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BY CHRIS SWEENEY

We love each other as if we were family

SUPER sexy popsters BG5 reckon they're different from most girl bands — because they don't HATE each other.

The US babes — who have made big moves back home — are sick of even top girl band splitting up because of in-house squabbling. Arguments are rumoured to be behind Girls Aloud taking an extended time-out and disputes also led to the Pussycat Dolls calling it a day. BG5's Noreen Juliano said: "We're friends on and off the job, we love each other as if we were family. "It's not like this typical thing of we hate each other and just pretend to like each other when we perform. "We want to show it's possible for girls to like each other and make something work without stabbing each other in the back. Nowadays

that's all you see on TV. Little girls are growing up thinking that's the way the world functions and we don't want to stand for that." The girls — Noreen, Brooke Adams, Mandy Jiroux, Dominique Domingo, and Laura New — met a few years ago when they were booked to be the pre-match entertainment on a professional beach volleyball tour. They clicked straight away and decided to start a pop group, and have been plug-

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THE start of the New Year is always a quiet time for gigging, but Glasgow rockers Strawberry Ocean Sea are set to crank things up. They have a massive fan-base and are doing a big hometown show at King Tut's on January 15. Tickets on sale via ticketmaster.co.uk

ging away ever since as BG5 (The Beach Girl 5). They had all spent years in Los Angeles trying to catch a break — Noreen was in Eminem's How Come video, Mandy has toured with mate Miley Cyrus and Dominique danced on tour for Destiny's Child.

But the effort has finally paid off with their debut UK single Scratch hitting shops on Monday.

Noreen, 22, added: "All of us have been in the enter-

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tainment industry before, so we have a professionalism that makes us work hard. "We've been busting ass for the past two years. "When we sit around and talk about where we started — dancing in bikinis on the beach — to now bringing out our own music and going on tours, it's really rewarding." On top of their singing, the girls are also top-notch dancers. X Factor guru Brian Friedman is their personal choreographer and his work is evident in the video for Scratch.

Noreen said: "We're all about high energy. But all of us have done lots of dancing so it comes naturally. "It's just awesome we get to tour the world and have fun with our best friends."

● To check out the single, go to beachgirls5.com



5 ALIVE . . . the girls bring high energy to their sets after time as dancers

BY JIM GELLATLY

NORQUAY

Indie star looking forward to bright future

WHO: Andrew Norquay (lead vocals/guitar/harmonica), Robert Jones (guitar/vocals), Jamie James (bass/vocals), Martin Duffy (drums)

WHERE: Glasgow

FOR FANS OF: Travis, Paolo Nutini, Snow Patrol

JIM SAYS: At just 21 years old, Andrew Norquay creates the sort of soulful indie rock soundscapes you might expect from somebody much older.

It's a mature sound, but retains enough of an edge to keep the Aberdeen singer in with the cool kids.

Sharleen Spiteri spotted his potential at a showcase as part of the Urban Collective youth music initiative in 2009 and the Texas star said: "Norquay's got a great future ahead of him."

Mentored by Urban Collective founder Harry Leckstein, he's co-managed by New York music mogul Steven Machat, who's helped guide the careers of stars like Bobby Brown, Ozzy Osbourne, Snoop Dogg and Seal.

Setting the pace last year with a brilliant double A-side Hear No Evil/Comets, I can't wait to get my hands on Norquay's next single Concrete, set for release in March.

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BY TOM CHURCHILL

'MASTER STROKE

1 NUMBERS @ Sub Club, Glasgow, tonight: After a storming Hogmanay party, the Numbers crew hit the ground running with their first party of 2011. They're teaming up with music and art collective LuckyMe to showcase Rustie, The Blessings and Eclair Fifi alongside Numbers resident — and winner of DJ magazine's 2010 trophy for Best Break-through DJ — Jackmaster. Expect the best in hip hop, dubstep and techno, and all points in between.

2 MUSIKA @ Liquid Room, Edinburgh, tomorrow: The team are taking a break from hosting A-list house and techno guests to throw a free party featuring the cream of local talent. Kev Wright, Laurie Neil and Laurence Nolan join Musika residents Derek Martin, Jamie McKenzie and Kirk Douglas for a six-hour session.

3 PASS THE PEAS @ Blackfriars, Glasgow, tomorrow: Four hours of good-time grooves from Scotland's foremost funk and soul specialists, Andy Taylor and WeeG.

4 TOKYOBLU @ Cabaret Voltaire, Edinburgh, tonight: Musika's Derek Martin joins the Tokyoblub squad for a fundraiser in aid of the capital's Sick Kids' Hospital.

5 JUNGLEDUB @ Bongo Club, Edinburgh, tonight: The jungle and dubstep crew move from their usual Wednesday night slot to give the weekend ravers a taste of their vibe.

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