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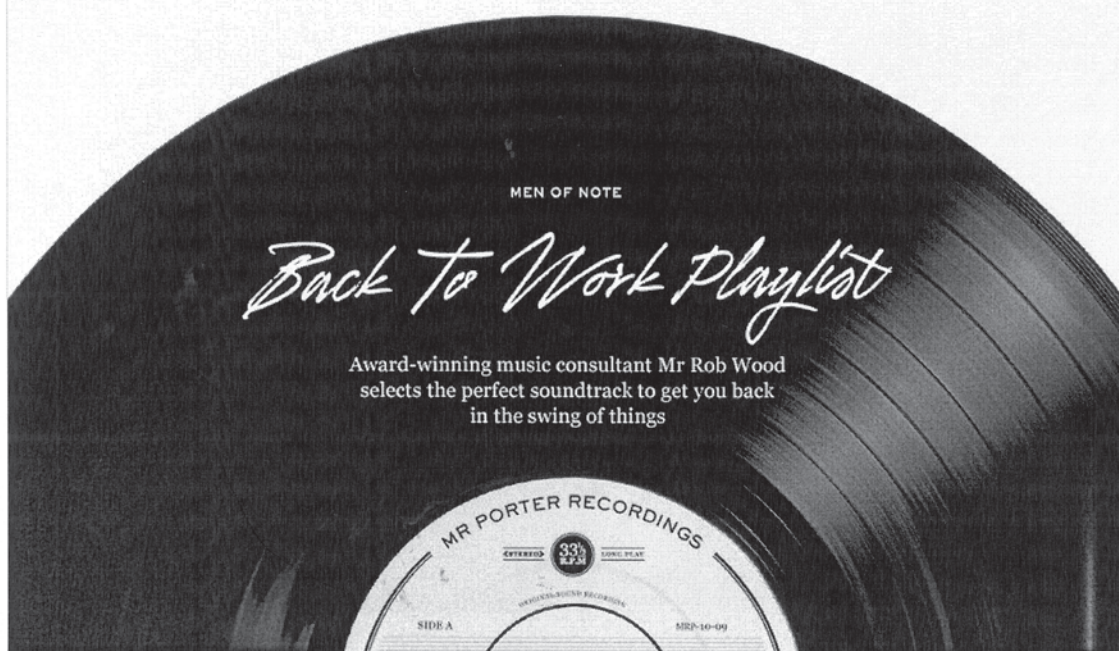
## MEN OF NOTE: BACK TO WORK PLAYLIST

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We often know what a brand or space looks like, but how should it sound? As creative director and founder of Music Concierge, Mr Rob Wood certainly knows. An award-winning consultancy, Music Concierge offers bespoke music programming for boutique hotels, luxury brands, members clubs and more. With more than 20 years of experience in the industry, he is the former editor of music bible *Jockey Slut*, has DJ'd everywhere from Ibiza to London's Fabric, and wrote mixing manual *Teach Yourself How to DJ*. Using a library that has been "30 years in the making, spanning 120 genres, from 17th-century baroque through rare jazz to cutting-edge electronica", Mr Wood has selected a cultured playlist to enliven your commute and inspire your working day. Read about his 10 choices, *below*, and head to Spotify to listen to them at your leisure.



*Mr Rob Wood*

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LONDON



"Don't Give Up"

WASHED OUT

"Dolly Parton's '9 to 5' might have been a more obvious choice, but this slow-burning, romantic and feel-good piece of electronica will get you through the day."



"We No Who U R"

NICK CAVE & THE BAD SEEDS

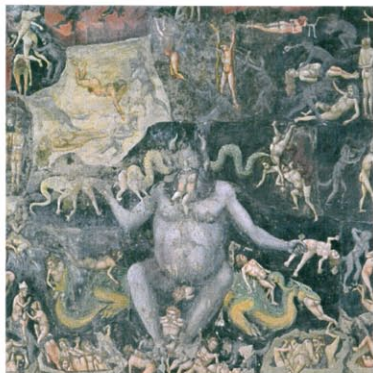
"Are you finding it hard to concentrate? Empty your head of all pop junk and instead immerse yourself in Cave's ethereal new record. It's good for the soul."



"Falling"

HAIM

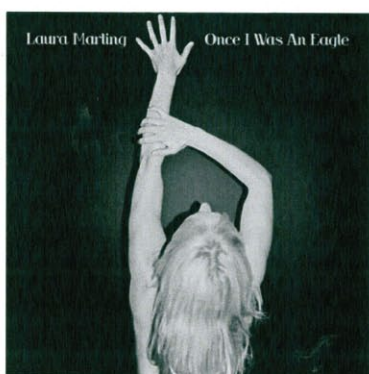
"Easily the most exciting new pop-rock band to hit my ears this year, this song makes every day feel like a Saturday. Even Tuesdays."



"A Lot of Love"

STEVE MASON

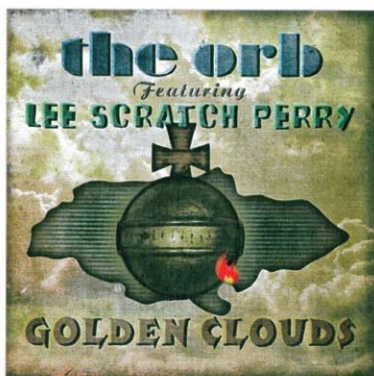
"The ex-Beta Band front man has made a wonderful, angry and political album [*Monkey Minds in the Devil's Times*] that will shake the cobwebs out of the most sun-soaked and pickled post-holiday mind."



"I Was An Eagle"

LAURA MARLING

"The fourth album from this young, super talented folk singer [*Once I Was An Eagle*] is her most accomplished yet. Tracks such as this are a lovely intimate companion to early blurry-eyed mornings."

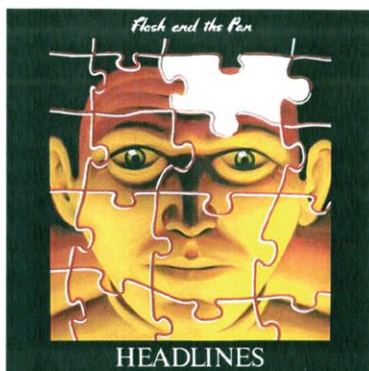


"Golden Clouds"

THE ORB FEATURING LEE  
"SCRATCH" PERRY

"A brilliant meeting of out-there minds that is as zany and creative as it is inspiring."

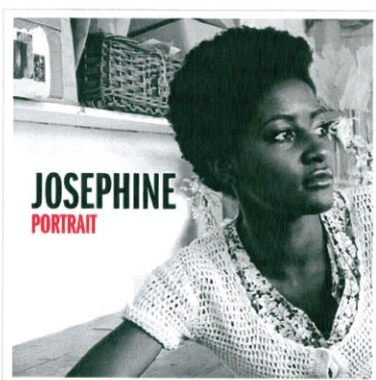




# "Waiting for the Train"

FLASH AND THE PAN

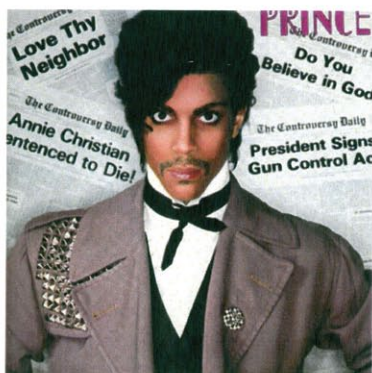
"Fab early 1980s new-wave pop from down under. This is dedicated to everyone forced to experience the joys of public transport on a daily basis."



# "Portrait"

JOSEPHINE

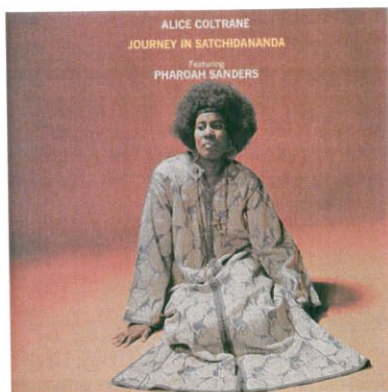
"This young Mancunian has sassy maturity way beyond her years on this pitch-perfect pop single. On even the most blue of Mondays, this is guaranteed to cheer you up."



# "Let's Work"

PRINCE

"If anyone knows how to motivate the troops, it's the purple one."



## "Journey in Satchidananda"

### ALICE COLTRANE

"With an intricate and dazzlingly beautiful piece of harp playing by John Coltrane's wife, Alice, this Indo-jazz track is the perfect way to clear your mind as you walk home from a hard day's work."