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HUZZAH HUZZAH!! EARS MOVES TO SCHUBA'S

For all the reasons we outlined last month, EARS will move its meeting place to the site of the original scene of the crime...Schuba's (formerly Gaspar's). Mike Schuba, the owner, has graciously offered us the room where the first salvos of EARS mania were fired. Hopefully, the cheery atmosphere and groovy bar will entice many of the old EARS stalwarts to return to the fun, rum, and glory of the most adolescent of organizations: EARS!

Due to the fact that Christmas occurs on the last Tuesday of this month and EARS members are well known religious fanatics, the meeting happen ONE WEEK EARLIER ON TUESDAY, DEC. 18TH AT 7:30 PM!! Otherwise the only ones who would attend would be Murray, Harry, Marty, and Hank. Now there's a posse!

So don't forget, the meeting will be held at Schuba's, 3159 N. Southport (corner of Belmont and Southport), Chicago, on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 7:30 PM.

EARS CREDO

Come and toast the Holiday Spirit, with your old buddies from EARS. Sponsored by NARAS, Chicago engineers, studio owners, students, and producers meet monthly to hoist a few drinks, elect aging legends, and discuss issues facing the Chicago recording industry. Remember, the EARS meeting will be held on TUESDAY, DEC. 18th, at 7:30 PM at our new meeting place Schuba's, 3159 N. Southport, Chicago. This month's credo: "The EARS Holiday Drunk Driver's Jail Motto: One brain to a cell, One cell to a brain!"

MALCOLM CHISHOLM ELECTED ChAIRMAN! GARY KHAN NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN!

At our last meeting, the EARS baton of power was passed on to that legend of legends and former EARS Roastee, Malcolm Chisholm. In accordance with our ever-changing rules and by-laws, EARS held its annual election of chairperson. The candidates, nominated at the last meeting, were Harry Brotman, Malcolm Chisholm, Hudson Fair, and Gary Khan.

The election process began with 3 minute statements by each candidate. Harry Brotman started the ruckus with a outline of his thoughtful platform and a few jabs at the outgoing administration. Malcolm Chisholm stated that he would try to involve outside resources and conduct the meetings at a brisk pace. After a quite sincere introduction, Gary Khan thanked the

group for his nomination but gracefully bowed out due the pressures of running a studio. Hudson Fair handed out a sheet listing his platform, which included goals of better organizing the meetings and charging large manufacturers a fee for demos.

A question and answer session followed and proved to be one of the best debates since James Thompson called Adlai Stevenson a wimp. Harry and Hudson sparred with each other and also with out-going chairperson Tommy Haban about the pros and cons of the previous leadership. In a perfect bit of Chicago-style politics, Gary Khan threw his support behind Malcolm, and Malcolm promptly named Gary his vice-chairman if elected. (Just like the big pols!)

The differences between the three candidates were readily apparent when they were asked a question about their favorite vocal microphone. Harry named the Milab LC-25, a hand-held condenser. Malcolm liked the Beyer M-500, a top of the line ribbon. Hudson preferred the Neumann M-50, a vintage tube mic.

After the rowdiness of the Q & A session, the ballots were handed out and the electorate spoke. When the smoke cleared and the votes were counted, Chicago recording legend Malcolm Chisholm emerged the winner. True to his campaign promise, Malcolm named Gary Khan as his vice chairman. Malcolm made it clear that he wants to be known as chairman (not the genderless chairperson used in THE EARDRUM). Congrats to all the candidates and voters for a great election and an unruly time.

AGENDA

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 7:30PM. The agenda will include:

Our new Chairman, Malcolm Chisholm, will host the meeting with his usual wit and style. Don't miss the fireworks!!

Our new EARS vice-chairman Gary Khan will report on the results of the recent EARS mic-preamp shoot-out. Conducted at Seagrape Recording, the shoot-out compared mic-preamps from Focusrite, Hardy, Romtek, Studio Technologies, and more. The fur will fly as we discuss the results and out personal preferences.

We will celebrate the holiday season with our traditional EARS December "Schmooze & Booze with Santa" (played unconvincingly by Malcolm?).

SEASON'S GREETINGS

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the mix,
the monitors were thumping with hum, pops, and clicks,
the artist settled mic-side for a long winter's nap,
while the producer and girlfriend were taking a nap,
the go-fer adjusted each headphone with care,
hoping that some reverb would soon be there,
when all of a sudden, there rose such a clatter,
I checked all my faders to see what's the matter,
I looked out the studio and what did I see?
The whole EARS contingent saying "F#\$% You!" to me!!!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE EARS STEERING COMMITTEE

For several years, EARS has had a "steering committee" to help handle the many details of running a "top flight " organization such as ours. Past steering committee members include; Joe Tortoricci, Harry Brotman , Marty Feldman, Reid Hyams, Tom Haban, Hudson Fair, and our newly elected chair and vice chairmen, Malcolm Chisholm and Gary Kahn.

The current steering committee consists of; Sue Gosstrum of SG Audio, Marty Feldman of Paragon, Rob Kole of Sound Post Lagrange, Tom Haban of Seagrape Recording and past EARS chairman, and finally Malcolm Chisholm and Gary Kahn.

The steering committee helps to chart a successful 1991 by planning future meetings, organizing equipment shoot-outs and handling suggestions, comments, and input from the membership at large. You owe it to yourself to get to know your EARS steering committee members today!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

After a recent sold-out show, a Grammy nominated artist was asked if he'd like to listen to a playback of that night's recording. His reply was taken right out of the EARS Book of Snappy Retorts: "Hey, when I take a shit, I don't look in the toilet when I'm done!"

APPRECIATION FILE

Thanks to everyone who made last month's meeting the best damn election since Mayor Daley stole the presidency for Kennedy in 1960. Thanks to all the candidates, Malcolm Chisholm, Harry Brotman, Hudson Fair, and Gary Khan, for their high level of banter during the debate. Thanks to Larry Coveny from Crystal Recorders and Cunningham Security Systems (708-529-0640) for his most excellent seminar on Security Systems for Studios. A tip of the glass to new poppa Jeff Hamilton of Agfa Corp. for spreading some hoilday spirits!! Many thanks also to Bob Tjarks from Gand Music (708-446-4263) for the great demo of the Lexicon 300 reverb, the first great reverb of the 90's, perfect for those headphone mixes of the future.

PYRAMID HOSTS FORMATS SEMINAR

Pyramid Audio will present a recording formats seminar featuring Otari's ultra-analog MTR-100A, Akai's digital ADAM and DD1000 systems, and Digital Dynamics Pro Disk hard disc system. The event will be held on Wenesday, December 12th at the Holiday Inn City Center, Ohio and Fairbanks, Chicago, in the Ohio Room. Pre-meeting drinks and schmoozing will start at 4 pm and the presentations will start at 5 PM. Call Pyramid at 708-339-8014 for details.