

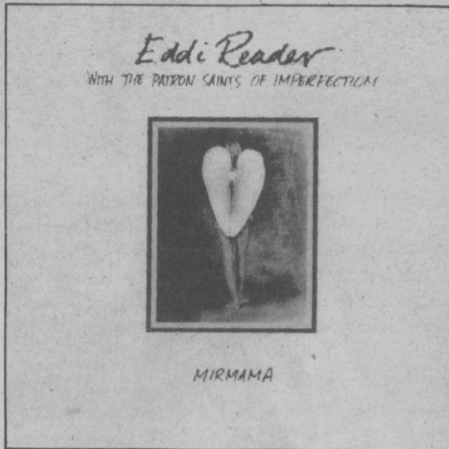
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# RHYTHM & NEWS

## NEW RELEASES

**BMG****ANNIE LENNOX****Diva**

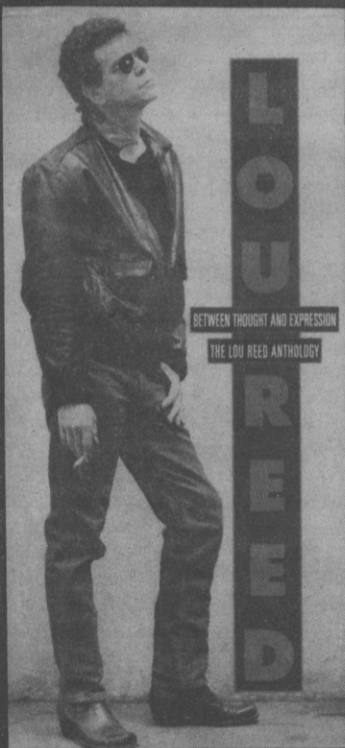
Using the same mix of pop sensibilities as the Eurythmics, with a dark, questioning world view, the album *Diva* is a wonderful emotional journey, powered by Annie Lennox's brilliantly strong and soulful voice. *Diva* is the perfect summation of Annie Lennox and her music.

**EDDI READER****Mirmama**

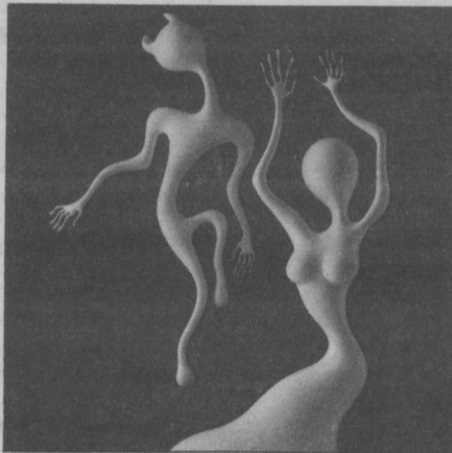
Accompanied by the Patron Saints of Imperfection, this is ex-Fairground Attraction vocalist Eddi Reader's first solo work. After a time of uncertainty, she has finally found the musical situation that she is comfortable with, and it shows. Working in a live and acoustic situation with the musicians, the sessions gradually evolved into *Mirmama*, an album of passionate purity and clarity.

**PETER MURPHY****Holy Smoke**

Peter Murphy's career has moved on some strange tangents, from seminal goth rockers Bauhaus to solo artist status, making some quietly brilliant albums in the process. Now success has snuck up on him and he has top ten records, sells out 10 000 seat auditoriums in the U.S.A. and has a new album called *Holy Smoke*. People talking about this album use words like 'relaxed, unburdened, gentle, and fickle' or 'a nervous, intimate, curiously endearing set of confessions.' We just say 'brilliant'.

**LOU REED****Between Thought And Expression**

It would be impossible to describe Lou Reed's genius and musical importance in words, so why not let *Between Thought And Expression* do it with the songs? A 3 C.D., 45 song anthology that covers the hits, the obscurities and a few unreleased moments for good measure. Beautifully packaged with a superb biographical booklet, the set was compiled, sequenced and remastered with Lou Reed's assistance and makes for truly superb and essential listening.

**SPIRITUALIZED****Lazer Guided Melodies**

Jason Pierce, late of the seminal Spaceman 3, has taken his visions of melody, drone and elation to a new band, a new album and a new peak. *Spiritualized* are a twisting journey through a unique musical mind, downbeat but uplifting, trance-like but euphoric, an enigma with guitars. The future is now, and it never sounded so good.

**SPINAL TAP****Break Like The Wind**

They're back! England's gods of volume, the one and only Spinal Tap return with their thirteenth opus. There's no stopping them now, the amps still go to 11 and on *Break Like The Wind* they are joined by luminaries such as Slash, Cher, Jeff Beck and Joe Satriani while knobs have been twiddled by the likes of Danny Kortchmar (Bon Jovi) and Dave Jerden (Jane's Addiction). It's an album 'of Olympic proportions' and it rocks, so watch out Cleveland!

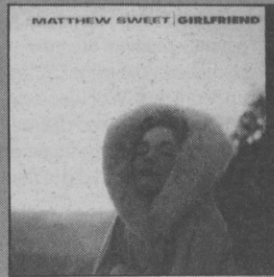
## BEYOND THE BLUES

**ARC ANGELS****Arc Angels**

From the same Texas state of mind that brought us the late, great Stevie Ray Vaughan comes the Arc Angels. Featuring the talents of Doyle Bramhall II and child prodigy Charlie Sexton, the Arc Angels have pedigree and power on their side. There's as much rock as there are blues happening here, and it's all from the heart.

**PETER CASE****Six Pack Of Love**

There's simply not room to even begin to list the cult geniuses involved in this album, from Peter Case himself down through his song writing partners, musicians, influences and even his cover artist. It will suffice to say just about everyone near this album is remarkable and influential, and it all shows in the finished product. Do yourself a favour and pick up a six pack soon.

**MATHEW SWEET****Girlfriend**

In a time of much musical artifice, an album like Mathew Sweet's *Girlfriend* is more than just a breath of fresh air, it's a godsend. From serrated rock to poignant acoustic moments, this is simple, live and real music. Not surprising when you realise Mathew is helped out by Lloyd Cole and members of the Reclines and the Velvet Crush. Solid class all the way.

**JOHN KILZER****Busman's Holiday**

An ex-Tennessee basketball star and English professor, John Kilzer may seem an unlikely rock star, but then again *Busman's Holiday* is an unlikely album. Kilzer broadens his musical horizons, his 'Southern rock heartland' now includes moments of everything from sixties mysticism to gospel to outright rock and all points in between. It's an album for those of you who believe rock and roll can be interesting.

### UPCOMING RELEASES:

THE TROGGS & R.E.M.,  
FUSCHNICKENS, A. HOUSE,  
ROXY BLUE, TLC, THE WEDDING  
PRESENT, GARLAND JEFFRIES