



**YOUTH
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WEEK**



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Youth Music Week nationwide tour with Pete and the Pirates

Young musicians can gig with pros at Barfly!

Submission Deadline: 30th September

**Tour 25th Oct – 1st Nov in London, York, Cardiff, Liverpool
& Birmingham**

Youth Music is giving young musicians around the country the chance to gig on stage with Pete and The Pirates during Youth Music Week 2008. Local bands and acts can upload their demos to www.youthmusicweek.org.uk for their chance to play with the band at a Barfly venue in York, Cardiff, Liverpool, London and Birmingham. The Youth Music Week tour is part of Youth Music's remit to provide unique development opportunities for young people.

The deadline for submissions is 30th September and all entrants must be under 18 to take part. The best demos will be picked by panel of pro judges led by Fred Deakin of Lemon Jelly and Austin Daboh, Music Co-Ordinator at 1Xtra. The bands will then be invited to audition in London on 11th October to gain their place on stage with Pete and The Pirates. At the audition, all the bands will get feedback from The Pirates, Fred and Austin and the opportunity to perform at a pro level venue, working with sound technicians and stage personnel during their performance.

All the gigs are 14+ events. Listen to the entries and check out the news updates and alerts about free tickets on www.youthmusicweek.org.uk

Youth Music Week

Now in its third year, Youth Music Week is the national celebration of young people's music making. Over autumn half term every year, hundreds of performances, workshops, showcases and taster sessions for children of all ages take place in every region in England and Wales. The activities are led by Youth Music's network of 22 Youth Music Action Zones which partner with local venues and professional musicians, dancers, visual artists and young musicians to celebrate their hard work and successes. From beat boxing to playing the oboe, there's something to see, hear and try out at each and every Action Zone. Find out what's going on your area by logging onto www.youthmusicweek.org.uk

'Youth Music Week gets bigger and better every year, and this year is no exception. We're going on the road to give young musicians the opportunity to play at professional venues with a professional band and we're providing a safe environment for young people to come and enjoy music. Even if there isn't a Barfly gig in your area, the local Action Zones are going all out to put on workshops and performances, so they'll be something in your area to take part in over half term.' Michelle James, Director of External Relations, Youth Music

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Fred Deakin says: "I am bang up for supporting Youth Music over Youth Music Week and can't wait to get an eyeful of what the next generation of Britain's musical youth are up to. How nice to have a supportive and credible arena for them to bring their talent to for once!"

- ENDS -

Notes to Editors

Fred Deakin

Acclaimed musician, producer and all round barometer of musical cool Fred Deakin will head up the selection panel for this year's Youth Music Week tour. Fred is one half of British electronica/downbeat/ mashup duo Lemon Jelly along with friend and long time collaborator Nick Franglen. Fred and Nick were nominated for both a Mercury Music Prize and a Brit award in 2002, and Fred produced the album 'The Triptych' which was heralded by the Guardian as 'the best mixtape ever made' and now retails for a minimum of £150 on Ebay – so Fred knows what he's talking about. When he's not being musical, Fred also runs prestigious design agency Airside www.airside.com



Fred Deakin is the chair of judges © Rankin

Pete and The Pirates



Pete and The Pirates are Thomas Sanders (vocals), Pete Hefferan (vocals and guitar), David Thorpe (guitar), Pete Cattermoul (bass) and Jonny Sanders (drums). Their music has been described by the NME as 'perfect pop without the pretence', and their debut album 'Little Death' is out now on Stolen Records.

www.myspace.com/peteandthepirates

Youth Music

Youth Music is one of the National Lottery's great success stories. Set up in 1999, with a remit to support music-making activities for some of the UK's most disadvantaged young people, Youth Music has gone on to reach over 2 million children and young people, encouraging their talents, building their confidence and transforming the landscape of musical opportunity throughout the UK. The music-making supported is of the widest variety, from hip-hop and dj-ing to classical and jazz.

Youth Music occupies a unique position – distributing £10m per year of Lottery funding on behalf of Arts Council England. Despite its success, Youth Music aspires to reach out to ever increasing numbers of young people across the country. The vision is to create a sustainable environment to channel young peoples' creativity, enabling them to express themselves and develop their skills through music. The aim is to reach 3 million young people by 2010.

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