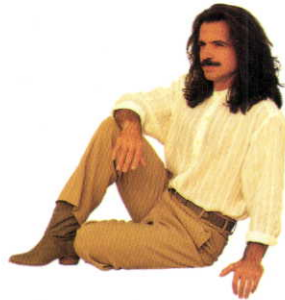


December

Garth Brooks' *Sevens* debuts in the US with 897,000 units, a record opening week for a country act, and sells 1.5 million units in its first two weeks.



Yanni's TV special, featuring live performances of his *Tribute* tour at the Taj Mahal and Forbidden City, debuts on US TV.

March

EMI purchases remaining 50% of LA-based urban label Priority Records.



Spiceworld, the second album by the Spice Girls and *Sevens* by Garth Brooks released - both top the UK and US charts respectively.



October

Acquisition of 50% interest in Jobete music publishing catalogues containing classic Motown songs.



Roberto Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu win record of the year and best opera for their EMI recording of Puccini's *La Rondine* at the UK Gramophone awards.

July



November