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Posted by Deej [4] on Sat, 13 Jan 2007 18:57:30 GMT
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Posted by dc[3] on Sun, 14 Jan 2007 00:42:50 GMT
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Posted by Nil on Sun, 14 Jan 2007 01:03:11 GMT
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For me the best solution is still a synth with a sequencer.

Write while you play, record it at the same time, no
engineering involved (I agree w/you there, Don), leave that for
later when you import the MIDI file to a computer & start the
real tracking.

How about that, Deej? A MIDI guitar hooked up to a synth
workstation? Too simple for ya?   lol

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Hey DJ,
I don't have any thoughts on the laptop, but I wanted to send a shout out as
you get back to playing. I've been writing right along -but mostly
electronic stuff. After talking about getting back into the
singer-songwriter gig for quite awhile, I finally did. I've got lots of
ideas on a dictaphone tape recorder thingy and a couple of tunes that made
it to the recording stage --so far. Getting back into writing lyrics has
been a challenge, but its bee a real fun trip to date. Great good luck as
you move forward, or re-forward. :-)
Cheers,

MR

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The Dells are always pretty good on the bang for the buck front. I'm thinking

of retiring my two year old 630m into being a DJ only machine and getting
a Core Duo model. One big problem now with RME gear. Pretty much all (if
not all, I don't have time to look at the whole Dell site) use ExpressCard
slots now, They're the update on Card Bus and, as the website explaining
the tech says,

5. Are PC Cards and ExpressCard modules compatible?
The two technologies are not compatible. The decision was made to take advantages
of advances in technology to simplify the design. The speed and size of the
new ExpressCard design outweighed the backward compatibility issues.

So your SOL on pretty much all non-USB and non-Firewire I/0 options. I wouldn't
sweat it, a pretty cheap Presonus Firewier box will get you 6 in 10 out and
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