Subject: Any thoughts on this Paris Mix? Posted by emarenot on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 05:49:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: Any thoughts on this Paris Mix? Posted by Aaron Allen on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 06:45:23 GMT

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Nice work man. I gave it a quick listen through. The things I heard were something funky in the bass gtr's lower midrange, causing notes to stick out over others... almost a ring of sorts... and a bit too much verb to direct track percentage on the solo gtr. You could probably bump the track a few and leave the 'wet' where it is an be good.

Nothing else really stood out except the fade out was a bit short.

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Subject: Re: Any thoughts on this Paris Mix? Posted by Neil on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 06:54:10 GMT

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Damn, that's nice!

Only one thing I don't like - the gutar tone in the solo, it's too subdued... hammer it with some compression & bring up the level a bit. Either make it stand out or re-do it, if you're shy about it the way it is. Also, the fade needs to be a bit longer, methinks... that groove just feels like it wants a little bit longer fadeout with less of an abrupt cutoff at the end. Maybe one more four or 8-measure pass.

Things that I would do differently, but don't necessarily take away from the song: 1.) I want to hear some more "air" on the lead vox - think I might compress it a bit more & increase the level just a hair after that, too... either that or ride the automation a bit - it seems right level-wise at the beginning of the song, but kinda loses presence towards the middle & end. 2.) I feel like I want to hear someting "sparkly" in the chorus sections i dunno if it might be like a delay thing on the picked guitar bits, or a keyboard pad, but something to widen or broaden the spectrum in those parts would be cool.

Really super-nice overall, though!

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Posted by Don Nafe on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 13:00:37 GMT

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"John" <no@no.com> wrote in message news:475a8a44\$1@linux...

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> > :-) :-) :-)

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Regularly...hense winding up as a drummer

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Subject: Re: Any thoughts on this Paris Mix? Posted by John [1] on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 13:10:06 GMT

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nice! great song!!!! great arrangement!!!!

pull cymbal down more on intro and down just a bit in the song

bring vocals up bring bass and kick up

turn up and add more meat to acoustic guitar solo that starts at 2:00 turn up guitar outro

Subject: Re: Any thoughts on this Paris Mix? Posted by John [1] on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 13:11:36 GMT

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i didn't read the other reviews before i posted mine so i didn't trick myself. you are spot on !!! great suggestions

Subject: Re: Any thoughts on this Paris Mix? Posted by John [1] on Sat, 08 Dec 2007 13:12:52 GMT

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Posted by Sarah on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 09:52:01 GMT

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Posted by Neil on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 17:02:36 GMT

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Posted by Neil on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 20:51:17 GMT
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Posted by Rod Lincoln on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 03:03:53 GMT
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Funny but true. I was doing drums on a commercial. We were doing, of all things, a version of "Hot Rod Lincoln". The ad guy on the session, who is a very nice guy, and one I had known for a couple of years, said to me "Hey Todd, that sounded great. Your Hot Todd Lincoln. Imagine if your name was Rod, you could be Hot ROD Lincoln, wouldn't that be cool?"

Every one else in the room was SO dumfounded we didn't actually crack up. The engineer looked at me and said "Yes Todd that would be way cool." No one had the heart to embarrass him on the spot. I think someone told him afterward, because the next time I saw him, he called me Rod.

I stenciled "Hot Rod Lincoln" on my cases after that.

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Posted by Neil on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 03:27:16 GMT
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Posted by Rich Lamanna on Tue, 11 Dec 2007 05:30:29 GMT
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