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The Late Gig 6-hour Late Gig and an electric guitar to be won!

Since the second week of Swindon 105.5 going on air, there has been a regular home for local bands to promote themselves air in 'The Late Gig', presented by Nick Smith and Steve (Nippy) Nippress.

The Late Gig celebrates its six month anniversary by showcasing 10 local acts with a special event at The 12 Bar on Sunday 21st September. It is supporting Music Alive, a charity that helps people with disabilities through music, and SWINDON 105.5 which provides a locally unique service to the town as a not-for-profit organisation.

'We wanted to help the development of the station that gave us amazing opportunities as well as give something back to the community who supports us" say Nick and Nippy.

'The idea for The Late Gig was to showcase and publicise the wealth of talent that exists in Swindon, by inviting bands and singer/songwriters and producers to come on the show for a chat, play tracks from their ep's and perform a live session" says Nick.

'The best way for Swindon to get to know and appreciate the bands is by asking questions that music lovers want to know the answers to, not just your textbook interview questions. The added element of a live session enhances the shows appeal and accentuates the bands' ability even further".

Lee Knott of The Knott, 4 guys who play 'harmonic, melodic pop-rock', says "We are honoured to be headlining this gig and delighted with the standard of bands on the bill. Thanks to the SWINDON 105.5 team for showing such support to our band and the Swindon music scene. We hope the event will be a huge success".

There are ten acts on the bill, but demands came in from local bands have been so great, the team suggest that it may become a Music Festival in the years to come.

Opening the gig at 5pm is Jim Blair of Hip Route, followed by half-hour sets by Shed from Black Squirrel, The Flame Grilled Chinchillas, A Lighterthief DJ Set, The Aspheric, Teabo, Zoidberg, The City Riot and Otoko and goes right through until 11pm, with The Knott headlining as the final act.

Additional excitement comes from the donation of an electric guitar from Rock N Roll Music for a radio jingle competition. Judging takes place on the night.

The Late Gig team have just recruited bassist Dan Pratt as the programme's third Presenter, after his band 'Otoko' made a appearance on the show and now believe they have the right mix of personalities behind the microphones to give a unique listening experience every Sunday night.

'There's no limit to where we can take the show and if we were taken off air, at least I could say I've had the most fun imaginable getting to know so much more about the local music scene and the tremendous talent there is locally, as well as learning how to make a radio show happen!" says Nick, who's delighted to know that Station Manager, Shirley Ludford, has no intention of taking the team off air. She says "They have a real passion to make the show work. This is a great way to celebrate 6 months of them learning fast and delivering! Arranging this celebration of local music is clear testimony to that. It's what the station is about – making things happen".

Venue: 12 Bar, Westcott Place Date: Sunday 20th September Time: 5pm – 11pm

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