

# THE NME MESSAGE BOARD

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## PICK OF THE BOARD

### Musicians

OK, we'll admit that Alex Sampayo hasn't got far on the road to superstardom just yet. He doesn't play an instrument and he's looking for guitarists, a bassist and a drummer to be in his band. But why let little details like those get in the way of rock'n'roll glory? After all, most advertisers in *The NME Message Board* haven't written ten albums' worth of material. The lyrics are all there. The only problem is, because Alex doesn't have a band to help him, he keeps forgetting the tunes that go with them.

Apparently, the songs are an unimaginable mixture of the Super Furry Animals, Nirvana, Bon Jovi and Meat Loaf – something along the lines of 'Smells Like The International Language of Living On A Bat Out Of Hell'. We search for their quality but you never know, strange things happen in the music world of rock'n'roll – The Rasmus getting booked for the Reading festival for one.

WTD. DRUMS, BASS, lead & rhythm guitars. Rock 'n' roll. Alex 02946108795

### T-shirts

Assuming you're into music (after all, you're reading the *NME*) and are in possession of a torso, you're going to need some band T-shirts. And admittedly, the selection down Marks & Spencer isn't too inspiring. Which is why you need to get yourself onto 8Ball.co.uk, the sort of online store that makes life worth living.

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### Recording studio

If you believed the ads that appear every week in *The NME*, the most ideal music recording studio in the known universe is in London. Not so. Take Mojo, a no-frills residential studio in the sunny seaside city of Torquay. Not that there's anything Fawlty Towers about the place. Run by experienced engineer Leo Brown, the studio itself has a big live room (perfect for live bands and great drum sounds), a small Pro Tools rig, and a 36-channel analogue console and tape machine for all the sonic purists.

The totally neat thing about Mojo, however, is that it's a residential studio with three bedrooms and a massive lounge, perfect for leaving life behind and devoting a fun and smoke-filled couple of weeks to your music. And if you want to bring some mates down to see how you're getting on, the geezer who used to manage The Specials runs the hotel opposite the studio. It's official: Torquay rocks.



## ARTISTS WANTED



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**LONDON**  
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