

The New Roxette

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Pete Kosanovich

By Gemma Davidson

You used to be in the band Pale Blue Eyes but you are doing your own stuff now, how is it different from being in a band to being up there on your own.

I love being a solo artist. I like all the attention because it's my own music.

How is your music different to how it was in the band?

It is quite similar, but just done in a different way. There's a guitar, there's a harmonica, there's vocals. I listen to a lot of blues so that is a part of me.

Have you got any plans for a tour or album this year?

I'm going to get a tour going for next year. I've finished my album, just getting it mastered now, then it's going to be everywhere. It should be released hopefully by the end of the year. 'Pete Kosanovich' is the title. It's going to be really bluesy, folky.

How was playing the Camden Barfly last night?

It was great: I'm still recovering a bit today.

Are you from Aylesbury?

I'm from Serbia, came here when I was 10 with my mother and sister and lived here ever since. Aylesbury's nice though, we've got peace and quiet. A lot of people don't like it but I think it's alright, if you want to bring up kids it's nice.

If you could improve the local music scene what would you do?

I'd get people more motivated to listen to other things, to open their minds a bit more. It's only natural for people to listen to the radio, that's the nature of the media, but if they could expand their horizons some people might be turned straight away. I'd educate people more about music, listen to what your Dad says, 'Dad rock'.

You've played most of the venues in Aylesbury; do you have a favourite place to play?

Everywhere really, I don't have a favourite place. I love everyone!

How important are events like today in Kingsbury Square?

Well there's kids running around all over the place, hopefully they'll hear it and they might like it, but it's good for a small town like this to get some decent musicians playing.

If you could sum up your new album in five words, what would they be?

I think it's really good!

That's five words right there!

Great! I'm really happy with it, I think it sounds great. Some people will like it, some people won't like it, but I like it all!

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