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Posted by [xpam_mark](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 03:30:34 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 03:58:10 GMT

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 06:26:20 GMT
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I listened to the lead reel, nice work! You demonstrate a real mastery of the styles presented.

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKruz.com

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Yeah, that makes sense. I've been doing internet tracks myself as a bassist (on a smaller scale and mostly for local clients) for years now and I'm probably going to kick it up a notch after January. Best of both worlds; make money having fun making music... no clients underfoot... open the studio door, pet the dog, have lunch with the family...

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I also On 2008-09-24 00:24:07 -0700, "W. Mark Wilson" <xpam_mark@avidrecording> said:

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Same concept here... it's usually a stereo file they've send me to cut

to (some folks have sent MIDI tracks; that can be various flavours of hassle).

A drummer I've worked with for years is quite organized about this (he does five or six internet sessions a week, some multi-song). After he tracks he does a quick mix and sends the client an MP3, but with spoiler beeps inserted. Once the client listens and signs off and the PayPal's deposited, he ships the full-resolution tracks (mixing optional and extra). <http://www.e-studio-drummer.com/> if you're interested.

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 09:19:27 GMT

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Hey Mark.

There's some nice sounds there.

How have you managed to not be sued by Digidesign yet?

Martin H

Lend An Ear Sound

On 24/09/08 1:30 PM, in article 48d9b821\$1@linux, "W. Mark Wilson" <xpam_mark@avidrecording> wrote:

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 11:57:40 GMT
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Where are the drum tracks?

hehehe

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From what I've heard, and from your online presence here, you'd be a

natural for it. All the ingredients are in place, and if your main infrastructure costs (recording facility and hardware and instruments etc) have already been absorbed, then the expenses needed to take it a step further are trivial. It's mostly a time investment if you're web-handy (if not, the market for web development's pretty competitive nowadays) and from a business perspective the potential leverage it can add to those previous investments is just phenomenal.

On a related side note - looking at this thread, I can't help but think that a "PARIS collaborative project" might be a fun thing to take another stab at some day. There's a formidable talent pool here.

[hehehe - I just had an image of a twisted-21st-century-update cover of "See it My Way" as well and laughed :D]

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> [hehehe - I just had an image of a twisted-21st-century-update cover of
> "See it My Way" as well and laughed :D]
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> - K

Subject: Re: Potentially Shameless Preplug...
Posted by [xpam_mark](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 18:16:47 GMT
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Simple Martin... I did the research... Avid has nothing secured under the word "avidrecording." No products, trademarks, fixed medium or not, tangible or intangible. Notta.

I might add, I am surprised having found "hotguitartracks" available as .com ..net and .org

Mark

"Martin Harrington" <lendan@bigpond.net.au> wrote in message news:C500433F.60B%lendan@bigpond.net.au...

> Hey Mark.
> There's some nice sounds there.
> How have you managed to not be sued by Digidesign yet?
>
> Martin H
> Lend An Ear Sound

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 21:55:35 GMT
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John
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2008 23:36:45 GMT

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Posted by [xpam_mark](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 03:12:42 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Thu, 25 Sep 2008 03:54:37 GMT
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An understanding of the law can come in very handy. You've seen this, I suppose? Funny stuff.

<http://www.audioholics.com/news/industry-news/blue-jeans-str-ikes-back>

- K

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Posted by [emarenot](#) on Mon, 29 Sep 2008 05:03:01 GMT
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Yikes! I listened to the lead reel. Great tones, great licks, right in the pocket. Really sweet stuff man. MR

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Subject: Re: Potentially Shameless Preplug...

Posted by [Wayne](#) on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 04:17:20 GMT

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Sincerely,
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Wayne, my thoughts exactly on the acoustic and bass stuff. The truth about those acoutstic and nylon clips is that a couple of years ago, frustrated that despite haveng been asked for over 20 years "when are you going to do your own album" I had never done one, I sat down on a Sunday afternoon in the control room with a single SM57, an acoustic guitar belonging to a friend, my nylon, nothing more than a coupe or three 8-bar phrases in my head that I would gravitate toward when I would pick up an acoustic. I wrote/recorded those tunes sitting in that chair in one day with almost no attention paid to the computer running in the background, my playing technique, mic position, mic selection or any of the usual clinical kinds of things one does when recording. No punching, no doubling, no tempo maps, none of that. Tracked bone dry, mixed bone dry, compression only, one setting for every title. Mastered back to PAIRS through my old Ibanez SDR1000 with one verb setting for the whole record. I had my first 500 CDs within 7 days of beginning the project. In other words... didn't spend any time on it. There are some 'embarrassments' on that thing but interestingly, all my musically inclined cohorts like the realness of the thing and threaten me when I use the words "remix" or "redo" so.... it is what it is. And I agree with you totally about the sound.

Great comments on the bass stuff.... Peavy Cirrus and yes, I think it came out a bit undefined but it was an artist call as to tone. In fact, all that bass stuff was recut after the entire album was done. The band, IC3, lost their basis mid-project at another studio. IC3 decided to recut bass tracks and I got the call. Nothing like jacking up a house and trying to pour a nice new smooth concrete foundation under it.

I got some more stuff I'll be putting on shortly... getting my site up and trial running meantime.

Totally dig ALL your comments Wayne... exactly what I was looking for. Thanks man! Mucho apreciatio

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