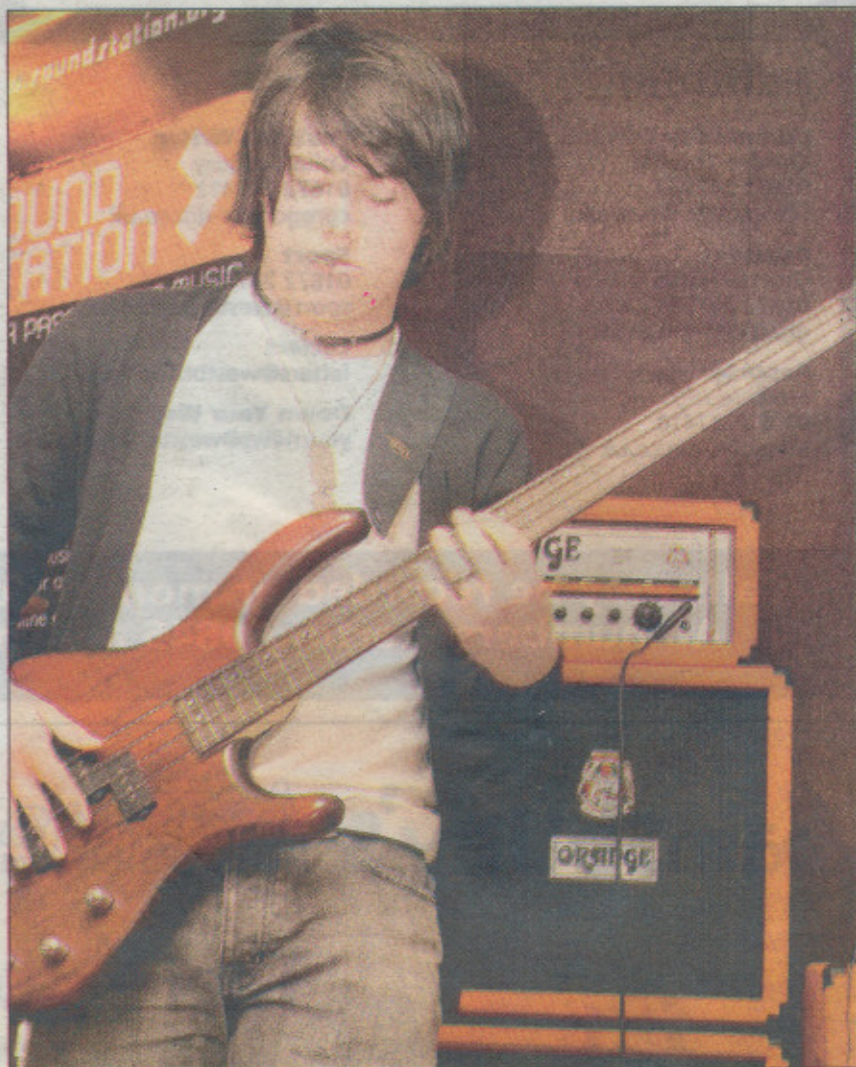


High note: Max to play Glastonbury



■ Talented Truro teenager Max Langley, 14, is to perform at this year's Glastonbury Festival. Find out more on page 4

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Teenager set to perform protest song

A TALENTED teenager from Truro is to perform at the Glastonbury Festival.

Rubbing shoulders with the likes of The Who and Arctic Monkeys, will be Max Langley, 14, best known locally for leading his own band Unentitled.

The youngster will be part of a specially formed five-piece band which will perform a protest song in front of a potential audience of 5,000 people.

Max will play bass guitar and will have just four days to get to know his fellow band members and compose a song. They will be helped by Billy Bragg and Fly as well as other artists.

Max, who is still celebrating Unentitled's best newcomer award at the recent Cornish Live Music Awards, was thrilled to hear he had won a spot at the festival.

He had entered the Build a Band Youth Music initiative and was one of 319 original applicants.

Max was then invited along with 12 other aspiring young musicians to an audition in London. "We were filmed and interviewed and had to play a short audition piece," said Max.

He was asked what he would like to protest about. "I'm against animal cruelty and fox hunting and I don't see the need for religion. I also spoke about knife crime being out of control in London."

Max, who plays rhythm guitar, sings, writes the songs and books the gigs for Unentitled, became involved with music at an early age.

"My dad Mark is a sound engineer and my uncle is a professional guitarist. So when we were introduced to musical instruments at primary school I picked them up and found I could play," said Max.

He initially tried the flute and trombone and now enjoys playing drums, keyboards and guitar.

Unentitled will launch its first EP, called *I Am, You Are, We Are* on May 9 at The Deck in Perranporth.

Max said he'll use every opportunity to promote his band at Glastonbury.

"I've never been to a major festival before, let alone Glastonbury, but I'm really looking forward to meeting the other young musicians."

Max's dad will already be working at Glastonbury and his mum Vanessa and brother James, 22, are likely to be the proudest people in the crowd.

Max's previous claim to fame was performing at the Royal Albert Hall playing the Blue Peter theme tune.

Anyone who has Glastonbury tickets can look out for Max and the newly formed band on The Left Field Stage at 8pm on Sunday, June 24 in between sets by Get Cape Wear Cape, Fly and Billy Bragg.

Billy Bragg said the protest element of the new song will be important. "We want them to choose the topics and come up with the imagery. Then we will step in because it's a big leap getting up on a stage and saying 'This is what I believe in'."