What's New on the World Percussion Network

By Norm Weinberg

Skip Hadden of Gloucester, MA has presented the WPN with a great gift! He, along with Keith Brown (University of Tennessee), Rick Considine, Ian Froman, Jon Hazilla, Joe Hunt, Ron Savage (all of Berklee College of Music), and Colin Hoorweg (Canberra School of Music) contributed to this project. Technical support and inspiration was provided by Ed Uribe of Berklee and Robert Kaufman and Chris Roldan of Richmond, CA.

The idea was to provide a central listing of reference materials for percussion educators and all students of the drums. The listing contains over 1800 entries on books, videos, and recordings listed by style, drummer, artist, recording, personnel, songs, company/catalog number, video, and contributor.

This project comprises four files in Claris Filemaker format (.FMR). Those of you who use a Macintosh or IBM compatible computer and have the Filemaker program should be able to download the files from the WPN and open them from within FileMaker on your computer.

If you don't have the Filemaker program, you can download the files in "tab delimited" (text separated by tabs) format (.TXT) and open them into just about any database or word processing program. The compact disc file contains categories for artist, drummer, recording, songs, personnel, label number, and date. The video file has information for the name of the video, style, drummer, artist, recording, songs, CD, contributor, and personnel. The bibliography file information includes style, subject, author, title, publisher, and contributor. The discography contains information about the style, drummer, artist, recording, songs, CD, Video, and contributor.

All files are currently in the "Main" library on the WPN. Call in, download these files and check them out. /continued on page 3

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The PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE is on a roll!

Basically, the PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE is a database of all the articles contained in all the back issues of Percussionist and Percussive Notes—the two main publications of PAS.

How can I find the PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE?

At the main screen (the one you're at after you've entered your User ID and password) type "L" followed by a return to move to the library. At this point, enter "S" to select a new library area, and then enter "PAS PUBS". You are now in the PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE.

How can I see what is contained in the PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE?

Now that you're in the PAS_PUBS area of the library, you can follow the screen prompts for various functions—such as listing files alphabetically, or downloading a list of files contained in the PER-CUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE to your personal computer.

Is every publication already contained in the PERCUSSION **KNOWLEDGEBASE?**

Sorry, not yet. This is an ongoing project with an estimated completion date of December, 1996. However, the first few years of issues are already on-line for your enjoyment, education, and just plain fun-by the way, there are some absolutely wonderful articles in these early issues and you can get a good feel for how the PAS organization started and grew.

What else should I know about the PERCUSSION KNOWL-**EDGEBASE?**

Most of your questions should be answered by reading or downloading a file named "OOREADME.TXT" in the PAS_PUBS library area. This is an information article that explains the project and the file-naming conventions as well as graphic conventions for the PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE.

You might also want to read or download the file called "00NX1095.TXT". This is a text file which contains the contents of the PERCUSSION KNOWLEDGEBASE in tab delimited format. If you download this file, you should be able to import the information into your database and search by File Name, File Type (text or graphic), author's first name, author's last name, and the article's title. Even if you don't use a database program, you can read this from within your word processing program and use the "find" or "search" functions to look for specific topics of interest. This file will be updated on a regular basis and the last four numbers will indicate the month and year that the file was last updated. For example, in February, you might want to download the file called "00NX0296.TXT".

Additions for the WPN are welcome! If you have articles, databases, class notes, lists of information, or any other items that you feel are useful to you, they may be helpful to others as well. The World Percussion Network welcomes contributions on any topics related to music and percussion. When folks like Skip Hadden offer their knowledge and information to the WPN, everyone in PAS benefits. Let us know what you'd like to contribute directly through WPN, or contact us by e-mail on Internet, address: pas@ionet.net. ■

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Rare Baby Dodds Recording Reissued on CD

Almost fifty years ago the late jazz historian, William Russell, recorded a series of documentary interviews with Warren "Baby" Dodds, Russell issued what is probably the first jazz drumming clinic on his American Music label. The three 10" LPs were entitled BABY DODDS NO. 1, NO. 2 and NO. 3. A planned fourth disc was never issued. These records are virtually impossible to find today.

Barry Martyn, a New Orleans drummer and archivist, painstakingly restored Russell's deteriorated tape masters and has produced a wonderful compilation of material from LPs NO. 1 and NO. 3, and the previously unreleased NO. 4. Baby talks about New Orleans funerals and the role of the snare drummer in the brass band which accompanied the proccesion. He demonstrates how he orchestrates the sounds of his drumset and speaks eloquently about "playing for the benefit of the band." This CD encompasses the transition of brass band snare drummer to jazz band drumset player: the genesis of the instrument as we know it today. There are many instrumental cuts which aptly illustrate what Dodds talks about. His musical concepts are as pertinent today as they were when he recorded them.

As Mr. Martyn writes in the liner notes, "Here are drum lessons for all the generations to come by the 'grandfather' of jazz drumming... they are invaluable to any serious drum student." BABY DODDS (AMCD-17) is available from American Music Records, 1206 Decatur Street, New Orleans LA 70118; \$15.98 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.

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