

SCENE 'N' HEARD

A LOOK BACK AT THE MUSIC OF '76



One of the best artistes to reach the top this year is Joan Armatrading.

After years without much success she produced the best album by a female vocalist in 1976, "Joan Armatrading."

This is a beautiful album with cleverly written and

performed songs, including her first single, "Love and Affection."

Every other track on the record is of the same high standard and Joan emerges as a fine guitarist as well as vocalist on some numbers. If you haven't heard it have a listen soon.

As we pass into a new year it's time to look back at 1976 and pick out the most successful artistes and the best records in the music world.

It has been a year of record-breaking album sales and the rise of punk rock.

Biggest selling album of the year was, of course, the live double package from the golden-locked guitarist, Peter Frampton which has now sold more copies than any other recording of its kind.

Why this should be so is hard to understand, but the former Humble Pie axeman has become something of a cult figure in Britain and more so in the United States.

On the concert scene Scotland had done better than ever this year, with such acclaimed artistes as The Stones, The Who, Neil Young and Eric Clapton all appearing in Glasgow, to name but four.

The outdoor concert at Parkhead was a very successful event this summer and let's hope we can see something on the same lines next year.

Albums of the Year are always a matter of personal taste but these are just some

of the discs which are worth mentioning.

Doctor Feelgood's "Stupidity" was by far the best live album of 1976, a perfect collection of their best material. Rhythm and Blues will never die as long as there are bands like this around.

Chris Spedding's album of the same name was another goodie which didn't get too much publicity, but is a worthy addition to anyone's collection.

Australia delivered one of the best new bands to Britain early this year in the shape of AC/DC, and their debut album is a fine example of rock and roll.

Nils Lofgen's "Cry Tough" is also worth mentioning as is the first album from Eddie and the Hot Rods, "Teenage Depression."

Punk Rock has injected excitement into the British rock scene.

The music scene has been needing a good shaking up and bands like The Sex Pistols and The Clash are just the bands to do it.

The Damned are one of the new wave punk bands and it is their single "New Rose" which must be strongly considered for the "Single of the Year" title, with the Sex Pistols' "Anarchy in the U.K." as runner up.

WISHAW'S TOP TEN

1. When A Child Is Born Johnny Mathis
2. Under The Moon Of Love . Showaddywaddy
3. Money, Money, Money Abba
4. Portsmouth Mike Oldfield
5. Living Next Door To Alice..... Smokie
6. Little Does She Know Kursaal Flyers
7. Somebody To Love Queen
8. Livin' Thing Electric Light Orchestra
9. Lean On Me Mud
10. Wild Side Of Life Status Quo

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1. Disco Rocket Various Artistes
2. Arrival Abba
3. 20 Golden Greats Glen Campbell
4. 100 Golden Greats Max Bygraves
5. Greatest Hits Abba
6. A Little Bit More Dr Hook
7. Forever and Ever Demis Rousses
8. 22 Golden Greats Bert Weedon
9. A Night On The Town Rod Stewart
10. Happy To Be Demis Roussos

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