



SHOCKWAVES NME AWARDS SHOWS 2008 MOVE NORTH FOR VERY FIRST TIME

DUE TO MASSIVE PUBLIC DEMAND, MANCHESTER AND GLASGOW SHOWS ADDED

For the very first time, the **Shockwaves NME Awards Shows 2008** will make their mark on Manchester and Glasgow for a series of seriously hot gigs, happening throughout February. NME recently announced a month long festival of music happening in London but following public demand Manchester and Glasgow will now also host awards shows. Music fans can experience more than 120 brilliant bands, over 32 nights, in 3 major cities, building the ultimate buzz ahead of the Shockwaves **NME Awards 2008**.

With an eclectic line up that mixes grime, baggy, new rave and stadium rock, there's going to be a band, on a stage, in a venue, in a city, to suit everyone throughout February – summer is starting early, thanks to the **Shockwaves NME Awards Shows 2008**.

As well as the run of London Shows that traditionally happen in the build up to the annual rock 'n' roll music fest that is the **Shockwaves NME Awards**, the Shows will move in on Manchester's Academy, Academy 2 and Apollo plus Glasgow's Barrowland, ABC, Classic Grand and Garage venues throughout February.

Meanwhile several more bands have signed up to play London. Babyshambles will play Carling Academy Brixton with the Courteeners supporting (February 11), while The Horrors will play the Astoria (12) with Crystal Castles supporting. The likes of Maps, Blood Red Shoes, MGMT are among the bands joining the bills across the month

The **Shockwaves NME Awards Shows** have a hard-earned reputation for showcasing the very best in both new and established music talent and this year's line-up is once again testament to this. With a swarm of today's hottest talent swooping on Manchester and Glasgow, including headline performances from **The Cribs, Richard Hawley, Justice, Babyshambles, Black Francis, CSS, Dizzee Rascal, The Wombats** and **Young Knives**, these shows CANNOT and MUST NOT be missed!

Conor McNicholas NME editor said: " For the last few years I've spoken to music fans across the UK who have – despite the excitement of the Shockwaves NME Awards Tour – eyed the London Shows jealously and complained about the focus on the capital. I wanted to change that and finally we can now bring this celebration of live music to both Manchester and Glasgow. Doing the gigs is an achievement in itself but doing it with this brilliant line-up is amazing. Today Manchester and Glasgow. Tomorrow, well, who knows where it might end?"

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NME keeps its finger firmly on the pulse and both Manchester and Glasgow have firmly established themselves as all important places in the UK which breed, showcase, champion and celebrate major musical happenings – the **Shockwaves NME Awards Shows** moving to Manchester and Glasgow are musical matches made in heaven!

Glasgow Shockwaves NME Shows 2008

Friday 1 st February Glasgow Barrowland	The Cribs
Saturday 9 th February Glasgow ABC	Richard Hawley
Sunday 10 th February Glasgow Garage	Black Francis
Wednesday 13 th February Glasgow Barrowland	Babyshambles
Thursday 21 st February Glasgow Barrowland	The Wombats
Sunday 24 th February Glasgow Barrowland	CSS
Thursday 28 th February Glasgow Classic Grand	Young Knives

For ticket prices, check out NME.com

Manchester Shockwaves NME Shows 2008

Thursday 7 th February Manchester Academy 2	Justice £13.50
Friday 8 th February Manchester Academy	Richard Hawley £18.00
Sunday 10 th February Manchester Apollo	Babyshambles £23.50
Tuesday 12 th February Manchester Academy 2	Black Francis £15.50
Tuesday 19 th February Manchester Academy	Dizzee Rascal £15.50
Friday 22 nd February Manchester Academy	The Wombats £12.50
Wednesday 27 th February Manchester Academy 2	Young Knives £11.50

London Shockwaves NME Awards Shows 2008

Thursday 7 th February	Pigeon Detectives
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Astoria	£15.60
Friday 8 th February Koko	Nine Black Alps £13.10
Saturday 9 th February Shepherd's Bush Empire	The Twang £16.10
Sunday 10 th February Astoria	Les Savy Fav £15.10
Monday 11 th February Carling Academy Brixton	Babysambles, The Courteeners
Tuesday 12 th February Astoria	Richard Hawley £18.10
Tuesday 12 th February Koko	New Young Pony Club £15.10
Wednesday 13 th February Astoria	Simian Mobile Disco £14.10
Wednesday 13 th February Koko	Black Francis £18.10
Thursday 14 th February Astoria	Justice £15.60
Sunday 17 th February Shepherd's Bush Empire	Dizzee Rascal £18.10
Monday 18 th February Koko	Hadouken! £15.10
Thursday 21 st February Koko	The Gutter Twins £15.60
Sunday 24 th February Astoria	Enter Shikari £17.60
Monday 25 th February Shepherd's Bush Empire	The Wombats £12.60
Tuesday 26 th February Astoria	Young Knives £13.10
Tuesday 26 th February Koko	Band Of Horses £13.60
Tuesday 26 th February Round House	Reverend & The Makers £14.60
Friday 29 th February Astoria	The Gallows

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Tickets are available now by calling 0871 2200 260 or online at www.gigsandtours.com . Also available from Stargreen: 020 7734 8932 or Ticketmaster on 0844 844 0444

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