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QSC PRESENTS ITS GX SERIES

Rated at 300 and 500 watts into eight ohm loads respectively, which is roughly twice the continuous power capacity required by most currently available passive loudspeakers, the GX3 and GX5 are the latest amplifiers from QSC. Both models are equipped with all the input and output connectors needed for compatibility with virtually any source, loudspeaker, or wiring scheme. Their light-weight design combined with compact size make them easy to move or mount within small, portable racks and both feature straightforward user-selectable functions accessed via simple front panel controls. At the heart of the GX amplifiers lies a linear toroidal power supply coupled, in the GX3, to Class B output topology and in the GX5 to a two-tier Class H design which approximately doubles the power of the GX3 using the same size transformers and heat sinks. QSC product is distributed in Australia by Technical Audio Group, so for details you can phone (02) 9519 0900, email info@tag.com.au or check out their website at www.tag.com.au.

SOUND BYTES

- Three generations of the Slim Dusty clan – wife Joy McKean, son and daughter David and Anne Kirkpatrick, and their respective children – have got together for what’s been dubbed The Slim Dusty Family Reunion album; recorded at Dusty’s Columbia Lane Studios in St Ives on Sydney’s North Shore by producer Rod Coe, with Phil Punch engineering, assisted by James Arneman, mixed by Mike Vidale and mastered at Benchmark Mastering by Don Bartley. The album will be released by EMI Saturday 1 March.
- The forthcoming album for The Cavalera Conspiracy, featuring brothers Max and Iggor Cavalera (ex-Sepultura), was recorded last July at Undercity Studios in Los Angeles, with guitarist Logan Mader (ex-Machine Head).
- Due for release here Saturday 29 March through Shock Records, the latest album, Attack & Release, from The Black Keys was recorded in Suma Studios just outside of Cleveland, Ohio, run by the album’s engineer, Paul Hamann, with producer Mouse aka Brian Burton

(Gnarls Barkley, Gorillaz).

- Best known for writing one of ‘60s US TV popsters The Monkees’ biggest hits, Daydream Believer, singer/songwriter John Stewart, who was once a member of one of the most influential early rock groups, The Kingston Trio, died recently in California after a stroke, aged 68.

SAE NOW OFFERS OXFORD OPTION

Australian School of Audio Engineering (SAE) students will soon have the option of complimenting their audio engineering, film and animation studies with international travel when SAE Institute opens the world’s largest creative media campus in Oxford in the UK in October. Students will have the opportunity to transfer to SAE Oxford’s European Degree Centre for their second year of studies or complete the entire program of their choice at the new campus. SAE Oxford, which will house state-of-the-art technology and creative facilities, including a classical recording studio, specialised library and computer technology used by the world’s top studios, will also exclusively offer the SAE Tonmeister (Master’s Degree) audio engineering and music production programme - the highest academic qualification in the audio industry. Students from other schools or colleges may also qualify for acceptance at the European Degree Centre by sitting an entrance examination. All degrees at SAE Oxford are issued in partnership with Middlesex University, London or SAE’s International Graduate College. Courses available for study at SAE Oxford include the Diploma of Audio Engineering; Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree in Recording Arts; Master’s Degree SAE Tonmeister; Bachelor of Science (Hons) Degree in Game Design; Master’s Degree in Game Design; Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Degree in 3D Animation and Master’s Degree in Interactive Media. The SAE Institute in Australia, based in Byron Bay but affiliated with Studios 301 in Sydney, offers Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor courses in audio engineering, filmmaking, electronic music production, multimedia and web design animation and music business management. SAE is an accredited Higher Education Provider and Registered Training Organisation. For details, check out the website at www.sae.edu.

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