Carl Matthews

SOUNDS

KATHY MATHIS
"Katt Walk" (Tabu)

Here's the first album by a newcomer from Battle Creek, Michigan, who is no relation to Johnny Mathis.

Kathy's album features nine cuts produced by S.O.S. Band producer Stewart Hanley.

As is the case with most of The S.O.S. Band's records, the instrumentation here is unremarkable. At least she's not trying to copy from Janet Jackson or Whitney Houston on the disc.

Kathy's talents are best showcased on the mid-tempo "Straight From The Heart," in the middle of side one, and the funky "Katt Walk," with an arrangement that recalls George Clinton's late 70's productions with Parliament, Parlet, and The Brides Of Funkenstein.

Kathy Mathis

RAMSEY LEWIS
"7-11" (Columbia)

If Herb Alpert can hit the charts with a funk number, why not Ramsey Lewis?

52-year-old Ramsey Lewis, who formed The Ramsey Lewis Trio in 1956, is known for his pop chart hits "The In Crowd" from 1965 and "Wade In The Water" from 1966, when he was making more jazz-oriented music.

After his 60's pop hits on Cadet, he continued to release such hits as "What's The Name Of This Funk (Spiderman)" on Columbia.

This current 12-inch single features vocals by Morris (Butch) Stewart. John Patterson is the guitarist. Not only is the title "7-11," the song's length is listed on the label as 7:11.

This is a pretty hip-sounding cut, but if you'd rather hear his piano in a jazz setting, I don't blame you.

DAVY D
"Davy's Ride" (Def Jam)

Rap/scratch fans got more to love. Now there's Davy D's first album, hot hip-hop in the rap tradition of Grandmaster Flash and the other great turntable wizards of the 80's.

The former DJ for Kurtis Blow has written and produced such well-known tunes as "If I Ruled The World" (performed by Kurtis Blow) and "Jailhouse Rap" (performed by The Fat Boys).

This album was produced by Davy D (David Reeves) and Russell Simmons (co-producer of Run-D.M.C.'s albums). It is no surprise then that the cut "Get Busy (We Ain't New To This)" sounds like a Run-D.M.C. cut. The rap on this song was done by Wendell "Hurricane" Fite, DJ for the Beastie Boys when they went on tour.

Davy sings adequately on "Feel For You," a simple R&B love song spiced up with layers of fresh scratching and funky beat. The fellow ain't no Luther Vandross, you know, so you'll probably pay more attention to the mixing. Musically much more interesting than L.L. Cool J's "I Need Love."

Davy D and DJ Hurricane

The single "Have You Seen Davy" is a treat for those who have worn out their Run-D.M.C. albums. Davy D's album is an unpredictable collage of assorted sounds and experimentations that make for an interesting party album, if not a triple-platinum seller.

V-103's Top Twenty

1. Dirty Looks	Diana Ross
2. Smooth Sailin' Tonight	Isley Brothers
3. Why Should I Cry?	Nona Hendryx
4. D.Y.B.O.	Starpoint
5. Rock Steady	The Whispers
6. Let's Get Brutal	Nitro Deluxe
7. Lies	Jonathan Butler
8. Always	Atlantic Starr
9. I'd Still Say Yes	Klymaxx
10. I Don't Want To Lose Your Love	Freddie Jackson
11. Happy	Surface
12. Without You	Touch
13. Making Love In The Rain	Janet Jackson
14. Lifetime Love	Joyce Sims
15. You Can't Stop The Rain	Loose Ends
16. Koo Koo	Sheila E.
17. Hey There Lonely Girl	Gerry Woo
18. Rhythm Method	R.J.'s Latest Arrival
19. Lovers	Babyface
20. Let's Talk It Over	Vaneese Thomas

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— Kool And The Gang

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Metropolis whose coast is dotted with islands. One of the largest islands, Ille Baylay, has been purchased by the group and they have already begun development of the island.

Resort facilities being constructed on Ille Boylay will expand tourism and therefore increase the economic development of the Ivory Coast. All this will result in a better standard of living for the country's inhabitants.

One of the criterion for this project requires that any business being formed have a native Ivorian as a partner(s) within the company.

With Kool and the Gang's diverse contacts, this presented no problem. The group has several Africans with whom they have formed business partnerships.

If all of these projects were not enough to satisfy the sincere commitment of Kool and the Gang to their people and listening audiences they have many more plans in the nascent stage.

The majority of Sakinah's fashions are made for the group. This do s not keep her from still finding time to operate a Manhattan boutique.

Another "family" member is also involved in projects unrelated to the usual group requirements. Ronald Bell will not be on this tour with the group but that does not mean he doesn't have plenty of things to do at home in New Jersey.

Ronald is putting the finishing touches on the group's new recording facility. This studio has already produced Kool and the Gang's latest album - "Kool and the Gang, Forever."

This is the album that includes the singles "Victory," "Holiday" and "I.B.M.C." Ronald has also produced an album by reggae musician Jerry Cliss.

Drummer George Brown has just completed a sound track for a Hollywood motion picture while lead vocalist James "JT" Taylor has opened a unisex hair salon in his home state of New Jersey.

Soon, Taylor will advance the salon concept one step further by making hair care products from his JT's Dream Salon available to the public.

Kool and the Gang, in partnership with recording stars The Manhattans, have formed a management company. The company, called Worldwide Entertainment, not only manages its owner's groups but other artists as well.

Worldwide is responsible for charting the metoric rise of vocalists Regina Bell and Kevin Owens. Regina is recording on CBS Records and Kevin was formerly a background vocalist for Luther Vandross.

When Kool Bell spoke with this reporter, he listed the many spectacular achievements of the group but, it was the "best" that Kool saved for last.

The commitment of this talented group is evident, not only in America but, a commitment the group extends to our brothers and sisters in Africa.

Bonnie Matthews Butler

Meanderings and Meditation

The word is out and it's official, WWIN Radio has been sold. On Friday, June 5 WWIN AM/FM Radio was sold to Communications Management Limited Partnership from Belvedere Broadcasting for $4.8 million dollars.

The majority owner of the partnership is **Ragan Henry,** the 53-year-old entrepreneur who began in broadcasting in 1973 with the purchase of WAOK-AM in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Henry, who earned a degree from Harvard University and a J.D. Degree from the Harvard Law School, owned WITH-AM here from 1980-84. He purchased the property for $700,000 and sold it for $1,700,000.

Keep an "ear" out for WWIN Radio. Already the station has been infused with new blood. Many former personnel from V-103 have jumped ship and are now aboard the WWIN wagon. Stay tuned.

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If you're looking for something to do musically this summer, then you've come to the right place for we have a line-up of treats for you!

No matter what your taste, Baltimore is abound with talent coming in our market this summer so if you're ready, here goes;

For lovers of rap music, The New Music Street Festival, featuring **Salt and Pepa, Heavy D and the Boys** and others are at the Capital Centre on Friday, July 3.

Chubby Checker comes to Pier 6 on Monday, July 6 and **Sammy Davis, Jr.** follows on July 8.

Also on the 8th, **Kool and the Gang** and the super hot group **Klymaxx** play the Merriweather Post Pavilion.

Diahann Carroll and hubby do Pier 6 on Friday, July 10 and the next day, July 11-12, **Whitney Houston** and South African sensation, **Jonathan Butler** come to Merriweather. Also on the 11th, the Budweiser Superfest, featuring **Ashford and Simpson, Patti LaBelle, Atlantic Starr** and Maryland's own **Starpoint** play the Baltimore Arena.

Are you keeping up? Well, here we go again!

Cameo and **The System** bring their funky music to Merriweather on Thursday, July 16 and the next day, July 17, you can hear **Freddie Jackson, Ray, Goodman and Brown** and **Najee** at Pier 6.

But if you'd prefer rap, at the Baltimore Arena on the 17th, you'll hear **The Fat boys, 4 by Four, Salt and Pepa** and others.

Want more? The 5th Annual Baltimore Jazzquest competition will be held at Pier 6 on July 19. This is a free concert.

Also on the 19th, the finals in the Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Music Competition will be held at the Kennedy Center. The special guest artist will be Grammy winner **Deniece Williams.**

And this is only July, you say? Well, stay tuned for August promises to be even more exciting.

Deniece Williams