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MUSIC STUDENTS PRESENT UNPLUGGED AND NEW SOUND GIGS

Yeovil College's first and second year Music students are preparing for two special gigs, one an acoustic set and the other the first opportunity for students to present their chosen musical 'sound'.

On Wednesday 31 March 2010, second year students will present '**Unplugged in the Round**' in the Main Hall of Yeovil College. Not only will each band play stripped down, acoustic versions of previously presented tracks, but they will perform in a more intimate setting at the centre of the audience.

The bands will include **Vaguely Arabian** (Toby Walkley (vocals/guitar), Jake Belben (bass guitar), Bok Thiphakorn (keyboards) and Dean Frost (drums)), **Adam West** (Ryan Callard (vocals), Scott Hitchcock and James Jackson (guitar), Chris Woolmington (drums) and Liam Fowler (bass guitar)) and **The Switch** (Liam Fowler (guitar), Scott Hitchcock (guitar), Bok Thiphakorn (bass) and Dean Frost (drums)).

Doors open at 6.45 and tickets cost just £2.

Thursday 1 April 2010 sees the annual '**This is My Band, This is Our Sound**' gig, where first year student bands present their final line-up and musical genre for the first time. The students have spent the last few months experimenting with different styles of music, such as hard rock, punk and pop, and they will present their 'new sound' for the first time at this event. Each band will play three original songs and three previously-played covers rearranged to reflect their new musical direction.

The bands will include **Fighting Chance** (George Belben (Guitar), Henry Aldred (Bass/Vocals) and Michael Martelette (Drums)), **The Casual Ts** (Nat Wakeman (Vocals), Rob Rose (Guitar), Adrien James (Guitar), Conor Davies (Bass) and Brandon James (Drums)), **The Navigators** (Sam Askill (Vocals/Guitar), Ashley Poulton (Guitar) and Mark Tucker (Bass)) and **Flick** (Felicity Dewane (Vocals), Freddie Swinerton (Guitar) and Michael Martelette (Bass)). Singer-songwriter **Sophie Hosken Taylor** will also play, supported by Conor Davies (Bass) and Brandon James (Drums).

The show will start at 7.30 in the Barn. Tickets are £1 each.

Music lecturer Simon Squire said "*The 'This is my Band...' gig is always very exciting and scary for the students. They've worked together since September and this gig gives them the chance to spread their wings, try new things*

and find their own unique voice. As always, they've come up with some interesting combinations and we hope that lots of people will come along to support them as they present their new sounds to the world for the first time."

"The second year gig is also interesting because it gives the students the chance to perform in a much more relaxed atmosphere than usual, in amongst the audience rather than above or in front of them on a stage. They've also had the challenge of stripping down their complicated punk and hard rock arrangements to create the acoustic sets. It helps the students develop a sense of musical arrangement and get to grips with the structure of their music before their end-of-year gigs."

The final gigs of the year, where students will launch their LPs, will take place at the Orange Box in May. For more information, please visit the Yeovil College website, www.yeovil.ac.uk.

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Second Year Groups

Adam West – Described as ‘face melting rock n’ riff’, including Ryan Callard on vocals, twin guitars from Scott Hitchcock and James Jackson, Drums from Chris Woolmington, and Bass playing from Liam Fowler.
(<http://www.myspace.com/thankyouinkleair>)

Vaguely Arabian – New wave, electro group, described as ‘the Hives meets Jean Michelle Jarre’. The band includes Toby Walkley (Guitar/vocals), Jake Belben (Bass), Bok Thiphakorn (Keyboards) and Dean Frost (drums).
(<http://www.myspace.com/vaguelyarabian>)

The Switch! - Dirty disco post punk party. Liam Fowler (Guitar), Scott Hitchcok (guitar), Bok Thiphakorn (Bass) and Dean Frost (drums) (<http://www.myspace.com/theswitchtheswitch>)

First Year Groups

Fighting Chance – A pop-punk group featuring George Belben (Guitar), Henry Aldred (Bass/Vocals) and Michael Martelette (Drums).

Sophie Hosken-Taylor – Sophie is a singer-songwriter who performs guitar, vocals and piano with an assortment of session musicians.

Casual Ts – Nat Wakeman (vocals), Conor Davies (Bass), Rob Rose (Guitar), Adrien James (Guitar) and Brandon James (Drums).

The Navigators – Sam Askill (guitar/vocals), Ashley Poulton (Guitar), Mark Tucker (Bass) and assorted session drummers and drum machines.

Flick – Features the powerful vocals of Felicity Dewane with Freddie Swinerton (Guitar) and Michael Martelette (Bass).