

# TUSK

**This feisty foursome have recently been blasted into the music scene following a sell-out arena tour supporting Biffy Clyro. So what does the future hold for everyone's new favourite rock band?**

We met up with them in the studio last week as they were recording a special version of their single 'Just Can't Stop' to raise money for Red Nose Day. In a few days they will be embarking on their first headline tour around the UK, here's what went down...

As Tusk enter the room I can sense their excitement. Ralph and Jake are play fighting to decide who enters the room first, Evie is checking her appearance in the mirror and Josh makes a beeline straight for me and shakes my hand.

As an immediate response they appear to be naïve children but as soon as they sit down it becomes clear to me that they are very mature for their ages and they will definitely make their mark in the music industry.

I start off by asking them how it feels to come from such small towns and to suddenly be thrust into the limelight, this question is greeted by a smile on all of their faces. Evie says "I feel like I'm living in a dream world, it's so overwhelming" to which Ralph scoffs and declares "it's fucking brilliant!"

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We discussed their big break when they landed a spot supporting Biffy Clyro on their arena tour and the excitement of talking about it is clear from all of their expressions. Jake says "I wanted that tour to last forever,

it was the best few months of my life" and Evie agrees saying "I never imagined we'd be here".

They were spotted by a scout from Biffy Clyro's record label at one of their college gigs and he then offered them a place supporting Biffy Clyro, the tour was very successful and since then it has just been a whirlwind for them.

It has been reported that they have become very good friends with the Biffy Clyro lads, however all four members of Tusk still appear to be in awe of them. Josh describes them as 'Gods of music' and Ralph states that they are 'everything I want to be'. The group reminisce about some favourite tour moments and it becomes clear to me that these musicians will remember this last year forever. They tell me about a few of the drunken incidents on their tour, Jake says 'Evie went out one night with two of the guys from Biffy Clyro, claiming that she could drink them under the table, two hours later they had to carry her back



to the hotel because she was completely out of it' to which Evie replies 'those guys can drink a lot, I will never be as hardcore as them'.

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I probe them about their future and although they are not completely sure how things will pan out, there's one thing they are adamant about. Josh looks at me with a smile and announces 'We have arrived and we're not going anywhere'. To this Jake laughs and says 'Josh stop being such a fag'. Josh appears to be the joker of the group and the others just laugh at him with everything he says. At one point when talking about the future he says 'I wanted to be a zookeeper when I was younger, working in the music industry is similar to that'.

They have just been recording a charity single to raise money for

Red Nose Day and I ask them about this, Evie says 'We wanted to give something back, say thanks for getting us where we are, I think Red Nose Day is a great opportunity for us to do this.' And Jake adds 'The song has been edited to it appeals to a wider audience because it's important to raise as much money as possible'.

Tusk have recently released their debut album entitled 'Where We Are Now' and it has shot straight into the UK top 5 which is quite an achievement. Jake boasts 'I knew it would do well, it's a great album' whereas Josh says 'I was nervous that people wouldn't get it, it's quite different to anything that has been previously released'. The album is tipped to be this week's number one and I ask the band how they feel about this, Ralph says 'I'm still sceptical, but we'll see' and Josh bites back 'Don't be negative, it'll be a massive honour, we'll all be so happy'. They are shortly about to embark on a sell-out headline tour

around the UK, the tickets sold out in the first day they were available and there has been a lot of speculation that this band will make it bigger than Biffy Clyro, to this they all scoff and shake their heads. Evie says 'I can't imagine us ever being bigger than a band such as Biffy Clyro' and Josh adds 'But it would be amazing, maybe someday they will be supporting us on tour' to which everyone laughs. I sense a lot of excitement about the prospect of going on their own tour but also some anxiety, Jake adds 'realistically it's going to be a lot of hard work and a lot different to anything we're used to, but we've just started out and we have a lot of learning to do'.

The band are told they need to get back to recording so they can finish their single in time, they reluctantly get up from their chairs and thank me for the interview. As they walk off they start singing and dancing with each other. I can see that this band have a lot of promise and I really do think they will go far.

She may look innocent but she means business.



Supporting Biffy Clyro in London