



**ON THE JAZZ SCENE...**

Patrice Rushen's SHOUT IT OUT, on Prestige Records, starts off nice, but ends up flat.

Ms. Rushen's "Roll With The Punches" and "Let Your Heart Be Free" are two catchy tunes...but after that, everything else is rather tedious.

Nevertheless, Rushen does show some promise...maybe in another album or two she'll be ready to break out.

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Perhaps the best in a series of post-humous albums featuring the great John Coltrane is on the market now.

It's entitled AFRO BLUE IMPRESSIONS a double album recorded in 1962 when "The Trane" was on tour in Sweden and Germany. That's the era when Coltrane played with three other jazz greats: pianist McCoy Tyner, Elvin Jones (1977's Drummer of the Year in Down Beat Magazine) and Bass player Jimmy Garrison.

Album highlights are "Lonnie's Lament," "My Favorite Things," and "Chasing The Trane."

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**SOUL SOUNDS...**

A nice new sound from Paulette R. Eaves comes our way on an album called ALL ABOUT LOVE, on T.K. Records.

Van McCoy and Clarence Reid did much of the arranging on this album...and Paulette's singing does the rest.

Best cuts are "Jazz Freak," "Flesh," and "I Forgot To Be Your Lover."

Johnny Taylor's CHRONICLE...TWENTY GREATEST HITS, STAX (on Fantasy Records) is a good collector's item for those who like Johnny's old Stax sound out of Memphis.

Who can forget "Who's Making Love?," "Testify," "Jody's Got Your Gal and Gone." These and more of Johnny's old best are on the album.

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Patti LaBelle's first solo LP suddenly has taken off...Although it's been out for a couple of months...it hasn't been selling very well, until recently.

Now it's in the top 20 soul albums in the nation and has sold out of some record stores in town.

Meanwhile, one of Patti's former singing mates isn't enjoying the same success. One would expect an album by a former member of the LaBelle group to have a lot of drive, but it isn't there on Nona Hendryx's LP, NONA.

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The Ohio Players new album has arrived. It's entitled MR. MEAN, on Mercury Records.

It contains some good sounds, but overall, it's nearly as disappointing as their CONTRADICTION LP.

But you still may enjoy the title cut and "Fight Me, Chase Me."

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You've heard "Float On" by the Floaters...Well, there's a-



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nother version out now...only it's called "Bloat On," by none other than Cheech and Chong on Epic Records.

It's about a couple of dudes who like to eat...and eat...and eat...

William Bell has a new release with a similar theme and sound of his hit, "Trying To Love Two."

His latest is "Easy Comin' Out"...Hard Goin' In" on the Mercury label.

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The Fatback Band seems to like the "Booty" theme... That's all they have been singing about for the past two records. "Master Booty" is their latest cut...their last jam was also called "The Booty". Both are on Spring Records.

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The Emotions keep rolling along with another fine effort on Columbia Records. Their new LP, SHOUTING OUT LOVE flows well from beginning to end.

Especially good is their version of Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine." After kicking around for years in Chicago... the group finally seems to have made it.

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**DISCO TRACKS...**

Listen for a high-energy sound from a 2-man German group called Trax. Their first American release is entitled "Watch Out" on Polydor Records.

For two people...they kick out a lot of sound. Trax's Pete Bellote knows what disco's all about...he's produced several Donna Summer songs.

Cuts you should hear soon are "Watch Out For The Boogie Man," and "Breathless."

Speaking of Donna Summer...her new double album is now the number one disco sound in town according to Disco Sound Records. Right behind her in the number two spot is another Casablanca disco queen...Roberta Kelly.

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For those into the Philadelphia sound comes a two-record set featuring all the famous artists on the "Philadelphia International label.

On the "Philadelphia Classics" LP are the O'Jays, the Three Degrees, the Intruders, MFSB, and Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes.

Definitely a good investment for disco dee jays...all the cuts are dance tunes, and they're all at least nine minutes long.

The Philly sound sure has come a long way since the sound of the Delphonics.

**WBTV To Air**

**Carolina Classic**

**Title Contest**

The Championship game of the WBTV "Carolina Classic" will be telecast Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

This third annual tournament will be held at Belmont Abbey's Wheeler Center December 8, 9 and 10. Participating teams are Barber-Scotia, Pfeiffer, Lenoir Rhyne, Catawba, Livingstone, Gardner Webb, Johnson C. Smith and Belmont Abbey. Exciting rivalries and good strong teams are prevalent in this group and will make for another thrill-packed basketball tournament.

The WBTV Sports team of Jim Thacker, Bob Taylor and Bob Schellenberg will provide the play-by-play and color for the Championship Game.

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The University Chorale and the Madrigal Ensemble will perform a wide variety of music from the 16th Century in a concert December 10 at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Rowe Recital Hall at 8:15 p.m.

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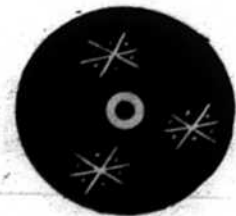
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