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Television switch on

TELEVISION, the American new wave band whose "Marquee Moon" album jumps into the Melody Maker chart this week, make their British debut at the end of next month.

They play eight concerts highlighted by a show at LONDON Hammersmith Odeon. And supporting on all dates will be the critically applauded American band Blondie, whose first album was released in Britain earlier this month.

The tour opens at GLASGOW Apollo on May 22 and continues at NEWCASTLE City Hall (23), SHEFFIELD City Hall (24), MANCHESTER Free Trade Hall (26), BIRMINGHAM Odeon (27), LONDON Hammersmith Odeon (28), PLYMOUTH Top Rank (30) and BRISTOL Colston Hall (31).

The Bristol concert also features local new wave band, the Cortinas, who next month become the first group on a new label called Step Forward.

Tickets for all the shows cost £2.50, £2 and £1.50. The Glasgow concert also has £1 tickets. Box-offices open at the end of this week.

Television were formed by guitarist Tom Verlaine in the early Seventies. Although they have long been established as one of New York's leading club bands, their debut album was released only last month. This week it hits number 21 in the MM chart.

● IN NEXT WEEK'S MELODY MAKER, Tom Verlaine talks exclusively about Television's music, and why he believes the band are not part of the punk phenomenon.

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Who's a punk?

WHAT THE PUNKING ELL! Who is the ferocious young man with the safety pin through his nostril and an expression of impudent hostility? No, it's not Charles Unpleasant, it's the original f-f-f-ade away man, Roger "The 'Oo" Daltrey.

DALTREY recalls what the best dressed hooligan has worn over the past decade, from Ted to Skinhead, Hells Angel and Punk in a special promotion film for his new album "One Of The Boys." He talks to MM's Chris Welch this week — so why doncha all turn to p-p-p-p-ages 8 and 9!



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● The Clash have a new drummer, 21-year-old Nicky Headon (second from left), who joins the band on the eve of their first major British tour.

● Headon, who previously worked as an office clerk, told the Melody Maker: "I can relate to the Clash on a political level. I've been through the unemployment bit. I've been made to take jobs that I didn't want at all.

● "Captain Beefheart is my main influence. I like all sorts of music, anything with a lot of energy.

● "I knew Mick [Jones, the Clash's guitarist] from about a year and a half ago. For a week I played with his band, the London S.S., when Brian James of the Damned and Tony James of Generation X were in it too.

● "Then I didn't see him for ages until I bumped into him at the Kinks concert at the Rainbow last month. I'd never seen them play but I was really excited as soon as I did. They are incredible. I really wanted to join. They are by far the best band in the country."

● The Clash now, left to right: Headon, Mick Simonon.

● The band's follow-up to "Janis Jones," debut album, *Tony Goldford and Civic* (May 1).

JONATHAN RICHMAN: BRITISH DATES

JONATHAN RICHMAN and the Modern Lovers are in line for their first-ever British concert this summer.

Richman, first championed by John Cale five years ago, has won a considerable cult following in Britain even though his two albums have been available only as imports in this country.

But now his American label, Beserkley, has signed a distribution deal with Decca and the first release is *Richman & the Modern Lovers* single on May 7. It will be followed by his new album in June, when it is also planned to bring Richman and the Modern Lovers to Britain. None of the dates, however, have yet been finalised.

Richman's first two albums will be released in Britain this autumn.

Ace scrap gigs

ACE have scrapped their British tour, due to start this week, claiming that to play in this country is "financial suicide." The only date salvaged from the four-week tour is at London's Roundhouse on May 8 where ACE are supported by Sassafras and Bees Make Honey.

10cc on tour

10cc embark on a major British tour next month — the first since the band split last year. But details of the new line-up have yet to be revealed. As reported by Melody Maker last week the tour opens at Glasgow Apollo on May 27 and 28 and is followed by 11 more concerts, including a show at the 8,000-capacity STAFFORD New Bingley Hall and two nights at LONDON Hammersmith Odeon. Original members Graham Gouldman and Eric Stewart will be joined on stage by drummer Paul Burgess, who was back-up percussionist with the band for many of their concerts last year.

BARBARA DICKSON, MAYALL SHOWS

BARBARA DICKSON next month embarks on her first major British tour, coinciding with the release of her new album "Morning Come Quickly."

The LP was recorded in Nashville with Mentor Williams as producer. Williams, brother of songwriter Paul, was also responsible for Doble Gray's classic "Drift Away."

The tour starts at REDGAR Coatham Bowl on May 22 and continues at BIRMINGHAM Town Hall (23), NEWCASTLE City Hall (25), MANCHESTER Apollo (25), SHEFFIELD City Hall (28), STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (29), LIVERPOOL Philharmonic (31), DUNFERMLINE Carnegie Hall (June 3), GLASGOW Kelvin Hall (7) and LONDON New Victoria (4).

Dickson's new single "Lover's Serenade," written by Mentor Williams, is in the shops this week.

● John Mayall and a three-piece back-up band next month tour Britain for the first time in two years, opening at LEEDS University on May 18.

Concerts follow at GUILDFORD Surrey University (19), LONDON Rainbow (20), BIRMINGHAM Odeon (21) and MIDDLESBROUGH Town Hall (22).

The musicians in Mayall's backing band are Ellis Richardson, James Smith and Steve Thompson.

NEWS FLASHES

THE open-air festival for the Phoenix Theatre Company and based on the music from "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" will be presented as part of the Leicester Festival, which runs from May 21 to June 11. At the London Mermaid Theatre on May 1, the Musicians' Union present a May Day concert, featuring all types of music and comedy. Musicians include the Bowles Brothers Band, Neil Ardley and Barbara Thompson. Starting time is 7.30 pm. The new Bay City Rollers single is called "It's A Game," the title track of their new album, and is released this Friday (April 29), with the album due for release in June. American producer, Harry Maslin, has worked with the Scottish band on the new album.

THE Real Thing's new album is titled "Four From Eight" and is released on June 1. The band headline a tour to coincide with the album. Lionel, a musical based on the works of Lionel Bart, opens at the New London Theatre on May 9. It stars Marian Montgomery, Adrienne Posta, Alyn Baynage and Aubrey Woods ... Quantum Jump, who start their first major British tour at Maidenhead. Skindler on May 1, have added a new guitarist to their line-up. Vocalist Rupert Hine, drummer Trevor Morris and bassist John Parry, are now joined by ex-Nektar guitarist, Roy Albrighton ... Tim Souster, who specialises in electronic music, has signed with Transatlantic Records. His first album, "Sweet Drimz," is released in May.

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Tues.	3rd	Birmingham, Barbarellas	Tues.	18th	Middlesborough, Rock Gardens
Wed.	4th	Swindon, The Affair Ballroom	Thurs.	19th	Newcastle, University
Thurs.	5th	Liverpool, Erics.	Fri.	20th	St. Albans, City Hall
Fri.	6th	Aberdeen, University	Sat.	21st	Stafford, Top Of The World
Sat.	7th	Edinburgh, Playhouse Theatre	Mon.	23rd	Cardiff, Top Rank
Sun.	8th	Manchester, Electric Circus	Tues.	24th	Brighton, Polytechnic
Mon.	9th	London, Rainbow	Wed.	25th	Bristol, Colston Hall
Tues.	10th	Kidderminster, Town Hall	Thurs.	26th	West Runton, Pavilion
Thurs.	12th	Nottingham, Palais	Fri.	27th	Canterbury, Odeon
Sun.	15th	Plymouth, Fiesta	Sat.	28th	Chelmsford, Chancellor Hall
			Sun.	29th	Dunstable, California Ballroom
			Mon.	30th	

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