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Meets:

OPEN MIND



Hi Guys, please tell our readers about yourselves...

The Open Mind story began when the four school friends aged as young as five ditched the Lego and the Power Rangers in favour of musical instruments and the magic began. Last year was a seminal year in that the band went into the recording studio, and since then released their first three singles and video *Control*.

When self-styled king of pop Robbie Williams bemoaned the current death of pop bands and urged people to 'declare a pop amnesty where everyone reclaims it' – little did he know that in a unsuspecting corner of Middle England – one band are doing just that. Their efforts to embrace the 'intelligent pop' genre is not an attempt at musical subterfuge or to jump on any bandwagon – these four guys believe wholeheartedly in their sound.

The band comprises Matt Alexander, 22 – lead singer and piano player; Simon Flory, 22, lead guitarist; Mat Polley, 23 rhythm guitarist/backing vocals and Gordon Speakman, 23 drums/backing vocals. Their foppish good looks and the fact that each band member is a very individual personality in their own right has proved popular with fans of all age groups and has help them develop a strong image.

What has been your biggest highlight so far this year?

We released our most commercial song as our 3rd single '*15 Minutes of Fame*' at The Camden Barfly to a sold out crowd, it was an unforgettable performance, for both us and everyone who came. Were still buzzing when we think about it!

How do you feel about being invited to perform at Hobble on the Cobbles this year?

We're fully acquainted with the event, and the Aylesbury music scene, and we're really chuffed to be a part of it, and very excited to be on the line-up of HOTC. We can't wait to show more of Aylesbury the Open Mind sound!

Is there anything you would like to share with our readers?

We like to keep things under wraps, however we definitely leak things on Facebook and Twitter so always keep an eye on them!

What else are you looking forward to this year?

We're looking forward to playing at the O2 Academy Islington on the 25th July!

What other bands are you following at the moment?

Paulo Nutini

Catfish & The Bottlemen

Bombay Bicycle Club

Cage the Elephant

What has been the most embarrassing live moment so far in your career?

Is there anything you can tell us?

Gordon and the Pillow Incident:

For people who don't know the Gordon and the pillow story . . .

Gordon was extremely late for a gig a few years ago and in the rush he picked up a crumpled up pink shirt from his bedroom floor and rushed to the gig. To save time he attempted to get dressed in the car, whilst struggling to understand why he was having problems putting his shirt on without the help of his mum it came apparent he was trying to put on a pillow case..!

Is there ANYTHING else you would like to add, or share with our readers?

We really appreciate your continued support, and we're looking forward to bringing you more of our new music!

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