

Oasis On-Line...

If the success level of a band were to be measured by the number of internet sites devoted to it, then Oasis - as if you didn't know already - are up there challenging with the best of them. The amount of cyberspace devoted to these Gods of music is vast - expanding. Already they find themselves subjects of a network of pages to rival more established heavyweights such as REM.

So where do you start in the vast realms of cyberspace? **Lasagne!** boldly went where other fanzines fear to tread in its quest to bring you up to date on all things Oasis related, and proudly present its guide to surfing the Oasis waves....

The place to start is with the '**Official Oasis Home-Page**'. This can be accessed at the site: www.oasisinit.com Once you get there, the limits are boundless. On the home-page, there's a picture of the band and a list of band members - well, it has to start somewhere! Also, adverts for the latest releases - most recently, the 'There & Then' video and the singles boxes, with track listings and release details.

Your options from this page run as follows:

Gigography - All gigs including support slots, numbered and dated as far back as 1991, This page brings your gigography from **Lasagne!**#7 bang up to date, ending with their 279th gig on Sept. 10th at the Wissan Pavilion, Bristow, VA on the ill-fated American tour. Trivia fans do you know Oasis still played 57 gigs in 1996, despite splitting up, getting back together, flying to USA, coming home, etc?!

Discography - Again, accurate and well laid out, containing track details of UK & US releases along with the option to hear or see snippets of the songs and their videos, should you have the computer facilities for it. You can also download the cover artwork, to make lovely posters!

Lyrics - Self explanatory really. You get the lyrics to all singles with B-sides as well, but **Lasagne!** readers can still feel smug as the guitar chords aren't included.

Press Clips - No, not just the latest Liam's leaving, oh-no-he's not, Patsy's split the band up, drugs shocker! Oasis split, Oasis don't split, rubbish. - There's some gems on this page, including old interviews and features, British and American record and live reviews, and official press releases (in other words the bland but true versions of the stories keeping the tabloids in business).

Then there's Noel's first on-line session at the end of '95 in USA which gets slightly weird:

Q: What are your thoughts on the American music scene?

Noel: Not much.

Q: Do you like lemonade?

N: Yes I like lemonade (!?)

Q: Liam, why don't you wear your glasses anymore?

Backstage bods: He's lost them.

...Very entertaining though.

Overall, this bit's a must-see.

Incidentally, this is how the American press release for 'Definitely Maybe' gushingly introduced Oasis to an unsuspecting US audience:

... "The spare arrangement of their sweet and melodic rock ballad 'Live Forever' gives the rest of the band a chance to shine...an almost wistful groove...a complex melody line...Liam's singing shows Oasis' vulnerable, heartfelt side"

Makes it sound like a Sealion Dion ballad doesn't it?!

Sign In - Gives you the chance to get on the Oasis mailing list - but then, you're already on it, aren't you?

Fan Mail - This looks a little more promising. Here, you can leave your messages and questions for Oasis. Whether you get a reply remains to be seen!!

Photos/Sounds/Videos - Sounds and videos need extra equipment, so don't bother. But photos turned up some famous & not-so-famous shots. The question really is whether you want to be bothered with the time and expense of loading these (and it does take a while) when you could cut up any magazine. Or newspaper. Or Oasis cash-in biography.

On-line events - Re-live Loch Lomond through interviews, photos, video clips etc. Or real backstage interviews. Good stuff.

Links - Now this is where you'll keep coming back to again and again. This takes you directly to the myriad fans' web pages, all of which provide varying degrees of news, reviews & photos. At the last count, **Lasagne!** found 39 - yes 39! such sites. A few have been sampled for your information. **WARNING!** : Some of the sights are about as useful to the discerning Oasis fan as No-Way-Sis!

Avoid '**Champagne Supernova**' (www.cris.com) like the plague! It's laughable... Reading the December 8th update, you'll learn about a new single out in December 1996 - either 'My Big

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