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New 'Hybrid' Studio To Open Next Year

Power Station Plugs In To Video

NEW YORK Tony Bongiovi stands in the video editing room at the Power Station and discusses the future.

Video editing at the Power Station? Not quite. The small editing room is an adjunct to the facility's new "hybrid" studio.

Now under construction, the room is slated to open in January 1990 and features a new 72-input Solid State Logic SL 4000 G Series console.
"This room is the '90s," says Bob

Walters, who owns the studio with Bongiovi. "It's going to start in January and it's going to set the tone and pace of the '90s."

Designed for audio, audio-for-video, and film sound, the studio will be configured to meet needs and styles of users from audio and video disciplines. The custom two-in-one console was built with input from Bongiovi based upon his longtime audio and recent film and video experiences.

The studio's acoustic design is on a par with the Power Station's three fully equipped rooms. The video editing room was added to enable video clients to perform last-minute edits on the premises. SUSAN NUNZIATA

AES GETS GREAT TURNOUT

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Monitors caught Steve Lawson's ear. The president of Seattle-based Lawson Productions was most impressed by Meyer's new HD-1 studio monitors, which also gained attention from Bob Clearmountain, Skye, and others in the company's consistently crowded demo room. "John Meyer saw a demand from a marketing and development standpoint and he went out and met it." says Skye. Lawson adds that some of Tannoy's new monitors also interested him.

Both Lawson and Skye commented on API's new in-line console, which they felt improved on the features of the original board. Skye also expressed interest in the new Trident Vector in-line console.

On the software side, Ampex, 3M, Agfa, BASF, and DIC Digital presented R-DAT formulations. Sunkyong announced plans for expansion in its U.S. and Korean facilities and emphasized its chrome line. Shape brought its second-generation Mark 10 shell.

Most tape manufacturers were positive about the future of the prerecorded analog cassette. "With further improvements, particularly if Dolby S takes off, you'll have sound quality indistinguishable from that of digital," says BASF's Terry O'Kelly.

Prototypes of hardware featuring Dolby S noise reduction will be seen worldwide before the end of the year, according to Dolby's Dennis Staats. "We'll probably start seeing the first machines available by the middle of next year," he predicts.

On the DAT hardware front, Sony, Panasonic, Tascam, Fostex, JVC, and Stellavox presented DAT recorders. Development of that hardware is hiccuping along as manufacturers await an IEC decision on timecode standardization.

Agfa presented its XT process on master tape restoration and contributed a \$5,000 matching grant in the form of audio mastering tape to Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts, which won the Mix Technical Excellence & Creativity educational award.

Other TEC winners included Power Station (outstanding recording studio), George Massenburg (two outstanding creative achievement awards, as record producer and recording engineer), and Lexicon Inc. (two technical achievement awards, in signal processing and ancillary equipment).

Famed Beatles producer George Martin, console developer Rupert Neve, and the late Wally Heider, studio pioneer, were inducted into the TEC Hall of Fame.

Heard in action at the Red Zone. a local dance club, was Ramsa/Panasonic's new 500 series modular speaker system. Used on a performance by the band Bob's Diner, the system "sounds incredible," raved an attendee from Rave Records.

Audio Teknology, a new company, presented its first product, the Paragon Series live performance mixing console. It is designed to serve as either a house or monitor mixer. Scheduled to ship in January, it will retail for approximately \$89,000

The overwhelming consensus at AES was that the people are what make the meeting successful. Most agreed with Lawson: "The best thing for me is making acquaintances at these events and getting to talk face-to-face with the manufac-

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sisted by McLean. Ricky Skaggs tracked backing vocals for Gosdin's project.

Daniele Alexander mixed tracks at the Music Mill for PolyGram. Harold Shedd produced with Jim Cotton, Joe Scaife, and George Clinton at the board.

OTHERS CITIES

AT FORT APACHE studios in Boston, Border Patrol cut tracks with producer David Lindley, assistant producer Joe Harvard, and engineer Paul Kolderie. Jazz drummer Bob Moses sat in on drums.

Steve Mendell mixed live material

for an upcoming Fats Domino CD at the Fire Station in San Marcos, Texas. Mendell also worked on a live anthology of Townes Van Zandt and Jimmy LaFave's debut Tomato al-

De La Soul (Tommy Boy Records) remixed two songs from the "3 Feet High And Rising" album in Island Media, West Babylon, N.Y.; Prince Paul produced and Al Watts engineered.

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