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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 04:53:41 GMT
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Posted by [rick](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 09:17:37 GMT

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it's been my experience...more often than not that if the singer sucks, the rest of the music usually also does. i know, i know it's money but i miss the days when people with talent and a drive to be their best was the norm.

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 12:44:01 GMT
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 13:55:17 GMT
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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 14:34:01 GMT

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I read an interview in Tape Op magazine with some famous old recording engineer/producer - I can't remember who - and he talked about why he likes recording live as much as possible. He talked about the concept of GETTING IT RIGHT as opposed to figuring you can fix it all later and that got me thinking. In the old days I was really involved with the tracking process in a very musical way. I was constantly asking myself questions like this: Is it in tune?

Is it in time? Are they in the pocket? Can it be better? Do they have one more take in them? Nowadays, the question I ask myself (and the question the clients inevitably ask) is: Can I fix it later? Do I have enough tracks to piece something useable together? Is there too much vibrato to be able to use Autotune? So, the KIND of attention I pay is very different. AND the AMOUNT of attention I pay, as a result, has suffered. It's a very different mind-set to be planning on doing my best to turn the sow's ear into a silk purse later than to be trying to avoid the stinky old pig in the first place.

Do you know what I mean? And people expect me to fix everything. And what I'd really want to say is "Go home and practice. Call me when you play your instrument well enough to be worth recording. Call me when you learn how to sing in tune. Call me when you get a drummer who can actually keep time.

But I can't - I need the money, so I fix and tweak and tune. Sometimes it's fun - I like making a great vocal take with one or two funky notes sound better. I love being able to edit a great solo from take two of a jazz tune into take 5. I don't mind sliding a bass note to match the rest of the band in an otherwise great take of a jazz tune or rhythm track.

Oops. This has become a Rant. I'll stop for now!

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Wed, 25 Mar 2009 15:42:01 GMT

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You know, I don't mind using technology to create music from the ground up.

I don't like most of the computerized, drum machined, autotuned (SHEESH! That's a fad that could end soon!) quantized stuff I hear on the radio, but I've fooled with some fun noises using samples and synths. Sometimes it actually sounds like music. Sometimes it even has a little bit of feeling to it. What I object to is being expected to happily participate in fooling people into thinking that the sow's ear really IS a silk purse. It totally trivializes the 40+ years I've spent learning to play the guitar. It totally trivializes the accomplishments of all the singers and players I've idolized and emulated in my career.

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 00:26:51 GMT
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Posted by [TC](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 02:35:17 GMT
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Thu, 26 Mar 2009 03:19:12 GMT
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For last Christmas my mom bought my son 3 pounds of Lego's off ebay. I think it is a toss up between that and the fortune I spent on a Nintendo DS/Playstation for him. Sheesh.

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