Music Cues (in order)

1. **Jessie Frye - Bad Behavior**
2. **Megan McDuffee - Leviathan**
3. **Megan McDuffee & ALEX - Your Demise**
4. **Megan McDuffee - Every You Every Me**
5. **Megan McDuffee - Erase Me**
6. **Anniee - Don't Miss The Moon**
7. **Driver405 - Where Do I Belong (Extended Mix)**
8. **Euan Eliis - Skybound**
9. **Ness Daniels - Running/Waiting**
10. **darwinmcd & Huguenot - Birds Away**

Special Guest: Megan McDuffee (Blood & Glitter)

INTRO

Welcome back to The State of Synth! I'm Groot, I'm Neon Fawkes. Tonight we will be talking with Megan McDuffee!

Shoutout to our listeners on RetroHit Radio and NFM

Banter.

Shoutouts to the chat
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Let's kick off with the new track from Texas artist Jessie Frye. Featuring a steamy Youtube video, the track features her amazing vocals and songwriting. This is Jessie Frye with "Bad Behavior", here on NFM.

♫ Jessie Frye - Bad Behavior

https://jessiefryemusic.bandcamp.com/track/bad-behavior
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tutC_VPooOQ
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Artist Interview with Meg!

Interview Block #1

- Welcome back! We haven't had you on since 2019! Far too long!
- Awards. Let's talk about awards. Winner of two Game Music Awards (Best Independent Composer and Best Retro/Chiptune Soundtrack for *River City Girls*).
- You have scored titles including ***River City Girls 2*, *Streets of Rogue 2*, and multiple games in Atari's *Recharged* series**, while also releasing her own dark electronic music and collaborating with artists across the scene.
- Cyberpunk track Leviathan from 2025

♫ Megan McDuffee - Leviathan

https://meganmcduffee.bandcamp.com/album/leviathan

Interview Block #2

- Her music has appeared in shows like ***The Bachelor*, *RuPaul's Drag Race*, and Netflix's *Pressure Cooker***, and she is also a narrator for the horror podcast ***CreepyPod***.
- **Cyberpunk and horror scoring** – Composer for the cyberpunk horror game *Evolutis*.
- **Voice and narration work** – Narrator on the horror podcast *CreepyPod* (60+ episodes) and voice actor in *River City Girls 2*.
- **Major studio work** – Composed music for *Apex Legends Mobile* and the cyberpunk platformer *Aeon Drive*.
- Have you beat River City Girls yet? What games are you playing at the moment?

- DAW! VSTs! CuBase! Omnisphere 2 , Decapitor, Ozone, Valhalla, Predator 3, Virtual Tape Machine, Spire.
- You teamed up again with ALEX (first time in 2018 with HERO) on this next track from your 2024 Crimson Legacy album

♫ Megan McDuffee & ALEX - Your Demise

https://meganmcduffee.bandcamp.com/album/crimson-legacy

Interview Block #3

- Touring with DWTD and Magic Sword – It was super nice of you to let them support you on your tour!
- We have homework for you. I want to see A picture of you holding the magic sword while standing on or next to a dance with the dead giant skull
- What do you find most rewarding in your career? TV placement, Video Game Placement? Having a great audience for your own music?
- Current and upcoming projects – Working on new music for an upcoming film, a top-secret WayForward project, and ongoing releases in her dark synthwave style.
- Let's talk about your 2025 cover album….or should we say… Under Cover album. Chock full of cool covers of great tunes!

♫ Megan McDuffee - Every You Every Me

Interview Block #4

- What are you doing in your downtime?
- Advice for other women producers?
- Catch any good horror movies lately?
- Still keep up with cyberpunk vixen
- End of 2025, Erase me single

♫ Megan McDuffee - Erase Me

https://meganmcduffee.bandcamp.com/album/erase-me

Interview Block #5 (final goodbyes)

- Socials
- https://meganmcduffee.com/
- Merch
- Fav Cereal: Kix, Lucky Charms
- Shoutouts
- Goodbyes

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Our friend Anniee from NJ will be releasing a new single on March 27th, and she graciously let us play it early! As always, she has enlisted the talents of Von Hertzog for mixing and mastering. The song came to Anniee as she was walking, looking at the moon. Thoughts that people we've lost or miss may be looking at the same moon at the same time. This is Anniee with "Don't Miss The Moon", here on NFM.

♫ Anniee - Don't Miss The Moon

https://anniee1.bandcamp.com/

LA artist Driver405 (also known as Roy LaCroix) has released an amazing Italo track on the label "Italo Overdrive", which is a collaboration between a bunch of LA talent. This track evokes memories of Joy Division or Camouflage. He also won The Midnight's "Runaways" remix contest! This is Driver405 with "Where Do I Belong" the extended mix, here on NFM.

♫ Driver405 - Where Do I Belong (Extended Mix)

https://italooverdrive.bandcamp.com/album/driver405-where-do-i-belong
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Events:

Date	Event	Location
Now - Mar 19	**In The Rearview Mirror Tour: Timecop1983 with Josh Dally, The Bad Dreamers**	USA
Now - Mar 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, Faith In The Glitch**	Mojave, USA

Just google “synthwave events” and voila.
https://nightride.fm/blog/synthwave-events/

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UK synthwave artist Euan Ellis has released a new EP this past January called “Dreams You Remember”. Smooth chill sounds with amazing melodies and beats fill up this album. This is Euan Ellis with our favourite track “Skybound”, here on NFM.

♫ Euan Eliis - Skybound

https://euanellis.bandcamp.com/album/dreams-you-remember

Ness Daniels is a Texas artist who was put on our radar thanks to Power Rob, and she’s definitely going places. Last year she dropped this cool track that showcases her amazing vocals. This is Ness Daniels with “Running/Waiting”, here on NFM.

♫ Ness Daniels - Running/Waiting

https://nessdaniels.bandcamp.com/track/running-waiting

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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):

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 Megan McDuffee!

We are going to play you out with a track from California artists darwindmcd and Huguenot. If you like your Erasure style synth pop, this track (that was hidden in their basement for many years) is finally available. Not only that, very soon there is a remix EP dropping too! This is darwinmcd and Huguenot with "Bird's Away".

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

♫ darwinmcd & Huguenot - Birds Away

https://darwinmcd.bandcamp.com/album/birds-away

Listeners:
Scary_Guy
Craig_Packman
Destarian
PowerplayMilo
JonnyFive

DougWendler
NessDaniels
Darkgravitycat5
JohnAndrewMacdougall
torikabuto
Kevlar_Noir
heartsinbeta
JackDeHearts
KARR
MedicMan