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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 14:54:14 GMT

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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 15:14:59 GMT

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Posted by [Wayne](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 17:41:20 GMT

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Hi Mike,

I agree with both Aaron and John. Great tune and performance. The mix currently encourages me to continue listening. This is a good thing.

Stereo image is good but the mix gets a bit harsh at points and I feel it doesn't need to be. It's primarily the lead vocal that gets in my face in a few instances where I would prefer to just lay back and enjoy the vibe you've got going on. The lead vox lacks a richness that I prefer, but it is quite in line with music I hear on the radio these days.

Mix depth. Maybe a keyboard pad (oohs or a floating, wispy, ghostly, whirling pad, you can experiment to find something that you may like) that pulls the listener into and around the room with the musicians to give the mix depth (barely noticeable, more of an ambience).

Nice job.

Wayne

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 23:18:07 GMT

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Well done..

Martin H

Lend An Ear Sound

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 01:42:46 GMT  
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That's what I love about this group. We can agree to disagree. It's art and if you like verb on cross-stick that's cool, if not that's cool. I love the cross-stick reverb on Shania's "Leaving Is the Only Way Out", so it's just a vibe I like.

Regarding dropping all the highs and getting each to just peak out above the mix, I do it all the time and like it. For example, if I find that everything is too bright, that's an easy way to figure out what you want your top end to be made up of. It could be the bass guitar even that has a nice open top, or hi hat, shaker, chorusy guitar, vocal, etc. Whatever works for you then I'm all for it.

John

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 01:44:46 GMT  
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Oh, also, I only meant to add verb to the cross-stick during the breakdowns, otherwise, pull it back verbwise. I agree that it would cloud the mix.

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Subject: Re: Still Not Through -Any Opinions?  
Posted by [Erling](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 09:44:59 GMT  
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Hmmm, I'm with you Martin on everything here(maybe our old ears need more high brilliance???), as near as the sticks, that seems to play in another, smaller room. I believe Aaron too mentioned this earlier.  
Really great song Mike and mr. Rod Lincoln have done a great job too. It is all about taste but I believe, if you can get the separate tracks of the drums and mix it as it seems to play more in the same room as the other instruments, I think you'll nail it all for my taste too:-)

Erling

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 19:41:40 GMT  
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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 20:52:44 GMT

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