

the Sunday MUSIC



ONE2WATCH by ANNA GAULT

FICKLE Friends lead singer Natti Shiner might be a rock chick — but she still loves to indulge in a bubble bath to escape her all-male bandmates.

The 25-year-old fronts the indie-pop band and admits being the only girl on the road can take its toll.

The five-piece from Brighton are playing TRNSMT next weekend and Natti explains how touring with a bunch of boys can get a bit smelly.

Natti said: "Every single person on the team is a guy so there is lots of testosterone and farts — it's quite horrible."

"They are grim and horrible to me but it's like being with your brothers."

"I wouldn't be able to deal with it if I was a girly girl so I am lucky that I am not really."

"I have my moments though and I get my own hotel room so I'll have a bubble bath, put on a face mask and read a trashy magazine instead of being locked up in a van with them all the time."

But Natti really loves being on the road with the guys, guitarist Chris Hall, drummer Sam Morris, bassist Jack Herrington and keyboardist Jack Wilson.

They are heading north of the border for the debut of TRNSMT, which is replacing T in the Park this year. But Natti confesses she

isn't sure how the festival will go down.

She said: "It's brand new so you don't know what to expect but our best shows are always in Scotland."

"The crowd is just a bit rowdier than down south and more up for it so we are really looking forward to it."

"We had a chance to do T in the Park last year which was really exciting for us but we are really pumped for TRNSMT."

The band are about to record their first album after spending four years battling to break through and Natti admits it's been a struggle.

She said: "It is quite difficult being a band

these days. We've hit an era where guitar bands have come back around."

"I am just trying to figure out where the gap in the market is for us as we are going into more poppy territory but we'll just keep doing what we are doing and hope that it cuts through enough."

"I have moments of being like 'oh f***' — it's so hard for bands to break at the moment and for us it's been four years of knocking on the door."

"Once we got on Radio 1, we got a glimmer of hope but immediately you are competing against the Katy Perry and Zara Larssons of the world — which is next level."

Natti and the boys are playing the King Tut's

stage at Glasgow Green on Saturday with Kasabian set to headline the main stage that night.

And while Natti hopes to catch the indie rockers she reveals she once slept through their set.

She joked: "When they headlined Glastonbury last year I was wrecked but I could've stayed out and watched them."

"I feel asleep instead and slept through their set and bear in mind I was camped pretty much on the edge of the main stage."

"But they've got some bangers so I'll try to watch them at TRNSMT."

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It's dirty work when you're a rock chick

WIN TICKETS TO TRNSMT

SCOTLAND'S newest music festival TRNSMT brings summer's most anticipated line-up to Glasgow Green on July 7 to 9.

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Headliners Radiohead, Kasabian and Biffy Clyro are supported by an award-winning line-up including The 1975, Belle and Sebastian, Catfish and the Bottlemen, London Grammar, The Kooks, Stormzy and more.

You can buy tickets at TRNSMTfest.com

To win, just tell us which TRNSMT headliner celebrates the 20th anniversary of their seminal album 'OK Computer' this year?

- A. Radiohead
- B. Kasabian
- C. Biffy Clyro

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JIM SAYS: With no T in the Park this year, TRNSMT more than fills the gap.

Scotland's newest festival gets underway on Friday with headliners Radiohead. On Saturday Kasabian take top billing, and on Sunday it's our very own Biffy Clyro.

For me it's never about the headliners. Festivals are a great opportunity to check out new artists coming through, and TRNSMT doesn't disappoint. Top of the list for me at Glasgow Green is 20-year-old singer-songwriter Lewis Capaldi.

With just one official track released so far, Lewis has captured the imagination of music fans across the globe. The response to Bruises, released at the end of March, has been incredible.

He said: "The day it was released it was No1 on Spotify's New Music Friday playlist in the US which even now makes no sense to me. The top three songs that week were Bruises, Humble by Kendrick Lamar and Heatstroke by Calvin Harris! It did ten million streams in ten weeks and I've had messages from people all round the world telling me how much they're into it. It's beyond insane."



NEW MUSIC

By Jim Gellatly

Bruises was a stand-out track when Lewis played a sold-out show at King Tut's in Glasgow back in January. He performed it twice.

I couldn't get it out of my head for weeks. It was clear he's a young lad going places.

Since then he's toured the UK, and supported Rag'n'Bone Man in front of 5,000 people in Hamburg. He said: "First off, to be playing a gig in Germany was something I thought I'd never do. Then to be supporting Rag'n'Bone Man was absolutely mental. To walk out and see how many people were there was crazy."

He returns to Germany later this month to support fellow Scot Amy Macdonald. Lewis may seem

to be an overnight sensation, but he's been performing since he was 12. He first came on my radar in 2014 when he was involved with the Hit The Road youth music project.

Run by the Scottish Music Centre, Hit The Road gives young acts touring experience and support when starting out. Lewis said: "The amount of young bands and singers who've gone on to do well after it shows that it's a really great platform for young artists."

But he can't wait for TRNSMT. He added: "I'm really excited to be a part of it, in its first year as well. It will be my first proper festival, and a good opportunity to play in front of new people who'll have never heard my stuff before."

Lewis plays the King Tut's Stage powered by Utilita at TRNSMT on Sunday. He also appears at the Official TRNSMT Pre-Party at King Tut's on Thursday. Watch out for the follow-up to Bruises, set to be unleashed on Friday.

TRNSMT ticket info at trnsmtfest.com.

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