

## SMASHING PUMPKINS O.D. SETTLEMENT

The Smashing Pumpkins have paid undisclosed damages to the wife and child of their tour keyboardist Jonathan Melvoin (34) who died of a heroin overdose July last year. The widow's legal suit against the band claimed "other band members contributed to her husband's death by failing to make sure he stayed off drugs."

## APRA SILVER SCROLL NOMINEES

This year's nominees for the APRA Silver Scroll Songwriting Award were Bic Runga for 'Sway', Andrew Brough for 'Circus Kids', Jordan Luck for 'Change Your Mind' by the Exponents, Greg Johnson for 'Liberty', and Paul Casserly, Greg Johnson, and Fiona McDonald, for the Strawpeople's 'Boxers'. The winner of the Silver Scroll Award was announced at a ceremony at the Aotea Centre in Auckland on November 3 (after *RipitUp* went to press). For photo coverage of the event see December *RIU*.

## SPADA CONFERENCE NOV 6-8

The Screen Producers and Directors Association conference in Wellington Nov 6-8 features some serious international film-making talent. The theme is "Calling the Shots" to focus on how the film industry can shape its own agenda. The key guests are Chairman of the European Film Academy Nik Powell (co-founder Virgin Records and movie producer *Crying Game* etc), screenwriter Ian La Frenais (*Commitments*, *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*), Head of Film at UK's Channel 4 David Aukem (co-financers of *Trainspotting*, *Shallow Grave* etc), producer Tim White (*Broken English*), Peter Broderick President of Next Wave Films of California, who seek to support emerging filmmakers by providing finishing funds for ultra-low budget features. Further info: Publicity Machine (04) 802-4158.

## MUSIC TV: STORY TELLERS & JAZZ

MTV's associated USA channel VH1 is considering releasing its *Storytellers* series like the *Unplugged* series, performances where artists talk about and sing their songs. Artists who have appeared so far are Ray Davies, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Elvis Costello. On the crowded New York cable channel system where even MTV can't get a channel for their new M2 channel, Time Warner

Cable have chosen to distribute a rank outsider *BET ON JAZZ*, a jazz music channel owned by Black Entertainment Television.

## AUCKLAND TOWN HALL REOPENS

The Auckland Town Hall (built 1911) has once again reopened for use as a concert venue after a \$32.8 million restoration. The venue was the scene of the 1964 Beatles concerts, and 100s of popular artists have played the venue including Tina Turner, Split Enz, Gary Glitter, Suzi Quatro, Jane's Addiction, Crowded House, Little Feat, Ry Cooder, Tom Waits, the Who, Small Faces, Rolling Stones, Commodores, Cheap Trick, Supremes and Johnny Cash. New Zealand artists to fill the Town Hall include the Chills (1990) and Citizen Band (1978).

## FOREIGN BRIEFS

The former Prince and Green Day manager Bob Cavallo has signed with Disney to head a popular music record label to help rebuild Disney's troubled music division ... the Beastie Boys will have a London office for their Grand Royal label. Vital will distribute their label ... the Spice Girls have signed up to become a Sony Playstation game and Cadburys will manufacture individually wrapped chocolate figurines of each Spice Girl.

## NZ ON AIR Music Videos

The acts who have received NZ On Air video grants at the October meeting are: Eye TV Wish It All Away (Antenna) Darcy Clay All I Gotta Do (Antenna) Breaks Co-op Transistor (Deepgrooves) The New Loungehead Johnny 14 (Deepgrooves) Ernie Don't Be Late (Deepgrooves) Bike Anybody Know (Flying Nun) Head Like A Hole Beatnik (Flying Nun) Headless Chickens Dark Angel (Flying Nun) 5 Go Mad Too Bad (Marital) Ma-V-Elle Depend On Me (Sony) Bic Runga Roll Into One (Sony) Mojna Keep On Moving (Urban Pacifica) The Feelers Pressure Man (Warners) Shihad Yr Head Is A Rock (Wildside) Dead Flowers Free (Wildside)

## NZ ON AIR Radio Hits Funding

The following NZ artists qualified due to 'significant airplay achieved'

for funding by the NZ On Air Radio Hits Scheme:

Bailler Space Dome (Flying Nun) Dead Flowers Ain't It The Truth (Wildside) Dancing Azians Elevator (Antenna) Greg Johnson My Ship Is Sitting Low (EMI) The Stereo Bus Don't Open Your Eyes (Festival) Eye TV Snakes And Ladders (Antenna) The Exponents Close (Sony) Bike Welcome To My World (Flying Nun) Shihad It's A Go (Wildside) Head Like A Hole I'm On Fire (Wildside) Dam Native The Son (Tangata) Lost Tribe Summer In The Winter (Urban Pacifica)

## AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Paul Hester (ex Crowded House) has a new band The Largest Living Things. The band has a 5 track debut CD. The EP can be ordered via the band's web site: <http://www.frenz.com/LLT/> ... Renee Geyer is re-signing to Mushroom Records to release an album produced by Paul Kelly and Joe Camilleri ... Diesel is doing a tour of Australian Hard Rock Cafes ... the Angels are touring with Screaming Jets and Horseheads ... the real oldies tour is entitled *The Boys Are Back In Town* and the line-up includes the Choirboys, Radiators, Spy V Spy, Matt Finish and Dave Warner from the Suburbs. The tour is described as "A Celebration of Oz Pub Rock" ... the Australian Government intend to modify copyright protection for the record industry to allow parallel importing of recordings. The industry is fighting the legislation which is intended to lower CD prices. The record companies argue that to lower prices the Government should reduce the 22% wholesale tax on recordings.

## SYDNEY DATES

Primal Scream Metro, Nov 3 & 4. Nick Cave State Theatre, Nov 25-27. The Offspring Hordern Pavilion, Dec 1. Silverchair Hordern Pavilion, Dec 6. INXS State Theatre, Dec 9. Peter Paul & Mary Milton Park, Bowral, Dec 13. Kool & the Gang Sydney Hilton, Dec 15-20. Al Jarreau Sydney Opera House, Jan 16 & 17. Homebake Domain, Jan 24. Savage Garden Entertainment Centre, Feb 7. U2 Sydney Football Stadium, Feb 27.

## AUCKLAND

The 95bFM Private Function will hold at the Old City Markets on November 29. The gig is free to b card holders, and bands confirmed to date are Bike, Pitch Black, Darcy Clay, the Source, Bailler Cell, and Sugar Bag, with a headliner still to be announced ... in the On ya, Gaz! department, according to an inside source, cut from the transmitted episode of TV4's *The Drum* on Monday October 27, was footage of Reel singer Gary Stringer planting a pavlova in the face of host Jennifer Weather-Centre. Cue tantrum and tears from Jen ... a new local electronic compilation, *Kog Transmissions Volume 0*, will be out by the end of November. Acts featured include Bailler Cell, Strange Attractor, Epsilon Blue, Prolean, Chumbwa, and Slight Return. A launch event on November 21 at the Compound in Grey Lynn is to be confirmed ... the Marital label launch their compilation album, *Union*, at @Luna on November 28, with Coelacanth, Splitter, Saturn 5, and 5 Go Mad ... a "Teen Suicide Awareness Gig" is on at the Powerstation on November 16. The admission price of 50 cents gets you Loves Ugly Children, the Trueschool posse, Dam Native, Lost Tribe, Balance, 3 The Hard Way, and more. Kick off is 2pm ... there's rumour of a New Years Eve rock festival to be held at Pakiri, more news next month ... Spacesuit host the launch party for their debut self titled album at @Luna on November 8. Guests are From Scratch and Sugar & Spice ... singer/songwriter Otis Mace recently returned from a tour through Austria, Holland, London, and Dublin, and now has a residency at Roasted Addiction (487 Great Nth Rd) on Thursday nights ... the Letter 5 have a cassette album available, containing 13 tracks featuring old and new material. Copies are \$10 from Flat 5, 53 Grange Rd, Mt Eden ... keep an eye out for an A5 format, new mag entitled *Clone*, courtesy of Bent Publishing (Fix) ... finally, the

Hatching Band Battle Grand Final is happening at the Powerstation on November 15. The show is all ages (8pm start) and the bands competing are Pugnaut, Brutally Frank, Her Majesties Minstrels, Voodoo Moon, Real, and Sadie 7. Also playing are last year's Hatching champions, Pushkin. Presales for the Hatching are available at Ticketek, Real Groovy Records, and @Luna.

JOHN RUSSELL

## WELLINGTON

November already, and still loads of gulf in music for Wellington before the year's end ... to buy; Gamut have just released their debut album, *Gorgo's Sounds Supreme*; there's new offerings on the Kato label — seven inch singles by the Scuzzbuckets (ChCh), and the very cool 'Sweet Rosalie' by Palmerston North's the Flaming Werepigs; and Syke have a CD EP available from Sounds on Willis St ... Weta were in Auckland for a week early last month recording an album at York Street with Nick Roughan ... *Unweeded Garden*, the compilation album featuring seven local high school bands (Mary Staples, Komos, Thirst, Mosq, Sludge Factory, Satellite 9, and Penfold) has sold well since its late Sept release ... Channel Z are hosting more Civic Square gigs this summer. The first, on November 15, features Hell Is Other People, Parka, and Fur Patrol. The next gig on December 13 has Police Lucifer and the Hasselhoff Experiment ... the Wellington Music Awards are here again. You can vote for your favourite by filling in the nomination form found in the *City Voice*. It'll be tough, with around 90-100 bands to think of ... HLAH manager Jayne MacCall has relocated to Auckland ... *Hits Of The Trail #3* happens at the Hole In The Wall on November 29. Any enquiries regarding booking the venue phone (025)542 884 ... a few of the touring bands to hit Wellington this month are Eye TV, Spacesuit, Constant Pain, HDU, and Ten Foot Pole ... send any Well rumours to PO Box 11855, Manners St.

ANGELA MEANS

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
The RDU/Massive presented World Aids Day Concert is happening on November 28 in Cathedral Square. Bands playing include Shihad, the Stereobus, and Salmonella Dub ... RDU also deliver *Solid Gold Volume 2*, at the Southlander on November 15, featuring several local punk rock groups ... the new Summer radio station is seeking kiwi material (CDs or tapes) and info for airplay over the summer. Send music/news to Carla, 30 Barbour St, Chch ... Hawaii Five-0, Seaworld, and Dave Hunt are currently piecing together an *Avalanche*-style compilation, scheduled for release mid December ... the *Spawn* movie release is happening at the Lumiere Theatre on December 20, with DeKon, Pistol Grip, and Daemon, performing ... both Stress and Sun Tzu have split due to members leaving town ... the *Rejuvenation* band competition continues at the Dux De Lux until November 24.

SARAH SOUNDCHECK

## DUNEDIN

On November 6, the *Artists For A Free East Timor* gig happens at the Dunedin College of Education. The line up includes Paul Ubana Jones, Suka, the Magick Heads, D Basor, Louise Kewene, Styles of Stance, Lorina Harding, Rangitakau Teki, and other cultural groups. Tickets are \$10 from Trade Aid, Rock Shop and Corso ... the Magick Heads have a recorded a track in protest against the proposed demolition of the decaying Carrill's Castle on the South Dunedin coast ... HDU tour nationwide this month upon the release of their second EP, *Higher* ... Radio One employees Wallace Chapman and Phillip Bolger are producing a documentary that will attempt to capture the unique personality of the station. All interviews have been filmed, and editing is underway ... the live venue situation is in a good state at present, with the Arc, the Empire, and the Crown all hosting original live music.

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## LETTER 5 ALBUM

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## STICKY FILTH EP

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