

creweroots

update
2nd May 2009

Having announced that Otis' gig would be the last before the summer break it now looks like we have another creweroots gig before we can finally pack the festival bags and head off out for the 'barbeque summer'... details below. In the meantime, we're now taking names and selling tickets for Otis Gibbs. If you're interested in turning out for a seriously memorable night then just let us know (either through Richard's shop or via email) and we'll make sure you're sorted on the night. Thanks to those who have already been in touch, it's a real help when we have an idea of how many are coming in advance.

It might be worth just reminding you guys about the brilliant Daytrotter website (www.daytrotter.com) where there is an absolute treasure trove of completely free, completely legal exclusive sessions for you to download. Since we last wrote, there have been new sessions added by Jessica Lea Mayfield (who we are DESPERATE to book for creweroots), Bob Mould and Glasvegas – all exclusive stuff, all completely free. There's also sessions just waiting for you by Fleet Foxes, Alela Diane, Damien Jurado, Jim White and over 500 others. Just a bit of exploring and you could be recommending artists for us to book...

More details about the autumn line-up to follow soon but for now...

Otis Gibbs

**Tuesday 19th May – The Horseshoe
tickets £10 in advance**



The more we listen to the new album (Grandpa Walked a Picket Line) the more we can't wait for May. Richard has already seen the man in Manchester (supporting Billy Bragg) and he's still buzzing months later. This will be another real treat – Otis Gibbs is playing some of the coolest venues in the country (big shout out for the Ruby Lounge in Manchester) and we've managed to get him to stop off midweek in Crewe in-between his dates in Glasgow and London. You can read 'The Travels and Tribulations of Otis Gibbs' at <http://otisgibbs.com> where you can see also videos streamed live and hear about a dozen of his songs. You can hear even more tunes by

heading on down to www.myspace.com/otisgibbs and you can see another film of the man playing 'Preacher Steve' by hitting this link:

<http://www.pastemagazine.com/blogs/av/2009/02/live-at-paste-otis-gibbs.html>

You'll also see photos of Otis playing live with Billy Bragg at the Shepherd's Bush Empire...



When we booked him, Otis was at number 5 in the Americana Radio Chart (USA) AHEAD of the new Ryan Adams album! The Wall Street Journal recently published 'Five Songs with Something to Say' – Otis was included alongside Bob Dylan, the Clash, Sam Cooke and Chuck Berry. We've said twice now but we'll say it again... This remains a compulsory night out! No excuses!

Alana Levandoski

Wednesday 1st July – Venue tbc
£8 in advance



Alana Levandoski is a singer-songwriter from Manitoba (how come all these brilliant Canadians have turned up recently?). She was named as 'the 'it girl' of Canadian roots music this year' by CBC (whatever that means... but I'm sure Richard will explain it). One music-historian wrote that 'Alana Levandoski's name is dropped in the most exclusive music circles as the next major singer/songwriter to emerge from Manitoba'. Alana's second album has just been released and she will be over here for some festival shows. If this gig comes off (and it's more than likely), it will be the last night of her British tour so that's something of a coup too.

"Alana is part of an emerging generation of new artists who are reflecting the range of influences that make Canadian music so exciting, from the brilliant

free-form collective Broken Social Scene, to the authentic Country twang of Corb Lund,"

– Bob Harris, 2006

You can see her video for "Jezebel's Ringin'" at www.alanalevandoski.com/media.htm and you'll start to see why we're starting to get excited at the prospect of this gig. There's another film (at the same address) of her playing the Canada Day celebrations in Trafalgar Square with Ron Sexsmith.

Don't forget to let us know if you're intending to come out for Otis Gibbs so we can guarantee your tickets. It's at the Horseshoe (as you know) and we're anticipating another busy night up there...

Happy Days,

Richard and Russell