

Guercio gives CU-Denver \$200,000 in recording gear

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Record producer and budding cable television impresario James Guercio donated nearly \$200,000 worth of recording equipment from his Caribou Ranch recording studio yesterday to the University of Colorado-Denver.

The equipment had been in storage since just before the March 1985 fire that caused millions of dollars in damage to the studio.

"We had just replaced this equipment with new analog equipment," Guercio said at a press conference at the CU-Denver recording studio on the Auraria campus. "The worst thing you can do for a lot of equipment is not use it."

Guercio said the future of Caribou as a recording studio is in doubt and estimated that it may be a year before he makes a decision. The external structures damaged in the fire have been rebuilt, but he is waiting to see whether digital recording technology will make analog equipment obsolete.

Roy Pritts, dean of the college of music, called the donation "a major step in being able to deliver a valid contemporary music education in downtown Denver." For 6 or 7 years, Guercio has allowed students and teachers at the college to visit Caribou.

The Caribou studio and the 16-track sound board Guercio stood behind during the press conference have been used by many well-known names in the recording industry.

Discussing his own piecemeal education in recording, Guercio, who first gained notoriety producing the Buckingham's, Blood, Sweat & Tears and Chicago, said he believed the equipment would be better used at the college than if it were sold or traded. Guercio said he purchased the board from George Martin, who produced many Beatles albums on the equipment.

"Actually this board is pretty current. Most of the Beatle records were made on this board. It was made for George Martin, so you have a very English and unique sound with these equalizers and limiters."

Elton John, Jeff Beck, the Beach Boys, Rod Stewart, Frank Zappa, Joe Walsh, Chicago, David Cassidy, Waylon Jennings, Ronnie James Dio, Dan Fogelberg, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chick Corea, Earth, Wind & Fire, Billy Joel, Stephen Stills and Amy Grant are just a few who



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James Guercio leans on a sound board, part of his donation to CU-Denver, that was used for many Beatles recordings.

to produce a series of concerts at Fiddler's Green Amphitheater in Greenwood Village. Last November, Guercio and MCA were unsuccessful in an attempt to negotiate an exclusive contract with Denver to book Red Rocks. Instead, promoter Barry Fey's contract with the city was renewed.

"I'd rather not comment on (MCA's) presence in Denver," Guercio said when asked if he would be promoting concerts at Fiddler's Green. When asked if he has talked with MCA about promoting concerts, as Fey has done, Guercio replied: "The lawyers are always talking."



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AMERICA	"Hideaway"	George Martin, producer
AVIARY	"Aviary"	Gary Lyons
BEACH BOYS	"L.A. Light"	James William Guercio Bruce Johnston
JEFF BECK	"Wired"	George Martin
DAVID CASSIDY	"Home is Where the Heart Is"	David Cassidy Bruce Johnston
CHICK COREA	"Music Magic"	Chick Corea Stanley Clarke
RICK DERRINGER	"All American Boy"	Bill Szymczyk Rick Derringer
EARTH, WIND & FIRE	"That's the Way of the World"	Maurice White
	"Open Our Eyes"	Maurice White
FONDA FEINGOLD	"Fonda Feingold"	Hank Medress Dave Appell
DAN FOGELBERG	"Souvenirs"	Dan Fogelberg
	"Captured Angel"	Dan Fogelberg
	"Netherlands"	Dan Fogelberg Norbert Putnam
WAYLON JENNINGS	"I've Always Been Crazy"	Richie Albright Waylon Jennings
BILLY JOEL	"Turnstiles"	Billy Joel
ELTON JOHN	"Philadelphia Freedom"	Gus Dudgeon
	"Caribou"	Gus Dudgeon
	"Rock of the Westies"	Gus Dudgeon

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ELTON JOHN	"Pinball Wizard"	Gus Dudgeon
JERRY GOODMAN JAN HAMMER	"Like Children"	Jerry Goodman Jan Hammer
L.A. EXPRESS	"Shadow Play"	L.A. Express
ROBERT LAMM	"Skinny Boy"	Robert Lamm
MADURA	"Madura II"	James William Guercio
LAKE	"Lake II"	Detlef Petersen
	"Lake III"	Detlef Petersen
JAC MURPHY	"A Child's Gift"	Jac Murphy Michael Leary
MICHAEL MURPHEY	"Blue Sky, Night Thunder"	Bob Johnston
	"Swans Against the Sun"	Bob Johnston
	"Flowing Free Forever"	Michael Murphey Jeffrey Guercio
	"Lone Wolf"	John Boylan
NAVARRO	"Listen"	Norman Kinney
OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS	"Men From Earth"	David Anderle
	"Don't Look Down"	David Kerschenbaum
DAVID SANCIOSUS	"Transformation (The Speed of Love)"	Bruce Botnick David Sancious
SONS OF CHAMPLIN	"Loving is Why"	Chris Bond
SOUTHER, HILLMAN, FURAY	"Souther, Hillman, Furay Band"	Richie Podolor
STARWOOD	"Starwood"	Bruce Botnick Terry Powell



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ROD STEWART	"Night on the Town"	Tom Dowd
STEPHEN STILLS	"Stills"	Stephen Stills
	"Stills Live"	Stephen Stills
	"Down the Road"	Stephen Stills
	"Illegal Stills"	Stephen Stills
SUPERTRAMP	"Even in the Quietest Moments"	Supertramp
JAMES VINCENT	"Space Traveler"	Bruce Botnick
	"Waitin' for the	James Vincent
WAR	"Deliver the Work"	Jerry Goldstein
TONY WILLIAMS	"Million Dollar Legs"	Bruce Botnick
FRANK ZAPPA	"One Size Fits All"	Frank Zappa
THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND	"Stars and Stripes Forever"	William E. McEuen
THE DIRT BAND	"An American Dream:	Jeffrey Hanna Bob Edwards
JOE WALSH	"Barnstorm"	Bill Szymczyk
	"The Smoker You Drink, The Player You Get"	Joe Walsh Bill Szymczyk
TONY ORLANDO	"I've Got Rhythm"	Hank Medress Dave Appell
SAM THE BAND	"Play It Again"	Hank Medress Dave Appell
CHICAGO	"Chicago VI"	James William Guercio
	"Chicago VII"	James William Guercio



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CHICAGO	"Chicago VIII"	James William Guercio
	"Chicago Greatest Hits"	James William Guercio
	"Chicago X"	James William Guercio
	"Chicago XI"	James William Guercio
MATTHEW MOORE	"The Sport of Guessing"	Robert Appere
BRUCE ROBERTS	"Cool Fool"	David Malloy
SUMNER	"Sumner"	Jack Nitschze
LAKE	"Ouch"	James William Guercio
EDDIE RABBITT	"Horizon"	David Malloy
SAILOR	"Dressed for Drowning"	James William Guercio
KRIS KRISTOFFERSON	"To The Bone"	Norbert Putnam
ALI THOMSON	"Deception is an Art"	Ali Thomson
CARL WILSON	"Carl Wilson"	James William Guercio
EDDIE RAGBITT	"Step By Step"	David Malloy
SHEENA EASTON		Chris Neil
JERRY LEE LEWIS		Eddie Kilroy
DAN FOGELBERG	"Innocent Age"	Dan Fogelberg
AMY GRANT		Brown Bannister
THE BOYS BAND		Peter Granet
MICHAEL BREWER		Dan Fogelberg
SHOOTING STAR		Kevin Elson
CARL WILSON		Jeffrey Baxter
CHUCK RAINEY		Dave Ackerman

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