



VIC GARAGE 2 V SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED!

That's right folks – The results are in for the annual Virgin Mobile Garage 2 V competition, in conjunction with FasterLouder.com.au. All entries have been counted which means we are edging that bit closer to selecting one lucky winner to play to over 100,000 punters and alongside the likes of The Smashing Pumpkins and Duran Duran at this year's V Festival across all four states.

All four VIC finalists will battle it out at The Toff on the 27th February with judges such as Will Larnach-Jones deciding their destiny, plus guest band Mission Control performing. The state winner then receives the sought after chance to perform in the grand final (held in Sydney on the 13th March at the Oxford Arts Factory, with My Disco also making a guest appearance) against all other state winners. With industry greats judging these young hopefuls all battling for the prize of a lifetime there is no doubt that competition is going to be fierce!

Tickets to each heat and final are FREE and only available from www.g2v.com.au and fasterlouder.com.au. . Check out www.g2v.com.au to hear tracks from the four VIC finalists and check out what competition they have from the other three states!

The talented four bands who have been shortlisted for VIC are:

LITTLE RED * ALEKS AND THE RAMPS * TIC TOC TOKYO ARMEN FIRMAN

Little Red, five young guys from Melbourne ready to cut to the chase, the core of the moment, to that exact second that makes you feel alive. This is hands in the air, dance like no one's watching kinda stuff. A simple celebration of what was, is and will continue to be, good about rock 'n' roll, R&B, pop, whatever you choose to call it. There is no formula, no master plan, just an honest desire to engage and entertain. Dressed to kill, three lead singers, tight in harmony, riding heavenly hooks, chiming guitars, and a primal rhythm that makes all the girls dance.

Deadpanning salubrious songs of misanthropic romance, indie shock-tigers **Aleks and the Ramps** zigzag lightning-fast between disparate constellation points of delicate banjo melodies, death-metal worthy speed mash-ups, pretty glockenspiels and five part vocal harmonies.

Contorted, danceable and sharp, **Tic Toc Tokyo** stand alone as a band playing what comes naturally while keeping their influences in check, creating something unique and a haunting sound that is all their own. Their no-wave leanings and uncompromising rhythmical shifts are reminiscent of another time in Melbourne music history, while at the same time they equally sound like something from the near future.

Armen Firman are five young artists, bred to create a sound they can proudly call their own. They spend their lives attempting to write intelligent and moody rock n roll in their home studio, where they all live like the seven dwarves ('cept there is only five of them and no sleeping hottie). The members, Tom and Sam Whitty, Matt Millar, Rob Rambaldi and James Saunders, all signed a contract to each other, inked in blood, sweat and spilt coffees, to go beyond the soup of the day, and make music they love way back in 2005.

The esteemed judging panel for VIC are:

Will Larnach-Jones manages some of the hottest bands in the country, from The Presets, to Angie Hart, and has also worked alongside acts such as the Avalanches & Dexter. He brings with him a wealth of advice for bands just starting out and entering Garage 2 V.

Justine Cleghorn, is a contributor to Beat Magazine in Melbourne, sub editor at FasterLouder.com.au and when she is not writing, editing gig listings, interviewing and reviewing, she is sat listening to music. One is right in calling her a fanatic.

Lauren Taylor is a presenter from RRR FM radio station in Melbourne. She has interviewed many high profile International and local talent throughout her career and her passion for music runs across many genres.

Adam Curley is the Editor of the Melbourne Street Press magazine Inpress, as well as a freelancer for various publications and who is a fan of genuine original music without the pretence.

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The heats will take place on the following dates and locations for each state. For set times and further information please visit www.g2v.com.au:

VIC Heat – Wed 27th Feb at The Toff

WA Heat – Thurs 28th Feb at The Bakery

NSW Heat – Wed 5th March at The Spectrum

QLD Heat – Thurs 6th March at The Troubadour

Final – Thurs 13th March at the Oxford Arts Factory in Sydney, NSW

There still may be another chance for bands to get through in the Wildcard entry! Watch this space!

Editors Notes

Garage 2 V is now in its second year with last year's winners The Seabellies going on to score gigs around Australia and supporting the likes of Augie March, Something For Kate, Softlightes (US) and the Veils (UK)

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