



THE BACKSTAGERIDER.COM ANNOUNCES FIRST WORLD TOUR

Indie record store clerks, music geeks, groupies, fans, bands and musicians alike rejoice as Vancouver welcomes to the Interweb an irreverent, new music blogject, **Backstagerider.com**

Vancouver – January 12, 2010 Music blog **Backstagerider.com** welds together 25+ years worth of gigs, interviews, aftershow parties, diary entries, tour-bus antics and late-night escapades with new album and concert reviews, interviews, lists, random musings and input from the musical genii themselves.

Created and written by Vancouver-based freelance writer, editor and social media obsessive Mikala Taylor, **backstagerider.com** includes tales of a life in love with (mostly indie/alternative) music. It travels from Toronto to Copenhagen, London to Vancouver, and warps backwards and forward through musical time like a rock n' roll TARDIS.

Kicking out the jams in January:

Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter **Mike Doughty** (formerly of Soul Coughing) offers up his New Year's Resolutions. There's also a live review of **Mew**, an article about hanging out with Louis XIV and its new spin-off **The Nervous Wreckords**, "New City Anthem" from Vancouver's **Sex With Strangers** and a video message from **Eagles of Death Metal's** Jesse Hughes.

Also this month:

Rewind – a regular feature that will dig out past experiences and stories from The Rider's rock mailbag. First up is a ramble down memory lane with **Lou Barlow and Dinosaur Jr** and an old letter from the King of Lo-Fi himself.

Lists - UK's **White Lies** provide the Top 11 Things They Like About Canada. Because our lists don't stop at 10. And this one includes Crystal Castles.

For Those About to Rockberry - a gallery collection of musicky cell-phone photos ("when you care enough to take pictures with whatever phone you've got on you.")

"I'm a music geek, explains Mikala. "I've been hanging out with bands, writing reviews and doing interviews since the dawn of time – but always for other sites or magazines. Occasionally, the best and most cheeky stories have to end up on the sticky post-gig floor. Thus, Backstagerider.com was born. This blog will be about truly awesome and silly and wonderful gigs as well as musicians and friends I've met. Backstagerider is an ever-evolving music blogject and verily, it doth rock."

So, what's on your rider?

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