



**NME.COM LAUNCHES SEARCH TO FIND
HOTTEST NEW BANDS OF THE YEAR!**

NME.com, sister website to the UK's biggest selling music weekly, has today launched the **Walkman NME Breaking Bands Competition** – a nationwide search for the **hottest un-signed acts in the country!**

The contest, which is being held in celebration of the website's landmark **tenth birthday** is being hosted through **NME.COM/NEWMUSIC** and is inviting bands all over the UK to post their music on the site.

Competition is already proving fierce with around 2,500 largely unsigned acts having submitted tracks – and current favourites are Mesh-29, a razor-edged acoustic two piece from Peterborough! A shortlist of the best bands will be decided upon by NME voters and the final lucky winners will be chosen by a panel of music industry experts.

The triumphant group will then be invited to play at NME.com's **exclusive** 10th birthday party, to be held later this summer, where they will be able to showcase their new sound alongside a raft of established bands and industry supremos alike!

And it's not only budding musicians who could get their big break – the competition is also giving potential new **"talent tipsters"** the chance to make it big in the music industry. The site is encouraging young promoters to push their favourite bands – with the most successful potentially being given the chance to be the next Alan McGee or Zane Lowe!

NME.COM editor Ben Perreau says *"Just like me, every music fan in the world wants to hear the new stuff first. NME.COM has always been the place to do that. Now, every one of NME.COM's 1.6 million core music fans will have the chance to*

*discover, promote and make a name for themselves using Walkman NME
Breaking Bands!"*

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