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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RICHARD THOMPSON FAN CLUB AND MORE!

UPDATED INFO

The Richard Thompson Band date on August 10 has a new venue--The Metronome in West Hampton, New York. The number for info should still be (212) 724-6632.

The New York City concert at The Ritz included a guest appearance on the encores by David Byrne, joining the band for "Who Were You Thinking Of" and "96 Tears." Byrne and Richard Thompson had previously performed (acoustic) both those songs as a medley several months back at The Towne Crier in Pawling, N.Y. for an English Channel 4 television program. Also done by the duo at the Towne Crier were "The Big Country" (from the second Talking Heads album), "I Feel So Good," and an impromptu "Ce Plane Pour Moi" (the Plastic Bertrand song) which RT had been doing as a regular solo encore.

Richard Thompson can be heard playing on three new releases--on two Paul Brady compositions on Bonnie Raitt's new album (Luck of the Draw on Capitol) as well as on albums by Willie Nile (Columbia) and Beausoleil (Rhino).

C.D. SINGLE

Capitol Records has just issued "I Feel So Good" as a c.d. single in both the U.S. and England. The c.d. also includes "Backlash Love Affair" and, from the forthcoming Sweet Talker soundtrack, "Harry's Theme." A second song from Sweet Talker, "Put Your Trust in Me," has also escaped on a promo only Capitol compilation c.d., Route 91. We can't express an opinion on the two soundtrack songs, as we haven't yet heard them. The release of the soundtrack album for Sweet Talker has been postponed until the home video is released in 1992. Capitol will be servicing a radio station promo single of "Read About Love" sometime next month.

I FEEL SO GOOD VIDEO

The video of "I Feel So Good" has been completed, and apparently is getting some play on MTV and VH-1. The video does not take a narrative approach, but rather uses almost psychedelic animation. If you get MTV or VH-1 you can call and request the video--MTV: (800) 342-5688/VH-1: (212) 258-7819.

Additionally, if you want to request the video by mail, we've been given various names of people to direct letters to at each organization. MTV's address is 1515 Broadway, 24th floor, New York, N.Y. 10036; address correspondence to any of the following: John Cannelli, Abby Konowitch, Dave Kendall, Rick Krim, Rick Hankey, and Matt Farber. VH-1's address is 1515 Broadway, 22nd floor, New York, N.Y. 10036; address correspondence to the following: Norman Schoenfeld, Sal Locurto, Julie Davidson, Merideth Osbourne, Lois Ruben, Ed Bennett, and Bo Overlock. Our Canadian subscribers (or those bordering Canada) can write Much Music, Programming Dept., 299 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5V 2Z5, Canada.

NEW AND FORTHCOMING

Hokey Pokey has just issued their second c.d.--a re-issue of Alright Jack by Home Service. They are also working on their second charity compilation for release in October/November--All Through the Year, with contributions from Martin Carthy, Oyster Band, Ray Fisher, Phil Cunningham, John Renbourn, Roy Bailey, and others. For info on any of these projects send an international reply coupon and a self-addressed envelope to Hokey Pokey, P.O. Box 547, London SE26 4BD, England.

Silvertone Records has dropped Peter Blegvad, and they will not release in the U.S. King Strut. This extraordinary record deserves to be heard, so all are encouraged to dig up the U.K. c.d. (A U.K. promo c.d., Peter Who? on Silvertone is also worth tracking down--it is an audio bio of Blegvad that is both interestingly and amusingly done as almost an experimental radio piece.) Meanwhile, Virgin Records in the U.K. has re-issued on c.d. The Naked Shakespeare (with a 12" b-side added) and Blegvad/Greaves' Kew. Rhone. as well as the less interesting (but with some good songs) Knights Like This.

Pere Ubu's new album, Worlds in Collision (Fontana Records) includes John Kirkpatrick's melodeon on three songs. Worth searching out is a U.S. promo only Pere Ubu c.d. on Fontana of the album version of "Worlds In Collision" followed by six live songs from their June/91 tour. Look for Pere Ubu to do three nights at The Knitting Factory in New York in September.