



Music Cues (in order) *Bold = confirmed*

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11. **TV Players - Outrun Flashback**

Special Guest: VIKI and The Paradise Arcade

INTRO

Welcome back to The State of Synth! I'm Groot, and I'm Neon Fawkes, and tonight we will be speaking with both the band VIKI and our Twin Cities friends Paradise Arcade (formerly Two Pour Bastards)

Dennis, we've done about 140 episodes.

If you are listening to the show, say hi in the chats!

German artist Morphoice has teamed up with British artist Kalax to create this new single that dropped on the 23rd of Dec. The music video features footage from a Blade Runner type short film called "Slice Of Life". This is Morphoice and Kalax with "Ashes and Dust", here on NFM

🎵 **Morphoice & Kalax - Ashes and Dust**

<https://morphoice.bandcamp.com/track/ashes-and-dust>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agsO3k_Ypjs

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Shoutouts to the chat

Artist Interview with VIKI and Paradise Arcade

Interview Block #1 (VIKI)

- Cyberpunk vibes, Trap Beats, Grimes
- Origins
- Who's VIKI?
- Your music is so hard to find. Ever consider throwing a number or something in there for SEO? V1K! VIK!?
- Xerces Blue is a type of butterfly
- Excellent Sound engineering
- The Glare EP (August, 2022)
 - **White Nights**
 - The Glare1982

🎵 VIKI - White Knights

Interview Block #2 (VIKI)

- **Red Sand** lyrics - "I am burnt with the mark of another god"
- Xerces Blue - I really wanna stay at your house (cover)
 - Let's Eat Grandma
- Let's talk about Cyberpunk 2077 and Edgerunners

🎵 VIKI - Red Sands

SHOUTOUTS

Brazilian artist and Aztec labelmate Francci just released his latest album "Life Of Synth", and it features beautiful vocals and instrumental tracks, which remind me of some of The Weeknd's best tracks. This instrumental track is called "Younger", by Francci, here on NFM.

🎵 Francci - Younger

<https://francci.bandcamp.com/album/life-of-synth>

Interview Block #3 (PA)

- So...you don't make music?
- If you did, what would your favourite DAW be?
- Two Pour Bastards
- Nitrowave TC

🎵 Clyde Shelton - Earthwalker

<https://clydeshelton.bandcamp.com/album/earthwalker>

Interview Block #4

🎵 **Waveshaper - Mega Fighter (from Velocity)**

<https://waveshaper1.bandcamp.com/album/velocity>

Interview Block #5

🎵 **Android Automatic - Dream Syndicate**

<https://androidautomatic.bandcamp.com/album/dream-syndicate>

Shoutouts!

Our friendly overlord Z put us on to this Canadian synth artist. With 9 EPs and albums out already, I'm glad he did. From Gridluster's self-titled album of May 2022, this is "6am Morning Report", here on NFM

🎵 **Gridluster - 6am Morning Report**

<https://gridluster.bandcamp.com/album/gridluster>

Hannah on

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Album Releases

- Jules - Dec 19th
 - Kawasaki - Retro Travel Future (album)
- Jules - Dec 22nd
 - Various Artists - The Holocube (Amiga game Flashback 30th anniversary tribute album)
- Dennis - Dec 26th (yesterday)
 - Starfounder - Vengeance III (album)
 - Geovoc - First Steps (album)
- Dennis - Dec 27th (Today)

- Mitch Murder - Aural State (EP)
- Dane Whisper - Stay (album) and "Beyond" (album)
- Jules- January 2023
 - Andrew LeSynt - The Lost City (album)

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Birthdays

- Jules - Dec 27th (today)
 - David Joseph Wesley (Parsec)
 - Inexedra
 - Chris Keya
 - Damokles
- Dennis - Dec 29th
 - Absinth3
 - Eric from The Paradise Arcade
 - Static Shore
- Jules - Dec 30th
 - Polaris von Samus (Sam)
 - James from FiXT
- Dennis - Dec 31st
 - Ian Cowell (rocking Chiptune artist and member of B/I/R/T/H/D/A/Y)
- Jules - Jan 1st
 - Rayne Reznor
 - Fonz Tramontano
 - Andrew from NRW
 - Mellow Fields
- Dennis - Jan 2nd
 - Beckett
 - Wojciech Golczewski (Woj czech Gol zewski)
- Jules - Jan 3rd
 - Michael Oakley
 - Morgan Willis
 - Russell Nash

Memphis artist Cyberoptics released a new single yesterday, and here it is. This is "Enertron" by Cyberoptics, here on NFM

🎵 **Cyberoptics - Enertron**

<https://cyberoptics.bandcamp.com/track/enertron>

Rex Ballz joins

🎵 **Cassetter - Ghost Train**

<https://cassetter.bandcamp.com/album/escape-plan-demos-rarities>

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Touring and Events News

- Jules - Jan 07
 - Night Rider 87 performing with DJ set by Com Truise in Portland, USA
- Dennis - April 14-16th
 - NEON Tampa: Von Kaiser, Let Em Riot, Marvel83', Starfarer, Velocity 128, Bongitta, Megatronix, Arcade High, more TBA (Tampa, Florida)
- Jules - April 29th
 - Master Boot Record, Levinsky, Millennium Falck (Helsinki)

<https://nightride.fm/blog/synthwave-events/>

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Shoutouts: (b2)

Patreons (New):

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<https://thestateofsynth.com>

You can also find us Sundays on Retro Hit Radio down in New Zealand.

<http://retrohitradio.co.nz/>

That's our show! We want to give a big thanks to our guests VIKI and The Paradise Arcade!

We are going to play you out with a track from Russian artists TV Players. They just dropped a new album called "Big City Visions", and this track is called "Outrun Flashback".

From all of us at NFM, have a good night and happy new year!

🎵 **TV Players - Outrun Flashback**

<https://tvplayers.bandcamp.com/album/big-city-visions>

Listeners:

Morphoice
Destarian
DragonWeed
Kitt
Alyxis
Howells
CFFNDRGGR
MrAlbinoPenguin
CraigPackman
LordTuts
BendingGrid
Rex_Ballz
Z
MrSmug
LordPigger
beep
Shelby Jenkins
Wolf Beam
Joshua Ulrich
Rudy
hannahb
Crayon Soldier