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Scunthorpe's Gaga, bald Suggs, Adele's 'stalker' and Antarctic Monkey business

Gracy
Gaga



GRACE Bower, 24, loves her alter ego Gracy Gaga's style but thinks it's unlikely to go down well in her home town of Scunthorpe.

She said: "I don't think I could get away with walking down the high street in hotpants and knee-high boots. But I have loads of outfits like Lady Gaga's to wear on stage."

Grace reached the semi-final of Britain's Got Talent two years ago, appearing as herself in a double act with her grandad. She has been a tribute act to superstar Lady Gaga for three years.

"I'm a huge fan, I like her fashion and she's a brilliant songwriter," she said.

"I think a lot of people overlook how talented she is as a musician."

Grace said: "It is a good lifestyle but it's a lot harder than people give singers credit for."



EDGE OF GLORY: Grace sings

Lady
Gaga

FAKE TAT

Inside world of Britain's tribute acts

by Vikki White

FESTIVAL fans are discovering that rocking to the world's top tunes need not cost you a fortune.

For just £85 adults can thrill to the greatest hits of Pink Floyd, Queen, Oasis, Adele, Meat Loaf, the Arctic Monkeys AND Madness at a three-day festival of tribute bands.

Another £45 and they get access to a VIP area where even more soundalikes, including Lady Gaga, the Foo Fighters and Katy Perry, are performing.

Around 4,000 fans will start arriving for the seventh annual Tribfest, in the stately grounds of Sledmere House, East Yorks, on Thursday. It is the brainchild of Ed

Faulkner, a singer with the Beautiful Couch, a Beautiful South tribute act, who believed there was a place for a budget event.

He said: "Many people turn their noses up at tribute bands but they go away punching the air. They're back year after year."

"These bands are as good as the real thing. They do more than 100 gigs a year and play each as if it's their last. They perform their hits, everyone knows every song – it's a big singalong."

Among the acts are Brand New Eyes, an Indonesian tribute to US rock band Paramore, who are travelling thousands of miles to the event and a Dutch tribute band to Muse.

Ed said: "We've had a Russian Eric Clapton and Nirvana from Hungary. It's like being a football manager picking your best squad."

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Oases



SUPERCOVERS: Chris, centre and inset, with band

LIKE former Oasis badboy Liam Gallagher, Oases lead singer Chris Maddocks is not short of swagger.

Frontman and 31-year-old electrician Chris said: "There are quite a lot of Oasis tribute bands. They either have good music or the band's look – but we have both. Some people say I sound better than Liam and others say they

can't believe how much I look like him. If we didn't hit the nail on the head I wouldn't do it and embarrass myself. But we've got five quality musicians."

Sound engineer Andrew McKay, 30, appears as the Noel Gallagher in the three-year-old tribute act.

Daniel Holt, a 29-year-

old gas engineer, plays rhythm guitar, student Chris Thompson, 19, the drums and Ben Joyce, a 27-year-old mechanical engineer, is on bass.

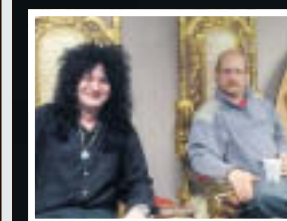
The Wigan band play all over the UK, including many charity gigs. "Young kids think we're actually Oasis which is a bit weird, but it shows we are doing a really good job," said Chris.

Oasis



SUPERNOVAS: Liam, centre, Noel, second left, and group

Bohemians



THRONES: Chris and Wayne

CROWN PRINCES: Wannabe Freddie and group



THE Bohemians play up to 130 gigs a year around the world but it can be a risky business.

One show to 2,000 people in India was broken up by riot police armed with batons and guns.

But usually the Queen tribute get royal treatment as 40-year-old cleaning company boss Kevin Goodwin and their double for bassist John Deacon explained.

"We are in a jumped up covers band. But when we go abroad we get top hotels provided, first-class flights and we get taken around wherever we want to go."

Rob Comber, 46, Freddie Mercury, gave up his office job 18 months ago. Essex guitar teacher Chris Gregory, 52, is Brian May and Wayne Bourne, 42, drummer Roger Taylor.

Queen



REIGNING: Queen in their pomp

Badness



MUST BE LOVE: Tribute act tours the world

HULL-band Badness have cruised the Caribbean and gigged all over the UK and around the world in the past 20 years.

They focus on the music which is lucky as bald frontman Mike Watts, 46, looks nothing like Madness singer Suggs.

Mike said: "It's nice to be earning a living from them. It's been a bit of a ride."

They even have a 30-year-old tour bus previously used by Status Quo, the Happy Mondays, Neil Young and Black Sabbath.

Madness

NUTTY BOYS: Suggs & Co

APeING: Dean as Turner



ORIGINAL: Turner at festival

Antarctic
Monkeys

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LIVES of the Arctic and Antarctic Monkeys may be poles apart but their sounds are not. While singer Alex Turner and the Sheffield band jet around the world, the seven-year-old tribute act from Wolverhampton are more down to earth.

Lead singer Dean Reynolds, 31, works in an internet company, drummer Darren Clark, 33, in a toy shop and guitarist Grant Harris, 29, runs two garages.

Manager Malcolm Clark said they have a great vibe, Dean sounds like Alex and the Arctic Monkeys have sent them a couple of messages of approval.

Lareena



EYEFUL: Lareena as her heroine



Adele
SKYFALL: Singing the Bond theme

WATCH out Adele there's someone like you out there and she admits to being "a bit of a stalker".

Mum-of-two Lareena Mitchell, 33, said: "I decided to have a go at being an Adele tribute when I watched the Brit Awards when she did Someone Like You."

"I have a similar look and I try and keep up to date with her hair colour. I went dark a few years ago when she

was dark but I'm happy with her going blonde as it suits my personality."

Lareena, of Rossendale, Lancs, has been performing as Adele since 2011 and uses husband Steven, a 36-year-old mechanic, as a roadie when she tours.

"I'm a massive fan, I'm probably a bit of a stalker," she laughed.

"I think that she is one of the best artists in our country at the moment, she's special."

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