

# LIVE! LIVE! LIVE!

# MUSIC

**TODAY:** Radiohead (Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton); King Masco (Moseley Dance Centre); Sheriff B / New Warm Skin (Jug Of Ale, Moseley); The Great Divide (Aston University); Atlantic Soul Machine (Robin Hood Inn, Merry Hill); The Garage Band (The New Inns, South Yardley); Bardots / Wonky Alice (General Wolfe, Coventry); Indigo Blues Band (The Cannonball, Digbeth); Alien Nation (Rockwells, Tamworth); New Direction (Kingswinford Rock Cafe); George Melly (Ronnie Scott's); Midway Still (Dudley JB's); Black Country / Irish Delight / Lizzie Wiggins / 2 Pats (Hurling Boys); Off The Cuff (The Bear, Bearwood); Emmitt Till and the Backyard Band (Kings Theatre, Great Barr); Burnsall Strikers — *benefit gig* — (Victoria Palace, Smethwick).

**TOMORROW:** Samson (Dudley JB's); Blammo / The Light (Jug Of Ale, Moseley); The Great Divide (Coventry University); Curtis Little Band (Robin Hood Inn, Merry Hill); Drongo's for Europe / Kings of Corruption (The Treador, Bill Ring Centre); Dance Stance / Life On Life (General Wolfe, Coventry); Saxtet (The Hibernian, Selly Park); Truth Rider (Selly Park Trade Union Club); Emmitt Till and the Backyard Band (Ivy Bush, Hagley Road); Thousand Yard Stars / TV Eye (Wolverhampton University).

**SUNDAY:** Gerry & The Pacemakers / The Searchers / Billy J Kramer — *30th Anniversary Tour* — (Birmingham Hippodrome); Bootleg Beatles (The Northwick, Worcester); Red Lemon Electric Blues Band (Dudley JB's); Steve Gibbons — *solo gig* — (Robin Hood Inn, Merry Hill); Syd Lawrence (Alexandra Theatre); Dogs D'Amour (Edwards); Full Tilt / Split Beaver (Rockwells, Tamworth); Soul Machine (Kingswinford Rock Cafe); Emmitt Till and the Backyard Band (The Junction, Harborne); Pure Instinct (The Dragon, Worcester); The Garage Band (Arden Oak, Sheldon); Busted Fender Blues Band (Tro-cadero, Temple Street).

**MONDAY:** Presedence (Dudley JB's); The Garage Band (White Swan, Wythall); T's Basement Blues Band / Floating Bridge (The Junction, Harborne); The Learning Process (General Wolfe, Coventry); Rev Brown and the Early Birds (The Robin Hood, Brierley Hill); Ade & the Smokin' Blues Band (The Station, Kings Heath); The Garage Band (White Swan, Wythall); George Melly (Ronnie Scott's until Saturday); The Cranberries (Edwards).

**TUESDAY:** Elizabeth Jane / Release (Dudley JB's); The Fourmosts (Hunters Moon, Castle Bromwich); King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys (Duke of York, Harborne); TJ & The Jive Giants (Hyatt Regency, Birmingham).

**WEDNESDAY:** Hothouse Flowers / Bronste Brothers — *MAIL LIVE!* gig — (NEC Arena); The Garage Band (Kings Heath Cricket and Sports Club); King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys (The Merevale, Dugdale Street).

**THURSDAY:** Elaine Paige (Symphony Hall, Birmingham); Suzi Quatro / The Stubble Brothers (Robin Hood Inn, Merry Hill); World Service (Selly Park Tavern, Selly Park); Happy Deathmen / Thyroid Speakers (Dudley JB's); Jellyfish (Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton); Beggars ITA / Fun'damental / Blades (Edwards); Sheep on Drugs / Parallax (Birmingham University); Emmitt Till and the Backyard Band (The Sneyd, Bloxwich); The Garage Band (Chester Arms, Castle Bromwich); Giant Leap / Familiar Strangers (Jug of Ale); King Pleasure & The Biscuit Boys (Police Tally Ho! Club, Edgbaston).

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## FOLK & ROOTS

**TODAY:** King Masco (Moseley Dance Centre); South Side Big Band — *fund-raising night* — (Rowheath Roots); Sara Grey (The Market Tavern, Digbeth).

**TOMORROW:** Hugh & Tony Williams (Red Lion Folk Club, Kings Heath); Country Music Festival with Katy Moffat and Syd Newman — *noon-11pm* (Town Hall, Birmingham); R Ca-jun and the Zydeco Brothers (Hibernian, Selly Park).

**SUNDAY:** Folk Music Live (Lee Bridge Tavern, Winson Green); Tom Martin (Rowheath Roots Burnville).

**MONDAY:** Patton And Kelly (Station Hotel, Sutton Coldfield); The 2 Pats (The Little Dry Dock, Netherton).

**TUESDAY:** Patton And Kelly (Chelsea Cafe Bar, Erdington).

**WEDNESDAY:** The Dubliners (Birmingham Town Hall); The 2 Pats (Mad O'Rourke's Pie Factory, Tipton).

**THURSDAY:** Folk Music Live (Lee Bridge Tavern, Winson Green); Singers Night (Cheque Mates Folk 'n' Roots Music Club, The Coton Hopwas Social Club, near Tamworth).

# URE: THE ONE THAT THEY WANT!

**CHART** star Midge Ure is teaming up with his old electro-pop pals Japan — for a major new rock and pop project.

Midge, who plays Birmingham Rep this Sunday, will team up with members of the 1980s supergroup this summer.

He'll be joined in the studio by Mike Karn, Richard Barbieri and Steve Jansen. Only singer David Sylvian won't be involved.

Japan split in 1981 after hits including *Life In Tokyo* and *Quiet Life* — and fans have been clamouring for a reunion.

"I've known the band for years," says Midge. "I've always been a fan. They were around the same time as I was with Ultravox."

"At the moment we've no plans to release an LP, but I'm hoping something will come out of us working together."

Until then Midge is going back to basics, touring the country with his *Out Alone* solo acoustic set.

"I'll do some old Ultravox numbers mixed with new material," he says. "Ultravox didn't play live — so I've no qualms about doing Vienna."

"There are advantages to being a solo artist. You don't have to worry about the rest of the band and you can take your time and chat to the audience."

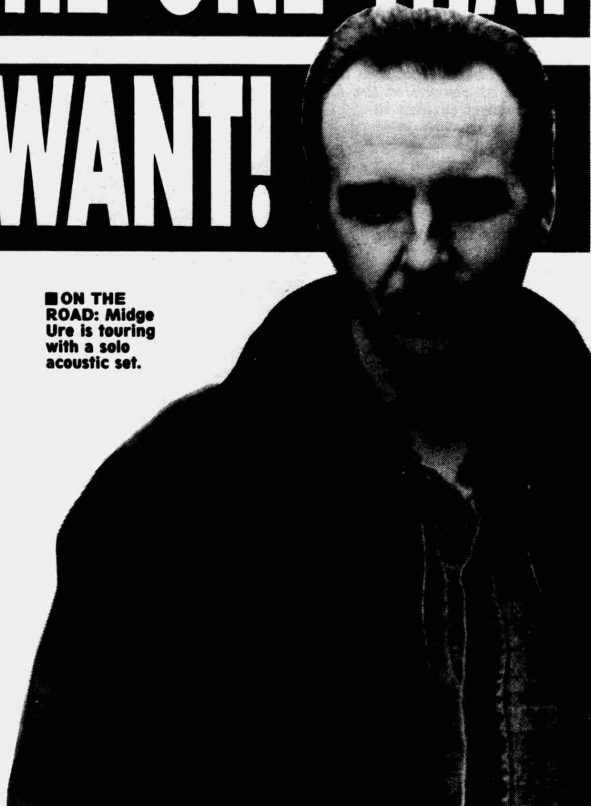
"In fact, if anyone wants to ask me a question when I play Birmingham on Sunday night, they can just shout it out!"

★ **POP** your question! If you have a query about your fave star, drop us a line and we'll do our best to get the answer.

Today, Ruth from Shirley wants to know what we know about Cicero.

Well, 22-year-old Dave Cicero impressed the Pet Shop Boys so much with his demo tape that they secured

■ **ON THE ROAD:** Midge Ure is touring with a solo acoustic set.



**Brum's own rock 'cafe'**

A BAR filled with rock memorabilia for fans is planned for Birmingham city centre — with a real Harley Davidson!

The Xposure bar on Paradise Circus will be opened by rock heroes Judas Priest on May 28 — and members of Magnum, Little Angels and Wolfsbane may drop in too.

General manager Dave Juste hit on the idea of chopping a Harley in half and putting it at either end of the bar.

He already has autographed guitars and collectors' items from Van Halen, Megadeth, Pearl Jam and Poison.

And there'll be photos of international names — and local acts, too.

Dave has invited local artists to send in pics.

The downstairs bar will offer Blondie and Bowie (Sun); indie (Mon); student night (Tues); rock (Wed) and live bands (Thurs).

Upstairs there'll be gothic/alternative (Fri); grunge/industrial (Sat); A-o-R (Sun) and 70s (Mon & Wed).

★ Send your pictures to *XL's Night Club*, Auchinleck Square, Five Ways, Birmingham B15 1DV.

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him a deal — prompting a hit with *Love Is Everywhere*.

He supported Take That on their recent tour and is now writing new material for his next album, for which a release date has yet to be set.

★ **Send your questions to: Pop Your Question, Features Department, Evening Mail, Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6AX. We regret that personal correspondence cannot be entered into.**

★ **MORE** on that *Utah Saints* sample-packed single. What Can You Do For Me also fea-

tures the voice of Gwen Guthrie.

She was so impressed when she heard it that she agreed to pop into the studio to record some original material for the Saints.

★ **MY congratulations to Sub Sub**, who have just notched up a third week at number one on BRMB's Hot Mix dance chart with *Ain't No Love*.

★ **REMEMBER Let The Music Play and Give Me Tonight?** They were big hits for New Yorker Shannon about 10 years ago. Now she's set to make a comeback with *Rain Song*.

● **On today's team:** Pam Thompson.

## Trivia ticket prize

WIN tickets to see chart stars *Dodgy*. That's the pop trivia prize offer today.

We're giving away three pairs of tickets to the band's May 13 show at Edwards No 8 — and it's a gig not to be missed.

They're THE up-and-coming band after singles like *Water Under The Bridge* and *Lovebirds*.

All you have to do to stand a chance of winning tickets is tell us who plays *dodgy Del Boy* in the TV series *Only Fools And Horses*.

Write your answer on the back

of a sealed envelope and send it to: *Dodgy Competition*, Features Dept, *Evening Mail*, Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6AX.

Don't forget to include your own name, address and daytime phone number. Your entries must reach us by the closing date, Thursday May 6, 1993.

The senders of the first three correct entries examined after the closing date will each receive a pair of tickets. Usual Mail rules apply.

Yesterday's pop trivia answer: *Wendy James*.

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