

Have You Got The Square Factor?

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Are you in a band or you a solo artist?

Are you a solo performer or perhaps a whizz with a guitar? Well whatever your musical dreams perhaps Newport City Homes and Voice can go some way to make one of them come true.

On July 10th in John Frost Square, Newport a line-up of the greatest bands ever to come out of the city will be getting together to play a very-special one-off gig in honour of John Sicolo, owner of TJ's and pioneer of the Newport music scene.

Bands lined up to play so far include local legends Flyscreen, Novocaine and The Darling Buds with everyone's fave boys in track suits, GLC taking the top slot.

The gig will be an all-day event featuring 15 bands and solo artists. So far, we have 14 – and we're looking for one more. This is where you could come in!

If you're aged 18 or under and make music of any shape or form, you could find yourself supporting this incredible line-up on July 10th.

We have a slot at the TJ's in the Square gig up for grabs and much more besides...

This is how it'll work:

Send us a demo of you or your band. It doesn't have to be amazingly produced – it just needs to give us the gist of your what you do. If you don't have anything on CD we can accept tapes and even links to MySpace pages etc.

A panel of industry experts will listen to the demos and select the ten bands they'd like to see and hear more of.

If you're one of the ten acts selected you will be invited to a two-day Rock School at a Newport location. At this Rock School you'll face our industry experts who will watch you perform before giving master classes in things such as: musicianship, sound engineering, interview skills, look and style and much more. Everything you need to make it as a real rock star, in fact! You'll even get to take part in a real photo shoot with a professional photographer!

At the end of the two days all of the acts will perform in front of the judging panel in a X-Factor style final. The band who have benefitted most from the advice given will win. The prize includes:

- A support slot at the July 10th gig.**
- A full studio photo shoot with a professional photographer.**
- A logo designed for you or your band**
- An afternoon of recording in a studio**
- Six t-shirts with your logo on.**
- An interview in Voice magazine.**

As well as all of this, the winning act will also get to participate in all elements of the gig, including the documentary that's being made, publicity photographs and much, much more.

What a prize! Fancy your chances? Then simply fill in the form below and send it back to us with your web link/tape or CD and we'll go from there. The final ten bands will be informed on June 3rd, and the winner will be announced on June 20th.

Your name:

Your age:

Name of your band or act (if applicable):

Names and ages of other members (if applicable):

Your address:

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A telephone number for a parent of guardian:

Signature (parent or guardian).....

Is your demo a:
CD Tape Online

Tell us a bit about your band. Describe the music you make and give us some history.
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Please send all entries to Emma Corten, Voice, Cardiff Road, Newport, NP20 3QN. The closing date for entries is June 1st 2010 at 9am.

Terms and conditions: The competition is open to acts and bands with members aged 18 and under only. This competition is supported by Newport City Homes. Entries will not be considered unless a signature from a parent or guardian is supplied. Should you or your band be lucky enough to be selected for the Rock School, we will require full consent from all band member's parents for participation in the event, for which the location is still to be confirmed. Your information may be shared with our event partners, if you wish for us not to do this tick here

