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UK VERSUS USA AT THE SHOCKWAVES NME AWARDS 2007

Expect blood, sweat and tears as we prepare for what will undoubtedly be one big dirty rock'n'roll battle of the bands – and of the nations – at the **Shockwaves NME Awards 2007**. The best of British – **Arctic Monkeys**, **Muse** and **Kasabian** – will take on stateside success stories **My Chemical Romance** and **The Killers** on **March 1** at **Hammersmith Palais**. Let battle commence!

This year, there's no one clear leader but FIVE bands that dominate the nominations list. With four nominations each, **Arctic Monkeys**, **Muse**, **Kasabian**, **The Killers** and **My Chemical Romance** have been chosen by the fans to fight it out on the night.

For the past two years, it's been British bands sweeping the board, but this year **The Killers** and **My Chemical Romance** may very well make the 2007 ceremony a stateside success story.

Arctic Monkeys made NME Awards history last year by scooping the Award for both **Best New Band** and **Best British Band** in the same year, in addition to winning **Best Track** and scoring a nomination for **Best Live Band**. Sheffield's favourites have matched their achievement, with four nominations this year for **Best British Band**, **Best Live Band**, **Best Album** and **Best Music DVD**.

Arctic Monkeys said: *"Very nice, we didn't think we would get any this year! It seems weird for us to be alongside them [the competition] because we still feel like a little band. When it's your own thing you don't really see yourself alongside The Killers and Kasabian."*

The Monkeys have more than one tough fight on their hands if they want to claim the **Best British Band** title for the second year running, though. **Kasabian** are clearly big contenders, but will they prove themselves worthy of the big time as they go head-to-head for the **Best British Band**, **Best Live Band** and **Best Album** titles? The Leicester foursome have also been nominated in the **Best Video** category for 'Empire'.

Kasabian said: *"We got nominated for four, which is f***ing wonderful. I'm blown away by it, it's an honour. We'll see what happens, but it's a real pleasure to be nominated for the NME Awards. It should be a good f***ing night!"*

Joining their British buddies in the **Best British Band**, **Best Live Band** and **Best Album** categories are the almighty **Muse**. Muse receive their fourth nomination for 'Supermassive Black Hole' in the **Best Track** category.

Representing the USA, **The Killers** and **My Chemical Romance** are also each up for four Awards. Both bands will contest the **Best International Band** title, while **The Killers** are also nominated for **Best Album**, **Best Track** and **Best Video** and **MCR** for **Best Live Band**, **Best Album** and **Best Music DVD**.

Talking about the **Shockwaves NME Awards 2007**, **The Killers** said: *"The first time we watched from the balcony. It lit a fire underneath us; we wanted to be down there, winning awards. The next time we went and we were winning – it was really fulfilling. We've got so many great memories; we met New Order for the first time there!"* On their

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nomination competition, they added, *"It's great to be with them. I'm a huge fan of Kasabian and everyone loves Arctic Monkeys! It's cool, it feels like music right now is living and breathing!"*

My Chemical Romance said: *"Seriously, thank you so much. We're not the kind of people who have shelves of awards in our apartments – some of us don't even have a place to live – it's really nice to know you're thinking of us and responding to us. It's a great honour to be nominated, as it shows someone is listening to you. Whether we win or not, we still hear you."*

The **Shockwaves NME Awards** continue to lead the way in new music and the **Best New Band** category is the most accurate predictor of the acts that will be big in the coming year. The new breed of bands battling it out for the award in 2007 are **The Horrors, The Fratellis, Klaxons, The Kooks** and **The View**. They're all ones to watch, but who will walk away with the prize?

NME Editor Conor McNicholas said: *"This year's **Shockwaves NME Awards** nominations reflect what has been an exceptional 12 months for rock music. It's great to see bands like the Kaiser Chiefs and Kasabian, who NME have always championed, enjoying tremendous success with fresh material while fantastic new bands continue to come through at a phenomenal rate. I cannot wait to see who the fans choose as the real winners of 2006."*

Fight night is **March 1** at **Hammersmith Palais** – and what a night it's going to be at what is always the most rock'n'roll event of the year. Unlike other music awards shows, the **Shockwaves NME Awards** are entirely voted for by fans, with the nominations shortlist compiled entirely from votes cast via *NME* and *NME.COM*. Music fans will now have the chance to vote for the winners in each category.

Nominations in full:

Best British Band (supported by Shockwaves)

Arctic Monkeys
Babyshambles
Kasabian
Muse
Oasis

Best International Band (supported by T4)

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The Killers
My Chemical Romance
The Strokes
We Are Scientists

Best Solo Artist (supported by E4)

Lily Allen
Get Cape. Wear Cape. Fly
Jarvis Cocker
Jamie T
Thom Yorke

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Best New Band (supported by BBC Radio 1)

The Fratellis
The Horrors
Klaxons
The Kooks
The View

Best Live Band (supported by Carling)

Arctic Monkeys
Babyshambles
Kasabian
Muse
My Chemical Romance

Best Album (supported by HMV)

Arctic Monkeys – ‘Whatever People Say I Am, That’s What I’m Not’
Kasabian – ‘Empire’
The Killers – ‘Sam’s Town’
Muse – ‘Black Holes & Revelations’
My Chemical Romance – ‘The Black Parade’

Best Track (supported by Orange)

Dirty Pretty Things – ‘Bang Bang You’re Dead’
The Killers – ‘When You Were Young’
Klaxons – ‘Atlantis To Interzone’
Muse – ‘Supermassive Black Hole’
The View – ‘Wasted Little DJs’

Best Video (supported by MTV2)

The Horrors – ‘Sheena Is A Parasite’
Kasabian – ‘Empire’
The Killers – ‘Bones’
OK Go – ‘Here It Goes Again’
Panic! At The Disco – ‘I Write Sins Not Tragedies’

Best Music DVD

Arctic Monkeys – ‘Scummy Man’
Dirty Pretty Things – ‘Puffing On A Coffin Nail’
Foo Fighters – ‘Skin And Bones’
Maximo Park – ‘Found On Film’
My Chemical Romance – ‘Life On The Murder Scene’

Best Live Event

Carling Weekend: Reading And Leeds Festivals
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Best Film

Borat: Cultural Learnings Of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation Of Kazakhstan
Casino Royale
The Departed

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Little Miss Sunshine
Pirates Of The Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Best TV Show

Extras
Gonzo
Lost
The Mighty Boosh
Never Mind The Buzzcocks

Best Radio Show

Lauren Laverne (Xfm)
Zane Lowe (Radio 1)
Chris Moyles (Radio 1)
Colin Murray (Radio 1)
Jo Whiley (Radio 1)

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