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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 08:23:21 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 08:36:37 GMT

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Jeff,

I'm sorry to hear it, though it does make me feel better.

The thing is sometimes I hear things and go "This change that's being made is stupid" and I KNOW I'm right. I've been in bands, for example, and written a melody, and the singer will of course have to replace it with some two note drone with an interest factor of 2 out of 10, and you walk away and the whole rest of the band is going "Your melody was better". The whole thing just sucks.

I'll be the first to admit that I spent my late teens and early twenties wanting to drive my musical bus like a nazi. I wanted all the money, all the control, all the praise, and other people could be involved only if they did exactly as I told them. Often this wasn't a problem as I tended to be in bands where everybody was happy to do that, but still...

Now however if people want to sing... whatever... I don't mind so much. I'm over it. I've accepted I'm not the world's best singer or guitarist.

I have a fair idea I think of where I am strong and where I am weak musically, but finding people who are happy to fill those gaps is also a big struggle, especially if the criteria is also that they need to understand themselves which areas they are and are not good at. Perhaps I'm lucky because one of the areas I am good at is "the overview" so I have a fair idea usually when somebody (often me ;o) sucks at something. ;o)

If everybody would just do their homework, learn their craft, and then focus on their strong areas and not infringe other people's space...

....oh, I'm dreaming again aren't I. ;o)

Perhaps I should burn these pictures of this girl... ;o)

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the percentages of those making it is so small that the reality is you could be the best talent never to be discovered even if heard 10,000 times. if our musical abilities were only justified by the money it has earned us then you are certainly not alone here. enjoy your talents and the next woman you meet may be the "real" one.

On 27 May 2007 18:23:21 +1000, "Kim" <hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote:

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#1 gives you emotional & spiritual fulfillment, #2 gets you some material gains & third-party validation for your skills, and #3 gets you the feel-good/charitable vibes & good karma. (and #4 gets you layed).

If that isn't a full life, I don't know what is.

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I see your point...

I am sure I'll keep writing stuff. What I probably SHOULD do is at least  
send some to RRR and/or PBS our independent community stations. That might  
at least get me some airplay...

I'm only half in a position to charge people at the moment. Perhaps I could  
get into making backing tracks for 1 & 2 peice cover bands or something,  
but I'm not placed to record much more than solo or 2 piece acts. I have

no drum room yada yada as the studio is small. I didn't really enjoy the process of recording random acts anyhow, so in a sense I'm relieved about that. It's good experience though, and at least if you get a bad act you can walk away thinking "Well, I feel better about my own music now". ;o)

I do try and keep involved with the odd project I enjoy, but to be honest I'm stupidly fussy. ;o) Fortunately some of my closest musical friends are looking at buying Paris systems at the moment due to the cheap prices and the fact that you can get a lot of inputs for little money. None of them use MIDI anyhow, so Paris is kinda good enough for what they need for home studios. If that all happens I'll have an excellent drummer, guitarist, and vocalist on tap with whom I can interchange tracks to get parts laid down. That may spur me along a little.

As for the girl, I suppose if I said ..."but she was like a dream come true..." oh never mind. ;o) I think I need to put some more effort in to improving my women skills, but that is, as I keep saying, another story. ;o)

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 15:55:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 16:06:47 GMT  
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I need to be reminded of this on a daly basis or I will take the actions of myself and others wayyyyy too seriously.

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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 17:04:29 GMT  
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Neil -

You forgot the 5th of your three pieces of advice:

5.) Marry rich!

- Paul Artola  
Ellicott City, Maryland

On 27 May 2007 20:10:58 +1000, "Neil" <IOUOIU@OIU.com> wrote:

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>You have no failed music carrer - it's just a different one  
>than what you thought it would be... so in order to further  
>your career, I have three pieces of advice for you:  
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>arranging a couple of songs for... that way you get the  
>altrusitic warm & fuzzies, and get to stay creative on someone  
>else's behalf without regard to monetary issues.

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>4.) Find a different girl. (OK, that was four... I only promised  
>three, so that one's a bonus) :)  
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>#1 gives you emotional & spiritual fulfillment, #2 gets you  
>some material gains & third-party validation for your skills,  
>and #3 gets you the feel-good/charitable vibes & good karma.  
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 18:13:12 GMT  
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It's probably my best tune, and everyone that hears it loves it.

Now I live in a house full of women. Big ones, little ones, a wife, and 2 daughters. And I know one thing:

LOVE IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

So, remember the VH song?

--Right now, she is getting on with her life--

ouch!

Yeah, now it is your turn...

Why did you start doing music??

And even if you write sad songs (that mean so much..) you will be smiling while you do so.

DC

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 20:26:28 GMT  
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John <aint@itawful.com> wrote:

>I find it much easier to be delusional like me and just KNOW you're a  
>rock star and NO one else gets it !!!

Hehe... been there... sadly. ;o)

Cheers,  
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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 20:39:15 GMT  
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Mmm, sometimes I wonder how I come across too. Sometimes I wonder if we get so used to lying and playing games, that it's all we know how to do. Anyhow...

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In your email any moment...

I know what you mean about "following your heart" yada yada. I find it hard to bother sometimes when I feel like I'm just recording for myself, about



3 friends, and maybe 15 people on Myspace. ;o)

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 20:40:08 GMT  
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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 20:53:48 GMT  
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I am, kinda, "in the thick of things" here where I live, which is a start, if the rent doesn't go up too soon and I can hang here for a bit. ;o) I met an actor in a well known independant Aussie film the other day just at random in the pub. Of course as I just said I don't pay attention to movies, so I hadn't seen it. ;o) Point is that I have gone out a few times and met people from bands, and even people who have worked with people I know who I've never met. I'm in the right place I guess.

There's a long list of reasons I struggle with this, not least of which is

that I seem to only enjoy doing things myself or "my way". I do make space for people to work their own way, and I would allow somebody to produce my tunes themselves assuming they knew what they were doing, but if people are going to mess with my parts, I'd rather be somewhere else. ;o) I know that people hate controlling musicians. Thing is that often I am asked to control, because I'm quite good at it. Often I have to control because it's really obvious that the others are bad at it. There is probably the odd moment where I don't give a good idea the space it deserves, though the same happens to me. You know the politics.

There's a bunch of my muso friends who are building studios currently. I'm hoping I'll end up with a network of "Hey can you lay down three drum tracks this week for me" (as I don't do drums) type stuff so that I can properly get some good sounding stuff happening. We'll see...

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True. On some level just to bother complaining is a sign of hope.

I know what you're saying about the wrong lyrics. I have a few of those.  
I was talking up doing live shows a while back, but didn't in part because  
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>So, remember the VH song?  
>  
>--Right now, she is getting on with her life--  
>  
>ouch!  
>  
>Yeah, now it is your turn...  
>  
>Why did you start doing music??  
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>And even if you write sad songs (that mean so much..) you will be  
>smiling while you do so.  
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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 21:07:06 GMT  
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"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:



>Hey, how do we know if you're any good or not? Where are the songs?

Well before I post the link, let me say this link is NOT to my best material. It just happens to be the last three songs I've done over the last two weeks or so. Yes, I need a singer. Yes the production is sloppy, but nobody listens anyhow, so what does it matter? ;o)

Beautiful Lonely is the song I recorded yesterday before my complaints/counselling session on the NG. ;o) Rough acoustic mix. Sorry.

Believe in Pure Love is a song that I could see U2 using on their next album if they didn't write all their own stuff, and yes it does need Bono singing it rather than myself, and yes that acoustic guitar in the bridge is out of time, and yes... but I can fix all that when I actually get motivated. I mean it's not hard...

Love Is The Door is a song I wrote about ARGHHHhhhhhhhhh!!! ;o)

I'm sure you'll all listen and go "Well it's all so rough that no wonder nobody cares" but it's one of those circular situations where I can't be bothered putting the effort in because nobody is listening... Beautiful Lonely even has lines of lyrics written which I just stuffed up on the take which is on there and couldn't be bothered re-doing it. Lazy? Sure. Well, upset moreso...

Anyhow:  
[www.myspace.com/drschnauberg](http://www.myspace.com/drschnauberg)

Go on, tell me it's garbage. It probably is... ;o)

Cheers,  
Kim.

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 21:20:49 GMT  
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Sarah,

I thought too late...

....I hope you have broadband, because I just sent you a rather large email.  
;o)

Cheers,  
Kim.

"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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>"Kim" <hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:46593ff9\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...

Posted by [John](#) on Sun, 27 May 2007 22:54:42 GMT

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Sadly? I couldn't happier. !!

Kim wrote:

> John <[aint@itawful.com](mailto:aint@itawful.com)> wrote:

>> I find it much easier to be delusional like me and just KNOW you're a

>> rock star and NO one else gets it !!!

>

> Hehe... been there... sadly. ;o)

>  
> Cheers,  
> Kim.  
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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 00:08:55 GMT  
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"DJ" <[www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com](http://www.aarrrrggghhh!!!.com)> wrote:  
><http://despair.com/insanity.html>

That is now my desktop backdrop. :o)

Cheers,  
Kim.

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>I need to be reminded of this on a dialy basis or I will take the actions  
  
>of myself and others wayyyyy too seriously.  
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>;o)  
>Hang in there  
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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [DC](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 05:34:38 GMT  
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"Kim" <hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote:

>True. On some level just to bother complaining is a sign of hope.

It's beyond that. Writing a sad song is not telling the world about  
your sadness, it is making them feel their own. Writing on that level  
requires full possession of all your skills and concentration.

>I know what you're saying about the wrong lyrics. I have a few of those.  
>I was talking up doing live shows a while back, but didn't in part because  
>I listened to my old lyrics and went "Mmm, some are just poor, while others  
>are just plain WRONG!". I should rework them, but half of them I'd have  
to  
>produce again and erghh... ;o)

Right. Step back and listen to the music and ask "what it this really about"

Works for me.

DC

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 06:58:36 GMT  
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"DC" <dc@spammersintherapy.org> wrote:

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True. I did my songwriting a little differently yesterday, in that I wrote a song "deliberately removed" if you like, in which I spoke of a girl, and the girl in the song was actually me in a sense, but in another sense just somebody. By putting myself in the third person however and making it a girl I was able to better examine my own situation, as well as removing myself from it somewhat in the song writing process.

Mind you, at the same time I found I could relate to it better. I don't normally cry at my own songs, but I found it awefully difficult to do a vocal take early on...

>Right. Step back and listen to the music and ask "what it this really about"

A number of my tunes are going to need to be reproduced from scratch now that I'm getting back to a work flow I like, as well as finally reaching a point where I should be able to fully produce my solo stuff to a pro level. Remaking them is a little annoying to me as it is the writing process I enjoy moreso than the recording process. The up side is however that if I consider it a complete rework process where lyrics are replaced etc then it becomes more a writing process again.

So now that that's sorted, if I can just meet the girl of my dreams in the next couple of weeks... ;o)

Cheers,  
Kim.

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 07:13:55 GMT  
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"Kim" <hiddensounds@hotmail.com> wrote:

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errrr mate, yer takin' this list-mom stuff way too seriously...

(grin)

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Sounds like a good technique actually.

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Yes. Steve Morse told me not to use the public as your editor... Get rid

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about every song. Pull it back to there and rebuild it.

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Ahhh buggerit. You only meet cool women when you just couldn't care less and are happy. Women love men that have interesting lives and are in love with those lives.

Then they want you to give it up for them... snork...

Sorry, just kidding. Dang that testosterone!

DC

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 07:19:16 GMT  
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"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:  
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>(grin)

[blush] Ah, leave me alone. :o( ;o)

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I thought so. :o)

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Yeh, I can see that doing it... especially as the child grows...

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Indeed... I mean if there was nothing I liked about them i wouldn't have  
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Hehe... mmm... you're right though, partly. I mean I wouldn't want a girl who was acting like me. ;o)

Cheers,  
Kim.

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Subject: Re: OK maybe I'm just having a sook...  
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 16:00:29 GMT  
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Sarah's right-on about following \*your\* vision and not the money or latest big thing.

Another thing I have learned is that being a musician and artist means just doing it on what ever scale or stage you have available to you. I've played for tens of thousands and I've played for 40. And I had just as much fun and gratification from doing a great job for 40.

Example: last weekend we had a wedding gig and my wife, the lead singer, got laryngitis - could not sing a note. I usually sing 5 songs a night, but this one was all on me. So I rose to the occasion and if I do say so myself, I killed it. I was pulling out songs I barely knew and the people were singing along and dancing like it was 1999. I had a BLAST and so did the ass-kicking band I put together, even though it was \*just\* a wedding and there were under 50 people attending.

Example 2: I worked for Chick Corea as his studio manager/technical dogsbody for a while and went out as his keyboard tech on a Japanese tour of the Elektrik Band. These guys are arguably the finest electric ensemble in the world, each one a towering leader on their instrument, yet they played for the most part 2 shows a night at Blue Note clubs which seat 200-300 people. There were some larger concerts along the way, but nothing over 3,000. They all have to work their asses off to be successful, but they have thriving careers, and as long as they can work they can certainly make a good living (unlike some "successful" pop artists, whose careers can be incredibly short-lived). AND, most importantly they are doing what they LOVE.

Artists create the society. Your work IS valuable. There are victories to be had at every level of the industry, so just go do it. Don't think that if you are not in the big time you are nowhere. You are you.

Bill L

Sarah wrote:

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 19:33:50 GMT  
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Well crafted songs, Kim! Great piano playing, too. I don't care for the f/x and EQ on the vocals - they are kind of washed out and have no definition or impingement. I'd like to hear some more arrangement and instruments too.

You're really talented and skilled and you need to stop feeling sorry for yourself.

"Never regret yesterday. Life is in you today and you make your own tomorrow." L Ron Hubbard

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 28 May 2007 22:01:18 GMT  
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Bill L <[bill@billlorentzen.com](mailto:bill@billlorentzen.com)> wrote:  
>Don't think  
>that if you are not in the big time you are nowhere. You are you.

Very true.

If i actually got off my backside and put a show together... ;o)

Thanks for both those posts though Bill. They're what I needed to hear methinks...

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