

Something for the Weekend



BY JIM GELLATLY

NEW MUSIC

LIONAL

WHO: Joshua Mackenzie (vocals/guitar), Gogo McKerrow (keys/vocals), Ross Haddow (bass), Russell Montgomery (drums)

WHERE: Inverness

FOR FANS OF: Arctic Monkeys, Editors, Franz Ferdinand

JIM SAYS: It was a joy to finally catch Lional last month when they appeared at the Hard Rock Café in Glasgow.

I had heard great things about the Inverness outfit, and I wasn't disappointed. Often I'll catch a new band and spot some potential.

In the case of Lional, they came across as the fully formed article. Blistering indie rock songs and great stage presence — they **ARE** destined for big things.

What I'd heard on their first EP My Design was brilliantly transferred to the live stage. It was no surprise that they were nominated as Best Newcomers for this year's Scottish Alternative Music Awards.

Originally formed as 'Lionel' in 2013, they've just changed the spelling of their name. Frontman Joshua explained: "At the time of naming the band I didn't really take into consideration the importance of online traffic."



I was incredibly naive of course. We toyed with the idea of changing the name completely but everything made us wince with cringe."

The band are set to release their debut single Season Of Salt next month. It's the first release on a brand new Inverness label IMOUT Records, formed by fellow highland musician Iain McLaughlin.

Lional are launching their new single at the Spectrum Centre in Inverness on November 27.

MORE: lionalband.com

● **JIM presents a weekly showcase of New Music on Amazing Radio Sundays 2-4pm. amazingradio.com www.jimgellatly.com**

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BY CHRIS SWEENEY



We're not in it for the cash

LONDON lads Gengahr know what side their bread is buttered on.

They breezed through recording their debut album. But they know, there's no pot of cash on it's way.

Frontman Felix Bushe admitted: "If you're going into this with the mentality that you're going to make loads of money, you're doing the wrong job."

"That's not going to happen. But if you're committed to the art and want to produce something good, and be a part of it for a long time then there's no reason why you can't build a career."

"There's no quick money now, years back in the 90s there was loads of money chucked at bands."

"If you wrote a couple of hit tunes, you were laughing. But that's not the case anymore."

Their album A Dream Outside has gone down a storm.

But it wasn't the tough process that most bands encounter.

Felix rapped: "We did some demos before we recorded it — we put them online and that gathered the momentum."

"So when it came to recording. We didn't change much, we did it ourselves with an engineer. It wasn't a challenging process."

"If anything we got it finished quicker than anyone expected. There was no stress."

"At the end of the year, we had 16 songs done and we picked the best." One place it's really taken off is Australia. The boys are big news down under and recently jet-

ted over — Flex said: "You have to look at a global level now. We were signed over in Australia before we were here and that's due to the internet."

"Going over took us a while, but all of our songs have charted over there, so we've had much better commercial success compared to here. We went over and weren't prepared for the level of recognition."

"It was very exciting to see the music had travelled that far."

Now they're giving it some welly on home turf. The batter out on a full UK tour later this month — playing Glasgow's King Tut's on October 19.

Alex said: "Scotland is still a relatively new territory for us."

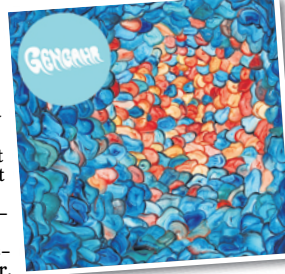
"We've played King Tut's twice before, but only as a support act. Now it's our first headline tour, we're a bit nervous as we've got to go and represent ourselves."

"It's still early days for us doing tours like this, so we don't have huge expectations."

"Our approach to things is due to the way we're set up as a band, you're not going to see billboards with our name on it. We're doing it the old fashioned way of just playing. But that suits us down to the ground, as we like touring. Once you've got a record there, you've got to go sell it."

"And the way we're going to do that, is to go play it for everyone — and do it justice."

● **FOR tour tickets and to download the album go to gengahr.com**



ONE2WATCH

ONE2SEE

SUNDARA Karma have just landed a big record deal.

So now's the time to prove they were worth the investment.

They're hitting the road and are at King Tut's in Glasgow on October 20.

Big things are expected of the Reading group and there is lots of excitement about their music future.

Get some more information on the band at facebook.com/SundaraKarma.

ONE2HEAR

ROCK chick Misty Miller is certainly NOT a puppet.

She's got plenty of edge and is carving out her own career path. Think Kurt Cobain crossed with Jessie J.

Her track Happy was a summer banger, and new single Next To You is keeping the run going. Not many songs feature a girl ranting about shaving her legs for a guy.

Plus Misty's on tour at The Attic in Glasgow on November 6.

Check out: mistymiller.com

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