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STEPHEN PRUSLIN has just been devising and recording the musical vignettes for the Radio 3 series *New Premises*. His recording of Maxwell Davies's Piano Sonata on Auracle AUC 1005 was chosen by Edward Greenfield as the outstanding contemporary disc of 1984. In June, Pruslin was on the jury of the 1985 Carnegie Hall International Piano competition and in July will be harpsichord soloist in the Fifth Brandenburg Concerto at The Berliner Bach-Tagen.

BRET JOHNSON'S principal music activities are with the Mary Magdalen Music Society, Paddington: last year he devised, performed and conducted a programme of American music including several UK premières there.

KENNETH BIRKIN is researching into Strauss's late operatic collaborations with Stefan Zweig and Josef Gregor, on which he has published articles in the *Richard-Strauss Blätter*.

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CALUM MACDONALD's guide-book to Edinburgh, with photographs by Ernest Frankl, has just been published by Pevensey Press.

RUTH DAVIS is Lecturer in Ethnomusicology in the Faculty of Music, University of Cambridge and is a Fellow of Corpus Christi College.

PETER HILL has recently taken part in Sheffield University's marathon festival of Schubert's chamber and instrumental music; Unicorn-Kanchana have just issued the first record in his complete recording of the piano music of Olivier Messiaen.

STEPHEN BANFIELD's major study of English song in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries has recently been published by Cambridge University Press.

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