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NEWCOMERS AND OLD FAVOURITES ARE ALL IN VOGUE IN SEVENTH ANNUAL NME COOL LIST

Crystal Castles singer Alice and Jay Z are in...but Pete and Amy topple out of favour.

Relative newcomer to the indie scene **Alice Glass** has scooped the title of coolest person in music in the **NME's seventh annual Cool List**, released today! The Toronto based singer, who fronts electro punk band **Crystal Castles**, and is famed for her crowd surfing antics, has narrowly beaten off competition from heavy weight hip hop icon **Jay Z**.

Glass told NME: *"I'm flattered, thank you. Why do I think I won? My pact with Satan hasn't expired yet."*

However Beyonce's other half shouldn't be too disheartened with second place - the godfather of rap rounds off a storming year in which he defied his deriders including the mighty Noel Gallagher, to triumphantly headline Glastonbury.

Finishing off the top three is Stateside newcomer **Andrew VanWyngarden**, who makes up one half of band-of-the-moment **MGMT** - the duo's synth-funk hits which include Electric Feel and Kids, have not only provided the soundtrack to the summer but also featured in hit TV show Skins.

Arctic Monkey's frontman **Alex Turner** sees his coolness increase in 2008 - rising two places from sixth to fourth place. A model girlfriend, a new musical foray with The Last Shadow Puppets and a vigorous presence on the indie social scene all meaning his star continues to rise.

Late Of The Pier's Sam Dust, **Ladyhawke**, **Caleb Followill** of **Kings Of Leon** and British songwriter **MIA** come in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth respectively, whilst **Oasis** singer **Liam Gallagher** makes a triumphant return to the top 10 at 9. Brother Noel, who last year was placed at a very respectable 16 has dropped entirely out of this year's list, proving that front man Liam's storming live performances in 2008 have only helped to cement his rating as the cooler Gallagher.

Meanwhile those who have slipped entirely off the cool radar in 2008 include tabloid favourites **Amy Winehouse** and **Pete Doherty**. Winehouse, who last year featured at number 8 has had a tumultuous twelve months in and out of re-hab, leaving fans to wonder if her talent has been overshadowed by tabloid mayhem. Likewise, front-page stable mate Doherty who in 2007 was featured at 34 is nowhere to be seen in 2008, whilst ex-Libertines band mate Carl Barat still scrapes the top fifty at 49.

Conor McNicholas, Editor for NME said: *"The NME Cool List is the year's definitive list, acknowledging those who have - and have not - made the rock'n'roll grade in 2008. It's a testament to the current eclectic scene that we can have a new pretender such as Alice Glass enthroned at the top alongside the likes of global rap megastar Jay Z and British music icon Liam Gallagher. The likes of Amy and Pete have dropped off the list altogether this year, perhaps because they are more known for their tabloid antics than their music at the moment"*.

NME Cool List in full (last year's position):

- 1) Alice Glass, Crystal Castles – new entry
- 2) Jay-Z – new entry
- 3) Andrew VanWyngarden, MGMT – new entry
- 4) Alex Turner, Arctic Monkeys/The Last Shadow Puppets - 6
- 5) Sam Dust, Late Of The Pier – new entry
- 6) Ladyhawke – new entry
- 7) Caleb Followill, Kings Of Leon - 21
- 8) M.I.A. - 11
- 9) Liam Gallagher, Oasis – new entry
- 10) Caroline Mackay, Glasvegas – new entry
- 11) Pink Eyes, Fucked Up – new entry
- 12) Guy Garvey, Elbow – new entry
- 13) Lil Wayne – new entry
- 14) Dave Sitek, TV On The Radio – new entry
- 15) Johnny Marr – new entry
- 16) Ezra Koenig, Vampire Weekend – new entry
- 17) Santogold – 48
- 18) Ed MacFarlane, Friendly Fires – new entry
- 19) Florence Welch, Florence And The Machine – new entry
- 20) Dev Hynes, Test Icicles – 49
- 21) Damon Albarn – new entry
- 22) Jay Reatard – new entry
- 23) Jamie Reynolds, Klaxons - 2
- 24) Zack de la Rocha, Rage Against The Machine – new entry
- 25) Peter Gabriel – new entry
- 26) Nick McCabe, The Verve – new entry
- 27) Yannis Philippakis, Foals - 45
- 28) Miles Kane, The Rascals/The Last Shadow Puppets – new entry
- 29) Scarlett Johansson – new entry
- 30) Will Roan, Amazing Baby – new entry
- 31) Rivers Cuomo, Weezer – new entry
- 32) Lovefoxxx, CSS - 3
- 33) Josh Homme, Queens Of The Stone Age - 34
- 34) DJ Muhava – new entry
- 35) Little Boots – new entry
- 36) Frank Carter, Gallows - 1
- 37) Brandon Flowers, The Killers - 44
- 38) Jason Pierce, Spiritualized – new entry
- 39) Robbie Furze, The Big Pink – new entry
- 40) Robert Plant – new entry
- 41) Shunda K, Yo Majesty – new entry
- 42) Tom Vain, SCUM – new entry
- 43) Karen O, Yeah Yeah Yeahs - 28
- 44) Gruff Rhys, Neon Neon – new entry
- 45) Brian Fallon, Gaslight Anthem – new entry
- 46) Matt Bellamy, Muse - 19
- 47) Eva Spence, Rollo Tomassi – new entry
- 48) Lethal Bizzle - 5
- 49) Carl Barat, Dirty Pretty Things – new entry
- 50) Jon McClure, Reverend And The Makers – new entry

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The NME Cool List is now in its seventh year. Previous winners include:

- 2002 – Jack White
- 2003 – Justin Timberlake
- 2004 – Pete Doherty and Carl Barat joint first position
- 2005 – Alex Turner
- 2006 – Beth Ditto
- 2007 – Frank Carter

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