

RELEASE OF THE WEEK

SINGLES:



Cybersutra

Cybersutra feat. Marcia Juell

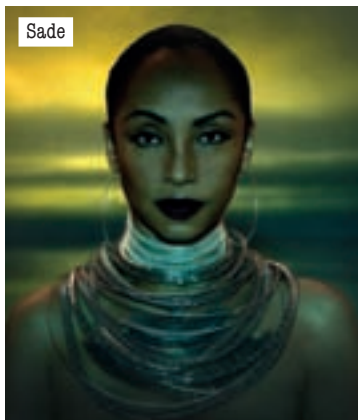
Fly Away

Flashback! Cybersutra's 'Fly Away' has got lovely lady vocals courtesy of Marcia Juell. She sings over a trancey, uplifting beat about flying high, being lifted up, remaking nations, and other things that remind us of being 17-years-old, drinking orange Hooch on the dancefloor and getting beaten up by some townies in lime green Ben Sherman shirts. Good times! ★★★★★

Sade

Soldier Of Love

The lead single from Sade's 'Soldier of Love' album is – surprise, surprise – a smooth sounding, adult fusion of MOR pop and soul. Sade's voice is deliciously smooth, actually somewhat too smooth considering this is a song about her dead and useless heart. Still we like the James Bond drama of it all, even if we can't help thinking that if you've heard one Sade song, you've heard them all. ★★★★★



Sade



Haiti Relief

Everybody Hurts

Everyone on Simon Cowell's mobile, including SuBo, Mariah, JLS, Kylie, Chezza Cole, Bon Jovi and Alexandra Burke, are singing on the Haiti Relief single. It's a cover of REM's 'Everybody Hurts', which is a pretty bad choice if you think about it. Yeah, Susan Boyle probably was a bit upset after that break in, but it hardly compares to being trapped under rubble in Port-au-Prince for 15 days, does it? Our verdict: it's appalling, quite frankly.

ALBUMS:



Massive Attack

Heligoland

Massive Attack have achieved a level of critical acclaim reached by few and their past tunes include the stella five-star classics 'Unfinished Sympathy' 'Teardrop' and 'Protection'. Unfortunately Heligoland doesn't reach these previous dizzy heights. Mostly, anyway. The first half is a limp echo of their syrupy blues sound of old. The second half is better, mixing a brittle fragility with a new cooler, cleaner sound. A mixed, if valiant, effort. ★★★★★

Various Artists

BRIT Awards 2010

Back in the early nineties every BRIT used to be given to Annie Lennox. It was a law, just like the one that says you can still kill a Welshman with a longbow in a churchyard. Then during Cool Britannia things got edgy. John Prescott had water chucked over him and Ginger Spice flashed her gusset. Now you can relive those memories and more by listening to this fab 3-cd compilation that features Lady Gaga, Seal & Adamski, Prince, Bros and JLS, but strangely not Annie Lennox. ★★★★★



Va Va Video



JLS

One Shot

Oh dear, JLS have bagged nothing but number ones for their record label, but no one seems to want to invest more than £3.99 in one of their videos. Don't get us wrong, the boys are lovely and they give it their all. They even get their cleavage out thanks to those hideous (appropriately named) cowl neck tit tops.

Still, how exciting can a black backdrop with flashing lights be? Not very. There's a chance the final minute of the video is absolutely amazing, but we'd nodded off by that point. So if it surpasses Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' by the end, apologies to all. Next time boys, eh?

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