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## FREAK POWER SLEAZED

Freak Power have their debut 10" *Sleazed* released this month on the Wildside label. The EP was co-produced by S.P.U.D.'s Matthew Heine. Tracks are 'Bad Sister', 'Let It Fade', 'This Beast' and 'Hate Vibe'.

The group now have a new bass player, Aaron Spankin. Freak Power will open for Australia's the Hard-Ons, on a North Island tour, early December.

To help curb home-taping, the *Sleazed* cover bears the warning: "Unauthorized reproduction of this record will lead to a kick in the head and a molotov at yer car!"

## AIR NZ's KIWIBEAT

Air New Zealand's inflight "Chartbeat" channel is currently featuring a good percentage (one third) NZ music. Tracks programmed this month include Headless Chicken's 'Cruise Control', Houseparty's 'Dangerous Love', Shona Laing's 'Drive Bavy Drive', Moana's 'AEIOU', Greg Johnson Set's 'Two Feet Off the Ground', Strange Love's 'Turn Your Lights On' and Dance Exponents' 'Who Loves Who the Most'.

NZ artists also appear on the airline's "Worldbeat" and "Mellow Magic" channels.

## TANGATA INDIE

A Wellington indie label Tangata Records has commenced a distribution deal with BMG Records. The label is run by musician Neil Cruickshank in Wellington and programmer / producer George Hubbard in Auckland.

The label has been set up to specifically promote Maori and Polynesian music and styles featured will include reggae, dance, rap, funk and folk.

The first release will be a



Freak Power's 'Sleazed' 10" released this month. FP are (L-R) Shirley Charles, Paul E.Snake, Lance Strickland and Mark Jones.

## PARKER PROJECT GETS REAL

compilation. Artists who will appear on the label include Ruamoko, Hinewehi Mohi, Ahurangi, Caution, Emma Paki and Maree Sheehan.

The David Parker Project has followed up their hit single 'Tears On My Pillow' with a local composition 'Looking for the Real Thing'. Musicians on the record include guitarist Joel Haines of These Wilding Ways and keyboards player Stuart Pearce.

## TV3's TVFM COMPILATION

TV3's *Coca Cola TVFM* have compiled a NZ hits compilation with Festival Records. Entitled *Stand Strong Aotearoa*, the album will be promoted by advertising on TV3.

The artists featured are These Wilding Ways, Greg Johnson Set, Charlotte Sometimes, Headless Chickens, World Gone Wild, MC OJ & Rhythm Slave, Scarf, Straitjacket Fits, Emulsifier, Push Push, Ngaire, Six Volts, Moana & the Moahunters, Parker Project, Smokeshop and Shihad.

## COMMUNICADO MAKE VIDEOS

The TV production house that brings NZ *That's Fairly Interesting* and *Mud & Glory* are making their facilities available to make band videos in conjunction with the NZ On Air video grants. Recent Communicado videos are Scarf, Andrew Fagan and Barbie Davidson.

Co-ordinating the company's music division is Debra Mains at Auckland 793-734.

## WHAT CAN WE SAY?



After spending a week in Sydney promoting their single 'Body Rhymes', MC OJ & Rhythm Slave will tour NZ opening for De La Soul in the three main centres.

Their debut LP *What Can We Say?* is completed and due for release first week of November.

The rap duo have completed a video for the single 'Money Worries' with Wellington director Matthew Palmer. The video co-stars are Rottweiler hounds.

MC OJ (left) & Rhythm Slave on tour with De La Soul.

## BREATHING CAGE

The Breathing Cage album is due for release late October on the Tall Poppy label. Jay Clarkson's project was recorded following her group's winning the Rheineck Rock Award in 1989.

The first single is 'Memory Lane'. A video has been filmed for the single.



Breathing Cage launch their album Nov 8 at the Gluepot.

This month, the Hallelujah Picassos release their first single on the Pagan label, 'No More'. An album will follow early next year...

Auckland rock band **Dead Flowers** are doing a NZ tour in October. The band includes former members of This World Crazy and Bad Boy Lollipop... Wellington's **Trasch** are back on the scene with their second album *Chemikaze* and a single 'Reason Rhyme'...

**Andrew Fagan** commences his six week *Serious Latitudes* poetry and music tour. He has a new single on Warner Music, 'I Still Want You'... early November **Upper Hutt Posse** release a remake of 'Stormy Weather' and a dub version by DJ DLT and Michael Hodgson... **Greg Johnson Set** have completed some new material including their next single 'Apple of My Eye'... **Nemesis Dub Systems** have now completed a 4 track EP for

November release... Grey Lynn residents: **RipItUp** have lost their six month old tabby called **Tiger**. This friendly male cat went missing from 15 Williamson Ave on Oct 3. Any clues, please phone 763-483... there's an Australian music industry conference in Sydney Nov 28-29 with top Aussie industry participating — Glenn Wheatley (Johnny Farnham) and Gary Grant (INXS). Details can be obtained from AIC Conferences, Fax Sydney 698-1832. Warning: Registration fee is \$995 Aust... winners of the *Smokefree Rock Quest 1991* were Whakatane's **Aunty Beatrice** and runners-up were Dunedin's **Tin Soldiers**. Third place was Wanganui's **Loup Garou**. Highly commended were **Brotherhood Corporation** (St Stephens College, Bombay) and **Far Side** (Christchurch) and **Cyanide** (Ashburton).

## GETTING OLDER

The Flying Nun label have another 10th Anniversary compilation out this month, *Getting Older*, a 70min double album retailing at a single LP price.

The tracklist for *Getting Older* is: Clean 'Getting Older', Shayne Carter & Peter Jefferies 'Randolph's Going Home', Headless Chickens 'Totalling Dad's Car', Tall Dwarfs 'Crush', Gordons 'Adults & Children', Verlaines 'Pyromaniac', Chills 'Rolling Moon', Bird Nest Roys 'Alien', Terminals 'Batwing', Goblin Mix 'Travelling Grave', Able Tasmans 'Sour Queen', Bats 'Candidate', Look Blue Go Purple 'I Don't Want You Anyway', Stephen 'Don't Know Why', Straitjacket Fits 'Dialling a Prayer', Snapper 'Buddy', Bailter Space 'Skin', J.P.S. Experience 'Elemental', Chris Knox 'Not Given Lightly'.

A replacement bandmember will be sought but a pre-Xmas Australian tour may precede as a three-piece. Andrew has returned to Dunedin to pursue several personal options.

Straitjackets are presently writing songs for their third album.

## PUSH PUSH GOLD GOLD

In a year when record sales are down, Push Push have another gold single, this time it's for their second single 'Song 27'. The band are completing their debut album for pre-Xmas release.

## GLAM ROCK II

The return of the fancy dress glam ball extravaganza, takes place Labour weekend at the Power Station — *Glam Rock II*. Saturday Oct 26 is the night and bands glamming it include Honey Love, Push Push and Ya Ya's. Deejays are MC J.T. and sexy Nick D'Angelo.

Tickets are \$10 at DKD or the Power Station.

## STRAITJACKETS

Straitjacket Fits have announced that they will temporarily work as a three-piece after the departure of Andrew Brough. The band has described his departure as "under amicable circumstances."

