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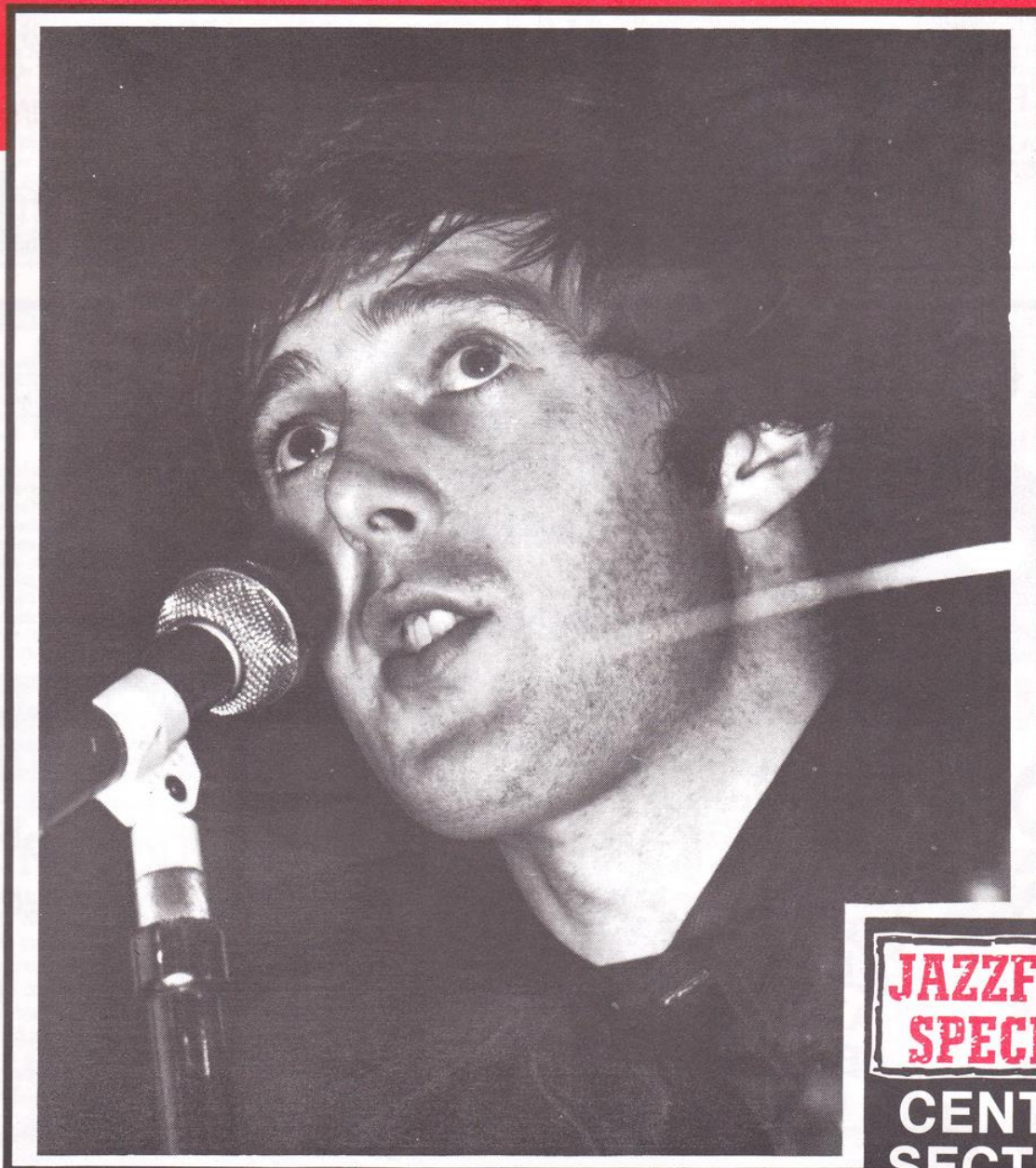
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BRUM BEAT COMPETITIONS are free and easy to enter. Simply send your answer (preferably on a postcard) stating clearly which competition(s) you are going for, include your name and address plus daytime and/or evening phone number (if possible) to **BRUM BEAT COMPETITIONS, PO BOX 944, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM B16 8UT.**

VAMPIRE WINE



● Hailed as the new 'rock 'n' roll' drink, Vampire Wine is said to be "the blood of some special grapes from an ancient vineyard". Apparently modern day vampires are prone to get blotto on wine rather than blood! We have five bottles to be won, rather exclusive too, as it can't yet be bought in the Midlands.

To win, answer two simple questions on a postcard that also contains a signed declaration that you are over 18 years of age and send to 'Vampire Comp' at the normal address.

1. Which author created Dracula?
2. Where was the author born?

DONINGTON '88

● *Brum Beat* has three pairs of tickets for Heavy Metal Heaven to be won!

Castle Donington happens this year on Saturday August 20th. Tickets are at the usual outlets at £16.50 (plus booking fee) each.

The bill is genuinely heavey; Iron Maiden playing their only UK date in 88 with a show the like of which has never been seen before; David Lee Roth with his band featuring Steve Vai, guitarist of the year 87; Megadeth, Helloween, Guns 'n' Roses and the inimitable Kiss.

To win, send your answers on a postcard — the first three out of the bag win a pair of tickets each.

1. Name Maiden's original vocalist.
2. Which band did David Lee Roth front prior to going solo?
3. Which band on the Donington bill covered a Sex Pistols' song?
4. Which Donington star covered a Beach Boy song?

DOGS D'AMOUR

● According to Deep Purple's Ian Gillan "Bruce Springsteen should take a leaf out of the Dogs D'Amour book". You can see if old Gillan has lost his marbles by winning one of ten 12" debut Dogs discs or by nipping Edward's No. 8 to catch them live (see Edward's ad for details). The debut has a sleeve drawn by D'Amour's leader, Tyla, a talented cartoonist.

As a truly great bonus, the first card out of the hat will win a personalised cartoon of him/herself (from a photo) by Tyla himself!

To win this unique prize write your answers on a postcard. First out of the hat gets the pic and a 12", the next nine a 12".

1. Who recorded the original version of "Wig Wag Bam"?
2. The name of Marc Bolan's band?
3. Who has been both a Face and a Stone?

SCARLET FANTASTIC

- *Brum Beat* has five autographed copies of the underrated star children's debut Arista album '24 Hours'.

The album is every bit as good as the believers have been telling you. It is certainly to be found among the debut album of the year contenders when '88 draws its curtains.

To win, answer a couple of simple questions on a postcard and drop it in a post box to the normal address. First five correct ones out of the hat win a copy each.

1. Name the two members of SF.
2. The title of the follow up single to 'No Memory'?

PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS - The Movie

● Private Investigations is an excellent intriguing thriller full of slick suspense and fast moving action. Starring a phalanx of actors with credentials from *Psycho*, *Breakfast At Tiffany's* and *The Idolmaker*, the film has been a huge box office smash.

Private Investigations (18) has a soundtrack featuring Eric Clapton's Derek and The Dominos' classic "Layla", plus tracks from Tears For Fears, Was (Not Was), Bananarama, Bon Jovi and Big Country.

Brum Beat has VHS videos and LP soundtrack sets to be won.

Answer these simple questions and send us your answers with your name, age and address.

First five out of the video box win a VHS copy of Private Investigations and soundtrack LP set.

1. Which group recorded a track called "Private Investigations" on the "Love Over Gold" LP?
2. The christian name of famous Private Investigator 'Marlowe'?
3. Who played the TV part of 'Magnum P.I.'?

INXS

● INXS, starring at the NEC on June 26/27, have a new twelve inch single on release. It houses a remixed 'Never Tear Us Apart', 'Different World' and 'Guns In The Sky'. We have three copies to be won. Answer our simple questions on a postcard, send it to the usual place and the first three correct entries drawn out of the empty Foster's can win a copy each.

1. The nationality of INXS?
2. The name of the vocalist?

SWEETIE BABY COOKIE HONEY

● Sweetie Baby is a 570 plus page roaring rollercoaster ride on the magic swirling ship of the American rock industry from the 60s right through to the 80s.

This epic paperback was written by Freddie Gershon who was in fact one of the industry's premier lawyers and a partner in the Robert Stigwood Organisation for whom he worked on Saturday Night Fever and Grease. *Brum Beat* has five copies to give away to the first five correctly filled postcards pulled out of the hat.

Answer these simple questions:

1. Who publishes the famous "... Book of Hit Singles"?
2. The title of Bob Geldof's autobiography?
3. Who wrote The Smith's book reviewed in this issue?

the section with no name

Well, not a lot of action this month, but here goes. Bob Moore finally opened the doors of the new Breedon Bar and Border Cafe in late May, and has already put on a number of gigs featuring both British and American folk/country acts. It will be too late by the time you read this, but I predict now, that the Kimmie Rhodes/Wes McGhee gig on Friday 10th June will have been a classic.

On Sunday June 19th, at the aforementioned venue singer/songwriter Hugh Moffatt makes his British debut. Based in Music City USA for the last fifteen years, where he initially made his name as a songwriter, Fort Worth bred Moffatt released his first solo album on the Philo label last year. Titled "Loving you", it became an instant classic in my book. On the night, Moffatt will hopefully regail us with his own compositions like, "Slow moving freight train" and "Old flames can't hold a candle to you", although how he will recreate my personal favourite "Jack and Lucy", is beyond me at this point in time. On the album, the latter track is a duet with his sister, Katy (Look out for a album from her in the near future, produced by Steve Berlin from Los Lobos). If you can handle concerts by writers in the mould of Griffith, Prine and Earle to name but a few, then your attendance at this gig is crucial.

In early July, the Breedon is presenting a number of British based performers. On Friday July 1st, John Strong is there, while on US Independence Day, Monday July 4th Kevin Brown is in concert. Last time I saw folk blues player Brown, he supported Butch Hancock at his Kinver Community Centre concert fifteen months ago. Should be worth a return visit. Acoustic bluesman Steve Philips, who supported Nanci Griffith on her recent concerts, north of London, is at the Breedon on Sunday 10th July.

Mark up your diaries now, for the return to the West Midlands of the inimitable Poet Laureate of Lubbock, on Monday 18th July and Tuesday 26th July. This time he'll be bringing a fellow ex-Flatlander with him, but more of that next month!

ARTHUR WOOD

Lord Haw Haw

HIS LORDSHIP seems to have missed the steamship back from the Seychelles. If he can get out of the bar and back on the boat, normality will return next issue.