



The world's most successful virtual band, the Gorillaz, will land at the Hong Kong Asia World-Arena on Friday December 3rd.

Gorillaz "Escape to the Plastic Beach" tour is currently on its way to the US West Coast before European dates in November, including a homecoming at London's O2 Arena, before finishing in Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

Gorillaz released their third album, Plastic Beach, in March this year that swept the charts around the world with fantastic reviews. Gorillaz characters Murdoc, Noodle, 2D and Russell Hobbs escaped the underworld Kong Studios – home to previous Gorillaz multi-platinum chart toppers Demon Days and Gorillaz – to set up shop on a remote island in the Pacific.

The new album features guests such as Snoop Dogg, Lou Reed, Mos Def, Bobby Womack, De La Soul and many others. Mick Jones and Paul Simonon, both from legendary band The Clash, also appeared on the album and will be part of the tour to Hong Kong.

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*"The Gorillaz Escape to the Plastic Beach is an engulfing concert experience, full of prolific musicianship, stunning visual conceptualization, and profound cultural statements. If you're lucky enough to live in a city Gorillaz is visiting, be sure not to miss what may be the concert event of the generation." Indieshuffle*

Hong Kong fans can look forward to a fantastic collision of dub, hip-hop, reggae, pop, punk, electronic, Cuban music and hit singles such as Clint Eastwood, 19-2000, Tomorrow Comes Today, Demon Days, Dirty Harry and - from their latest album - Stylo and On Melancholy Hill.

Featured artists De La Soul and the legendary Bobby Womack have confirmed they're set to join Gorillaz onstage for their appearance in Hong Kong. Also confirmed to appear at the December date are Hypnotic Brass, Bashy, Little Dragon, Roses Gabor, Bootie Brown and the Syrian National Orchestra...plus more to be announced.

## GORILLAZ "ESCAPE TO PLASTIC BEACH TOUR" - LIVE IN HONG KONG

Date: December 3rd 2010  
 Venue: Hong Kong Asia World - Arena  
 Time: 8.00pm  
 Tickets: Standing HK\$880 (10years old and above)  
 Seated HK\$980, HK\$780, HK\$500

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## THE WORD

Voted the number one 'greatest musical of all time' by Channel 4 in the UK, Grease is performing at Hong Kong's Lyric Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts until November 7th.

The show premiered on Broadway in 1972 and was followed by the 1978 hit movie, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, which went on to become the highest grossing musical of all time. Set in 1959 at Rydell High School, Grease follows ten working-class kids as they navigate the complexities of love, cars and drive-ins.

Grease is produced by Paul Nicholas and David Ian, two of London's most respected theatrical producers. Over 20 years

they've produced, either individually or jointly, some of the West-Ends most popular shows including Jesus Christ Superstar, The Rocky Horror Show, Evita, Chess, West Side Story, Cats, Chicago, My Fair Lady and Starlight Express. Director David Gilmore says, "Grease doesn't have a message...it gives a flavour of being a teenager in the 50s - when rock'n'roll and putting grease on your hair were the most important things in life - and this is the level that we should take it on."

Tickets are priced from HK\$350 to HK\$895. Telephone 3128 8288 or visit [www.hkticketing.com](http://www.hkticketing.com)

Tickets are also available at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, AsiaWorld-Expo, Hong Kong Fringe Club, The Academy's Landmark Heritage Campus - Bethanie, Hong Kong International Trade & Exhibition Centre and all Tom Lee Music outlets.



Top British comedians Nick Wilty and Brendan Riley will be coming to Hong Kong this November and performing at the Punchline Comedy Club. Tickets are available for HK\$320 for Thursday November 11th, Friday November 12th and Saturday November 13th [www.punchlinecomedy.com](http://www.punchlinecomedy.com)

## NICK WILTY

Known as the Globetrotting Comedian, Nick has performed on every continent except Antarctica, and the south-Londoner is rated as one of the best stand-up comedians on the world comedy circuit. He's won several awards, including the Polo Mint Comedy Award - voted by fellow comedians and club owners in England.

"Just three adjectives to describe Wilty - brilliant, brilliant and brilliant." Chortle

"Unmissable." Time Out

## BRENDAN RILEY

"There's nothing bland or predictable about this stand-up comic. Brendan's Liverpudlian accent and lively blend of anecdotes, gags and inspired improvisation bring a refreshing blast of cheerful North-Western humour." Comedy CV

"One of the brighter names from the North West ... a great compere." Guardian

"Irreverent, inventive and most importantly hilarious." Liverpool Daily Post

"Excellent interaction with the audience ... A+ to Mr. Riley." BBC online

"Brendan Riley does the business ... bouncy and engaging." The Scotsman

"Worth the price of the admission alone ... Scouse wit and raconteur who holds the show together and doesn't so much warm up the crowd as set them on fire." Lancashire Evening Post

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# ENGLAND AIM FOR SIX

England, the most successful team at the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes, will be competing for prize money of US\$150,000 against Australia, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong on Saturday November 6th and Sunday 7th.

England return with three players who were part of last year's squad – captain Rory Hamilton-Brown, Darren Stevens and Peter Trego.

England manager James Whitaker says, "We have a core group of players who know which way the wind blows in this tournament and I believe this experience will be key to a successful campaign."

"The squad's made up of an exciting blend of experience and raw talent. We have a good mix of all-rounders, all of whom can do their bit which is crucial for this format of the game."

Surrey captain Hamilton-Brown, 23, will lead the team packed with explosive batsmen and can depend on a bowling attack made up largely of accurate medium-pacers, all of whom have been honed on the tough county circuit.

"While big-hitting is important, I think our bowling will be a strong point," added Whitaker. "We have four fast and medium-fast bowlers, while Rory and Chris (Nash) can chip in with off-spinners."

England Under-19 player Jos Butler, who had a superb debut-season for Somerset this year, will be given the gloves.

"I believe we've been the most successful team at the Hong Kong Sixes and our aim will be to improve on this record," Whitaker cryptically added.

England is pooled in the preliminary round with Australia, South Africa and Hong Kong in the Bradman group. The Sobers

group comprises India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

Our prediction, England Pakistan final - no-ball, third ball of the fifth over.

A two-day adult ticket costs HK\$730 while a children's ticket will cost HK\$380. Fans can also buy tickets separately for the Saturday (adult HK\$280 child HK\$180) and Sunday (adult HK\$500 child HK\$220), subject to availability.

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## ENGLAND

Rory Hamilton-Brown (Surrey), captain, Darren Stevens (Kent), Chris Nash (Sussex), Steven Croft (Lancashire), Peter Trego (Somerset), Jos Butler (Somerset), Rikki Clarke (Warwickshire)

## WIN TICKETS TO THE HONG KONG CRICKET SIXES

Britsoverseas is offering three pairs of tickets to the Hong Kong Cricket Sixes.

QUESTION: Which wicketkeeper once remarked, "Shane Warne's idea of a balanced diet is a cheeseburger in each hand"?

Email entries for competitions should be sent to editorial@britsoverseas.com before November 3rd 2010 clearly stating in the subject header –Hong Kong Cricket Sixes.

