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Group swims with the Pirates!

THE Swims, a four-piece alternative band from Worthing, won a national youth music competition to make their professional musical debut live on stage alongside acclaimed band Pete and the Pirates.

The Swims are one of seven young musical acts from around the UK who beat off competition from 100 other young British talents for the chance to gig live with professional bands, as part of Youth Music Week 2008 (this week), the national celebration of young people's music making.

Youth Music Week takes place every October half term and provides free musical workshop and performance opportunities for young people across the UK.

The Swims, who will be playing at The Fly on London's New Oxford Street on October 31, have been together for a year. They comprise Frank



Styles, Henry Milne, Sean Stapleton and Jordan Smith. They are inspired by bands like Tubelord and Blakfish, and pride themselves on their creativity and originality.

The Youth Music Week tour is part of Youth Music's remit to provide unique development opportunities for young people. The five other winners will be playing at other prestigious venues in Cardiff, Liverpool, and London.

The winners were chosen by Youth Music's panel of judges including Blur's ex-manager Jason Lamont and Austin Daboh, music co-ordinator at 1Xtra. The judges watched each band perform two tracks and gave advice on professional and musical development, style and performance techniques.

Pete and the Pirates manager, Jason, said: "It is fantastic to see so much incredible talent among our next generation of young musicians. Our winners are brimming with talent and are absolutely the best young acts from the UK today. Giving them the chance to gig alongside an established band in a credible arena is a great opportunity for these youngsters."

For tickets visit www.youthmusicweek.org.uk

