

# ON STAGE Hansom Pilot

New bands using Roland and Boss equipment

**LINE UP:** (left to right) Clare Devaney – vocals/keyboard : Deri Wilson – vocals : Rob Howells – bass guitar : Bianca Denham – lead vocals/guitar : Ant Chalmers – guitar

## Biography

Hansom Pilot are a five-piece London-based rock band comprising three girls and two guys (plus a drummer called Jeff). The band formed in 2004 with one ambition: to write music with an edge that conveys passion and energy, and to deliver a great live show where the audience gets to have as much fun as the band.

## Roland/Boss choices

"My first pedal was a Boss Overdrive and now my board is dominated by Boss pedals," says guitarist Ant. "It's not just the sound I love but also the fact that they're so durable."

All the band's guitarists rely on the TU-2 chromatic tuner, and bassist Rob uses the ODB-3 Overdrive and OC-3 Super Octave pedals because, as he says, "They're ideal for emphasising a riff or passage or giving Ant a taste of his own medicine."

Clare plays a Roland XP-30 synthesizer which gives an impressive range of sounds.

Another piece of gear Hansom Pilot use for developing ideas is the Boss GX-700. The band also experiment using the Roland VS-1824 multi-track recorder.

## Where are they now?

In late July, Hansom Pilot will be performing in the semi-final of the national Wharfedale Pro 'Adopt a Band' competition after recently winning the London heat.

"By 2006 we want a record deal," says Bianca, "but what we really want is to see UFOs hovering above our gigs. We've worked hard so now it's a case of getting ourselves out and about and continuing to write and perform our hearts out."

## LINKS

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