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New Wave of English Folk Crossing into America

Looking for a New England, an exciting and provocative assemblage of Britain's most critically acclaimed new wave of English folk artists, will be arriving on America's shore for two special performances in March. All of the featured acts are on the vanguard of the emerging scene and performers such as Jim Moray, the artist The Daily Telegraph calls "the greatest leap forward in folk for 30 years", are helping to take British folk mainstream. Other performers include Olivia Chaney, Jackie Oates, Trembling Bells and Gadarene.

The first Stateside appearance of *Looking for a New England* will be in New York on Tues., March 16th at Webster Hall Studio, 125 E. 11th St., 212-353-1600 (start time TBA, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door). They'll then travel to Austin where they'll be joined by The Unthanks for an official showcase as part of the annual South By Southwest Music Conference and perform Fri., March 19th at St. Davids Church, 301 E. 8th St..

Looking for a New England will also host the SXSW panel *Where Goes English Folk?* On Thurs., March 18th. Chaired by writer and broadcaster Will Hodgkinson and including Moray and Trembling Bells. More info to be announced.

The tour is produced by British Underground, a publicly funded music development agency which has been sponsoring SXSW showcases since 2002, introducing American audiences to artists such as Amy Winehouse, Jamie Cullum, KT Tunstall, Elbow, Gabriel Prokofiev, Sway, and many more.

Inspired by the British music magazine, fRoots' "Looking for a New England" cd compilation, British Underground are working with Arts Council England, Sound and Music, English Folk Dance and Song Society, fRoots, Mojo Magazine and Ballad of Britain to produce a state of the art showcasing campaign taking the new generation of young, free-thinking and bold folk artists to the rest of the world. As the crest of the current English folk revival continues to rise, last year was an exciting time for English folk music and it was decided to take a sampling of these original young performers to the world's premier musical showcase event of it's kind.

[Jim Moray](http://www.jimmoray.co.uk/) <http://www.jimmoray.co.uk/>
[The Unthanks](http://www.rachelunthank.com) <http://www.rachelunthank.com>
[Olivia Chaney](http://www.myspace.com/oliviachaney) <http://www.myspace.com/oliviachaney>
[Jackie Oates](http://www.jackieoates.co.uk/) <http://www.jackieoates.co.uk/>
[Gadarene](http://www.myspace.com/gadarenemusic) <http://www.myspace.com/gadarenemusic>
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