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# SPOTLIGHT ON THE ROLAND TR-808

The drum machine that rewired modern music  
By Andy Skinner

## The Drum Machine That Rewired Modern Music

More than four decades after its release, the Roland TR-808 Rhythm Composer remains one of the most influential instruments in modern music – a machine whose synthetic thumps and snaps helped define entire genres and today still continues to pulse through contemporary sounds found on many of the new releases carried at Indy CD & Vinyl.

machine powered defining tracks like Afrika Bambaataa's "Planet Rock," helping shape the blueprint for electro, hip-hop, and later, Miami bass.

Simultaneously, electronic artists across Chicago, Detroit, and Europe were using the 808 to build what would become house, techno, and electro-pop. The machine's ability to produce tight, mechanically precise rhythms made it ideal for the dance-floor focused genres that were beginning to emerge.

## From Cult Favorite to Cultural Icon

As the decades passed, the TR-808's influence only grew. Its sounds became a staple of pop, R&B, techno, trap, and countless other styles. The 808 bass drum, capable of tuning, bending, and long decay, in particular became the foundational low end of modern hip-hop and trap production. Entire subgenres have been built around its booming low-frequency punch. If you've ever heard anyone mention "the 808 kick" or "808 sub drop," that's what they're talking about. The

808's profile rose even further as

artists paid direct homage. Marvin Gaye, the Beastie Boys, and Whitney Houston famously used it in hits; Beyoncé, Outkast, Aphex Twin, Daft Punk, and contemporary producers continue to rely on it.

## A Machine

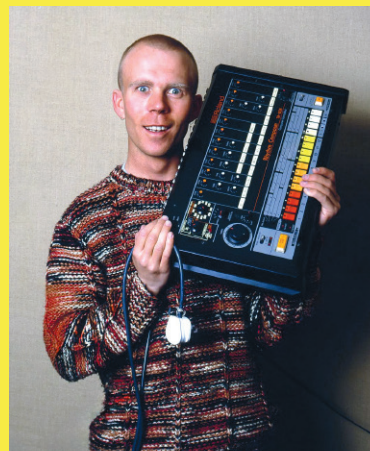
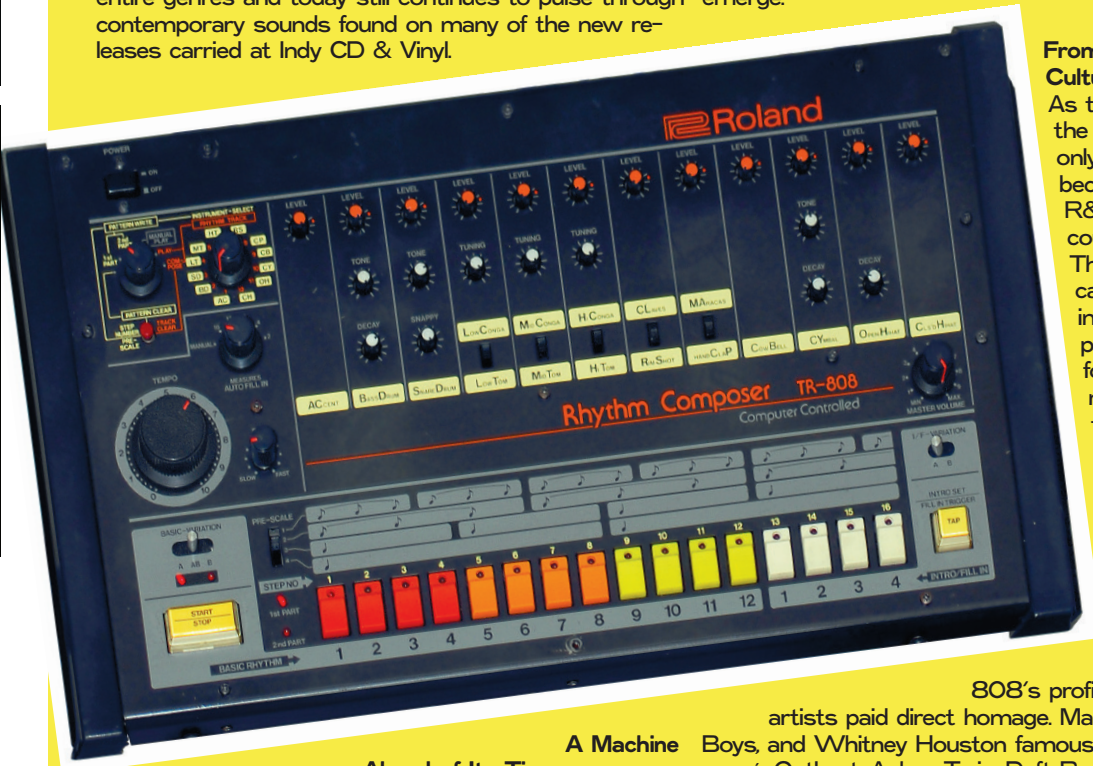
### Ahead of Its Time

Released in 1980, the TR-808 was Roland's second programmable drum machine and one of the first to allow musicians to build full rhythm tracks from scratch. Unlike later drum machines that relied on digital samples of real drums, the 808 generated its sounds entirely through analog circuitry. Its booming bass drum, crisp snares, metallic cowbell, and distinctive handclaps were unlike anything else available in music technology at the time.

Early reaction to the 808; however, was mixed. Because its tones sounded artificial rather than realistic, the 808 was overshadowed in the commercial market by more expensive sampled-sound competitors such as the Linn LM-1. Roland discontinued production of the 808 in 1983 after selling a relatively modest number of units, yet the qualities that limited its early success (its affordability on the secondhand market and its unmistakably synthetic voice) became precisely what would make it iconic.

## A Second Life in Underground Scenes

After its discontinuation, the 808 found new life in emerging music communities. Hip-hop producers, especially in the early and mid-1980s, embraced its deep, resonant bass drum and easy programmability. The



Vince Clarke (of Yaz & Erasure) holding an 808

## A Legacy That Keeps Reverberating

Today, the TR-808 is more than a piece of music equipment, it's a cultural artifact. Its sound palette is embedded in software, hardware clones, and sample libraries worldwide. New generations of producers often encounter "808s" long before learning about the original box that created them.

Few instruments have left a larger imprint on modern music, influenced so many genres, and been such a cultural icon – these are some of the reasons other than our address on Broad Ripple Avenue why we have named our new venue expansion THE 808.

The big expansion and addition of a music venue has been completed, and the changes at Indy CD & Vinyl are incredible to see!

After sitting dormant for more than a year and a half, the space next door to Indy CD & Vinyl has now officially become "The 808,"

an extension of the record store for sharing music and building community.

Leaning into their extensive backgrounds as concert pro-

ducers is all well and good. But at the end of the day, we need to bring it back to what the original purpose was, and that's the store."

Landsharks had been a staple on the Broad Ripple strip for years, but closed in early 2024 after a shooting inside the bar left a 37-year-old man dead. The Skinners admit expanding was not in the overall game plan at first but saw that closure as an opportunity to step up to help better the neighborhood.

"We're all part of a city, and the better every neighborhood does, the better the city does," says Annie. "I love this city and love it as a whole." The Skinners say The 808 is simply the next chapter in their storied neighborhood known for its ability to



## INDY CD & VINYL'S EXPANSION

motors and their shared passion for music, Indy CD & Vinyl owners Andy and Annie Skinner felt it was the next step in their careers to expand their retail space and return the stage element that had been a key part of the store for so long.



*The Vegabonds live at The 808*

"It was an unfortunate casualty of the COVID years," says Andy. "We dismantled our stage where we hosted in-store events by Mumford & Sons, Death Cab For Cutie, The Black Angels, Abigail Washburn, Jurassic 5, Baroness, and so many more, and we replaced it with more product and eventually an arcade."

But getting rid of the stage created some drawbacks for the longtime promotion duo.

"As promoters, as people connected to touring artists and local music, having to say no to people is very difficult," says Annie. "We were making do with hosting events in other places, which

change and grow for the better, and they're just happy to be a part of it.

"We wanted to get the DNA of Indy CD & Vinyl back," says Andy. "To get that missing piece of who we are back, solve the problem of an empty storefront right next door to us and hopefully combat the perception that Broad Ripple is not what it once was."

The idea was to solve the problem themselves and build a space welcoming to everyone, no matter their age. "We want a place for our son's school jazz band to play and for fledgling bands to have their first shows," Annie says. "A place for bands to build their crowd and then move on to bigger venues."

Andy continues, "We also want an all-ages room for touring bands to play in Broad Ripple and not skip Indianapolis just because there isn't the right room for their draw or their crowd. We are going to be hosting those artists here, and we already are."

The Skinners are active voices in the music community, with the ongoing dialogue focused on creating those opportunities for young people and new bands to get their feet in the door. To that end, The 808 at Indy CD & Vinyl has already begun to host

programming for music-focused local nonprofits, including showcases for Musical Family Tree, and soon Girls Rock! Indianapolis, and the Indiana Music History Project. The space is also being used every day as an extension of their retail showroom floor, a "third space"

seating area with refreshed arcade and photo booth, and an expanded selection of accessories, shirts, movies, and posters.







And yes, the venue name is a play on the Roland TR-808 drum machine and a nod to Indy CD & Vinyl's history. "We used to be in the 808, and we moved over to 806 Broad Ripple Avenue to help a neighbor expand," says Annie. "I was always so sad about losing the 808. Now we can reclaim 808 as our own."



CORKEN performing live at The 808

Another way the Skinners have reclaimed the space is through design and collaboration. Local contractor and friend Nate France of Build 317 oversaw a year-and-a-half long buildout, and they recruited designer Brock Forrer to help with a brand refresh.

Local artist Matthew Aaron will expanded the graffiti murals behind the store and venue, as well as a super-cool wall out front featuring vinyl record sleeve spines.

In addition to all of this collaboration, Annie (a design graduate of Herron School of Art) oversaw the art direction inside the shop with breathtaking wheatpaste wallpaper, sourced from a lifetime collecting hype stickers and ephemera from the millions of vinyl records that have moved through the record shop. Cool features like new vinyl listening booths, a custom built-in DJ booth, and installations like a custom photo booth from Majestic Photo Booth Company, and additional pinball games are now attractions in the new space.

"Honestly, I just want people to walk in here and say 'wow' when they see it," explains Annie. Another design cue is from the former Manchester, UK club The Hacienda, once owned by the band New Order and their label Factory Records. You'll note the heavy use of warning tape and Peter Saville-inspired color palette.

Now that the expansion is complete and The 808 is open and hosting myriad events, the Skinners hope to help bring more people to the Broad Ripple neighborhood, to benefit not just the record store bottom line, but for the shops, restaurants, bars, and coffee shops across Broad Ripple.

"Great things are happening in the neighborhood," Annie says. "There is still music in Broad Ripple and we are going to be a major part of it."



Adam Graahs & Pan Am live at The 808

Indeed, just by looking at the event calendar that kicked off in October, there is a lot of opportunity for everyone enjoy themselves at Indiana's newest all-ages event space, **The 411 on The 808** was written by local journalist Devon Dean.



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# INDY CD & VINYL'S 808 MUSIC PLAYLIST

Let's dive deeper into our obsession with the Roland TR-808 and the connection to our new venue "The 808."

The list of artists who embraced the 808 drum machine early on reads like a hall of fame. The early believers who helped cement its legacy were visionaries:

- Marvin Gaye, who used the 808 to craft the intimate, pulsing rhythm of "Sexual Healing."

- Afrika Bambaataa, whose "Planet Rock" became a blueprint for electro, hip-hop, and electronic music as we know it.

- Beastie Boys, who flipped its sound inside out on "Paul Revere," creating one of the most distinct beats in rap history.

- Whitney Houston's producers, who leaned on the 808 to power "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," proving it belonged in mainstream pop.

- Phil Collins, who quietly blended it into his soulful ballads, letting the machine's subtle pulse add emotional weight.

These artists didn't just use the 808 — they revealed its range. The 808's second life — the modern era — is just as important as its origins:

- OutKast brought it roaring into the 2000s with the explosive energy of "B.O.B."

- A Guy Called Gerald pushed it deep into the acid house scene with "Voodoo Ray."

- Dr. Dre built west-coast classics around its rumbling lows, especially on the tracks "Xxplosive" and "Let Me Ride."

- Aphex Twin warped it into new shapes, turning its warmth into something alien and otherworldly.

- Bjork embraced its emotional nuance, using the 808 to amplify her already singular sonic universe.

- Modern EDM and pop architects — Diplo, Skrillex, Calvin Harris — still use its DNA as foundational

material for festival-ready production.

What's remarkable is how each artist took something different from the same machine. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of songs that best showcase the 808's power and influence, but these tracks capture

the heart of the 808 across genres and time:

- "Sexual Healing" — Marvin Gaye
- "Planet Rock" — Afrika Bambaataa & the Soulsonic Force
- "Paul Revere" — Beastie Boys
- "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" — Whitney Houston
- "Musique Non Stop" — Kraftwerk

- "Spastik" — Plastikman
- "Set It Off" — Strafe
- "Clear" — Cybotron
- "Push It" — Salt-N-Pepa
- "It Takes Two" — Rob Base & DJ EZ Rock
- "One More Night" — Phil Collins
- "Voodoo Ray" — A Guy Called Gerald
- "Xxplosive" — Dr. Dre
- "Let Me Ride" — Dr. Dre
- "B.O.B." — OutKast
- "Hyphy" — The Federation
- "Crying In Your Face" — Aphex Twin
- "Hunter" — Bjork
- "Trap Queen" — Fetty Wap
- "March Madness" — Future
- "Bad and Boujee" — Migos
- "Stay Fly" — Three 6 Mafia

Listen to these in order and you can practically chart how the 808 reshaped the musical landscape. The analog circuitry of the Roland TR-808 gives it a warmth and movement that digital samples still chase!

Scan the QR code and check out a rad playlist Annie made for you that features awesome songs that use the 808, then stop in the shop and get them on wax!





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# STAFF '808' PICKS

The Indy CD & Vinyl staff weighs in on music made using a Roland TR-808 and shares favorites and recommended listening. Check out our picks and listen for yourself!



**ANDY SKINNER**

**RECOMMENDED LISTENING:**

Good gravy, there are almost too many to whittle down into a short list, but let's try:

**Depeche Mode** - Everything Counts  
**Nine Inch Nails** - Closer  
**Beastie Boys** - Paul Revere  
**Missy Elliott** - Lose Control  
**DJ Rashad** - Roll Up That Loud  
**Public Enemy** used 808 drums with decay and pitch shifts in lieu of basslines on *It Takes A Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back*, and I think that's pretty sick.



**JOE JOVINGO**

**RECOMMENDED LISTENING:**

From it's lo-fi use in hip hop to heavily manipulated sounds in early industrial Skinny Puppy tracks, the Roland TR-808 was an inspiration to many genres, from minimal electro-clash (ala Miss Kittin & The Hacker) to its extensive use in electronic, trap, and witchhouse, it stands out unexpectedly in the Lana del Rey single "High By The Beach." Whatever music you're into, you've heard this machine more than you realize.



**VINCENT VICTERY**

**RECOMMENDED LISTENING:**

**Yellow Magic Orchestra** - 1000 Knives



**ANNIE SKINNER**

**RECOMMENDED LISTENING:**

There are so many I could pick, but here is my short list of songs made with heavy use of a Roland TR-808, and find a link to our playlist I made on Page 9!

**Charanjit Singh** - Raga Bhairav  
**Plastikman** - Spastik  
**Aphex Twin** - Xtal  
**Cybotron** - Clear

**New Order** - Confusion  
**A Guy Called Gerald** - Voodoo Ray  
**808 State** - I swear, anything by them really, but most specifically Pacific/Cubik  
**Nine Inch Nails** - Down In It  
**Jamie XX** - Gosh  
**Alexander Robotnick** - Problèmes d'Amour  
**Yaz** - Don't Go and Situation (both are bangers that I was obsessed with as a child).

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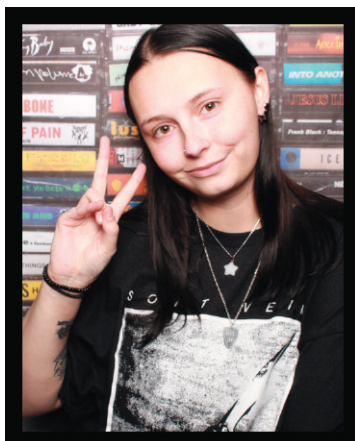
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### DAVEY PASADENA

#### RECOMMENDED LISTENING:

**Egyptian Lover** - Egypt Egypt  
**Beastie Boys** - Paul Revere  
**Marvin Gaye** - Sexual Healing  
**Afrika Bambaataa** - Planet Rock  
**Eric B. & Rakim** - Paid In Full



### MADI CHAMBERS

#### RECOMMENDED LISTENING:

**Daft Punk** - Doin' It Right  
**Talking Heads** - Psycho Killer  
**KPop Demon Hunters** Soundtrack  
**Lady Gaga** - Paparazzi  
**Tame Impala** - Dracula



### AYDEN PICKERING

#### RECOMMENDED LISTENING:

The album "License To Ill" by The Beastie Boys is an obvious choice for 808 worship, but for good reason. To me, this album is a lot like eating pizza... everyone loves it to some degree. And I just don't trust you if you say you don't.

## GET STARTED ON YOUR OWN

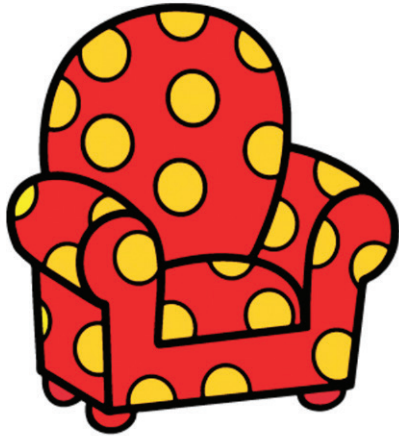
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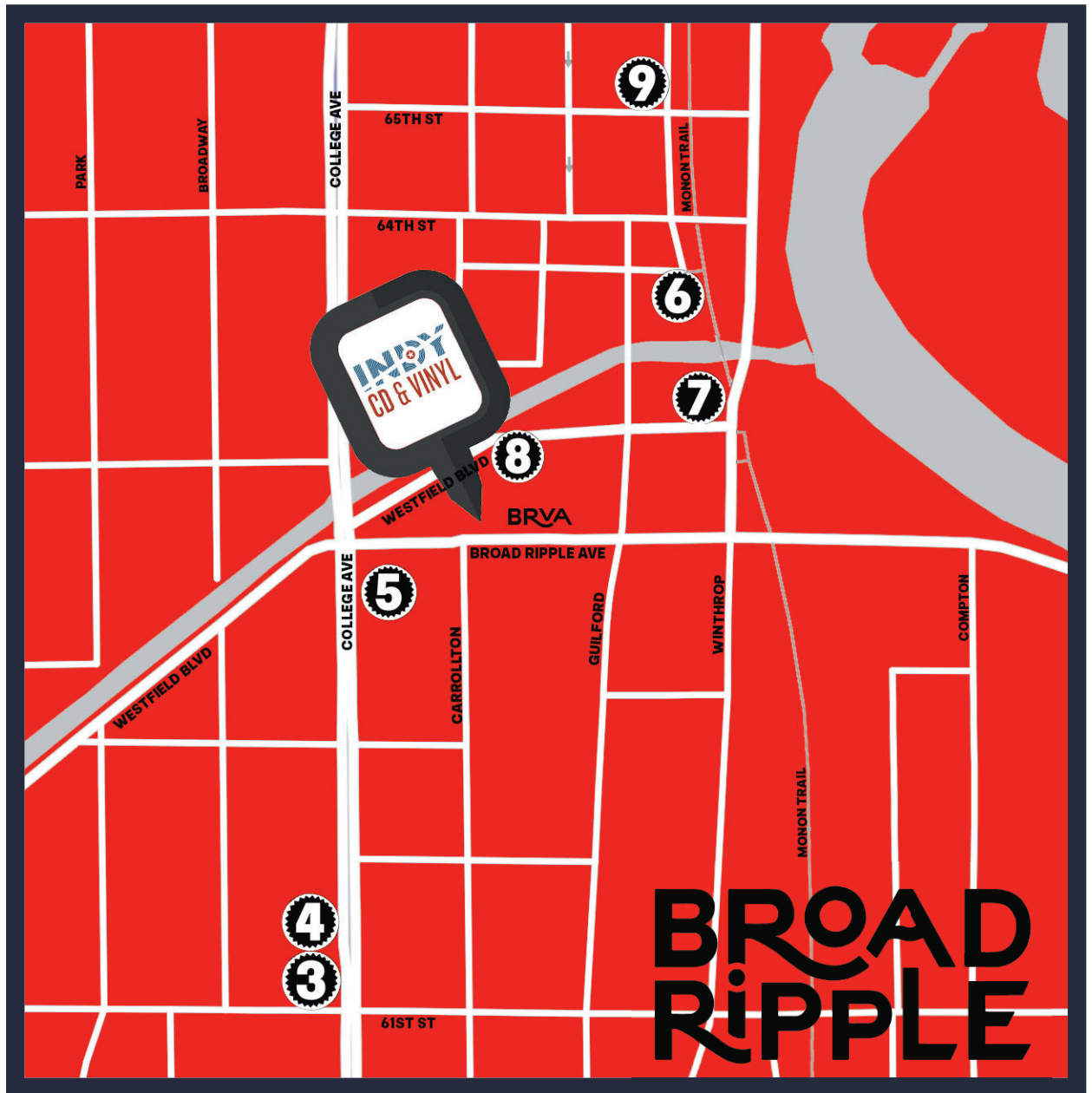
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# NEW PHOTOBOTH

**A Majestic Arrival: How an Old-School Photobooth Company Found a New Home Inside an Indianapolis Record Store**

In an era when most photos disappear into the endless scroll of our phones, Majestic Photobooth Company, based out of Nashville, has quietly kept the magic of the analog snapshot alive. Their handcrafted, vintage-styled photo booths have become cult favorites at weddings, festivals, and indie businesses across the country. Each booth feels like stepping into a little time capsule: the soft glow, the curtain swoosh, the mechanical churn, and finally that warm strip of real, physical memories slipping into your hand.

Now, one of these iconic booths has landed in Indianapolis—and not just anywhere. It's taken up permanent residence here inside Indy CD & Vinyl, the city's beloved independent record store in the heart of Broad Ripple.

## A Perfect Pairing of Analog Love

For Majestic Photobooth Company, partnering with Indy CD & Vinyl felt almost inevitable.

Both businesses share a devotion to tactile experiences (vinyl records and paper photo strips) that resist the digital erasure of modern life. Majestic's founder has long championed the idea that these booths are more than novelties; they're storytellers, making moments tangible.

Indy CD & Vinyl has spent decades fostering community, creativity, and nostalgia through music. The addition of a custom Majestic booth is a natural extension of that ethos. This isn't a plug-and-play machine from a mall - it's a handcrafted, fully-customized booth designed specifically for the store, built with Majestic's signature craftsmanship and retro charm. Not only

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in advance for events across the South and Midwest, which makes Indy CD & Vinyl's acquisition a

particularly big deal. This booth is the first of its kind in Indianapolis - a true indie gem dropped right into the city's creative core. And while Nashville and a handful of major metropolitan areas have long enjoyed Majestic's machines, Indianapolis is now on the map. If you live here, you're lucky. Really lucky.



## A New Ritual for Music Lovers and Memory Makers

Indy CD & Vinyl has already started to see customers weaving the booth into their shopping rituals: flipping through stacks, finding a new favorite record, then sealing the experience with a few photo strips. Friends document their crate-digging adventures, couples snap anniversary strips, and touring bands passing through town have begun adding booth photos to their merch table memories. It's quickly becoming a place where music culture and analog nostalgia collide.



do you get two photo strips with each sitting, by entering your email address Majestic will send you digital versions of your pics, as well as a video for your socials!

## The First of Its Kind in Indianapolis

Ask anyone in the analog-photography world, and they'll tell you: having a Majestic booth in your city is a bragging right. These booths aren't mass-produced. They're rare, often booked months or years

## Go Take Your Photo - Seriously

The booth is live and ready to use every day the shop is open. Whether you're a vinyl collector, a photographer obsessed with film, or just someone who wants a break from filtered selfies and vanishing stories, this is your chance to capture something real.

So get yourself to Indy CD & Vinyl. Step into the booth. Pull the curtain closed. And let a bit of Majestic magic turn a moment into something you can hold. Your memory strip is waiting.





# INDY CD & VINYL'S CONCERT HISTORY

Indy CD & Vinyl has been hosting bands and doing in-store shows for over twenty years, now that we have The 808 let's look back at some of the coolest events!



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From top: Derek Hess & Kent Smith, Baroness with staff, Mumford & Sons with staff, Courtney Barnett with staff, Kids Day with Mr. Daniel, Baroness performing live.



Thanks to all the bands and artists that have played in our store, here is an incomplete list:

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## Hitting the Decks: How One Local School is Teaching the 411 on mixing, scratching, the 808, and more *Written by Devon Dean*

### Hitting the Decks:

It's no secret that the sharing of music is a love language. While the mixtape professions of love have long passed in favor of on-line playlists, one concrete way to exchange tracks as a form of community is still quite prevalent - DJing.

No matter the genre, there is a specific thrill associated with being behind the turntables or decks, dropping new tracks people might not have heard before, and seeing the crowd come to life.

For Nick "DJ Metrognome" Saligoe and Sean "Lonegevity" Stuart, passing on their decades of knowledge behind the decks has gone beyond just sharing beats to providing actual educational instruction.

The Deckademics School of DJing near 61st and College opened in 2014 and has since expanded

to offer a Music Production track. For Saligoe, who has a degree in education from Indiana University, co-founding the school brought together his passion for teaching and music.

"We were in the basement and nobody knew we were there," he says. "It just felt like a good idea, but the execution wasn't great. I couldn't really teach DJing the way I want to." Saligoe and former partner Doug Morris opened the school after about 2.5 years of preparation, adding the music production program in 2017.

Stuart oversees the Music Production Program, which begins with a six-week Novice Session that introduces foundational digital production skills and explores the history of how music has been created and recorded, including the influence of the iconic Roland TR-808

drum machine.

"I don't specifically teach a class about the 808," Stuart says. "But the 808 is a historic drum machine that's been used for decades, and its meaning has shifted over time. If you're a music person, you know it originally referred to the drum machine itself, with the kicks, percussion, everything. But over the years, '808' became shorthand for the famous kick sound it produced. Today, when people say '808,' they mean that loud, bass-heavy kick."

Stuart says they do teach students how to replicate the 808 sound and what sets it apart. "In most traditional music, you have a standard kick drum, like what you'd hear on a drum set - kick, snare, hi-hats," he says. "An 808, though, blends the idea of a kick drum with a deep bass frequency, giving it a very distinct tone. That combination is what makes it so unique."



Indianapolis' rich DJ culture has made it a prime spot to learn. "Indianapolis is one of the few places that has a school specifically dedicated to teaching people how to DJ on turntables," he says.

The instructors are also all DJs and producers in their own right. "At the end of the day, sharing music is really what it's all about," says Saligoe. "The creative side matters. You have to make the music first, but getting it out to people is just as important. Today, there are so many different ways to do that with the internet and social media, so artists can share their work in all kinds of ways. It's a beautiful thing to teach people and then watch them grow into a place where they're finally able to share their music with others."



With the motto of "you can't download practice," Deckademics is seeing its fair share of success. The waiting list for the DJ program is nearly 200 people. The waiting list for the Music Production courses is shorter, but Stuart and Saligoe both recommend signing up now for when spots become available. Check [deckademics.com](http://deckademics.com)





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## The New Old Heads

From Bar Conversation to Globally-Lauded Hip-Hop Culture Podcast written by Devon Dean



"Great Little Things Start in Small Rooms" is the title of Episode 461 of the Indianapolis-based "The New Old Heads" podcast, which is fitting for a show that began nine years ago as a casual conversation among friends at Coach's Tavern.

Sean "Lonegevity" Stuart is the Executive Producer, or what his co-hosts refer to as "the pilot." It's a hip-hop culture podcast, talking from the perspective of people that kind of came up in the blog era of hip-hop, which is not super old or not super young, we're kind of in the middle."

Stuart wrangled his friends from that first conversation and created the line-up for "New Old Heads." Each week, Stuart is joined by Michael "Maja 7th" Chamberlain, Terry "DJ Jay Diff" Coleman, and Jarrett "J. Moore" Moore.

But the focus goes well beyond just music. "The way music intertwines with what's happening in society and how technology like streaming and now AI shapes the music world is always part of our conversations," says Moore. "We don't just turn on the mic and ramble; we have a structure for how we approach each topic. But we also try to stay relevant by talking about what's happening right now. There are things we can't ignore just because they don't fit neatly into hip-hop. We always bring it back to how these changes affect culture, society, and the ways all of these things are connected."



Admittedly, the first episodes were experiments in refinement. "If you go watch our first episode it's horrible," says Chamberlain. "We had to learn like anyone else and it's a little cringe to actually watch that now because we've come so far with production and camera work in artwork and logos. I'm sitting in a recliner on the first episode if that gives you an idea."



Since then, the podcast has garnered thousands of fans and subscribers from all over the world who tune in each week to be a part of the conversation. The hosts all credit one key ingredient to their success: consistency. "We've been doing this for about nine years now, and I think we've only missed maybe six weeks total and that includes times when one of us was out of the country, plus all of COVID when we had to shoot virtually for a while," says Stuart. "Consistency is important if you want to stay in front of people. We don't have

celebrities on the show, and while we're known around Indianapolis in different ways, we're not famous. So the best way for us to get noticed is by being consistent, being professional, and really knowing what we're talking about."

That knowledge comes from doing the homework. "We started strictly as a hip-hop culture podcast," Chamberlain explains. "We just wanted to focus on albums that we loved and the new records that started to come out. When our brand started to expand, Sean [Stuart] is very vocal about politics. We started to open up the conversation in the last few years and not just pigeonhole ourselves as hip-hop."

At the same time, the research still stays grounded in music. "We love to go down that rabbit hole about certain samples that we heard when we were growing up and now they're being reused," Chamberlain says. "The fun part is seeing records that from the 90s that were 90s R&B that we grew up on now they're sampling those so we get a chance to really see the two evolution of some of the production."

New episodes of "The New Old Heads" podcast are recorded in Indianapolis, and episodes are released every Saturday at Noon EST to all podcast formats and YouTube.



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# INDY CD & VINYL'S GUIDE TO VINYL CARE

Whether you purchase records at Indy CD & Vinyl that are new and still sealed or if the records you get at the shop are older and from our used vinyl section, each record needs a bit of care to keep it free from crackles, pops, and scratches. Physical media — especially vinyl — needs a little bit of attention and cleaning to keep your ears happy for a lifetime of use.

Luckily, some of the most common issues with records are also the easiest to fix. We've outlined a simple guide for pain-free vinyl maintenance. From brushes and sleeves to sprays and crates, these are our favorite products for cleaning and caring for your records, as well as how to use them.

## STEP ONE

**Dry cleaning with an anti-static brush:** whether your record is freshly pressed or 50 years old, using a quality cleaning brush can make a big difference. Indy CD & Vinyl carries a few options, including brushes from Audio-Technica, Vinyl Styl, and Back-Groove Audio. A good brush usually has carbon fiber bristles that'll go deep into the grooves of your album to remove dirt, hair, and dust that has gotten stuck inside. The bristles are effective at cleaning, but soft enough that they won't damage your record during use.

To use the brush, place your record on your turntable and turn the power on. Then, hold your brush at a 90-degree angle and allow the record to spin under it. The idea is to move the brush from the inside grooves to the outside while it is spinning. One thing to note, however, is to make sure you don't press down too hard. While this brush has been designed specifically for vinyl records, jamming down on it can damage the grooves in the record and trap the gunk you're trying to clean out. Keep your sweep nice and light and you'll find your records are all the better for it. Do not touch the brush with your fingers. Your hands are oily by nature, and anything you drag onto the bristles will get transferred to your records during future use.

## STEP TWO

**Stylus cleaning:** cleaning your records is important, but it won't do much good if your turntable's needle is dirty. A stylus will get dirty by picking up gunk from your records as they play, which can build up if you spin vinyl regularly. If you don't clean the stylus regularly, your needle may get damaged, and need to be replaced. Indy CD & Vinyl has a few products that can help you!

Our recommended products include stylus cleaning kits from Vinyl Styl and Audio-Technica, as well as stylus cleaning gel from either Audio-Technica or BackGroove Audio. These gels visually remind us of a very small puck of hair pomade; however, they are a specially formulated polyurethane gel that gently removes dirt particles from the stylus tip when the stylus is lowered onto it.

## STEP THREE

**Solutions, wipes, and wet brushes:** if you've cleaned up the surface of your albums, but still hear a lot of clicks and pops, it's time to clean your records a bit more deeply. Our number one recommendation is our own Indy CD & Vinyl Black Magic cleaning solution with our logo yellow microfiber anti-static cleaning cloth. Together this will cost you less than \$15, and includes an 8oz bottle of our cleaning solution, an anti-static microfiber cloth you can use again and again.

To use, spray or pour the solution onto your microfiber cloth, and lightly wipe in a circular motion around your vinyl record. Avoid pressing too hard on the vinyl, as that can cause any dust or gunk to sink deeper into your record. After a few spins around, let any leftover solution dry before playing your freshly cleaned record.

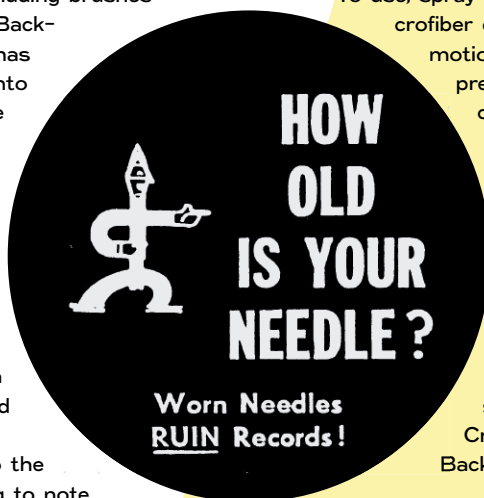
We carry a number of different cleaning kits, from simple packs of fluid and wipes to bigger ultimate packs of brushes, easels, solutions, and more. We carry Crosley, VinylStyl, Audio-Technica, and BackGroove Audio brand.

## STEP FOUR

Once your records are clean, it's time to properly store them! Many older records came in cheap paper sleeves that yellow over time, so it's worth upgrading them with a more effective set, especially if you keep them clean. Indy CD & Vinyl recommends you store your clean, dry records in anti-static acid-free inner sleeves. We also recommend plastic outer sleeves that protect your sleeves from the elements.

We proudly carry packs of inner and outer sleeves from Middletown, Indiana-based BCW Supplies, as well as Vinyl Styl and Mobile Fidelity Sound Labs.

Check out the next section of this article [on Page 28] about the different types of inner and outer sleeves (and how to choose them) by Jeremy Bonfiglio of BCW Supplies (located in beautiful Middletown, Indiana)!





## A DEEP DIVE INTO VINYL RECORD SLEEVE MATERIALS

Whether you're a casual collector or a hardcore audiophile, the sleeves you use for your vinyl records can make a big difference in long-term preservation. BCW and Indy CD & Vinyl have partnered up to make sure you have the best for your record collection right here at the shop!

Investing in high-quality sleeves is one of the simplest, most effective ways to keep your vinyl collection clean, safe, and sound its best for decades. The materials used for inner and outer sleeves affect everything from dust resistance to how your records age. Here's a look at options and what to consider:

### Outer Sleeves: Polypropylene vs. Polyethylene

Outer sleeves protect the album jacket from wear, dust, moisture, and handling. Today, the two most common materials used are polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE), each with distinct characteristics.

Polypropylene (PP) sleeves are known for their clarity and crisp, clean appearance, which makes them perfect for showing off album artwork. They're stiffer, more rigid than polyethylene, and more scratch-resistant, which is why they are often used in premium archival sleeves. When choosing PP sleeves, consider how the brand you select manufactures them. Some PP sleeves can be prone to splitting or cracking if handled roughly. To combat this, BCW Supplies invested in equipment to fold the plastic on two sides, which makes it impossible to split. With only one sealed seam on the bottom of the sleeve, these sleeves will stand up to everyday use.

Polyethylene (PE) sleeves are a more traditional record sleeve. They are softer and more flexible, with a slightly opaque look. They're more flexible and pliable, making it easier to slip records in and out. They are also less likely to crack or split, even with heavy use or temperature changes. This makes them a popular choice for record stores and record show dealers. The one disadvantage of PE sleeves is that they tend to get cloudy over time.

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) outer sleeves are sometimes marketed as "high clarity" and may feel thicker and heavier than standard PE or PP sleeves; however, they pose a serious risk to vinyl records. Avoid these at all cost!

### Sleeve thickness matters

Once you decide on a material, you will face another choice. Just how thick a sleeve do you need? Outer sleeve thickness is measured in mils (1 mil = 0.001 inch). Standard sizes range from 2 mil (lightweight) to 4 mil (heavy-duty). Thicker sleeves offer better protection but can be bulkier.

- 2 mil: Lightweight and cost-effective but is thin and may not offer maximum protection.

- 3 mil: A suitable all-purpose thickness that balances protection and ease of use.
- 4 mil: Archival-grade thickness, ideal for collectors who want maximum durability.
- 5 mil and above: These are usually advertised as premium archival-grade thickness, but they are overkill for most collectors' needs.

### Inner Sleeves: Paper, Poly, or Hybrid?

Inner sleeves offer even more choices. Since they are in direct contact with vinyl, their material can affect the record's surface and playback quality over time. Options include plain paper, plastic (usually HDPE), or hybrid materials.

Paper Sleeves are a traditional choice and are widely available, and most manufacturers use them. The most significant disadvantage is that these sleeves can shed paper dust, which clings to grooves. These unlined versions may cause scuffs when records slide in and out. Paper can also absorb moisture and warp in humid environments. Lined Paper Sleeves offer a middle ground by incorporating a poly liner to reduce scratching and dust.

Plastic Sleeves, often marketed as anti-static sleeves, are usually made from HDPE (high-density polyethylene) or rice paper with a poly liner. They reduce static and are gentler; however, lower-quality plastic can wrinkle or stick to records in humid environments, and some users find them harder to handle than paper sleeves.

Rice Paper + HDPE Hybrid Sleeves are multi-layer sleeves that combine the softness and anti-static properties of HDPE with a layer of rice paper for stability. These sleeves have become increasingly popular for being ultra-smooth, anti-static, and durable without being bulky. They are ideal for long-term storage and more valuable records in your collection.

### The Bottom Line

For Outer Sleeves: Choose polypropylene for maximum clarity or polyethylene for flexibility and archival durability. Avoid PVC entirely.

For Inner Sleeves: Plain paper is a traditional choice but has drawbacks. HDPE or rice paper hybrids provide superior protection and longevity. There is no wrong or right answer to what you choose for your collection. Ultimately, sleeves are a personal choice that should fit your budget, collection, and preferences.

*This dive was written by Jeremy D. Bonfiglio, the Music Category Manager for BCW Supplies, a collector supply company in Middletown, Ind. and a recovering print journalist who spent 26 years writing for newspapers and magazines.*

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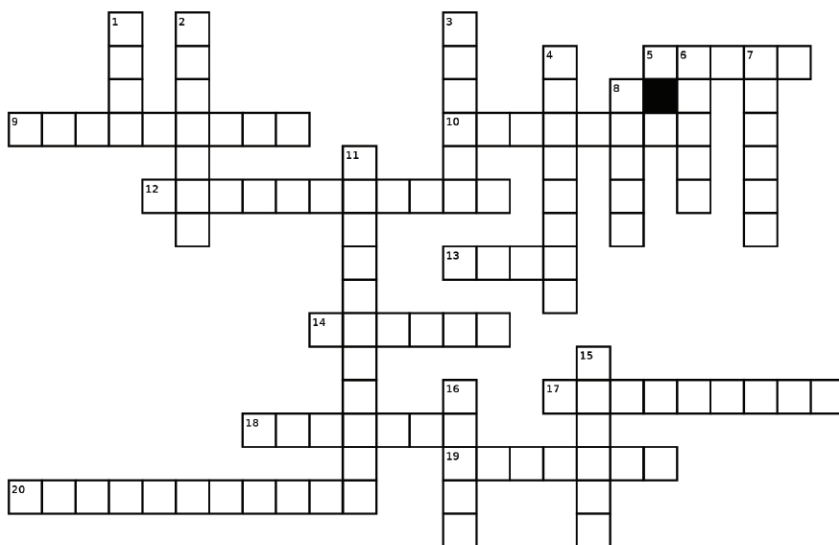
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