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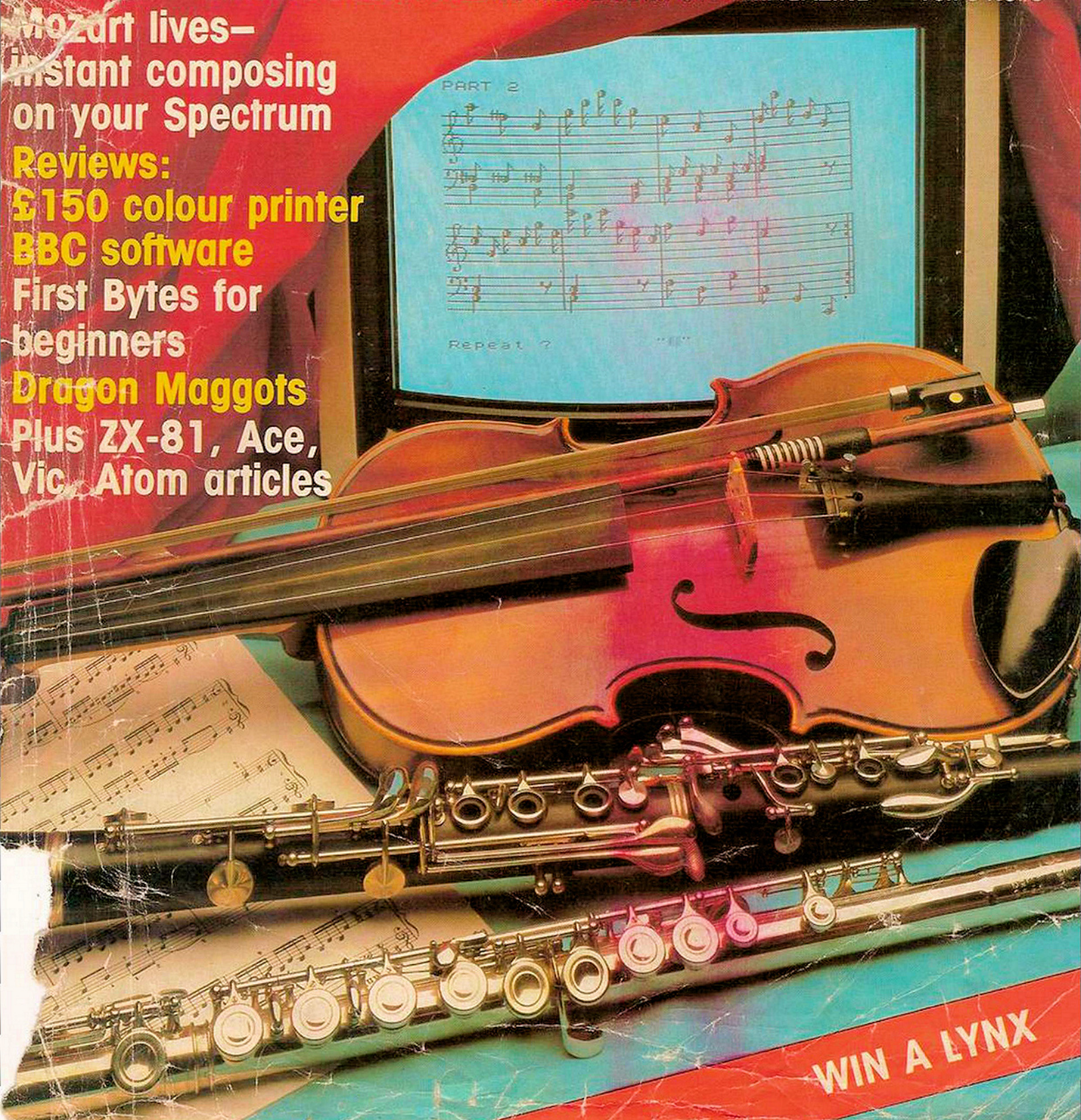
**Reviews:
£150 colour printer**

BBC software

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**Plus ZX-81, Ace,
Vic, Atom articles**



WIN A LYNX

£99 Creativision is one up on rival computers

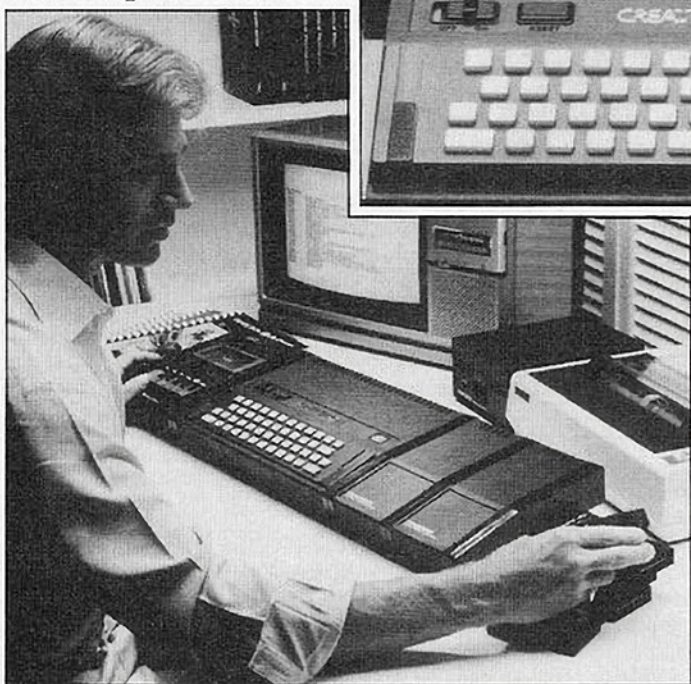
COLOUR, SOUND, and 16K for £99 is rapidly becoming an industry standard, but the Creativision goes one better — literally — it has 17K of RAM.

Although the standard Personal Computer unit looks more like a video game than a home micro, the unit contains a 6502 processor as found in the BBC Micro, the Vic and the Oric and is capable of being expanded to 64K RAM. Resolution is 256 by 192 with 16 colours three sound channels and a noise channel. The 12K ROM includes a Microsoft Basic.

The standard keyboard combines the idiosyncratic layout of the MZ-80K with the feel of a ZX-81 with the cunning innovation of a half-inch gap splitting the board in half so that the two joysticks can be lifted off the front panel.

The optional keyboard — illustrated — is at normal typewriter pitch but it still lacks a full-size spacebar. The screen display is 28 columns of 24 characters each composed from a five-by-seven font.

A purpose-built cassette recorder,



memory expansion units and Centronics and RS-232 interfaces can be plugged into the side of the standard unit. Every 16K of additional memory costs £39 as does each interface.

A Modem and a disc drive will also be available when the machine goes

on sale in June, along with printers and acoustic couplers.

ROM cartridges will offer Extended Microsoft Basic and games ranging from old arcade standards such as Sonic Invader and Crazy Chicken to the intriguingly named Police Jump.

TOP 30

Light at the end of the Tunnel for Evans the Top 30 games writer

