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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 19:57:27 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 20:45:30 GMT

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Guitar, bass and drums are perfect and the arrangement is really enjoyable.
Nice !

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 00:06:00 GMT

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Very nice Bill,

I agree. The guitar work is great and very clean without feeling clinical. The solo is sweet. Maybe enhance that to sweeten it a bit above the rest of the mix. It should shine or it shouldn't be there. =20
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Great work for sure.
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Posted by [tubeguru](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 03:53:44 GMT

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Overall a very sweet mix and really top notch musicianship all around. Very well recorded I might add.

The clave could come up a smidge. A little more stereo separation on the guitars would make the solo stand out more. I like the vocal where it is in the mix (I like the vocal to be out front). The effect seems just right any more would smear the mix. The accordion could stand out a little more maybe pan it away from the shaker so that the higher harmonics aren't masked. (Accordion can be a bear to record and even harder to get to sit right in the mix.) You could back the shaker off a hair maybe, but not too much because it's such an integral part of the feel. Otherwise very good separation between the instruments. Bear in mind that I'm listening on average quality computer speakers.

I really liked it!

Mike

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 04:23:30 GMT

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Posted by [rick](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 09:17:07 GMT

purdy....vox is just a bit hot.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 12:36:37 GMT

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Bill, what is the shaker you used and how did you record it please. Great shaker sound. ;-)

Subject: Re: Mix Critique?

Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 14:48:22 GMT

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1.) The kick - it's got a little too much impact for this type of groove - I would soften it up a bit, roll off a bit of 3k-4k, somewhere in there. ALSO, there are too many of 'em... the double-hit every measure is too much. Can you change it up a bit without too much hassle (re-syncing MIDI, etc), maybe mute some of the hits via automation? I think if you did something like leave it as is for a few measures, then once the vocals start cut it back to hit/hit-hit/hit/hit-hit, then a cycle of hit/pause/hit-hit/pause, then repeat.

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Posted by [Nei](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 14:51:18 GMT

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Meant to say: "once the vocals start the second half of the verse"

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Posted by [DJ](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 15:17:51 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 17:02:17 GMT
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Thanks for the kind words. That is Mrs Lorentzen. Damn, she's good, huh?

When I worked for Chick Corea, every night I KNEW I needed to practice more.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 17:03:51 GMT
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I think it was a plain skinny aluminum can type shaker into an AKG 451 and probably an Old School Audio pre.

John wrote:

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Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 18:02:43 GMT
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Tyrone

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Kew! DeWd, let's hear it when you've done that!

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Well, two things: a.) If you're using the Pultecky-thing, don't forget that kinda the signature sound of that EQ is to boost & cut the same freq at the same time, esp. on the low-end, so maybe try that if you like something that that particular plug imparts. And, b.) Didn't you mention that you'd picked up Voxengo's Voxformer? If so, try that plugin's Female Voice preset... big-time tasty!

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AH-HA! lol

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Remember, it's "babies", not "dude". lol

Neil

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Thu, 04 Oct 2007 09:14:17 GMT

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Hey,

Sorry for the delayed two-cents, been busy. I love the Beatles and this

is a very cool idea. Very well done. I'm with Neil on the vocal EQ. What I found myself wanting to hear was less vocal and more band, esp percussion (except shaker was fine as is). Mostly I wanted to hear a harmony vocal, especially on the ending phrases where the melody does that sixth jump, e.g., ". . . compares with you" or ". . . love you more". But that's just me. Love a nice two part harmony.

Very nice guitaring, too. :)

Sarah

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