

MOTION THEORY LAUNCHES NEW ALBUM



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Durham based alternative-progressive rock band Motion Theory has announced the launch of their new album "Featherhead".

Following a successful demo EP ("Sunlight on the Sand") and UK tour in 2008, Motion Theory have settled on a powerful, progressive, 'lounge metal' alternative rock style for their debut album, which was launched for download on August 10th at www.motiontheoryband.com and will be available on CD by the end of August. The 8-track album, including the title track "Featherhead" was recorded at the

Durham University Studios in June 2009.

Promoters across the country, hearing online videos and samples of practice recordings of the new songs, have booked the band for live performances in cities such as London, Liverpool, Manchester, Derby and Leeds. The new music was well received at pre-launch shows in the North East of England,

including Fishtank in Durham and the Head of Steam in Newcastle.

Drummer and album engineer Will Soutter told *live@ e-magazine*, "We are delighted with the way this album has turned out. It was great to be able to use such a good recording studio this time, and be able to invest so much into the mixing and mastering. It's really done the music justice. We think we've produced some really high quality songs, and a fantastic product, which stands up with more established bands' work".

Bass Player James Kerr added, "We've been very happy with the response the new songs have had in the early gigs and we've had many requests for the album. Our first EP was produced in haste but still sold out and got us a loyal following. We think this album will really demonstrate what Motion Theory is all about – we're looking forward to taking it on tour."



The tour starts in Manchester (Roadhouse on August 13), then Leeds (Primrose, August 14) and London (Windmill, August 16). Further nationwide shows are planned in September with Stockport, Hebden Bridge, Kendal, Cockermouth, Egremont, Crewe, Liverpool, Bristol, Edinburgh and Derby, and more dates still being added throughout the next few weeks.

The band's front man Dom Main commented,

"It's taken us a while to develop our own style but we're pretty excited because we think we now have the right sound – it is musically quite original but also seems to make a lot of people happy. We can't wait to take it on tour."

Lead guitarist Jamie Wesley adds,

"We've taken attributes of many of the genres we like to create this album – there are fast songs, slow tracks, intense, pop-like and bizarre sections, as well as some straight-down-the-line rock. We think there's something for every rock fan, but it is definitely all Motion Theory."

The members of Motion Theory, Dom Main (lead vocals/keyboards) Jamie Wesley (guitars), James Kerr (basses) and Will Soutter (drums), are all award-winning musicians in their own right. Motion Theory compose and arranges all their own music.

For more information
www.motiontheoryband.com



Pictured: Jamie Wesley (lead guitar); James Kerr (bass guitar); Will Soutter (drums); Dom Main (vocals)