



the
ART SCHOOL DANCE

**NEW FILM CELEBRATES
EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART'S LEGENDARY
WEE RED BAR AND ITS UNIQUE MUSICAL HERITAGE**

A film celebrating the contribution made to the local, Scottish and UK music culture by Edinburgh College of Art's 'Wee Red Bar' is being launched at the Cameo Cinema in Edinburgh.

The Art School Dance, which features one-off live performances by **20 local bands** filmed over a two-day period in February of this year, gets its first showing on **Thursday 15th November**.

The Art School Dance is the brainchild of **Graham Dey**, the General Manager of Edinburgh College of Art's Student Representative Council (SRC). Graham, who has worked at the College for the past 22 years, co-produced the film with his colleague, **Jenny Hogarth**, the SRC's Office Manager.

The film was directed by Edinburgh College of Art Film and Television graduate **Jez Curnow** – who has 10 years' experience of independent film and video production for cinema, TV and private clients. Jez was assisted by a technical production team of present and former College students and friends.

The Art School Dance also constitutes part of the College's **centenary celebrations 1907/2007**. The project has been supported by the Edinburgh College of Art and its SRC.

Graham Dey says: "Over the years there have been hundreds of bands playing in the Wee Red Bar which is now a much loved institution in terms of a lively and intimate venue for both up and coming and established bands.

"Local bands such as The Magnificents, Sara and the Snakes, Randan Discotheque, Action Group, Pigpen, Non-Stop Camels, Eight Line Poem, Come On Gang, We Were Promised Jet Packs and many more have all enjoyed a warm welcome in the Wee Red Bar along with touring acts such as Mystery Jets, Art Brut, Green Day, Reef (on their debut British tour) and Jawbone. The Proclaimers also played a legendary early gig in 1987 in support of the College's anti-apartheid group. In many cases, The Wee Red Bar has given bands their first ever gig.

"I thought that a film which involved live music and local bands would be an ideal tribute to the music culture fostered by the Art College and that the Art School Dance would galvanise the special relationship that exists between the ECA's Music Room where many of the bands

have rehearsed or even been formed and leading, in turn, to a performance in the Wee Red Bar.

“In that respect, the film is a great success and presents an exciting and inspiring blend of new and traditional musical styles combined with the inspirational ethos and spirit of the Wee Red Bar with a nod along the way to The Tube, Later and Ready, Steady, Go.”

Graham says the 20 bands chosen for the film reflect the huge variety of musical talent that has made its way through the Wee Red Bar and that the series of intense live performances was an ideal illustration of the musical heritage and the current vibrant scene that is the bedrock of the best music in Edinburgh today.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

**THE WEE RED BAR AND VINCENT PINK PRESENTS
A TIMEBASE.TV PRODUCTION – THE ART SCHOOL DANCE -120 mins**
Directed by Jez Curnow; Produced by Graham Dey and Jenny Hogarth

Press Screening

Wednesday 7th November – start time 10.30am

Public Screenings

Late Nights: Friday 16th and Sat 17th November - start time 11.30pm

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November - start time 11.30pm

All tickets £5.00 each.

The Art School Dance Performers

Manakin City - <http://www.myspace.com/comeongangmusic>

Randan Discothèque - <http://www.myspace.com/randandisco>

Paul Vickers & The Leg - <http://www.myspace.com/paulvickersandtheleg>

St Jude's Infirmary - <http://www.myspace.com/saintjudesinfirmary>

Nonstopcamels - <http://www.myspace.com/nonstopcamels>

Operator - <http://www.myspace.com/oper8or>

Eight Line Poem - <http://www.myspace.com/theeightlinepoem>

Futuristic Retro Champions - <http://www.myspace.com/retrochamps>

My Electric Love Affair - <http://www.myspace.com/myelectricloveaffair>

TV 21 - <http://www.myspace.com/tv21official>

We Were Promised Jet Packs - <http://www.myspace.com/wewerepromisedjetpacks>

JPK

Shell Suit Massacre

David John Williams – <http://www.davidwilliamsphotographer.com>

The Gussets - <http://www.myspace.com/gussets>

Action Group - <http://www.myspace.com/actiongroup>

Sara & the Snakes - <http://www.myspace.com/saraandthesnakes>

The Cigarettes - <http://www.myspace.com/thecigarettellos>

The Magnificents - <http://www.myspace.com/themagnificents>

Big Toes HiFi - <http://www.myspace.com/bigtoeshifi>

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