as Senior Director A&R for Sony/ATV Music

Publishing. Ellis leaves at the end of September and his replacement, music lawyer Malcolm Black starts on November 1.

### HIGH NZ % ON 96.dot.1 New Auckland "modern rock" radio

station on 96.1 FM has a high % New Zealand content, estimated to be near to 30%. Local artists playlisted include Shihad, D'Arcy Clay, Dead Flowers, Muckhole, Headless Chickens, Bailterspace, Muttonbirds and Propeller. Overseeing the programming for 96.1 is Tim Lawrence (Radio Hauraki). The station competes with the new Channel Z Auckland station that plays near to nil % NZ

### MUSHROOM MOVE TO BMG

music on its Auckland frequency.

The Melbourne-based Mushroom label has moved its New Zealand distribution from Festival to BMG Mushroom is aligned with BMG beyond Australia where Mushroom is now distributed by Sony. Moving to BMG are the Mushroom Australian labels (artists include Jimmy Barnes, Hunters & Collectors, Paul Kelly, Peter Andre, Deni Hines) and UK labels (Garbage, Ash) and distributed foreign labels such as Tommy Boy (Coolio, Naughty By Nature) Mute

(Nick Cave, Depeche Mode), Echo (Babybird) and Jive (R. Kelly, SMV, Backstreet Boys). "Mushroom is moving into a very exciting phase," said Mushroom Chairman Michael Gudinski. "And after many great years with Festival in New Zealand, I felt as part of our international growth there would be major benefits in restructuring NZ as part of our expansion with BMG internationally."

### SONY GAIN LABELS

After gaining London label Independiente (Travis, Vitro, Paul Weller), Sony have now gained Richard Branson's new label V2 (Gee Street's Jungle Brothers), the Mick Clark's label Higher Ground (Leftfield, Pressure Drop, Sirenes, Geek) and the indie Setanta (Edwyn Collins, Peter Wylie). Former Festival Christchurch sales rep Turloch Carolan will be the V2 New Zealand label manager. Sony NZ MD Michael Glading said of the V2 signing, "To be involved with such a highly respected innovator as Richard Branson is tremendously exciting for our company."

### PACIFIC CIRCLE MUSIC CONVENTION

The new Australasian music industry conference takes place in Sydney, September 20-25. There are industry guests from the Northern

Hemisphere and numerous showcase gigs for Australasian bands, plus the opening night of the Australian Warped Tour and the Mushroom Records 25th Anniversary concert outdoors, by Sydney Opera House. For enrolment information phone Frontier Tours, Auckland (09) 522-2046 or email: nic@pcmc.com.au or check out their web site:

### http://www.pcmc.com.au

MTV PLANS The new General Manager of MTV in NZ is Kathryn Quirk ... the Saturday TV2 show Mai Time will rerun on Sunday nights on MTV at 9pm. Mikey Havoc (bFM, ex Push Push) will host a live half hour nightly show on MTV with significant NZ

### MUSICAL CHAIRS

Amanda Timperley is back in the country (ex Roadshow Films) and is doing freetance PR and currently doing a couple of months at Max TV

Aaron Carson has left Festival Records to join Max TV as an ad sales person ... Vanessa Mihalijevich (ex Warners NZ) is now working in promotions for Island Records in London ... the Greenman has moved from the evening show on C93 in Christchurch to Radio Hauraki (7pm weeknights) in Auckland ... Can

West (the owners of TV3 and TV4) have purchased the More (Auck, Wgtn, Chch, Dndn), Breeze (Wgtn) and Channel Z (Auck, Wgtn) radio stations for \$33 million cash ... the Dunedin radio station 93Rox has moved towards a classic rock format

the Hamilton based station Rock93FM will be networked by owners Energy Enterprises later this year to Taranaki, Tauranga, Rotorua and the Hawkes Bay.

### NZ ON AIR Kiwi Hit Disc

The tracks selected for the Kiwi Hit Disc No.27 are:

Bic Runga Suddenly Strange (Sony) Greg Johnson Comet Song (EMI) The Exponents Change Your Mind

Jacqui Keelan I Believe I Can Fly (Hark)

Ardijah Fall In Love (South Central) Strawpeople Sun Comes Up (Sony) Wonderkind Shifting Sea (Probe) Dead Flowers / Wanna Know (Wildside)

Pash You & Me (Sony) Propeller Repeat The Question (Chronic)

Bike Tears Are Blue (Flying Nun) Stereo Bus Don't Open Your Eyes

(Festival) Headless Chickens Second Time Virgin (Flying Nun)

Shona Laing / Don't (Sony) Peaches (featuring Leza Corban) Down In Splendour (Peach)

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