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Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 23:23:43 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Thu, 24 Apr 2008 23:30:07 GMT

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Really, \*really\* good luck with the UA610. It's pretty magnificent, particularly at the price point.

- Kerry

On 4/24/08 4:23 PM, in article 4811167f\$1@linux, "Tyrone Corbett" <tyronecorbett@comcast.net> wrote:

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Posted by [Gary Flanigan](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 00:28:56 GMT

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Posted by [john Macy\[2\]](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 04:07:07 GMT

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At the moment...

U47  
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Could change any minute... :)

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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 08:58:48 GMT

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a kazoo with a pin in one end.

a tp tube covered in wax covering a rolling pin

a hamsters in one of those wheel things connected to the rolling pin

works like a charm...i've never sounded so good.

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Posted by [Kim W](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 10:01:34 GMT

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LOL!! (...and I know you will!, for I am a mere buffoon, who's ears were once "golden" [puke], but the perfect pitch is still reasonably intact).

My preferred mic WAS an MXL V69, before it became noisy.

(a U47 a client insisted on hiring for a session came a close second), but now I have to use my Rode Classic II until I get the V69 sorted.

Then into a Focusrite Green voice box.

Pretty low rent compared to you guys, but what the hey..

it's what one does in the context of a mix that counts, right??

(During mixing I use Ozone, pretty deep, with 15 ms latency, but lovely nonetheless.

Incidentally a friend brought round his prized single channel Avalon preamp for a session, dunno the model, but it looks funky),

and we both agreed there was no perceivable

difference between it and one of the strips

on my Soundcraft Vienna MK1.

Don't get me wrong, I love good gear,

and all those bakelite knobs look really cool, but I'd rather pay off my house first.

Flame away!

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 20:14:22 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 26 Apr 2008 13:46:11 GMT

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Posted by Tom Bruhl on Sat, 26 Apr 2008 18:33:21 GMT

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Yup, you shanked that one DeeJ. He he ;-)

The other place that mic found LOTS of work was, of all places, guitar cabs. I tracked all of my geetars using the 'Steve Albini Technique.' One dark mic (the SE ribbon), and one bright mic (the green/gold Claytor) pointed pretty close to the middle of the cone about a foot back. The guys in the band had a great time making fun of me meticulously lining up the mic capsules so they were as close to exactly the same distance off the speaker, and to each other, as I could manage. What a sound, and EQ is almost never needed, just mix the two mics together.

It also sounds great on one of the singers in the Monkies. He has a thinner, higher speaking voice than rest of us and somehow the Claytor beefs his vox up a bit. It's just a little more flattering than the BLUE.

Oh, that Claytor is also a GREAT acoustic guitar mic. I used it on all of the acoustics pointed right at the neck at about the 10th fret. Lovely percussive sounding acoustic geetars. Yup, that mic really sucks.

Sorry you lost that mic. OK, that's a lie. I'm not sorry at all. Thanks DeeJ! Anything else you want to get rid of?

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 27 Apr 2008 16:45:21 GMT

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Mon, 28 Apr 2008 03:16:17 GMT

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Mon, 28 Apr 2008 03:26:38 GMT

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Of course you get right of first refusal. In fact, if you want it back for a particular session or project, just say the word. It has that fancy case and everything. Easy to ship.

Once the Monx are done with this CD I'm back to working on my own stuff, which is all beeps and blips and synth noises. No need for mics of any kind. So the lovely sounding green and gold Claytor will just be sitting in a closet, waiting for something to reproduce.

Really cool mic,

TCB

P.S. My second favorite guitar is my Les Paul gold top. I met the guy who sold it to me some time around 1990. I sat in with his band one night, played the guitar and said to him, 'If you ever want to sell this, just let me know.' No big push, just a friendly thing, that it was a really special guitar. Whenever I would see him around town I'd buy us a drink and mention, 'You still have that Les Paul?' About five years ago he called me and said he'd take \$1500 for the LP. Here's the funny part, HE asked ME for a right of first refusal if I ever sell the gold top. I think I'm in a long term rental situation, but it's still in my house. And sounds like the wrath of god.



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Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Mon, 28 Apr 2008 18:30:25 GMT  
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Thanks all. I have enjoyed reading the comments shared and other related

info as well.

Tyrone Corbett

"Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net> wrote:

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>gantt

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>Kerry Galloway <kg@kerrygalloway.com> wrote:

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>><http://www.bigmics.com/nav-page.html>

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