

SENTINEL Sounds

Next issues Sentinel Sounds will feature a glance through a selection of some of the compilations available for Christmas, meanwhile Iain Bunt checks out some of the groups, hoping to appear in the Christmas top 40.

SINGLE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Michael Jackson - Heal The World

Here he goes again, he disappears for years to make a new album (namely Dangerous) then he makes his comeback and releases nearly every song on the album (like he did with Bad) this is the sixth song from the L.P. and is actually one of my favourites on it. Heal The Faith reminds me a little of the USA For Africa single of the mid '80's (which Jacko co-wrote). It's a good single and might well be a No.1.

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Cover Up

Bette Davis Eyes
Guess what, another band doing famous cover versions. This version of the old Kim Carnes single is actually quite good in a similar-style-to-how-Undercover-do-things-kind of way! Looks as if it might be a top 10 hit. Good stuff!

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Philip Schofield

Close Every Door
They said it would never happen, but it has, Philip Schofield has released a Joseph single. To be honest I can't stand this sort of thing, but I'll give him something for trying (his voice is good - considering.)

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John Paul Young

Love Is In The Air
Well Pop Pickers. Remember this one, well it's back - 90's style. It still carries it's original feel, but has been modernised for today's dancefloor. The single is taken from one of this year's surprise hit movies - 'Strictly Ballroom'. One for the young and old alike. Not bad

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Boney M

Megamix
'Freeze I'm Ma Baker, put your hands in the air and give me all your money'. If that rings a bell in your musical memory-banks then you're obviously a seventies dancefloor freak. Boney M are back with this megamix of their old hits including 'Ma Baker', 'Rasputin', and 'Brown Girl In The Ring'. Do these people realise the seventies are long since gone? Never mind. Watch Mums tap their feet to this one. By the rivers of Babylon...

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U2

Who's Gonna Ride Your Wild Horses
I think the only U2 single I really liked was the remix of Even Better Than The Real Thing so therefore you can guess that this is not my cup of tea. I can see it going down well with ardent U2 enthusiasts, but it's not for me.

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A Tribe Called Quest

Can I Kick It?
A Tribe Called Quest have re-released this classic track - you know the one that samples the bassline from Lou Reid's 'Walk On The Wild Side

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ALBUM OF THE FORTNIGHT

Undercover - Check Out The Groove

After two excellent hits from John Matthews and friends, I waited with baited breath for this album. Was it worth the wait, you'd better believe it!

The track is full to the brim with excellent covers such as the two releases (Baker Street and Slip away) and others excellent offerings such as 'September', 'Waiting For A Girl (Like You)' and Luther Vandross' 'Never Too Much'. Excellent music, excellent lead vocals and an excellent style. Excellent.

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A SENTINEL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Tracy Flockhart speaks to SANTA!

So Santa, is it true what they say about you not being real?

Who says that! I'm no fake. That's the last time that I give you any Christmas presents if that's what you think!

I've noticed that especially about two weeks before Christmas you seem to be in 10 places at once. Just how do you do it?

That's a secret I can't tell you. Let's just say I'm a miracle worker. I can do anything!

How can I tell who the real Santa is?

Well, it's quite simple really, you look at my feet. I have a holly shaped birthmark on my left foot.

What do you think the most popular gifts will be this year?

Well, that's an easy question. Everybody wants that game Super Mario, which they play on one of those Nintendo machines. (Sorry Santa, you must be getting old, it's a Nintendo!)

Following on from that last question Santa, I don't mean to be rude, but just how old are you?

My, what a question to ask someone! Let's just say I'm old enough to be your grandfather, your great grandfather... even older!

After the Christmas period, what do you do for the rest of the year?

I sleep of course. A man, even a superman like me, cannot live without sleep and I don't get much of that during the Christmas period. Also I like a bit of golf now and again to keep me in the swing of things.

Do you think that Christmas is too commercial?

Of course I do! When I first started this job, children got an apple, an orange and a silver sixpence. Now they all want those Nintendo things. But you've got to keep up with the times I suppose.

Santa, who gives you presents at Christmas?

Well, the Reindeers chip in to give me something, half a carrot maybe. But sometimes it's even a pint of milk.

How did you get this job?

I went to Santa college and I was picked out of a class of a hundred, and I got a SCOTVEC certificate!

People say there is only one Reindeer with a red nose (Rudolph). I personally, have seen a few, how do you explain that?

Well now let's see. A lot of Reindeers get colds at this time of year, so when I have to wipe their noses they get all red. But of course, like me, there is only one real red-nosed Reindeer.

At Christmas how do you get in to houses that don't have chimneys?

I'm sorry I can't reveal that answer. Let's just say that I've got a special key.

What is the most unusual present you've been asked for?

I'm sorry I can't tell you. This is a Community Newspaper for all ages. But I have had a lot of orders this year for a book by some strange American singer called Madonna.

Where do you live?

I'm sorry, my address is a secret and my telephone number is ex-directory, but if anyone wishes to write to me, they can just address a letter to Santa Claus, and by magic, the Post Office makes sure that I get it.

And finally Santa, what would you like for Christmas this year?

Well, I would really like a Braun Supershaver and that book by Madonna.

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