



Music Cues (in order)

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Special Guest: Jared Butler (Neotropolis)

INTRO

Welcome back to The State of Synth! I'm Groot, I'm Neon Fawkes. Tonight we will be talking with Jared, lord protector of Neotropolis. We are also joined by our NFM sis Kaarin Zoe Lee, who'll also be attending Neotropolis!

Shoutout to our listeners on RetroHit Radio and NFM

Banter.

Shoutouts to the chat

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Let's kick things off with the first single from French artist Carpenter Brut's new album "Leather Temple". You can visit his label No Quarter Productions to pre-order the vinyl, and you can also jump on Youtube to see the new music video by Seth Ickerman! Oh, did we mention that he's touring NA and Europe? Once again, the Brut is back with soul pounding darksynth and synth metal to get your blood boiling. This is Carpenter Brut with "Speed Or Perish", here on NFM!

🎵 **Carpenter Brut - Speed Or Perish**

<https://carpenterbrut.bandcamp.com/album/leather-temple>

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Artist Interview with Sir Jared (Neotropolis)!

Interview Block #1

- Welcome back to the show Jared! We are excited to talk about Neo 2026!
- So, you had a Neo and Wasteland last year, and once again, both are happening this year. What is your workload for these events like? How early do you prepare for them?
- For those rare souls on this earth who don't know what Neotropolis is, can you give them an idea?
- Do you have a crystal ball that gives you an idea what the weather will be on Kepler 609c during the period of Apr 29th to May 3rd ?

🎵 **Skylane Drive - Exoworlds**

<https://skylanedrive.bandcamp.com/track/exoworlds>

Interview Block #2

- Is there anything new or changed this year regarding events or features of Neotropolis?
- Costumes. Everyone, and I mean everyone, dresses up. Any tips or tricks for first timers?
- Let's talk about the complete immersion, such as cosplay, factions, and these NeoQuest missions!
- https://www.amazon.ca/s?k=led+balloon+lights&crd=DW9RNZPN7U16&sprefix=led+balloon+light%2Caps%2C322&ref=nb_sb_noss_1
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🎵 Pfeffermouse & Turbo Knight & Edictum - Take Me (feat. Indigo)

<https://edictum.bandcamp.com/album/pfeffermouse-x-turbo-knight-x-edictum-ending-infinity>

Interview Block #3

- Neotropolis features tons of buildings housing shops, bars, arcades, clubs, cafes, recruitment centres, games. Basically anything anyone would want on Kepler 609c. Can you give the folks some hints on what they'll find there?
- Music is a key feature of Neotropolis. Not only are there multiple cyberpunk nightclubs scattered throughout the city featuring multiple DJs, but there's also a main stage where you feature various talents from the retro and cyberpunk music scene. Let's touch on all these artists!
- In the coming months, we'll have some of the featured artists on our show!
- Let's talk about the nightclubs! How many and what are they called?
- How much power is consumed at this event. We noticed a veritable battalion of diesel generator trucks. The sheer amount of lighting and sound at the event is mind boggling. NEON EVERYWHERE!
- Command Centre to drop off booze and drink!

🎵 M.A.D.E.S - Nightkiller (classic from 2018)

<https://m-a-d-e-s.bandcamp.com/album/motor-lp-2>

Interview Block #4 (final goodbyes)

- Hey...I heard about an award
- Socials
<https://www.neotropolis.com/>
- Merch
- Shoutouts
- Goodbyes

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It's time for the latest AOR single from the one and only Magic Dance. Hailing from NYC, he's the master of creating those awesome '80s soundtrack rock vocals. Think montages, end credits, and everything in between. If you don't have this stuck in your head, there's something very wrong with you. This is Magic Dance with his latest, "Thunder In Your Heart", here on NFM!

🎵 Magic Dance - Thunder In Your Heart

<https://magicdance.bandcamp.com/track/thunder-in-your-heart>

Well. We've been off for a couple of months, so you know that French artist Jessy Mach has released a smorgasbord of music in that time. His latest album "West Of The Heat" paints a picture of a movie where a couple are on the run from the law. As always, Jessy knows the best

people to collab with, like Chicago artist Beachdolls! This is Jessy Mach with “We’re On The Run” feat Beachdolls, here on NFM!

🎵 **Jessy Mach - We’re On The Run (feat. Beachdolls)**

<https://jessymach.bandcamp.com/album/west-of-the-heat>

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Events:

Date	Event	Location
Feb 26 - Mar 19	In The Rearview Mirror Tour: Timecop1983 with Josh Dally, The Bad Dreamers	USA
Feb 28 - Mar 2	The Ontario Tour: Temporal Waves	Ontario, Canada
Mar 10 - 22	The End Complete Tour: Carpenter Brut	Europe
Mar 31 - May 5	North America Tour: Health, Carpenter Brut	USA and Canada
Apr 8 - May 30	Face Off Tour: Dance With The Dead, Magic Sword, Megan McDuffee	USA
Apr 16 - May 15	Time Machines Tour: The Midnight	USA and Canada
Apr 24 - May 30	Spread The Code: Master Boot Record	USA and Canada
Apr 29 - May 03	Neotropolis: Droid Bishop, Megatronix, Rezodrone, Street Cleaner, Starfarer, Eclectotron, Watch Out For Snakes, Seersha, Night Rider 87, Power Rob, ODDitee, more TBA	Mojave, USA

Just google “synthwave events” and voila.

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

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Groot, Kaarin. I know what you are thinking. You’re thinking “man, it’s been a little while since we played a song from everyone favourite synth feline from Boston”. Well, I’ve got you covered! The mewling master of synths has just released a new album called “A Furwell To Kings”. There’s some good shred coupled with the synths in this one. As always, every track name is a hilarious purrfect pun. This is Cat Temper with “The Analog Kitten”, here on NFM!

🎵 **Cat Temper - The Analog Kitten**

<https://cattemper.bandcamp.com/album/a-furwell-to-kings>

Israeli artist Synth Fellow Hawk (yes...a nod to Airwolf) and Minnesota artist Perfect Female Type have teamed up for this nice chilled out retro bite of goodness. Lean back, forget the winter, and soak up this collaboration by these two gentleman. This is Synth Fellow Hawk and Perfect Female Type with “Touch Tones”, here on NFM!

🎵 **Synth Fellow Hawk & Perfect Female Type - Touch Tones**

<https://synth-fh.bandcamp.com/track/touch-tones>

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Wrap up (feedback, patreon, closing track):

Making Synthwave book (Jessica Blaise Ward)

<https://www.routledge.com/Making-Synthwave-How-an-Online-Music-Community-Invented-a-Genre/BlaiseWard/p/book/9781032732039>

Our site:

<https://thestateofsynth.com>

Messages and Shoutouts:

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www.thestateofsynth.com/shoutout

Patreons (New):

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You too can be a Patreon! <https://patreon.com/nightridefm>

Don't forget the cool NFM terminal client! Listen to our stations while enjoying ASCII visualizations while you type out boring commands. It can also jack into the Rekt server's IRC! NightrideFM Terminal Client: <https://github.com/babycommando/nightride-cli>

Retro Hit Radio!

Awesome streaming Radio from down under and Kiwi land that spins synthwave and 80s tunes all day long!

Playback every Sunday at 10pm on Retro Hit Radio. You can catch the schedule at:

<http://retrohitradio.co.nz>

Shoutouts

That's our show! Thanks for tuning in and we'd like to give a big thanks to our guest Jared from Neotropolis! Hopefully we'll see you at this batshit insane neon soaked weekend!

Visit <https://www.neotropolis.com/> for more info!

We are going to play you out with the latest single from Guatemalan artist Out Runner. A beautiful retrowaved soaked song featuring soft vocals, '80s synth stylings, and, near the end, his awesome electric guitar! This is Out Runner with "Meet You There".

From all of us here at NFM, have a good night!

🎵 **Out Runner - Meet You There**

<https://out-runner.bandcamp.com/track/meet-you-there>

Listeners:

Storm

RexBallz

CraigPackman

JeffCreature

BigSmell

Sammi

DougWendler

PowerPlayMilo

BadGuysGetDead

HeartsInBeta

Infamy

Ekohflare

Spaghetti

Odditee

JackDeHearts

NessDaniels

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Nikki

Beachdolls

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