



ASSOCIATION OF
INDEPENDENT MUSIC

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MEMBERS TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT AIM'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY AGM

13th July 2009, IndigO2, The O2

- **10 Members to present their Big Ideas for AIM's future**
- **10th anniversary party at The British Music Experience**
- **Sponsored by IndigO2 and The British Music Experience**

AIM's 10th anniversary Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 13th July 2009, at The O2's IndigO2 venue from 5:00pm.

Marking an important milestone for the UK's independent music sector, this year's AGM will feature some **very special keynote speakers: the AIM members!**

The event will give the AIM membership a chance to shape the organisation's agenda for the next 10 years. All members have been invited to submit their 'Big Idea', with 10 to be selected to present theirs on the day, with the help of an AIM Board Member. Following a lively AGM debate by fellow members, live voting facilities, provided by Indie Mobile, will allow a true consensus on AIM's future agenda.

The goal is to produce and publish by the end of 2009 a manifesto which sets out the 10 Big Ideas that AIM will seek to deliver on over the next 10 years.

Before the Big Idea member keynotes, the first call of formal business will be the vote for new board members to replace retiring Directors. In accordance with AIM board rotation rules each year one fifth of the board retire, and standing down this year are:

- Rosie Bryant, Protest Records
- Martin Mills, Beggars Group
- Peter Quicke, Ninja Tune
- Geoff Travis, Rough Trade

AIM is currently taking nominations from the membership for replacement board members.

With the conclusion of formal business we will hear from AIM CEO and Chairman Alison Wenham who will deliver the Association's annual report.

The event will end in true indie style with AIM's 10th anniversary 'beer and chips' party at the British Music Experience, with guests able to visit the exhibition during the party.

Additional sponsors of the event include Audiotube, Becks, Capital Sound and Senol Printing.

AIM's 10th ANNUAL AGM
Monday 13th July 2009
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Registration from: 5.00pm
AGM: 6.00pm
10th Anniversary Party: 7.45pm

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About AIM

AIM is a not-for-profit trade body established in 1999 to represent the UK independent music industry. Now in its 10th year, AIM acts for over 90% of the independent market, with over 800 members from small start-ups to the largest and most respected independents in the world. AIM promotes this exciting and diverse sector globally, leveraging the sector's power as a fifth major to enable its members to grow, grasp new opportunities and break into new markets.

AIM oversees an independent sector whose artists have claimed four Mercury Music Prizes in a row (2003 – 2006) and earned two thirds of all nominations between 2005 and 2008. Artists signed to UK Independents also scooped a quarter of all available prizes at the 2008 Brit Awards, with an independent-signed act grabbing "Best British Group" for the fourth year running. This confirms the sector's undoubted lead in A&R.

The independent sector regularly accounts for 30% of all UK artist album awards (silver, gold, platinum/multi-platinum). In 2008, independent albums made up over half of the fifty "best albums of the year" according to the UK music press, and independents claimed five of the top ten releases.

Artists signed to AIM member labels include: Adele, Amadou & Miriam, Arctic Monkeys, Basement Jaxx, Battles, Bjork, Bloc Party, Bon Iver, Coldcut, Enter Shikari, Franz Ferdinand, Infadels, Jack Penate, Jarvis Cocker, Jay Sean, Jose Gonzalez, Justice, Katie Melua, M.I.A., Maximo Park, Mr. Scruff, Nitin Sawney, Radiohead, Reverend And The Makers, Rodrigo Y Gabriela, Roots Manuva, Royksopp, Seasick Steve, Sufjan Stevens, Super Furry Animals, The Cribbs, The Futureheads, The Prodigy, The Raconteurs, The Strokes, The White Stripes, Vampire Weekend and thousands of others.

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