

Octopuses

Not The Bees

New Single from Debut Album "Yes Please"

Released 30th September 2016



"This reminds me of when Brighton used to produce bands like the Dodgems and the Golinski Brothers, bands that contributed to a series of compilation albums...a quirk of the Brighton of old."

- Steve Lamacq (BBC Radio 6 Music)



Not The Bees is the latest single from Brighton psych-indie band Octopuses. Their previous single "Cool Story Bro" was playlisted on Tom Ravenscroft's Recommends Show. They released their debut album on Lick Music in November 2015.

The video for Octopuses new single "Not The Bees" highlights the serious issues relating to bees and pollination decline. It sounds like a fast paced, perturbed encounter between They Might Be Giants and His 'N' Hers era Pulp. It's fun, witty, deceptively complex and destined to soundtrack a thousand shout-ey singalongs at parties this autumn.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRwN7rr0bl>

The video is being made public on 12th September and so far has confirmed support from Green Party MP Caroline Lucas, BBC's Chris Packham, The Soil Association, and dozens of environmental freelance journalists.

They will all be tweeting and sharing the video link on 12th September. Caroline Lucas MP, The Green Party, has also provided this image/quote about the release:



"I'm delighted to support the Octopuses efforts to promote bee conservation. Bees play an essential role in our ecosystem, pollinating plants and crops and massively enriching our natural world. Declining numbers are a huge threat to UK agriculture, with a report by the University of Reading estimating it could cost as much as £1.8bn a year to replace the free pollination service that bees provide, since farmers would need to collect pollen and distribute it by hand. That's why we need to do everything possible to persuade policy makers to act."

Caroline Lucas MP

The band rose out of the ashes of Adam Bell and Alan Grice's former band Foxes!, which was described by Alex Petridis in The Guardian as 'the first attempt in musical history to wrangle winsome C86 indie with prog rock.' Bell himself describes Octopuses as 'neo-psychedelic nineties revivalists'.

Octopuses play The Prince Albert in Brighton on 16th September. Charitable donation Profits from the single sales and fundraising/release party will be split. 50% of profits going to the Soil Association's 'Ban Neonics' campaign and the other 50% going to 'Bees For Development' who are working to alleviate poverty in developing countries through beekeeping.

Lick Music is an off-shoot of Lick Yoghurt, and was born out of the idea of creating a fun and creative culture in Brighton. Lick Music owns a warehouse in central Brighton, which is used by artists, yoga instructors, and film makers.

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