



National final Beckons

Outcry from Oxford has now made the Regional Finals, previously battling through rounds of auditions and a Semi Final live show to reach the Regional Final competition of Live and Unsigned 2008.

At this moment, Outcry is one impressive performance away from making it to the Grand National Final, taking place in London, in a bid to be crowned the UK's best 'Live and Unsigned' band or solo act of 2008.

Live and Unsigned is a national music competition for unsigned bands and singers to compete live. It stands as the biggest music talent search in the UK outside a certain ITV show. The difference with Live and Unsigned is that the acts taking part are encouraged to do their own thing; be individual, original, perform their own genre and style Live.

Chris Grayston, Events Director of Live & Unsigned explains, "This cannot be compared to any other talent searches as the acts talent is the show. We are interested in discovering and exposing talent at its best; live! It is as simple as we say Get Live, get signed."

One contestant who has evidently caught their eye is local talent Outcry, now competing for a place in the National finals, with the possibility of grabbing that break through recording contract from over 10,000 that have applied for this years competition. The overall adult winner of the competition wins a Recording and management contract with Future Music with an investment of up to £20,000 to release their single with Future Music.

Dave, lead singer of Outcry: "We have not been together for a great deal of time – only 6 months properly – but we are developing and improving as a band every time we play and experiences like this make it a lot easier for this to happen. The support we have received so far is incredible and I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that came to the Regional Semi-Final. We sold a whopping 97 tickets and, fingers crossed, we can bring even more people with us to the final! We are really looking forward to the Regional Final and although we are confident, if this turns out to be the end of this particular journey, we are grateful for all of the support, experience and exposure we have received from this competition and we can promise that this is only the beginning of Outcry!"

If Outcry continues with their success, they could be crowned the UK's best Live and Unsigned act in front of a capacity crowd at Fairfield Halls, London on the 28th of June, including many professionals from within the music industry. They will be thrust into the media spotlight through television, radio and the press and furthermore all winners will all be invited on the UK Live and Unsigned Tour. The 2007 competition boasted ITV coverage and for 2008, Sky Television plan to film the regional and grand final, programmed to be broadcast with a weekly peak time show.

Dane Bowers, who anchored the R&B quartet Another Level, is a Judge comments: 'This competition gives everyone a great opportunity to show what they can do'. Paul King from Future Music, who is better known in the music industry as the former Manager of Tears for Fears, Julian Cope, Level 42 and tour Manager for Genesis says "We have found that the competition is so effective for us to discover talented acts and bands and to place them in the music market place. We can really

see those acts that have the commitment and fan base to be successful in the industry...and for the acts involved it is a great opportunity to develop, improve and impress."

Outcry will be competing amongst other talented hopefuls at the Regional Final show held at Wulfun Hall, Wolverhampton on the 13th April 2008 for a place in the National Grand final. Doors open at 8.30pm with the show scheduled to start at 8.45pm, lasting approximately two hours.

Outcry is again teaming up with Oxford Express (to provide coaches to and from the event) and The White Horse, Churchill Road, Bicester (to host the proceedings). The White Horse will kindly provide food for guests and coaches will pick up and drop off from this location. Everyone is welcome to join us during the afternoon for a few drinks and a nibble at The White Horse before the band, and later, the coaches set off.

All ages are welcome and Outcry look forward to seeing as many people as possible in support. Competition tickets cost £7.50 each and can be purchased by contacting a band member directly or through their website – www.outcryonline.co.uk. Coach seats (optional) cost £10 each (£5 for children) and can be purchased by contacting Sharon Meakin on 07736 450828.

For more information visit the websites www.outcryonline.co.uk and www.LiveandUnsigned.UK.com

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