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The Borough @ Purple Turtle, 29.04.2024 Photo: @Steve Axtell

ELUCIDATE



Words: RiCH
Live photos: Andrew Merritt

Monday night at The Turtle. I'm usually here anyway, on some kind of auto-pilot, to see whoever's on. You know... just in case they're really good. This time, however, I have a job to do. I'm out the back to interview Elucidate ahead of their appearance at Readipop Festival in a few weeks.

For those who don't know, Elucidate manage to pull off the neat trick of making all the right noises of a pretty heavy rock thing but also remembering to write songs. A live show has all the life and the racket you want coming off of a stage while

you spill your pint in the dark but, the next day, you can find yourself with bits of song stuck whirling around in your head and wondering where it came from – and it'll be one of theirs.

They've been at it since 2019. Theo, Caleb and Connor (vocals, guitar and bass) found each other at Reading College, all studying music, and in their hunt for a drummer, turned to Bandmix where drummer, Tim was

"looking for a function band at the time! I was in a band and thought I'd try and make some money on the side!?"

Fortunately for the others, that plan

took a swerve when he had a listen.

According to Theo, they were ready to try out quite a few people but *"Tim came in to jam with us, just to feel it out, and we thought 'Oh god... we've accidentally struck gold, here!'"*

I've no idea what studying music at any kind of school would look like, so I'm curious; for a band that was started by three people all at college studying music, did it help?

All at once: *"No."*

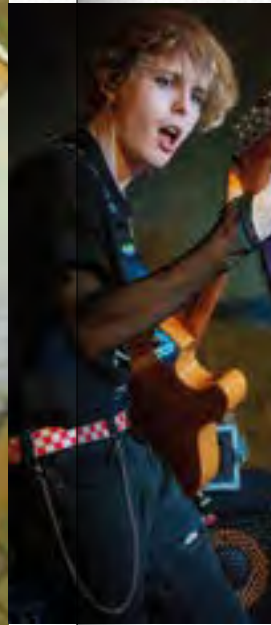
As an "outsider" looking in, Tim reckons it looked like *"a good space where there were practice rooms, you had recording studios... you had the facilities to try and make some stuff."* but, apparently, not any more.

"They sold it all to the Performing Arts department!"

It seems Rock 'n' Roll still doesn't count (which, I have to admit, part of me is kind of glad to hear!).

That college did, however, serve to bring them together, from Caleb, who wanted to be in a band right from hearing Bring Me The Horizon's 'Sempiternal' album when he was 13, to Connor who saw YouTube footage of Foo Fighters at Brixton Academy in '95 and thought that looked like a good job, and on to Theo who never wrote a song or sang in front of anybody before college despite having a family of performers.

They've had some cracking local gigs lately. The Puma Theory-curated show at The Oakford involved one woman getting up on stage mid-set to tell them *"I just want you*



to know, you're incredible. You're amazing." which can only be a good thing!

The exciting news is, they've been mostly concentrating on new material lately. A whole new fresh batch of songs. In fact, they're hoping to have an almost entirely new set.

A couple of days after this interview, they're off to Generation Studio to finish one track which should then be out in the wild in time for their stint at Readipop Festival. From the sound of it, they're treating that festival appearance almost as day one of a whole new ambitious chapter.

Caleb: "Without giving too much away, you don't see many bands our size going down the route we're going to go down in terms of building something that fits together as a whole... narrative."

They're being understandably cagey about the plans ahead but "we're reaching out to a few friends to get them involved" and, according to Caleb, there's "a killer vocal feature" coming. And probably something visual in the mix.

Theo: "I think we've got to a point where we're

comfortable with making stuff just because we want to make stuff."


Caleb: "We're not trying to 'get plays' or whatever."


Theo: "This is now like one big creative project that we all really want to do together."


Tim: "At our last few gigs, there's definitely a sense of 'the first four songs are alright. We like these songs, they're the old ones, we enjoy it' and then we play our two newest songs and the whole energy changes to 'Right, Let's go!'"

This is Elucidate's second bite of the Readipop cherry. Last time they were pretty new at this and, Theo says, "We were kind of on a high, that summer. 'Take It' was just coming out... we made really good friends with Deva St John and Split The Dealer and Louis LaGrange (who shot the video for 'Take It'). That was a really big summer for us."

This time, they're on a bigger stage and it marks the beginning of a bigger plan. You should probably go and have a look. ■

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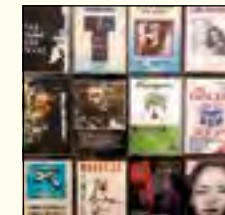
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+ Wilderness States

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THU 13 JUN

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THE RETREAT

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SUN 30 JUN

THE RETREAT

Stuart Henderson,

Simon Price and friends

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PURPLE TURTLE

Sweet Pill & Suds

+ Soot Sprite

Free | 8pm | 18+

SAT 6 JUL

THE BUTLER

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Rose Ray @ Are You Listening?, 11.05.2024 Photo: © Steve Axtell



SUN 7 JUL

FACE BAR

The Sunday Sessions

The Fundamentals + Glitch

+ Luminaria + Luke Bates

Free | 3pm | 16+ (ID required)

PURPLE TURTLE

Club Velocity/New Mind Promotion

Delaney Davidson

£11 | 7pm | 14+ (U16 w/adult)

WATLINGTON HOUSE

Readfolk

Conor Reynolds

£8 ^{otd} (cash only) | 8pm

THU 11 JUL

PURPLE TURTLE

Kamikaze Test Pilots +

Dark Material

+ Witchmother

Free | 8pm | 18+

FACE BAR

Runnin' Blue & Friday Night Blues

Dom Martin & Band

+ Thomas Heppell

£19.80 | 7:30pm | 18+

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The Bluetones

£28 | 7:30pm | 14+ (U16 w/adult)

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This is a random 'Congratulations' box we just invented because this happened a couple of weeks ago. That's right... Marisa & the Moths' album straight to No. #1 on week of release! (Ahem! Former cover stars, you know.)



Profile: Readipop Festival

12-14th July 2024
Christchurch Meadows, Caversham, Reading
readipop.co.uk/festival



Most people move through the year musing traditional milestones like Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter. In Reading, we can replace these now with AYL?, Readipop, Gigs Fenzy, John Otway.

Yeah, ok... there's a great big corporate creche that goes on round the back of the swimming pool in the summer but that's not anything to do with us. That's just somebody else borrowing our field, which is why you need to know about the Readipop Festival.

See, the festival is only part of the story. Readipop, as an organisation, was established way back in 1998 with the simple plan of producing a CD of homegrown artists to be given away to artists, guests and punters at the Reading Festival.

There was a second one in 1999 and, from this simple start, the organisation now (quoting from their website) "uses

music and arts to enrich lives, communities and the cultural landscape of Reading and the Thames Valley, working with everyone from vulnerable young people and older folk, to aspiring artists and musicians."

There's the Access All Areas projects doing a lot of different stuff for younger people, community music workshops (especially if you fancy clattering the be-jesus out of a drum in public), musician meet-ups, useful talks/presentations/discussion groups, the Riser platform for new musicians and XOX, an electronic music heritage project. You can get all the info you need about the organisation (and see where your ticket money goes!) at readipop.co.uk.

And the festival? Well, 20-odd years on and the impetus behind those initial CDs means it still has a decent smattering of local acts amongst its lineup every year.

This year, alongside Fabio & Grooverider, Ash, Echobelly, Dub Pistols, Space, A Certain Ratio, Republica and all, the lineup includes **Hats**™,



Adomania, Colours And Fires, Elucidate, Grace Pounds, Glass Half Broken, The Skangsters, Rila's Edge... there's load's!

BBC Intro Berkshire have got **Marble Sun, Leopard Boy and Martha & the Fairy** on The Purple Turtle stage.

For those who love to see the home team on parade, Sunday's main stage is a bit of a win...



For your big 'up and coming' synth-pop star, there's **Natalie Gray** who performed last year as a local act and has now transitioned to the main stage on the final night of the festival.



For your solid slice of Reading pop legend, there's **International Rescue**: formed in 1989 and back for, they claim, "One last time..."

And, for your mad-as-a-bag-of-badgers festival-style leaping about in the sunshine with a shandy or two, there's **La Mort Subite** with a sound akin to "a drunken Hungarian wedding party in the small hours". Don't knock it 'til you've tried it.

Hopefully, after last year's storm disaster, the weather will be onside this time so, sunblock at the ready, tickets are here: www.readipop.co.uk/festival/

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