



HOTTEST NEW BANDS OF 2007 SET TO HIT THE ROAD WITH THE TOPMAN NME NEW MUSIC TOUR!

The **NME's** annual show-case of up-and-coming talent is set to storm through **twelve UK cities** this spring with the **Topman NME New Music Tour**, kicking off at Cardiff Coal Exchange on May 17th! Headlining the now infamous rock 'n' roll party are Devon four-piece **The Rumble Strips**, closely supported by **Pull Tiger Tail**, **The Little Ones** and **Blood Red Shoes** in a line-up which looks set to cause musical mayhem!

With the annual music outing previously launching the likes of **Maximo Park**, **The Automatic** and **The Ordinary Boys**, the big four are greeting the May tour with excitement and intrepidation.

With their huge, anthemic songs of pounding brass, piano and drums, **The Rumble Strips** are one of the most hotly tipped bands for 2007. They release their next single 'Motorcycle' in June and are keen to take their music to a wider UK audience. Front-man **Charlie Waller** said: *"I can't wait - its going to be brilliant! To be asked to play this tour is a real honour particularly when you look at the bands that have played in previous years."*

Rotating second and third billing are Stateside five piece **The Little Ones**, who are anything but small in sound and London trio **Pull Tiger Tail**! The Little Ones frontman Ed Reyes says gig-goers can expect a raucous night out: *"We try and get really interactive with our music and we guarantee the crowd will have fun with us!"*

Meanwhile **Pull Tiger Tail's Davo McConville** promises to ramp up the fun stakes even further declaring: *"We want to play songs that define people's lives. We'll definitely be getting a few metaphorical fires started and getting up to a few japes".*

Taking the tour's much coveted opening slot is Brighton grunge duo **Blood Red Shoes**, who have previously supported Panic! At The Disco and are equally excited about hitting the road. **Laura-May Carter**, lead singer and next contender to the indie queen throne said: *"It should be a really good laugh because we know most of the other bands and it's a really fantastic mix. And it's a great way for new bands to get noticed!"*

Krissi Murison Deputy Editor of **NME** said; *"This is without doubt the most eclectic and exciting line up we've ever delivered for the New Music Tour. Bands cutting their teeth on this rock n roll outing notoriously go on to bigger and better things - so its gives fans a unique chance to see the future stars of tomorrow in one great intimate atmosphere! Get your tickes now!"*

TOPMAN PRESENTS NME NEW MUSIC TOUR DATES IN FULL:

May 17th - Cardiff Coal Exchange
May 18th - Northampton Roadmender
May 19th - Sheffield Plug
May 21st - Middlesbrough Empire
May 22nd - Glasgow Arches
May 23rd - Edinburgh Liquid Rooms
May 24th - Manchester Club Academy
May 26th - Nottingham Rescue Rooms
May 28th - Birmingham Academy 2
May 29th - London Koko
May 30th - Concorde 2
May 31st - Norwich Waterfront

To buy tickets go to www.nme.com/gigs or call the NME ticket hotline on 0870 1663 663.

For more information on the tour and all the bands involved see next week's issue of **NME** on sale nationwide on Weds March 21st 2007.

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Notes to Editors:

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Topman are a huge supporter of young talent both in fashion and music.

A collaboration with Fashion East sees the now most anticipated MAN event a firm fixture at London Fashion Week, showcasing new menswear design talent as well as the Topman design collection.

Topman pride themselves in having the most progressive playlist on the high street, particularly showcasing new indie & rock talent.

Topman have been working closely with the NME for the last three years, sponsoring the 'Best Dressed' category at the Awards and sole sponsorship of their annual Student Guide. Topman also sponsored the 2005 Club NME Tour with The Rakes.

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