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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 02:32:54 GMT

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 11:19:25 GMT

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Thanks for the critique. It's very interesting that you mention fogelberg
as I was listening to the Fogelberg Home Free
CD prior to mixing this.

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Posted by [Deej](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 15:03:34 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 18:20:06 GMT

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Deej, I have tinnitus and have for many years. I have a couple tricks.
Once you have the frequencies and dbs you are losing identified by the
audiologist, you can set up an EQ on the output of Cubase that you can
switch on for mixing. Use a really transparent EQ, duh. For an instant
treble boost, cup your hands behind your ears, catching more of the high
freq content. This is not accurate by any means but it can help a little
to hear a shaker or hihat better.

Next, stop listening really loud and use cans when you are around drums or loud amps. I seem to have noticed that when I eat a lot of sugar it gets worse. That is probably the candida kicking in.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 11 May 2008 03:06:46 GMT

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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Sun, 11 May 2008 13:34:53 GMT
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Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:
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Hi Bill-

Marshall Chasin up here in Toronto. He works with John Chong.
Together they head up Musician's Clinics of Canada.

<http://www.musiciansclinics.com/home.asp>

They're quite good, and a who's who of Performing artists credit them with reviving/prolonging/saving performing careers. I only know Marshall through my connection with John. He has worked with a number of my performing piano clients, and also with my wife, who is an Illustrator. He's quite brilliant and equally eccentric.

Highly recommended

Ted

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Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Mon, 12 May 2008 15:33:26 GMT

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there you go.

El Miguel (that's no tweek, it's a, uh, er a sweet tart :)

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Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 00:01:28 GMT
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Hey DeeJ, how are you? It's been a minute since we last communicated. Hope all is well on your end. I Enjoyed the song quite a bit. I don't think my comments are much different than those already offered, just wanted to say good work...keep it up!

Tyrone

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Tue, 10 Jun 2008 02:43:11 GMT
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Hey Deej - I was doing some research into the ESP chip, and as it happens, John Dattorro (one of the original creators of the ESP chip in PARIS, and from the looks of his achievements a mind-boggling digital audio genius whose bio I'll get up on the Wiki ASAP) has some interesting things to say about tinnitus. Don't know if it will help, but as soon as I stumbled across it I wanted to post it here ASAP.

<http://www.stanford.edu/~dattorro/Tin/tin.html>

- Kerry

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