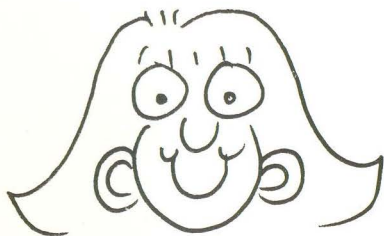


# BONG 9



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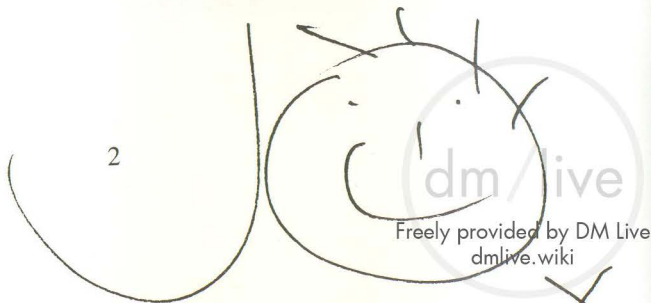
Okay! I admit to my lack of faith in you all! I thought that last issue's Science Fiction Film Quiz was difficult - not so! 70% of entries were right. The overall winner was Mandy Spokes from Wood Green in London who will receive a signed and framed US '101' poster. For those of you that did find it a little difficult, turn to page 22 for a very easy competition indeed!

Special thanks this issue go to Laura Wickenden, for picking out the Sci-Fi winner and reviewing 'VIOLATOR', and Lynn Newcombe for helping me out with all the back post from the move!

Congratulations from all of us to Fanclub members Tracy Oliver, Adrian Dutson and Marie Handy who have all recently married!

Some mail is still going to the old address because people are still using the old postcode - please remember that it's PO Box 1281, N1 9UX now!

I've been getting lots of 18th and 21st birthday cards, posters and CD inlays etc to be signed by the band for people's birthdays, graduations etc.. I'm really sorry but we can't pass these on to be autographed as there're just too many! Obviously, if we do one we have to do all of them, so I'm afraid that we can't do any!



'One of Daryl's many jobs is to accompany DM on their promotional tours and I managed to stop him long enough for him to write a diary of one or two of the more recent trips.....

# DIARY OF A DARYL.

## PART ONE:

### TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

#### AMSTERDAM:

We were in Amsterdam for a TV Show called 'COUNTDOWN'. There was a pretty good fan turnout among the audience, and DM performed 'ENJOY THE SILENCE'.

After the show, we all went for an Indonesian meal, when we got a message that Nitzer Ebb were in town and were waiting for us in the hotel bar. By the time we got there they were well away and not the quietest people in the place! Fletch, Alan and Dave went off to bed and Martin and I decided to go to a club with Doug and Bon from Nitzer Ebb - when we got there it had closed!

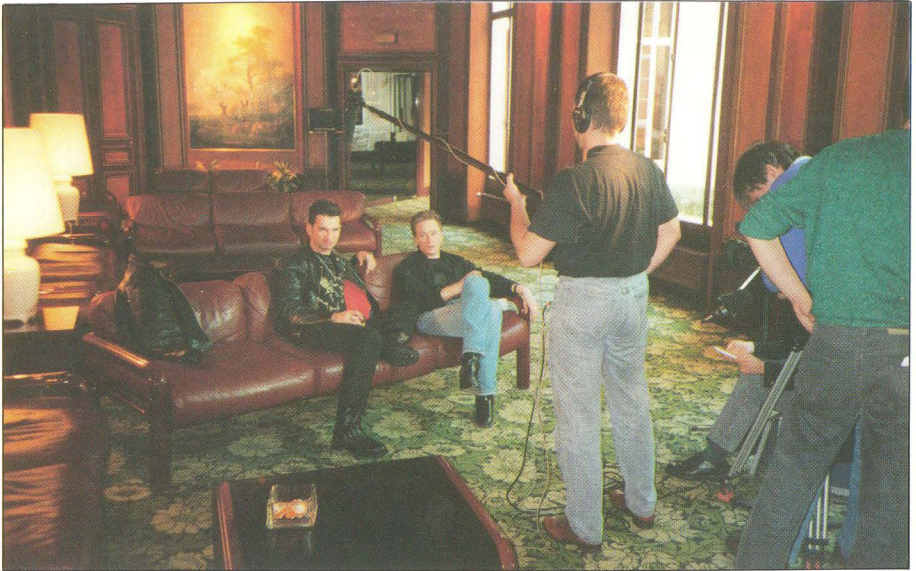
Being good ambassadors, we then decided to go and look at the 'seedy' area of the city. (Martin having got fed up and gone back to the hotel at this time) Doug promptly went for a short walk - across the roof of a Police car!

### WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

#### AMSTERDAM:

This was supposedly a day off, so it was fairly quiet. We went out to do some shopping and sightseeing. The Band members did some press interviews and then we watched 'COUNTDOWN' from the night before. That evening we went out for another Indonesian meal and this time DM were recognised by diners and waiters as having been on the TV Show. We then went on to a really good 'New Age' club.





PARIS, NOVEMBER '89

Photo: Andy Franks



Photo: Andy Franks

MUNICH AIRPORT, OCTOBER '89



**SAN REMO**

Photo: Daryl Bamonte



**'THE BOSS'**

Photo: Andy Franks



## **THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY**

### **SAN REMO:**

Depeche were at San Remo to perform 'ENJOY THE SILENCE'. After recording the TV Show we all went out with some of the other bands involved, including Curiosity Killed the Cat, The Alarm and The Mission. There was a good atmosphere between all the bands, and some started jamming up on the club's stage. Most of the songs were standard 'bluesy' numbers which got a bit boring, but The Mission saved the evening by doing some brilliant Gary Glitter covers, only stopping when Wayne Hussey was thrown offstage by the Club Manageress for 'misbehaving' onstage!

## **FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY**

### **SAN REMO:**

This was a press day and it started well - Alan ran out of underwear, so I was sent out to buy some! The rest of the day was spent on the beach and (for the band) doing interviews.

That night (in the same club as the night before) Fish (ex-Marillion) got up on stage and 'did his thing' after first announcing that he used to be in Genesis (!) and liberally distributing Tequila in preparation for his set!

## **SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

### **SAN REMO:**

By this time we were all getting pretty tired. The band members did (yet) more interviews and we all met up with French band 'Les Negresses Vertes' for a meal. Depeche performed 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' (again) for the TV Show.

Back in the club that night, a group called 'Vitamin Z' got up to jam and failed miserably to entertain us. They were given the thumbs down and stormed off! The DJ played the 'Pump Mix' of 'PERSONAL JESUS' and the evening ended with people dancing on tables!

## **SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY**

### **TRAVEL HOME:**

This day was very quiet. There wasn't much happening in the way of conversation!!

## **PART TWO:**

### **WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**

#### **PARIS:**

After Fletch had recorded TVAM in the morning, we all went to Paris for a TV show called 'Surprise Surprise' (not the one with Cilla Black!) DM performed 'ENJOY THE SILENCE'. We had a Lebanese meal - mixed reactions to that one. I certainly didn't like it! There was no clubbing that evening - it was an early night for us!

### **THURSDAY 1ST MARCH**

#### **MADRID:**

Dave and Alan went to a local Radio Station to be interviewed. When they came out to the car afterwards they were chased by about 500 fans! The driver turned down what he thought was a short cut - only to find the road blocked by a skip lorry! The car was surrounded by fans going mental and Dave said afterwards that it was "pretty scary". Ingo, the security man, got out of the car and started yelling at people until they ran off.

Depeche did a TV Show called 'ROCK 'O' POP' that evening and performed 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' and 'PERSONAL JESUS'. The audience seemed to be entirely made up of DM fans, who sang along and generally went crazy! We finished up in an Italian Restaurant and then a club.

### **FRIDAY 2ND MARCH**

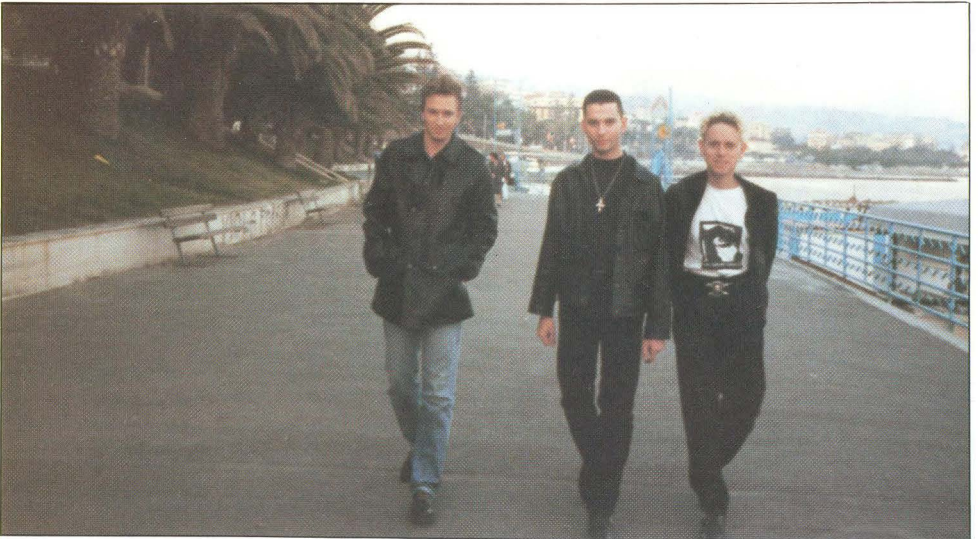
#### **MADRID:**

Another fairly quiet morning . Before leaving for the airport, Depeche Mode were presented with a Gold Disc for '101' .

Photo: Andrew Winter



DAVE OUTSIDE RADIO 1 - 'SINGLED OUT' FEB '90.



SAN REMO

Photo: Daryl Bamonte



## SNIPPETS

**The next single from 'VIOLATOR' is 'POLICY OF TRUTH' and will be released on April 30th. The 7" 'B' side is called 'KALEID'. There will only be 5 formats of the single released in total, due to a new BPI rule. At the time of going to press, no details were available on the other formats.**

'ENJOY THE SILENCE' entered the UK Gallup chart at no.17! and Independent Radio's Network chart at 25. The video was shown on ITV's 'Chart Show' on February 10th and on BBC's 'Top Of The Pops' on February 15th. Since then, ITV's 'Motormouth' and the BBC's 'Going Live' have also played the video. The chart show have featured it almost every week since it's release! 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' went up to number 6 in the Gallup chart, where it stayed for three weeks. Unfortunately, a non-mover doesn't warrant a 'Top Of The Pops' appearance and the next week the single went down to 12 and then 20 the following week. The highest chart positions for 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' at the time of going to press were: Austria - 13, Belgium - 24, Denmark - 1!!, Finland - 2, France - 21, Germany - 2, Greece - 4, Holland - 11, Iceland - 9, Ireland - 3, Italy - 4, Norway - 4, Spain - 1!!, Sweden - 4 and Switzerland - 2.

DM have made several TV appearances in Europe to promote the single, including Spain's 'Rock 'O' Pop', recorded on the 1st March . Dave was featured on Radio 1's 'Singled Out' on 9th February and Fletch was on TVAM's 'Good Morning Britain' on February 28th

WDRE, the Long-Island based radio station who, as you know, ran the competition to find the 101 'bus' members, have released their top 200 tracks of the eighties, based on the number of WDRE airplays. DM did incredibly well being featured at nos 3 - JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH, 14 - PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE, 23 - ROUTE 66, 37 - BLASPHEMOUS RUMOURS, 46 - STRANGELOVE, 58 - EVERYTHING COUNTS, 118 - MASTER & SERVANT, 159 - NEVER LET ME DOWN AGAIN, and 190 - BUT NOT TONIGHT. With their 9 chart places, this makes DM the third most popular band on WDRE, after U2 with 14 chart places and The Cure with 10.

What with the new 'Openness' in Eastern Europe, Mute Records have now opened an office in Czechoslovakia. For the time being, it'll be concerned solely with promoting Mute product in the East European press. Hopefully in the future, specifically when the currency regulations are relaxed, they will produce records in Prague. The office is being run by George Votka, Manager for the band Ocean, who recently supported Erasure on their tour.

Depeche Mode have done it again! 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' was Radio 1's Simon Mayo's record of the week prior to its release and the single also won 'Chartbusters' the following week! (This is getting to be a habit!) This time, DM were up against Paul McCartney, Lloyd Cole and Tina Turner, among others. They won with 27% of all votes phoned in! I think the time has come for Simon Mayo to be made an honorary Fanclub member!

## PHEW - ROCK 'N' ROLL!

On the 20th March, DM appeared at 'Warehouse Records' in L.A. (reportedly the biggest record shop in the world) to sign copies of 'VIOLATOR'. According to press reports, around 5,000 fans had camped outside the store for the 4 days before the event and the queue was around two miles long! On the day, approximately 20,000 people turned up and the road had to be closed off to traffic! There was a 200-strong police presence and they used helicopters, horses and riot gear to try and keep the crowd under control!!! The band had hoped to stay for a few hours to chat to fans and sign records but it was impossible! Unfortunately, after only 90 minutes, the police had to close the store because it had got to a point where the safety of the fans outside, DM and the record shop staff couldn't be assured. Depeche Mode were then escorted back to their hotel by police. A Los Angeles Police Department spokesman was quoted as saying "This is our biggest police operation since the Presidential visit". There was obviously plenty of press coverage and Channel 7 news even extended their bulletin by 25 minutes to cover the event! - Birmingham HMV was never like this!!



The answers to the 'Sci-Fi' Quiz are:

1: Who directed the 1926 Sci-Fi film 'Metropolis'? **FRITZ LANG.**

2: From what novel did the storyline for the film 'Bladerunner' come? **'DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP?' BY PHILIP K DICK.**

3: In the classic Sci-Fi film 'The Day the Earth Stood Still', what was the name of the benevolent alien hero and his robot? **KLAATU AND GORT,**

4: Who was the lead female character in 'The Terminator'? **SARAH CONNOR.**

5: In 'StarTrek 4 - The Journey Home', what species of whale are Kirk, Spock & Co sent back in time to rescue? **HUMP-BACKED WHALES.**

6: In '2001- A Space Odyssey', what is the name of the rogue computer? **HAL.**

7: In 'Planet Of The Apes', what statue does Charlton Heston discover in the final scene? the statue of liberty.

8: What is the name of the spaceship in 'Alien'? **'NOSTROMO'**

9: What country is the setting for the 'Mad Max' trilogy? **AUSTRALIA.**

Back Issues of 'BONG' are still available at 75p inc P&P in the UK, and £1.20 per issue everywhere else. Please make your cheques or postal orders out to 'The Depeche Mode Fanclub'. Some of what you'll find in each issue:

**1:** Front 242, 'Music For The Masses' lyrics, Review of DM in Paris.

**2:** More on Paris, Poll results, Competition winner Julia Wright writes about her prize - meeting DM backstage at Wembley! Personal Files.

**3:** Tour gossip, Discography.

**4:** Christmas messages from DM, Interview with '101' Bus Travellers.

**5:** 'Ask Fletch', Interview with Daniel Miller,

**6:** 'Ask Alan', Messages from Dave and Alan

**7: - SOLD OUT**

**8:** 'Ask Martin', 'Enjoy The Silence' lyrics, 'Violator' News.

# VIOLATOR

By Laura 'The Moose' Wickenden

'VIOLATOR', the long-awaited Depeche Mode album was finally released on 19th March.

The cover, depicting a stark single rose, reflects the very direct approach DM have now taken on. Also the title - Violator, though rather tongue-in-cheek, does give a hint of a powerful album, which essentially it is. Once again, 'VIOLATOR' sounds very detached from their previous albums. It covers a wide range of moods and styles - sensitive, powerful, experimental and melodic. There's also a change in the way the sounds have been made, using more conventional instruments than in the past, although remaining mostly electronic, resulting in a very minimal effect.

'BLUE DRESS' and 'WAITING FOR THE NIGHT' are both particularly emotional, combining a mixture of gentle vocals and lyrics of a very personal nature, merging, along with the other tracks, into a highly listenable album.

'VIOLATOR' is not as layered as previous albums and has the effect of a more direct and less experimental approach. I feel that this is their most mature achievement - their best ever?

## TOUR NEWS

**Great news for Australian DM fans! Depeche Mode will at last be coming to Oz! Although I don't have confirmed dates as yet, the concerts should be around the end of August - early September. Japanese dates will follow sometime at the beginning of September. Obviously, fan club members will be notified of dates as soon as I have them!**

I've received many letters from UK members regarding DM concerts in Europe. Tickets will be made available to members for these concerts, but if you are interested in a fanclub coach trip to Paris, hopefully I will be able to organise a trip with MGP. The price (around £90) would include your ticket to the concert, one night's accommodation in a Paris Hotel, continental breakfast, Return transport by luxury coach, cross-channel ferry sailing, free time for shopping and sightseeing and the services of an MGP courier. This is by no means a definite trip, I really need to know how many of you want to go before anything can be arranged. If you are interested please write to me as soon as possible, enclosing an SAE. Obviously, numbers will have to be restricted, so it's first come first served and only two people per booking.

The UK leg of the tour will be integrated into the European part which begins in the autumn. Rather than play smaller venues all over the country, as with the 'MUSIC FOR THE MASSES' Tour, DM are planning to play larger venues in bigger towns. Full details will be winging their way to you soon! UK fans will get priority booking through the club as soon as dates are confirmed. You'll receive a form in the post with the dates.



The tour starts on May 28th in Pensacola, Florida. No venues or dates have been confirmed yet, so all US and Canadian members will be sent full details as soon as they've been made available. Anyone else who may want full US tour details should drop me a line. This leg of the tour will end on August 8th. The areas are as follows:

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA  
TAMPA, FLORIDA  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
D.C/BALTIMORE  
BOSTON, MASS  
PHILADELPHIA  
E.RUTHERFORD, NJ  
QUEBEC, CANADA  
MONTREAL, CANADA  
TORONTO, CANADA  
PITTSBURGH

CLEVELAND  
DETROIT  
CHICAGO  
MILWAUKEE  
HOUSTON, TEXAS  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
DENVER, COLORADO  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
CALGARY, CANADA  
VANCOUVER, CANADA  
EDMONTON, CANADA  
SAN JOSE  
SACRAMENTO  
SAN DIEGO

Please note that these venues are very vague at the moment and are liable to change.

## PENPALS

OSCAR SANCHEZ  
MARINA, 53, 120 1a  
08330 PREMIA DE MAR  
BARCELONA  
SPAIN

I'm not going down on my knees begging you to write to me....If you're a servant of DM please write to your personal Oscar!

TANJA MURAS  
OSTPREUSSENSTR 4  
4370 MARL  
WEST GERMANY

HELP!!! I'm searching for really TRUE DEPECHE MODE FANS in Marl! If you're as mad on them as me, please, depechez-vous and get in touch! I especially like DAVE! (by the way - I'm 17 years old!

AMY AND ANGEL  
2257 FAIR PARK AVE # 206  
LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA 90041  
USA

Attention all DM fans! We're two 16 year old girls out here in smoggy L.A. looking for penpals around the world. Do you want to 'Spread The News Around The World' so that we can 'Get The Balance Right'?? If so, write to us. Age and sex don't matter!

LANI LEE  
1929 GATES AVENUE  
REDONDO BEACH  
CALIFORNIA 90278  
USA

Hi! My name's Lani. I'm 15 and in need to hear from any DM fanatic! Whether you're a guy, girl or whatever, as long as you love the 'fabulous 4' from England (now who could that be?) Write to me! Will respond to anyone of any age. Start scribblin'!

BARBARA HEUPS  
HATTNITTER STR 22  
4006 ERKRATH  
WEST GERMANY

Hello there! I'm 16 years old and I'm a real Depeche Mode fan. Would you like to write to me? I'm looking for penpals from the whole world. I'll answer all letters - so what are you waiting for?

MIRCO HALFMANN  
VOHWINKELER FELD 9  
5600 WUPPERTAL - 11  
WEST GERMANY

Hello everybody. I'm a 17 year old DM fanatic. I'm looking for real DM fans in the whole world aged 16+....- All letters will be replied to!

MANUELA WELLAUER  
POSTSTRASSE 14  
CH-4500 SOLOTHURN  
SWITZERLAND

Hello! I'm 16 and a big DM fan! I especially love my Dave! I'd like penpals from all over the world! I'll answer every letter that I receive!

CARY O'BRIEN  
3508 BIRD N.E  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI  
49505 U.S.A.

I'm a female, age 16, looking for other people who love Depeche Mode and that care as much as I do! I'll answer every letter I receive!

If you'd like to be included in the penpal section, send your name and address (printed clearly please) and include a little about yourself! I can't promise to print all of them but I'll print as many as possible!



## LETTERS

Dear Bong

Here is a message for the ones we all adore! I'd like to tell them that 'VIOLATOR' is absolutely BRILLIANT! Another masterpiece from our boys!!! I'd also like to thank them so much as well for the way they behaved with my friends and myself when we met them at San Remo and in Paris back in February. They were so nice and we really enjoyed ourselves!.

Love forever

**Sabrina Robert**

**Creteil**

**France**

Dear Bong

I had the fortunate opportunity to hear all of the songs on 'VIOLATOR' nine days before release, thanks to a certain radio station here in Italy. The songs without doubt are absolutely beautiful! A couple of songs make you want to dance hysterically and a couple of others make you want to listen in complete silence! It proves once again that Depeche Mode are very serious about their work, very talented and just fantastic! I know this LP is going to be very BIG!!! My favourites are 'HALO' and 'WAITING FOR THE NIGHT'. Keep up

the good work! We are all with you, for without you we'd be lost (Well, me anyway!)

**Lisa Raccanello**

**Treviso**

**Italy**

Dear Bong

"All I ever wanted, all I ever needed is here in my arms" Yes, the new DM album! Well done lads, you've done it again but this time better! What a masterpiece! My personal favourite is 'POLICY OF TRUTH' I can't wait for the tour!

**Andrew Winter**

**Richmond**

**Surrey**

Dear Bong

I'd like to congratulate all involved in the great song 'ENJOY THE SILENCE'. Not only was it hovering near the top of the UK charts, it is a totally excellent song. The songs just seem to get better and better. Well done and keep it up!

**Keith Jeffrey**

**Edinburgh**

**Scotland**

Dear Bong

Congratulations boys - 'VIOLATOR' is yet another brilliant album

Good luck with the forthcoming tour - I hope it goes well.

**Kate Ross**  
**Portsmouth**  
**Hants**

Dear Bong

Congratulations to Depeche Mode for their single 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' It's just fantastic. It's UK chart progress just proves how popular DM really are.

It's going to be a great year, I can't wait for the new album and the concerts. I hope you're going to plan another convention as last time it went down very well and I really enjoyed myself!

**David Feldman**  
**Harlow**  
**Essex**

*There is another convention in the planning stages at the moment, Everyone will be notified as soon as I can get confirmation, but I can tell you that I'm trying for London in early July.*

Bing Bong!

Just a quick note to say CONGRATULATIONS! to the lads. I was a bit surprised to see 'ENJOY THE SILENCE' reach as high as no.6! Let's face it, DM usually reach around the 15 - 20 mark but this is quite different. I'm sure there are hundreds of fans that are

well-pleased to see 'their' band do so well after almost ten years - we're still at the top of the pops!

**Steve Eyres**  
**Portsmouth**  
**Hants**

Dear Bong

Thanks for the Diary - it's great! The new single is excellent I couldn't believe it when it got to no.6! The 'B' side of the 7" is interesting - it sounds rather Jean-Michel Jarresque I think. Please let us know when you get the European tour dates , as I'm going away soon and I'd hate to miss the concerts!

**Louise Jones**  
**Leek**  
**Staffs**

*I'm glad you liked your diary etc..As soon as I get any definite tour dates all fanclub members will receive a list !*

If you've got something to say about DM or the fanclub, whether it's praise, or even if you want to sound off about something, write to 'Bong - Letters Page' at the usual club address. Anyone who has something printed (including this issue) will receive a 'VIOLATOR' tattoo transfer.

The Depeche Mode Fan Club, PO Box 1281, London N1 9UX.





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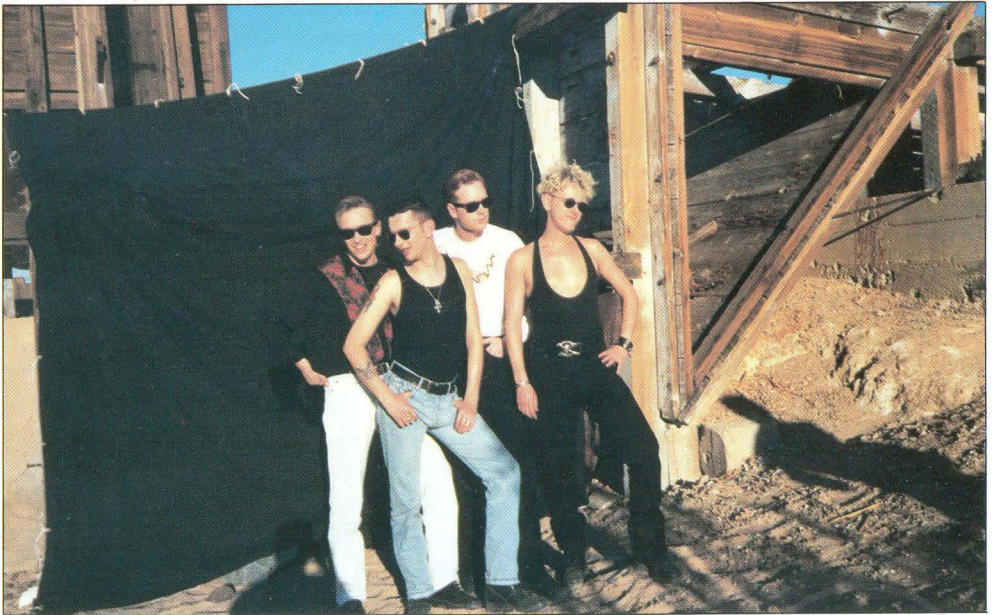


PHOTO SESSION AT THE JOSHUA TREE MEMORIAL PARK, MARCH '90





**SAN REMO**

Photo: Daryl Bamonte

## COMPETITION

I get letters all the time from European and Overseas fanclub members about our competitions. I do understand the problems with the post from these areas, although I do try to be fair when it comes to drawing competition winners. Anyway to be really fair with this issue's competition, I've split it into three parts, with one set of prizes for UK members, one for European members and one for Overseas members.

The first prize is a 'VIOLATOR' watch, and the second prize is a 'VIOLATOR' brooch. There are three watches and five brooches up for grabs in each section.

The watches are black, with 'Depeche Mode' and 'Violator' written on the face in white. The hands are white and the second hand is the red rose from the album sleeve. The brooches are pewter roses with 'Depeche Mode' and 'Violator' engraved on the leaves. These items were made for promotional purposes only and are a one-off, so you won't be able to go out and buy them!

So, what do you have to do to win one of these sought-after prizes? Not much! Just send me a postcard marked 'VIOLATOR' with your name and address on it by Monday June 18th when I'll make the draw, and you'll be in with a chance - easy isn't it?

'VIOLATOR' went straight into the UK album chart at number 2. If you bought the new David Bowie album as well you should be hideously ashamed of yourself as that's the only thing that kept DM from the top spot!!!

Less than a week after it's release, 'VIOLATOR' has gone gold in France, Germany, Britain, USA, Spain and Italy!!

The 17th February issue of the NME has Depeche Mode on the cover and a full interview in the centre pages with Martin and Alan. SKY Magazine's March issue has an interview with Dave. There have also been DM covers and features in Melody Maker (March 10th) and Record Mirror (March 17th)

According to Billboard's Paul Grein, 'PERSONAL JESUS' is the first record in the US Top 40 with the word 'Jesus' in the title since 1973 when The Doobie Brothers charted with 'Jesus Is Alright'. 'PERSONAL JESUS' went gold in the US before reaching the Top 40.

Both Alan and Andy have both taken holidays since Christmas. Alan went to St Lucia and returned with an enviable tan, and Andy went Ski-ing in Austria.



Photo: Andy Franks



WITH RICHARD BLADE AND A FAN AT K-RQ.



GOLD 'PERSONAL JESUS' SINGLE PRESENTATION AT WARNER BROS, L.A

Photo: Daryl Bamonte

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