

I'd do everything for them!

Dear Lasagne!

I just have to tell everyone the way I felt some months ago when I heard that Oasis were to play a gig in my home city of Milan.

I went everyday to my local record shop until finally the tickets arrived. At last, for the first time, I was going to see the best band on the planet. As if this wasn't good enough, I had the No.1 ticket. The no.1 of Italy! Just a dream! With my precious ticket I arrived, waiting for my heroes when somebody touched my shoulder. I turned around and an English bloke asked me "Would I like to meet the band after the show?" A joke? I thought so, until he gave me two backstage passes! This really did feel like a dream. This was my chance to meet them and tell them how great their music is....but I think they already know that!

75 minutes of music that nobody will ever forget and the night was just beginning. The passes were real! I spent the whole night backstage with the guys,... well three of them. (Liam, Guigsy and Bonehead). Bonehead is so cool, We drank, we talked, we smoked.... and the rest is personal!! Anyway, he signed my No 1 ticket, making it something very special.

I love him. I love Oasis. But most of all I love their music. I now sit and wait for another Italian gig. I flew to Knebworth in the summer for both gigs. I'd do anything for them. Thanks guys!

Ilaria Cappelluto,
Milan, Italy.

Weird Letter Alert!

Dear Lasagne!

I've written a tribute to Noel's guitars...

Just imagine if the interment of our beloved Noel was a penny whistle. Think about it! Instead of the crooning sweeping riffs that lift us when we're down, there would be a tuneless void of nothingness. So thank you, oh great instrument of the master for what you have done to us. Cheers!

And just you remember, all you Oasis fans out there... When you're feeling down, think of what Noel would look like playing the penny whistle and bloomin' well cheer up!

Susan Thorne,
Letchworth, Herts.

A Request...

Dear Lasagne!

I have a little request, I hope somebody can help me...

In Melody Maker, 11 May 1996, after the Maine Road shows, Everett True quoted an official Oasis programme, that states: 'It's about much more than words. Always has been, always will be. It's about something exhilarating, instinctive, inspirational. Something special: Rock 'n Roll!'

I hoped to find this in the tour programme at the gig in Paris last September, but devastatingly all gigs were cancelled. So I'd like to know if anyone knows where to get a copy of it. If I can't buy one I'd settle for a photocopy. Please help me!

Jan Koenot, Belgium.

Can you help? Get in touch at the usual address and I'll pass anything on. JY.

Dear Lasagne!

After reading the comment in last issues letters page about how many letters there had been from people disappointed when not being able to get tickets, I decided to write in about my own experience of not getting tickets. Although every Oasis gig I have ever attended was excellently organised I still think the ticket business is abit dodgy, when ticket touts can have tickets before the tickets have gone on sale.

So when the tickets went on sale for the first night at Manchester's Maine Road on the 1st of March 1996, a lot of people had stayed out all night to get tickets, but some people who had been queuing of three or four hours still didn't get ticket. Maybe this was because most of the tickets had gone to the phone lines and not to the various venues around Manchester. Apparently 4,000 people were queuing at 8:45am, with more then an hour to go before the lucky few got tickets, outside Virgin Megastore. I think the worst news for those who had queued up and still missed out on tickets was, reports around the city and in the local press that ticket touts had been selling tickets for £80 at the end of the queue before the tickets went on sale! Great news, that even before the tickets went on sale you could buy them for four or five times their price.

My own experience with Oasis ticket disappointment was with the Knebworth tickets. After getting the ads for Loch Lomond and Knebworth through the post, I decided that I would be able to save up the money I would need seeing it wasn't for such a long time. So I sat down with two phones re-dialling the same number again and again. So after four hours I put the phones down and went out and bought a new Oasis T-shirt.

A month later I was out shopping and noticed a sigh in a record shop which advertised Oasis tickets for both nights of Knebworth and Loch Lomond. I bought a ticket, and after that I found out that there were loads of un-sold tickets although they were mainly going as coach trips. I think that my disappointment of not getting a ticket first try stopped me looking else where for them - I'm sure I was not the only person to find this, some people I know didn't get tickets until less than a month before the gig, and there were still tickets available a week before. Why were there so many reports of all of the tickets selling out in three hours? Someone out there in Oasis land must know.

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All letters to the usual address
(see inside front cover).

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