

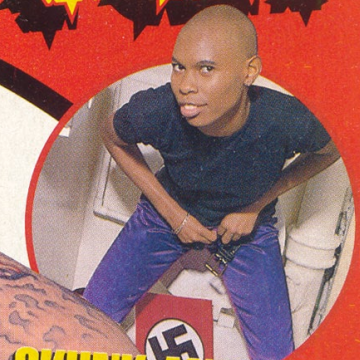
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■ **BLIND MELON** have finished work on their eagerly-awaited second album!

Entitled '*Soup*', it's been produced by Andy Wallace (*Slayer*, *Sepultura*) in New Orleans and is set for a June 20 release.

"Originally, we wanted it to be really different to our first record (*Blind Melon*)," says frontman Shannon Hoon. "But in the end, you don't go from night to day without finding some middle ground."

"There are a lot of different styles of song on it, but we've tried to link them together. We've got a song called '*Carseat*', which is my favourite on the record – it's got this bossa nova-type feel to it."

"There's a song called '*Galaxy*'. '*Soup*' itself, which was also on the '*Woodstock*' record. '*Will*'. And '*St Andrew's Hall*', which is about this girl we watched jump 20 storeys from a window ledge in Detroit!"

The band – completed by guitarists Rogers Stevens and Christopher Thorn, bassist Brad Smith and drummer Glen Graham – had planned to release a mini-album they'd recorded in various hotel rooms last year.

"We did it, but we kinda want to do something different with it – maybe make it available to everybody who's in our fan club," offers Hoon.

"Some of the songs

are actually now on the new record, but here they're really stripped-down."

The quintet are set to hit the road this Summer, starting in Europe by playing the festivals they pulled out of last year.

"After we did *Glastonbury*, a bunch of stuff came down," sighs Hoon. "It was starting to get really destructive, and rather than wait for the whole vehicle to break down, we figured it'd be best to check out for a while."

"We've also been asked to play eight shows in Europe with the *Rolling Stones*, and we may be coming to the UK for one of the festivals in June or July."

Actually, my girlfriend's due to have our

baby round about then... Maybe I'll just bring her over and get her to have the baby on stage!"

One person who won't be treading the boards with the band is the infamous Bee Girl.

"We threw her in a blender!" snorts Hoon. "And then we threw hydrochloric acid on top!"



BLIND MELON:
ready to deliver
babies on stage!

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■ **COLLECTIVE SOUL** have just released their self-titled second LP in America!

"I thought we were getting a simultaneous worldwide release," says Ed Roland (guitar/vocals). However, he denies that the Atlanta band have a problem with their UK label EastWest – rumoured after they aborted a tour over here earlier this year.

"The tour was cancelled cos we were under pressure to finish the new album. We were anxious to get the new album out and then tour Britain, cos this record is more representative of us."

"Our debut ('Hints, Allegations And Things Left Unsaid') was a bunch of demos I put together to try and get a publishing deal. Nobody was more surprised than me when it sold so well in America!"

'Collective Soul' features the track the quintet – completed by guitarists Dean Roland and Ross Childress, bassist Will Turpin and drummer Shane Evans – recorded for 'The Jerky Boys Movie' soundtrack, 'Gel'.

"None of us had ever heard of The Jerky Boys before we were asked to put a song on the soundtrack!" admits Roland. "We also have a tune called 'She Said' on the forthcoming 'Empire' film soundtrack."

The band begin touring shortly. A visit to these shores is apparently high on their list of priorities.

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■ **SHOOTYZ GROOVE**, the LA Rapcore mob, hit the UK this month with fellow rappin' gangsters Downset on a seven-date tour. And they aim to prove a point to former label Mercury!

"We had a run-in recently with the UK record company, when they refused to release our debut album ('Jammin In Vicious Environments') because of a personal problem they had with someone who worked with us at the time," explains vocalist Sense. "We wouldn't back down over it, so Abstract have just put the album out in the UK. It's Mercury's loss!"

The highly-principled fivesome – Sense, fellow vocalist Season, guitarist Donny, bassist Spec and drummer Dose – will follow up the UK trek with a concentrated spell of writing for their second album.

"We'll be going into the studio fairly soon," offers Sense. "We also have plans to attack Europe again during the Summer at a series of festivals. We love playing over here. The fans are so psyched up for us!"

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