

TOURS

Elton John

ELTON JOHN has added another Scottish concert to his British tour schedule this summer. He now also plays a midnight show at the **GLASGOW Apollo Centre** on May 25, a concert hastily scheduled following the rapid sell-out of tickets for John's evening performance at the theatre. The extra concert means that John now plays 31 shows on the tour, which starts late next month. Earlier this month he added a concert at **LONDON'S Earls Court** on May 13 because of the huge ticket demand.

Stylistics

THE STYLISTICS play two extra shows at the **LONDON Palladium** on April 5, because their two concerts at the theatre on April 9 and 10 have sold out. Ember Concert Division chief Jeff Kruger told the MM: "April 5 was to have been a day off for the Stylistics, but they agreed to do two extra shows on that day. Performances are at 6.15 and 8.45 p.m." The Stylistics open their British visit with a week at **BATLEY Variety Club** from March 29.

Jose Feliciano

JOSE FELICIANO comes to Britain for a short tour next month. And the highlight of his visit promises to be a concert at **LONDON'S Royal Albert Hall**. The tour starts at **WAKEFIELD Theatre Club** on April 20 and continues at **LONDON Royal Albert Hall (21)**, **EDINBURGH Usher Hall (24)**, **ASHTON Tamesside Theatre (25)** and **LEICESTER De Montford Hall (27)**.

Maddy Prior/June Tabor

THE Maddy Prior-June Tabor concert dates have been extended into a short provincial tour. Prior and Tabor will now be playing only one gig at **LONDON Sadlers Wells Theatre (April 11)** instead of the three that had been originally planned. The other dates are at **PORTSMOUTH Centre Hotel (April 4)**, **HULL Central Hall (8)**, **SHEFFIELD Highcliffe Club (10)**, **BIRMINGHAM Town Hall (13)**, **LIVERPOOL Bailey's (14)** and **BRISTOL Colston Hall (15)**. The Prior-Tabor "Silly Sisters" album has been delayed due to pressing problems, but is due for release on April 19.

PFM

ITALIAN rock band **PFM** come to Britain for a full-scale concert tour next month. The tour opens at **FOLKESTONE Lees Cliff Hall (April 17)**, **SOUTHEND Kursaal (19)**, **GUILDFORD Civic Hall (21)**, **PLYMOUTH Guildhall (22)**, **BRISTOL Colston Hall (23)**, **SHEFFIELD City Hall (24)**, **NEWCASTLE City Hall (25)**, **MANCHESTER Free Trade Hall (26)**, **LIVERPOOL Empire (27)**, **GLASGOW City Hall (28)**, **EDINBURGH Leith Hall (29)**, **YORK Central Hall (30)**, **NOTTINGHAM University (May 1)**, **HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Pavilion (2)**, **EXETER University (3)**, **CARDIFF University (4)**, **BIRMINGHAM Town Hall (5)** and **LONDON Royal Albert Hall (6)**.

Ozark Mountain Daredevils

OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS, who star at the International Country Music Festival at Wembley on April 19, also embark on a short British tour next month. It opens at **NEWCASTLE City Hall (April 29)**, followed by **GLASGOW Apollo (30)**, **EDINBURGH Usher Hall (May 1)**, **LIVERPOOL Empire (2)**, **BIRMINGHAM Odeon (4)** and **HAMMERSMITH Odeon (5)**.

Marty Robbins

MARTY ROBBINS is set for a British tour following his appearance at the International Festival Of Country Music at the Empire Pool, Wembley on April 18. After a date in Dublin on April 20, Robbins returns to Britain to play **ABERDEEN Music Hall (April 22)**, **LIVERPOOL Empire (23)**, **PETERBOROUGH ABC (24)**, **COVENTRY Theatre (25)**, **BRIGHTON Dome (27)**, **SOUTHAMPTON Gaumont (29)**, **CHELMSFORD Odeon (30)**, **IPSWICH Gaumont (May 1)** and **NORWICH Theatre Royal (2)**.

Alvin Stardust

ALVIN STARDUST tours Southern Ireland and Scotland in April. The Irish dates open on April 4 in Cork, followed by **LIMERICK (5)**, **DUBLIN (6-10)**. During this time Stardust will also play a short season at Port Marnock Country Club. He opens his Scottish tour at **Carnegie Hall, DUNFERMLINE**, on April 18. He then plays **Mill Inn Hotel, ABERDEEN (19)**, **Baron Suite**



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'Exhausted' Joni cancels

JONI MITCHELL'S British concerts are off. She has cancelled her entire European tour this summer because of exhaustion. "Joni's been touring the States and now doctors have ordered her to rest for five months," Barry Dickins of MAM, who were promoting the British shows, told the Melody Maker this week. "It means that she's had to cancel tours of Australia, Japan and Europe."

Mitchell, as exclusively reported in the MM last January, was due to play just four concerts in Britain: **Hammer-smith Odeon** in London from May 27 to 29 and the **Glasgow Apollo** on May 31.

Also included in her schedule were concerts in **Scandinavia, Germany, Holland and France**.

The four British shows were sell-outs. Ticket money, however, will be refunded. People who bought tickets direct from MAM should return them, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to the MAM office at 24-25 New Bond Street, London. Tickets bought from agencies should be returned to the appropriate office for a refund.

BAND LEADER DIES



Noel "Chappie" D'Amato, one of Britain's most popular "society" bandleaders and a former member of the Jack Hylton Orchestra, died in London, last Saturday after a short illness. He was 78.

In 1927, Chappie D'Amato was playing alto saxophone with the Hylton Orchestra, which also featured Jack Jackson — later to become a famous bandleader and deejay — and Billy Ternent, who also became one of Britain's most celebrated bandleaders.

On leaving Hylton in the early Thirties, D'Amato free-

CHAPPIE D'AMATO: society band

lanced for a time, by now having taken up the guitar. He played with Arthur Young's band at Hatchett's Piccadilly, and later led his own band at the club. He played at Hatchett's until 1950, then won renewed popularity as a BBC deejay.

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