

NA MELE O NA HOKU  
(The Songs of the Stars)  
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NEWSFLASH! Effective February, 1991, Firebird Arts & Music has moved into a new 24-track recording studio. They now have available for their use, not one, but two pianos (one grand and one upright grand), a 24-track tape recorder, an automated mixing board with digital mixdown, and a Neuman microphone! Needless to say, they are ecstatic about the studio and the virtually unlimited flexibility it will give them for all future projects. Congratulations, folks!

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WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM MISTY? As of this writing, BY THE SWORD is now on bookstore shelves from DAW. In fact a local book seller says she's gone through her first batch and has put in an order for some more. If you can't find a copy, beat the rush and order directly from FIREBIRD ARTS & MUSIC, INC., P. O. Box 14785 Portland, OR 97214, 1-800-752-0494. They usually manage to get books before they appear in retail outlets. Join the wave of the future with Firebird!

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Misty's collaboration with Anne McCaffrey will be another of the "brainship" books, similar to THE SHIP WHO SANG. More news on that one as it becomes available.

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THE BLACK GRYPHON, a collaboration between Misty and artist husband Larry Dixon, has been sold to DAW. Check with FIREBIRD ARTS & MUSIC for some of Larry's beautiful drawings. Larry will also be doing some freelancing for Origin Systems, a computer games company in Texas, where Ellen Guon now also works. Congratulations, Aeko (and Ell)!

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And now that Misty is officially "retired" from American Airlines, she will be VERY busy writing a new book about every two months. A lot more for you avid readers to chow down on! Besides, it should keep her out of trouble -- just kiddin'!

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Keep an eye out also for Diana Gallagher's new novel from TSR entitled THE ALIEN DARK. Congratulations, Diana -- good work! FIREBIRD can obtain a copy of this book for you, too, if your book store is sold out. Price is a modest \$3.95 plus handling.

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At FIREBIRD, OATHBOUND has been released, and it's a winner! Some excellent arrangements and vocals by Cecelia Eng, Larry Warner, Leslie Fish, and Heather Alexander. In fact, with its bells, chimes, and drums, I think I like the current arrangement of "Wind's Four Quarters" the best, thanks to Teri's new backup musician/arranger Brian Rice. It has a very primitive, very

compelling rhythm. Leslie and Heather do some great duets on this tape, and Larry Warner is superb! And, oh yes, there is also a song by yours, truly (\*blush!\*), on this tape, called "Gift of Amber." It was set to music and sung by frequent collaborator Cecelia Eng. Good work, Cel!

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OATHBREAKERS is in the works and will probably come out sometime in the next few months. SHADOWSTALKER, a tape based on the VANYEL series is due out in March, '92, closely followed by a second ARROWS tape. Serious collectors take note!

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And have you gotten your copy of SONGWORM, SEGMENT TWO yet (if not, why not?!?)? More of those wild and wacky Bob Kanefsky parodies we love so well, in book form, lavishly and lovingly illustrated by Bob himself! Price from FIREBIRD is \$8.00 plus postage for 80 pages of fun!

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STEPHANIE BERGERON no longer deals in stationery and cards, BUT she has had good success thus far with her line of customized, hand-made instruments. Stephanie crafts lovely little psalteries and beautiful drums, all with your choice of designs on the drum skin or burned into the wood of either instrument. I understand she also recently made herself a hammered dulcimer! Talented lady! Contact her for more information on your custom-made instrument with accessories. Prices are very reasonable, folks, better than you'll find presently at many conventions. Send an S.A.S.E. to: STEPHANIE BERGERON, 2802 L Street, Vancouver, WA 98663-3125, for a free price list and sample instrument designs.

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THE SOOTHSAYER is a semi-annual magazine devoted to the genres of science fiction, fantasy and horror. It includes stories, poetry, articles, reviews, and interviews. For submission guidelines, send an S.A.S.E. to Denise A. Park, 5528 East Greenlake Way North, Apt. 19, Seattle, WA 98103 to inquire or subscribe. Payment for submissions will be in the form of contributor's copies.

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THE QUEEN'S OWN is an international fan club dedicated to the writings of Mercedes Lackey. There is an informative newsletter, and annual dues of \$8.00 for 10 issues. Gifts of cash or stamps are always welcomed to offset expenses (subtle hint #23), and members who volunteer to help with some aspect of putting together the newsletter and/or running the fan club are given extra credit toward becoming a Herald. For info, send an S.A.S.E. to Judith Louvis, The Queen's Own, P. O. Box 43143, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043, or call (at a reasonable hour! -- get your timezones straight, gang!) (201) 744-8575.

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Visit WALDENBOOKS in the Ward Warehouse, 1050 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96814, (808) 533-2711, for the latest in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror books. Colleen Lashway, our own resident book expert and world convention traveller

extraordinaire, will be happy to help you find whatever you need!

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Subscribe to STAR\*LINE, the newsletter of Science Fiction and Fantasy Poetry! The \$8.00 annual dues give you a subscription to the newsletter, and membership in the Science Fiction Poetry Association. Members also vote to award the annual Rhysling Award, for excellence in the poetry of the genre. Write to SFPA/Star\*Line, c/o Chuck & Susan Noe Rothman, 2012 Pyle Road, Schenectady, NY 12303. (Note: the newsletter contains a lot of interesting information about the SF poetry market in general.

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#### UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

WESTERCON 44, V-Con, July 4-7, 1991; University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Dues: To 5/31/91: US\$40 (C\$45)/ at the door: US\$50 (C\$57). To Register: WESTERCON 44, Box 48478, Bentall Station, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V7X 1A2.

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CHICON V, August 29-September 2, 1991; The Hyatt Regency Chicago. For info, write: CHICON V, P. O. Box A3120, Chicago, IL 60690. To register: CHICON V, P. O. Box 218121, Upper Arlington, OH 43221.

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MAGICON, September 3-7, 1992, Orlando, FL. Attending Memberships \$65.00 until 10/1/90; supporting-\$20.00. For Info, write to: MAGICON, P. O. Box 621992, Orlando, FL 32862.

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#### \*PRODUCTS, ETC.\*

BERGERON HAND-CRAFTED INSTRUMENTS, 2802 L Street, Vancouver, WA 98663-3125. Lovely little hand-crafted psalteries and drums, very reasonably priced! Contact her for more information on a custom-made instrument, complete with accessories.

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ANCESTRAL JEWELS, P. O. Box 8305, Durango, CO 81301. A variety of antique-look jewelry designs, based on actual photographs and heirlooms. Write for free catalogue.

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DANCING DRAGON DESIGNS, 1881 Fieldbrook Road, Arcata, CA 95521. A variety of jewelry and gift items, many of them based on the theme of dragons. If you're a dragon person, as I am, you'll love their products! Write for their free catalogue.

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MCMAMARA'S GREEN, P. O. Box 15822, Seattle, WA 98115-0822. Large, 30-page catalogue with a great variety of fantasy and celtic-influenced gift items, including jewelry. Many lovely items, most of them reasonably priced. Send \$2.00 for their catalogue.

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T. K. GRAPHICS, P. O. Box 1951, Baltimore, MD 21203. Large, outrageous selection of stickers, decals, bumper stickers, stationery, everything the serious SF/F fan could possibly want -- and then some! Their periodic flyers are free and something you don't want to miss!



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TALES FROM THE WHITE HART, Kathy Sands, 3360 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218, (301) 889-0099. SF/F bookstore which also carries a variety of Filk and Folk music, including some of the newest selections from Firebird Arts and Music, as well as some hard to find Off Centaur selections. Look for them at various conventions.

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QUICKSILVER FANTASIES, Pat Apodaca, P. O. Box 1660, Post Falls, ID 83854. Large catalogue of filk and folk music, a variety of gift items for the SF/F fan. Quite a bit of "period" folk music and Native American music.

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SPACE OPERA HOUSE, c/o Barry & Sally Childs-Helton, 5271 Primrose Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220, (317) 251-8099.

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WAIL SONGS, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604.

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POWELL'S BOOK STORE, 1005 W. Burnside, Portland, OR 97209, (503) 228-4651.

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FIREBIRD ARTS & MUSIC, INC., P. O. Box 14785, Portland, OR 97214-9998, 1-800-752-0494. Large selection of studio and convention filk and folk tapes, song books, maps, books, artwork and other items. Write or call for their catalogue. Firebird is offers a special Club Discount on orders of \$250 or more. If your club's order totals this amount, then Firebird will give a 20% discount on all items produced by their studio. This is an incentive for clubs, schools, and other groups to save money on bulk orders. Special dealer's rates also available. Contact them for more information on rates and upcoming projects.

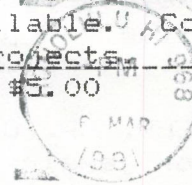
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