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'Exhausted' Joni cancels tour

JONI MITCHELL has cancelled her tour of Europe in May which included four British dates that were already sold out.

Joni is said to be suffering from 'physical exhaustion' after she contacted flu but continued to play the scheduled dates on her American tour. Doctors have advised her to rest completely for the time being.

Joni's planned concerts at London's Hammersmith Odeon and the Glasgow Apollo would have been her first British appearances since her show with Crosby Stills Nash and Young at Wembley Stadium in May 1974.

The European tour was due to open at Stockholm in mid-May and included concerts at Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Munich, Amsterdam and Paris before reaching Britain at the end of the month.

MAM promoter Barry Dickens will be meeting Joni's manager Elliott Roberts, this week and it is hoped to re-schedule the dates for later this year.

Those who bought tickets for the Hammersmith and Glasgow concerts from MAM can get their money refunded by sending a stamped addressed envelope to MAM at 24 New Bond Street, London W1.



Sweet to play festivals

SWEET, who are currently playing a 40-date American tour, are considering playing one or more of the open air festivals being lined up for this summer.

SOUNDS understands that the group have received offers for one of the Crystal Palace concerts and for the Cardiff open-air concert which will take place this summer.

Sweet will undertake a European tour during May which will include concerts in Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Yugoslavia.

Dogg reform

FAMILY DOGG is being reformed by founder member and producer Steve Rowland and the group has been signed to Arista Records.

The group disbanded in 1971 after nearly four years during which they had several hit records including 'A Way Of Life'.

Rowland says that the group will be following a different direction from the American West Coast flower-power image that it used to have. An album is expected to be completely by the end of April and a complete band line-up will be announced shortly.

West Indian fest

A WEST INDIAN festival at London's Roundhouse this Friday (March 19) will include West Indian band contest with a top