

# Something for the Weekend

## KELVIN

**WHO:** Connor McGlave (vocals/guitar), David Gillies (guitar), Bradley Revill (bass), Michael Biggart (drums).

**WHERE:** Glasgow.

**FOR FANS OF:** Stereophonics, Kodaline, Manic Street Preachers.

**JIM SAYS:** It can sometimes take a few tracks and loads of gigs for a band to gather steam. Even then there's no guarantee that they'll make the grade.

In the case of Kelvin, they've hit the ground running with their first single Punching Bag. A wonderfully infectious slab of melodic indie rock, it's the perfect calling card for a band destined for big things.

Frontman Connor McGlave told me: "Punching Bag was one of the first songs we wrote together as Kelvin. It was one of those ones where you know instantly it's a single upon listening to the demo. It has since turned into a massive anthemic indie tune that sets the tone for what's to come. The EP as a whole is all about hard-hitting tunes that grab you from the very first listen."

The good news, having heard a bunch of demo tracks, is that there's a wealth of great material to be unleashed.

Previously known as Stolen Sound, they played their first gig as Kelvin supporting Darlia at King Tut's in Glasgow in February.

Kelvin have already caught the attention of Simple Minds legend Jim Kerr, who posted on Facebook: "Always like hearing good new music, particularly when it comes from



## NEW MUSIC

By Jim Gellatly

our hometown. Kelvin are the latest to catch my attention and I look forward to seeing them live. Cool guitars aplenty!"

Kerr isn't the only big name getting behind Kelvin. The EP was recorded in Ireland with Stereophonics producer Jim Lowe. Jim's other credits include Taylor Swift, The Charlatans, Nick Cave and Foo Fighters.

Kelvin round off their current batch of dates with a London gig on October 31, and hope to announce a big Scottish headline date soon. Punching Bag is out now, with the self-titled EP set for release next month.

● **More:** kelvinband.com

Jim presents a weekly showcase of New Music on Amazing Radio Sundays 2-4pm — amazingradio.com, jimgellatly.com



Watch video of band at: [thescottishsun.co.uk](http://thescottishsun.co.uk)



By CHRIS SWEENEY



## Girls need rock 'n' role models

**ROCK chicks** The Cassettez are about to unleash their debut single — for the dead and the undead.

The Glasgow band release party track Zombie Disco today.

And the chilling video sees the girls rocking a packed crowd of flesh-eating reanimated corpses.

Lead singer Bex Lapping says: "We put the video up and people went crazy over it. I think it's because zombies are big right now."

But the group are more than just a novelty act.

They're determined to show that girls can rock as hard as blokes.

Bex explains: "I respect girl groups like Girls Aloud and The Saturdays."

"But for me, I can't relate to that perfect type of girl, all tanned and airbrushed."

"And I feel a lot of young girls can't as well."

"So if you look at us, we're just a bunch of nor-

mal girls. Hopefully, we can show young girls don't have to be this perfect image — they can just be themselves."

"Sometimes young girls come up to us and go 'I didn't know girls could play electric guitar and rock out on stage like that'."

"The genre we are in, it's very male-led."

"I feel a lot of people have seen us and realised you don't need to be a guy to do it."

### 'Chasing dream'

"Your gender doesn't make any difference."

"We perform more like guys, that why we all wear suits — it's a tongue in cheek thing."

The band is based in Glasgow but Bex is from Sunderland while Melissa, Nia and Sian are all Welsh.

Bex adds: "Scotland is home for us as a group."

"We're working on our album. It's got punk on there, some ska, some slowed-down pop."

"We want to see how Zombie Disco goes first. If

it does well, we'll release another single and then go for it with the album."

Oddly the band have a unusual celeb fan club.

It includes rapper Fatman Scoop and zany twins Jedward.

Bex says: "I've no idea how Fatman heard us, but he sent us a video saying he really liked our stuff."

"I absolutely love him, so it's crazy that he's into the band."

"And Jedward went mad for us too. We played and they were going crazy at the side of the stage all the time we were on."

But for now, it's just about grafting away.

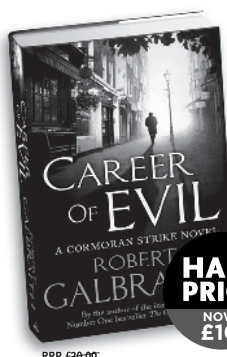
Bex says: "When we're in Glasgow, we're worked to the bone. We can be in the studio for up to 16 hours straight. Sometimes we do three gigs in one day."

"It's tiring but it's nothing to complain about — we're chasing our dream."

● THE band play Glasgow's Classic Grand on Halloween. Get tickets from: [thecassettez.com](http://thecassettez.com)

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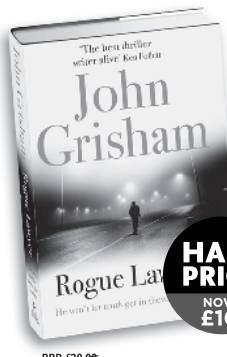
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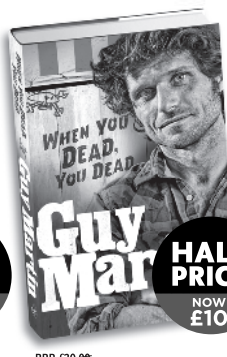
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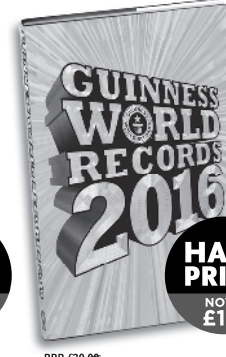
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ONE 2 HEAR

DANNY Goffey is well known for his Supergrass days. Now, he's relaunched himself as Vangoffey. His solo album Take Your Jacket Off And Get Into It is out today. It shows a more laidback side of the rocker — but it's packed full of good, fun songs. Check it out now at: [vangoffey.com](http://vangoffey.com)