

Media Outlet: Daily Star
Date: 15 September 2021
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RICK SET TO BLOSSOM

★ EIGHTIES legend Rick Astley is joining Blossoms for two live gigs to perform The Songs Of The Smiths.

The unlikely collaborators first performed This Charming Man together earlier this week on tour and now they have decided to dedicate two full shows to Morrissey and Johnny Marr's songbook at Manchester's Albert Hall on October 8 and London's O2 Forum Kentish Town the day after.

Rick said: "From the moment The Smiths emerged in 1983 I was hooked.

★ "It's no secret that it's been an ambition of mine to turn an idea that first sounded crazy, making more sense as Blossoms and I talked about it and then rehearsed it, into a reality.

"These shows will be nights that I'll never forget."

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Media Outlet: NME

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://www.nme.com/news/music/blossoms-and-rick-astley-announce-pair-of-shows-celebrating-the-songs-of-the-smiths-3045563>



Blossoms and Rick Astley. CREDIT: Lewis Evans

Blossoms and Rick Astley have announced they'll be teaming up for a pair of shows that will celebrate the songs of The Smiths.

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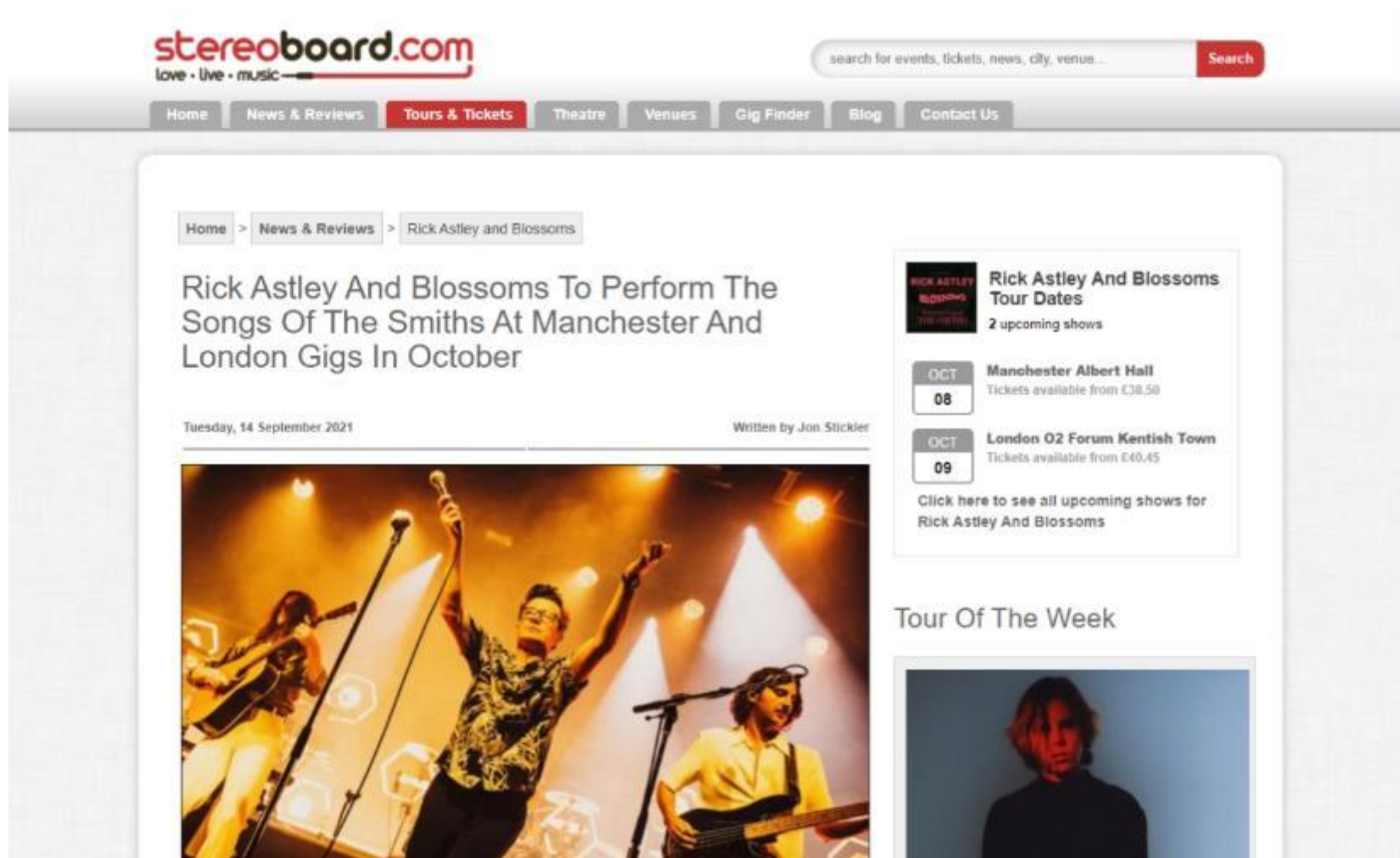


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Media Outlet: Stereoboard

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://www.stereoboard.com/content/view/232975/9>



The screenshot shows the Stereoboard website interface. At the top left is the logo "stereoboard.com" with the tagline "love • live • music". To the right is a search bar with the text "search for events, tickets, news, city, venue..." and a red "Search" button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for Home, News & Reviews, Tours & Tickets (highlighted in red), Theatre, Venues, Gig Finder, Blog, and Contact Us. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home > News & Reviews > Rick Astley and Blossoms. The article title is "Rick Astley And Blossoms To Perform The Songs Of The Smiths At Manchester And London Gigs In October". Below the title is the date "Tuesday, 14 September 2021" and the author "Written by Jon Stickler". A large photograph shows Rick Astley performing on stage, holding a microphone and raising his arms, with other band members visible in the background. To the right of the article is a sidebar with a section titled "Rick Astley And Blossoms Tour Dates" and "2 upcoming shows". The first show is "Manchester Albert Hall" on "OCT 08" with tickets available from £38.50. The second show is "London O2 Forum Kentish Town" on "OCT 09" with tickets available from £40.45. Below the tour dates is a link: "Click here to see all upcoming shows for Rick Astley And Blossoms". At the bottom of the sidebar is a section titled "Tour Of The Week" with a placeholder image of a person.

Media Outlet: Radio X

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://www.radiox.co.uk/artists/blossoms/rick-astley-gigs-the-smiths-covers/>



The screenshot shows the Radio X website interface. At the top, there are links for 'Register' and 'Sign in'. The main header features the Radio X logo with the tagline 'GET INTO THE MUSIC' and the frequency '104.9-107.5 FM (FM RADIO - HULL)'. A 'NOW PLAYING' section displays 'CLOSE TO ME' by 'The Cure' with a 'LISTEN' button. Below this is a navigation menu with categories: RADIO, ARTISTS, NEWS, FEATURES, QUIZZES, WIN, TICKETS, FESTIVALS, CHARITY, and PODCASTS. The article title is 'BLOSSOMS' under the 'ARTISTS' category. The main article headline is 'Blossoms and Rick Astley for The Smiths covers gigs', dated '15 September 2021, 11:34 | Updated: 15 September 2021, 11:54'. The article image shows Blossoms performing on stage. A 'LATEST VIDEOS' sidebar on the right lists several video thumbnails with titles: 'Its the final day of the Prize Dump Tour but Chris Moyles...', 'Prize Dump Tour Day 3: Chris and Dom head to Crowborough', 'Royal Blood: "We're gonna pull out all the stops at..."', and 'The Chris Moyles Prize Dump Tour Day 2: The team head to...'. A small video player is visible at the bottom right of the page.

Media Outlet: Metro

Date: 16 September 2021

Link: <https://metro.co.uk/2021/09/16/rick-astley-covers-the-smiths-with-blossoms-and-fans-are-obsessed-15267434/>

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


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Date: 17 September 2021


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Blossoms and Rick Astley to perform The Songs of The Smiths





Rick Astley (right) joined Blossoms on-stage on Monday evening at The Forum in London

Indie-pop act Blossoms and singer Rick Astley are to join forces to perform The Songs of The Smiths at two events in Manchester and London next month.

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Media Outlet: Manchester Evening News

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Link: <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/music-nightlife-news/blossoms-ricky-astley-play-two-21569090>

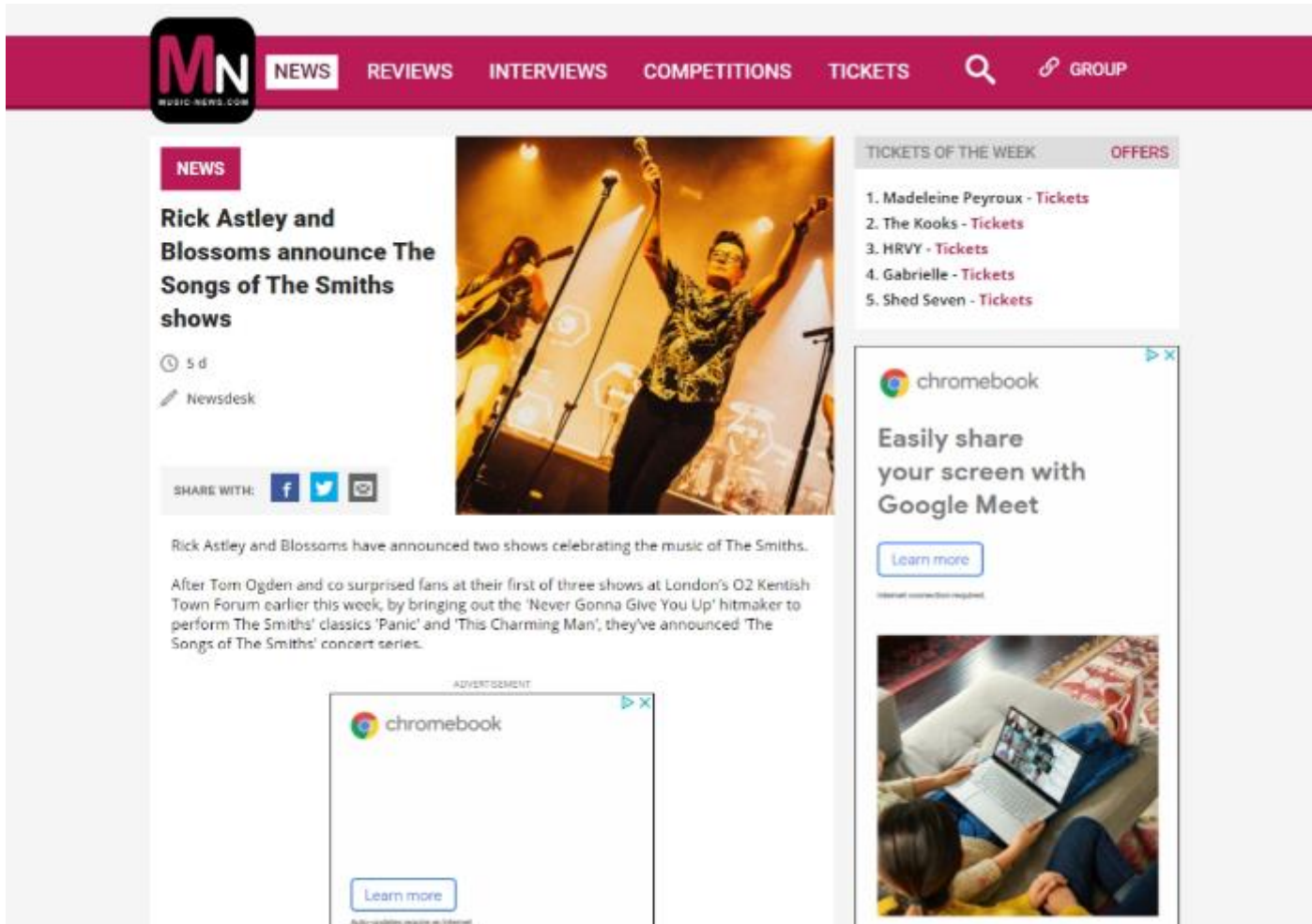


The screenshot shows the Manchester Evening News website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site's name and various menu items like 'NEWS', 'IN YOUR AREA', 'MAN UTD', 'MAN CITY', 'WHAT'S ON', 'SPORT', and 'MORE'. There are also social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, along with a search icon and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a promotional banner for a hotel break. The main article is titled 'Blossoms and Rick Astley to play two special gigs - playing just songs by The Smiths'. The sub-headline reads 'The band will be joined by the eighties pop icon for the gigs the first of which is at Manchester's Albert Hall next month'. The article is by Chris Slater, dated 14 SEP 2021, and was updated on 20 SEP 2021. There are 2 comments and a 'WHAT'S ON' tag. Below the article, there is a search bar for local news and info, and a photo of Blossoms and Rick Astley performing on stage.

Media Outlet: Music News

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://www.music-news.com/news/UK/143404/Rick-Astley-and-Blossoms-announce-The-Songs-of-The-Smiths-shows>

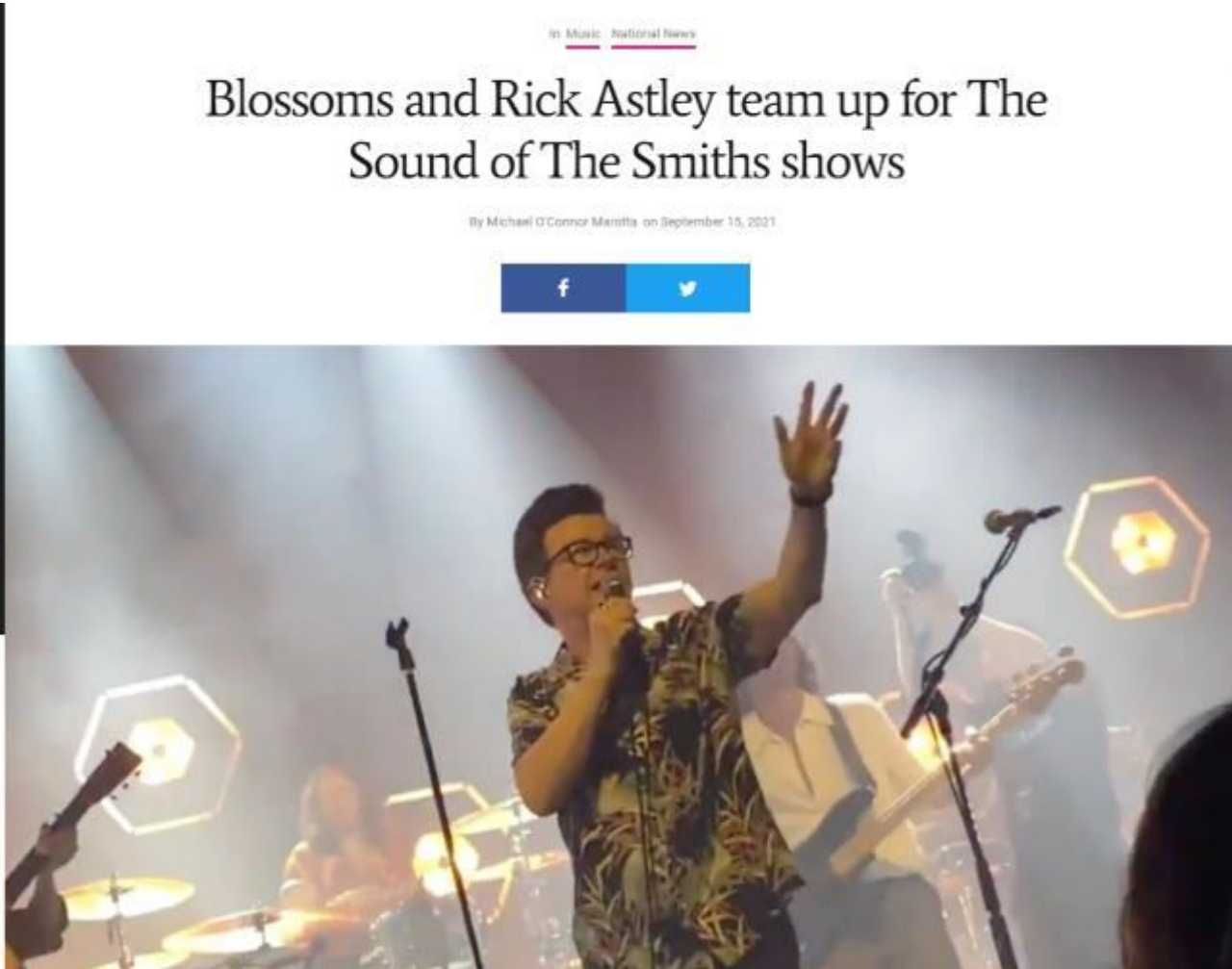


The screenshot shows a news article on the Music News website. The page has a dark red header with the MN logo and navigation links for NEWS, REVIEWS, INTERVIEWS, COMPETITIONS, TICKETS, and a search icon. The main article is titled "Rick Astley and Blossoms announce The Songs of The Smiths shows". It includes a photo of Rick Astley performing on stage with his arms raised. To the right of the article is a "TICKETS OF THE WEEK" section listing five acts: Madeleine Peyroux, The Kooks, HRVY, Gabrielle, and Shed Seven, each with a "Tickets" link. Below the article is a "SHARE WITH:" section with icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. The article text states that Rick Astley and Blossoms have announced two shows celebrating the music of The Smiths, following their performance of "Never Gonna Give You Up" at London's O2 Kentish Town Forum. There are two "chromebook" advertisements on the page, one below the article and one to the right, both featuring a "Learn more" button. The right-hand ad also includes a "chromebook" logo and the text "Easily share your screen with Google Meet".

Media Outlet: Vanyaland

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://vanyaland.com/2021/09/15/blossoms-and-rick-astley-team-up-for-the-sound-of-the-smiths-shows/>



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Blossoms and Rick Astley team up for The Sound of The Smiths shows

By Michael O'Connor Marotta on September 15, 2021


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Media Outlet: Planet Radio (Absolute 80s)

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://planetradio.co.uk/greatest-hits/entertainment/music/rick-astley-blossoms-the-smiths-2/>



The screenshot shows a webpage from Greatest Hits Radio. At the top left is the 'GH' logo with 'GREATEST HITS RADIO' and a dropdown arrow. At the top right is a 'Sign in' link with a user icon. Below the navigation bar is a dark blue advertisement for 'Marcus by Goldman Sachs' with the text 'Still looking to save smart?'. The main article title is 'Rick Astley to perform songs by The Smiths alongside Blossoms at UK shows'. Below the title is a sub-headline: 'He will perform alongside Blossoms'. The article features a large image of Rick Astley performing on stage, holding a microphone and pointing, with Blossoms in the background. A pink horizontal bar is overlaid on the image, containing a small profile picture of Debbie Mac, the 'GH' logo, and the text 'Greatest Hits Radio Debbie Mac'.

Media Outlet: Mxdwn

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://music.mxdwn.com/2021/09/15/news/rick-astley-and-blossoms-announce-back-to-back-shows-covering-the-smiths-songs/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the mxdwn.com website. On the left is the mxdwn.com logo with the tagline "ALL THAT MATTERS IN MUSIC" and a "Menu" button. In the center is a search bar labeled "Search mxdwn Music". Below the navigation bar is the article title "Rick Astley And Blossoms Announce Back To Back Shows Covering The Smiths' Songs". Under the title, it shows the author "GASMYNE COX" and the date "SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2021 - 9:01 PM". There are social media sharing buttons for Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, and Tumblr. To the right of the article is a profile card for "Gasmyne Cox" with a bio link "[READ FULL BIO]", social media icons, and a "Follow @mxdwn" button with "9,753 followers". Below the profile card is a small image of the mxdwn website with "3,946 likes". At the bottom of the article is a photograph of five people, likely the band Blossoms, standing in a row.

Media Outlet: Female First

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://www.femalefirst.co.uk/music/musicnews/rick-astley-blossoms-announce-songs-smiths-shows-1317235.html>

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Rick Astley and Blossoms will reunite for a pair of shows in London and Manchester honouring the music of The Smiths.

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Rick Astley teams with Blossoms for The Smiths gigs

'The Songs Of The Smiths' shows take place in Manchester and London on October 8 and 9.

By Retro Pop September 14, 2021



Leah Evans

 **Rick Astley and indie-rockers Blossoms are teaming up for a pair of shows that will celebrate the songs of The Smiths.**

 *The Never Gonna Give You Up* hitmaker made a surprise appearance with the band during the first of three nights at London's O2 Kentish Town Forum on Monday.




Media Outlet: Voice

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://www.voicemag.uk/news/9831/rick-astley-joins-blossoms-to-perform-as-a-smiths-cover-band>

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Rick Astley joins Blossoms to perform as a Smiths cover band

by Ash Edmonds

The Never Gonna Give You Up icon is set to play two shows with indie band Blossoms, in arguably the most surprising music news of the week.



After recently surpassing a hefty [one billion views](#) on the YouTube video for his track Never Gonna Give You Up, maybe the most belovedly memed artist of all time is now set to tour with renowned indie band Blossoms, naming themselves The Sound of The Smiths for two shows next month.



Blossoms had surprised fans during their recent performances at London's O2 Kentish Town Forum on 13

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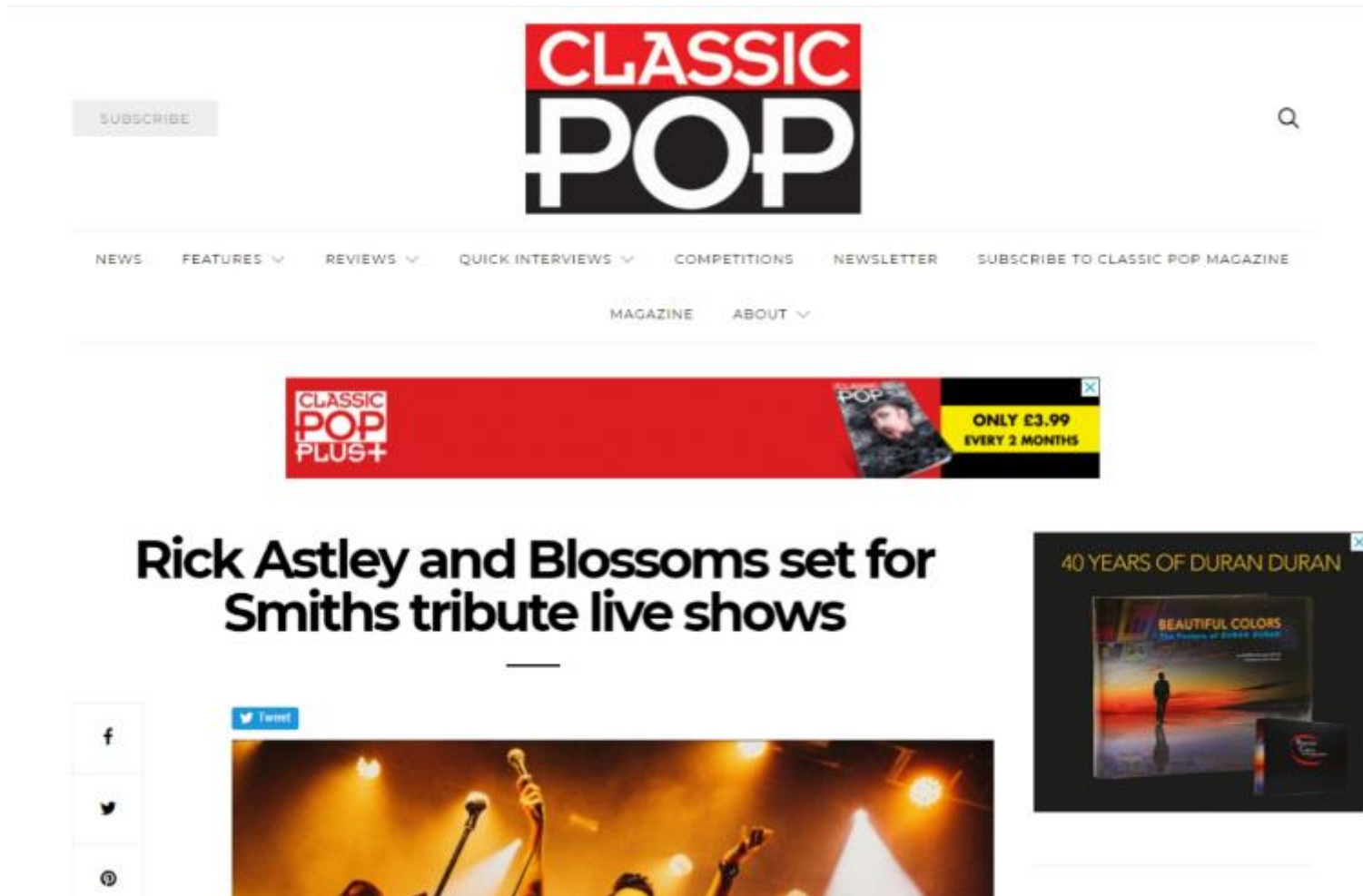
Posted on 17 September 2021

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Media Outlet: Classic Pop

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://www.classicpopmag.com/2021/09/rick-astley-and-blossoms-set-for-smiths-tribute-live-shows/>



The screenshot shows the Classic Pop website interface. At the top, there is a 'SUBSCRIBE' button and the 'CLASSIC POP' logo. A navigation menu includes 'NEWS', 'FEATURES', 'REVIEWS', 'QUICK INTERVIEWS', 'COMPETITIONS', 'NEWSLETTER', 'SUBSCRIBE TO CLASSIC POP MAGAZINE', 'MAGAZINE', and 'ABOUT'. A red banner advertises 'CLASSIC POP PLUS+' for 'ONLY £3.99 EVERY 2 MONTHS'. The main article title is 'Rick Astley and Blossoms set for Smiths tribute live shows'. To the right is a featured image for '40 YEARS OF DURAN DURAN' with the subtitle 'BEAUTIFUL COLORS'. On the left, there are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest, with a 'Tweet' button above a video player showing a live performance.

Media Outlet: Celebrity Gig

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://celebritygig.com/rick-astley-and-blossoms-announce-the-songs-of-the-smiths-shows/>



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Media Outlet: NME

Date: 20 September 2021

Link: <https://www.nme.com/features/opinion/blossoms-rick-astley-the-smiths-predictable-pop-3048714>



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Media Outlet: Far Out Magazine

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://faroutmagazine.co.uk/blossoms-rick-astley-the-smiths-covers-gigs/>

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Media Outlet: Complete Music Update

Date:

Link: <https://completemusicupdate.com/article/johnny-marr-comments-on-rick-astley-and-blossoms-funny-and-horrible-smiths-covers-band/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of Complete Music Update (CMU). At the top, there is a navigation bar with categories: MUSIC, MUSIC PEOPLE, and MUSIC BUSINESS. Below this is a search bar and a row of menu items: SIGN UP, PODCAST, JOBS, INSIGHTS, PATHWAYS, DIY, and LIBRARY. The main article is titled "Johnny Marr comments on Rick Astley and Blossoms' 'funny and horrible' Smiths covers band" by Andy Malt, published on Monday 20 September 2021. The article features a photo of Johnny Marr on stage with his arms raised. To the right of the article is a sidebar with "EDITOR'S PICKS" and "CLICK FOR..." sections. The "EDITOR'S PICKS" section includes links to "Setlist: Live at Spot+", "CMU Digest 20.09.21: RIAA stats, Apple, COVID Passports, Little Mix, StubHub", "Stream-ripper: YouT refies its lawsuit against the record industry, argues it's pretty easy to rip from YouTube without its app", "US National Music Publishers Association close to signing Twitch deal, sources say", and "Johnny Marr comments on Rick Astley and Blossoms' 'funny and horrible' Smiths covers band". The "CLICK FOR..." section lists various content categories like CMU APPROVED, CMU DAILY, CMU DIGEST, CMU TRENDS, CMU EVENTS, CMU SHOP, BUSINESS NEWS, ARTIST NEWS, NEWS SECTIONS, ABOUT CMU, and ADVERTISE. At the bottom right, there is a "CMU TIMELINE" section with the title "ECONOMICS OF STREAMING INQUIRY" and an image of a clock tower.

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Johnny Marr comments on Rick Astley and Blossoms' "funny and horrible" Smiths covers band

By Andy Malt | Published on Monday 20 September 2021



Johnny Marr has delivered his verdict on the new Smiths covers band that's been created by Rick Astley and Blossoms, calling it "funny and horrible". Although it doesn't seem like he was laughing when he said that.

The Smiths guitarist was responding to footage of Astley joining Blossoms on stage at The Forum in London last week to perform 'This Charming Man'. Shortly after that, they announced that they will play two full Smiths tribute shows together next month.

However, Marr doesn't seem to be accepting the tribute – in part because he's a bit miffed that Blossoms didn't mention the project when he saw them recently. All of which could make things uncomfortable when both he and

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By **Sam Moore** | 16th September 2021



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The screenshot shows the NME website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NME logo and links for NEWS, MUSIC, FILM, TV, GAMING, RADAR, MAGAZINE, SHOP, RADIO, and DISCOUNT CODES. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for MUSIC, News, Features, Reviews, Interviews, Radar, and Album Releases 2021. The main headline reads "Johnny Marr gives his verdict on Blossoms and Rick Astley's Smiths covers band". A sub-headline below it says "Marr described their collab as 'funny and horrible at the same time', before adding that Blossoms failed to tell him about their gigs upon meeting and that he 'had no problem' with covers or Astley - but there was a 'backstory'". The author is identified as Sam Moore, dated 17th September 2021. Below the text is a row of three images: Johnny Marr, a Blossoms member playing guitar, and Rick Astley performing. To the right of the article is an advertisement for M80 VERTIGO guitar protection, with a "SHOP NOW" button. Below the ad are two smaller article teasers: "Metallica and friends: 'The Black Album' was a victory for the underdog" and "Riot Fest 2021 review: a rock love-in (apart from)".

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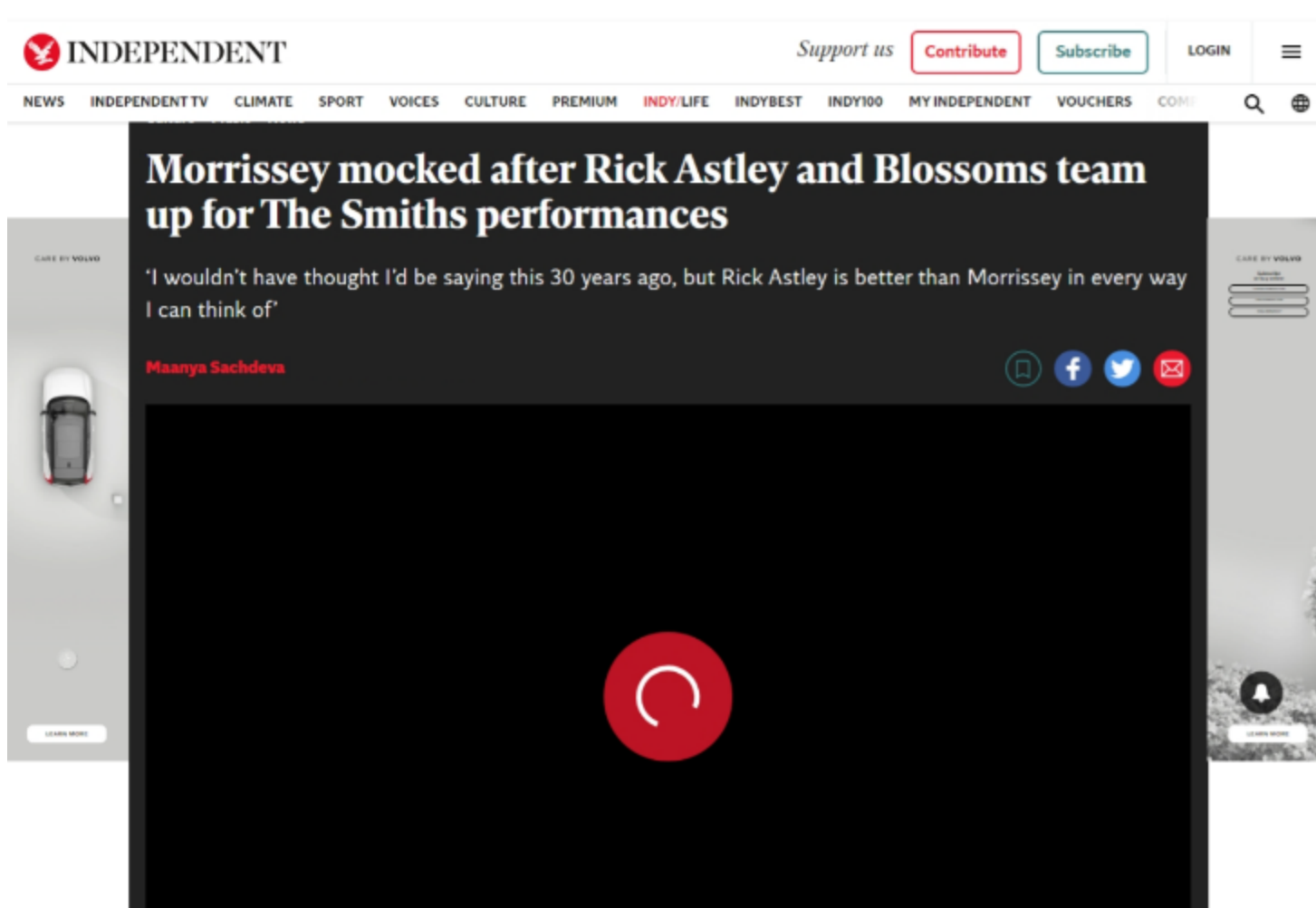
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Media Outlet: Independent

Date: 13 September 2021

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'I wouldn't have thought I'd be saying this 30 years ago, but Rick Astley is better than Morrissey in every way I can think of'

Maanya Sachdeva    



Media Outlet: Rolling Stone

Date: 13 September 2021

Link: <https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-news/johnny-marr-rick-astley-cover-the-smiths-this-charming-man-1228183/>


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Johnny Marr Not Charmed by Rick Astley's Cover of the Smiths' 'This Charming Man'

The Eighties crooner and the indie pop band Blossoms covered the track at a gig earlier this week

By **JON BLISTEIN**


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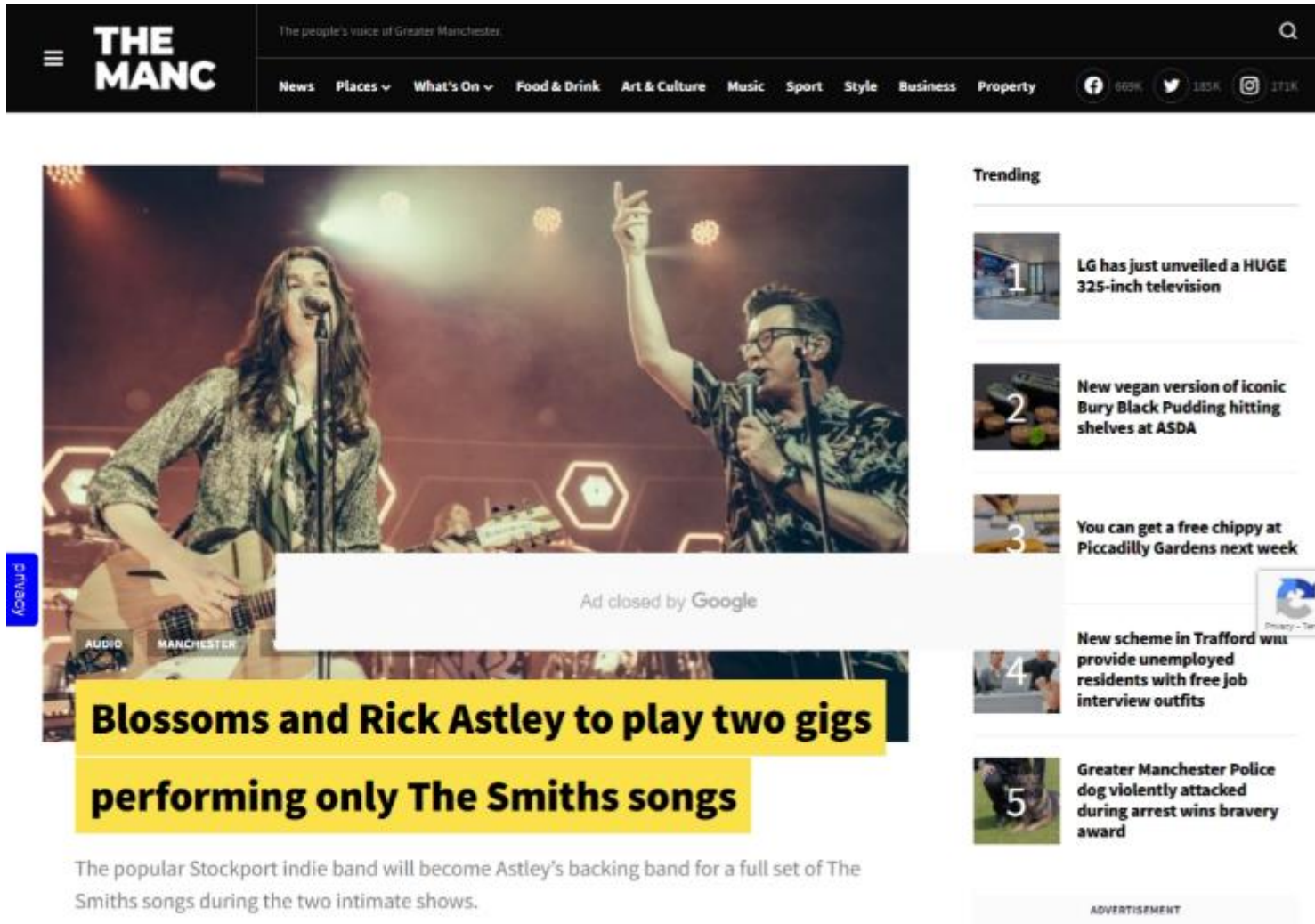
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Media Outlet: The Manc

Date: 16 September 2021

Link: <https://themanc.com/audio/blossoms-and-rick-astley-to-play-two-gigs-performing-only-the-smiths-songs/>



The screenshot shows the website 'THE MANC' with the tagline 'The people's voice of Greater Manchester'. The navigation menu includes News, Places, What's On, Food & Drink, Art & Culture, Music, Sport, Style, Business, and Property. Social media icons for Facebook (669K), Twitter (185K), Instagram, and TikTok (171K) are visible. The main article features a photo of Blossoms and Rick Astley performing on stage. The headline reads: 'Blossoms and Rick Astley to play two gigs performing only The Smiths songs'. Below the headline, it states: 'The popular Stockport indie band will become Astley's backing band for a full set of The Smiths songs during the two intimate shows.' A 'Trending' sidebar on the right lists five items: 1. LG has just unveiled a HUGE 325-inch television; 2. New vegan version of iconic Bury Black Pudding hitting shelves at ASDA; 3. You can get a free chippy at Piccadilly Gardens next week; 4. New scheme in Trafford will provide unemployed residents with free job interview outfits; 5. Greater Manchester Police dog violently attacked during arrest wins bravery award. An 'Ad closed by Google' message is overlaid on the article image. A vertical 'crave' logo is on the left, and a 'Privacy - Terms' link is on the right.

Media Outlet: The Irish Post

Date: 19 September 2021

Link: <https://www.irishpost.com/entertainment/funny-and-horrible-marr-verdict-on-rick-astley-and-blossoms-cover-of-smiths-classic-220460>

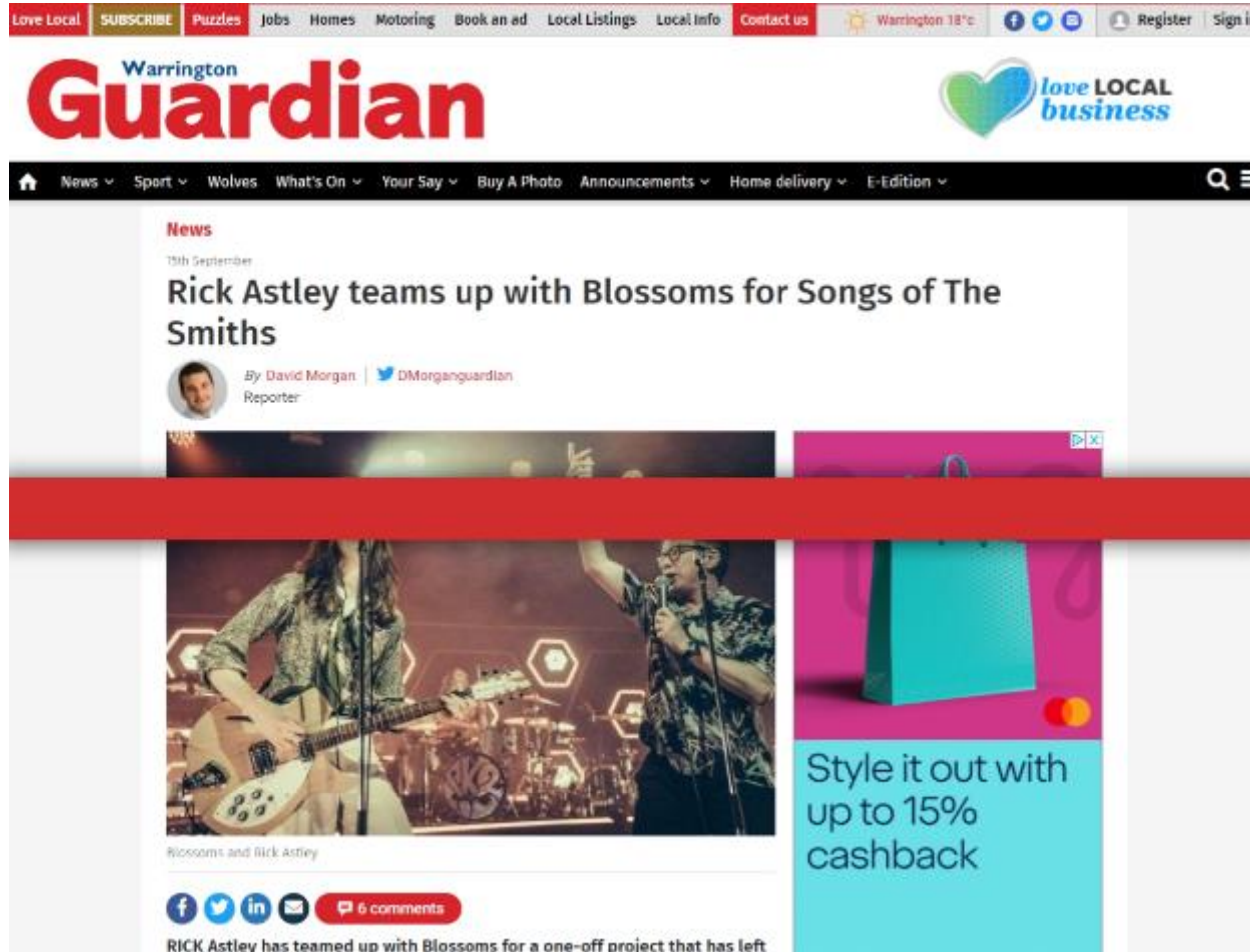


The screenshot shows the Irish Post website interface. At the top is a green navigation bar with the site logo and menu items: HOME, NEWS, CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORT, TRAVEL, MORE. Below this is a trending topics bar. The main article header features a pink 'ENTERTAINMENT' tag and the title "'Funny and horrible': Marr verdict on Rick Astley and Blossoms cover of Smiths classic". A sub-headline reads "Johnny Marr performing at the Association of Independent Music Awards at The Roundhouse in London in 2019 (Image: David M. Bennett/Dave Bennett/Getty Images)". The author is listed as Gerard Donaghy, dated September 19, 2021. The article has 25 shares and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. Below the article are two advertisements: a large one for "10X FASTER THAN STANDARD FIBRE" featuring a Minion, and a smaller one for a Volvo XC60 test drive. The bottom of the page shows the beginning of the article text, mentioning "LEGENDARY Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr has given his verdict on Rick Astley and Blossoms covered a Smiths classic at a recent show."

Media Outlet: Warrington Guardian

Date: 15 September 2021

Link: <https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/19581351.rick-astley-teams-blossoms-songs-smiths/>



The screenshot shows the Warrington Guardian website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Love Local', 'SUBSCRIBE', 'Puzzles', 'Jobs', 'Homes', 'Motoring', 'Book an ad', 'Local Listings', 'Local info', 'Contact us', and a weather widget for Warrington (18°C). The main header features the 'Warrington Guardian' logo and a 'love LOCAL business' badge. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with categories like 'News', 'Sport', 'Wolves', 'What's On', 'Your Say', 'Buy A Photo', 'Announcements', 'Home delivery', and 'E-Edition'. The main content area displays a news article titled 'Rick Astley teams up with Blossoms for Songs of The Smiths', dated 15th September, written by David Morgan. The article includes a photo of Blossoms and Rick Astley performing. To the right of the article is a promotional banner for a shopping bag with the text 'Style it out with up to 15% cashback'. At the bottom of the article, there are social media sharing icons and a '6 comments' button.

Media Outlet: Warrington Guardian

Date: 17 September 2021

Link: <https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/19587833.tickets-rick-astley-blossoms-gig-sell-quickly/>



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17th September

Tickets for Rick Astley and Blossoms gig sell out quickly

By Jack Heale | @Jack_Heale
Trainee Reporter



Blossoms and Rick Astley in action

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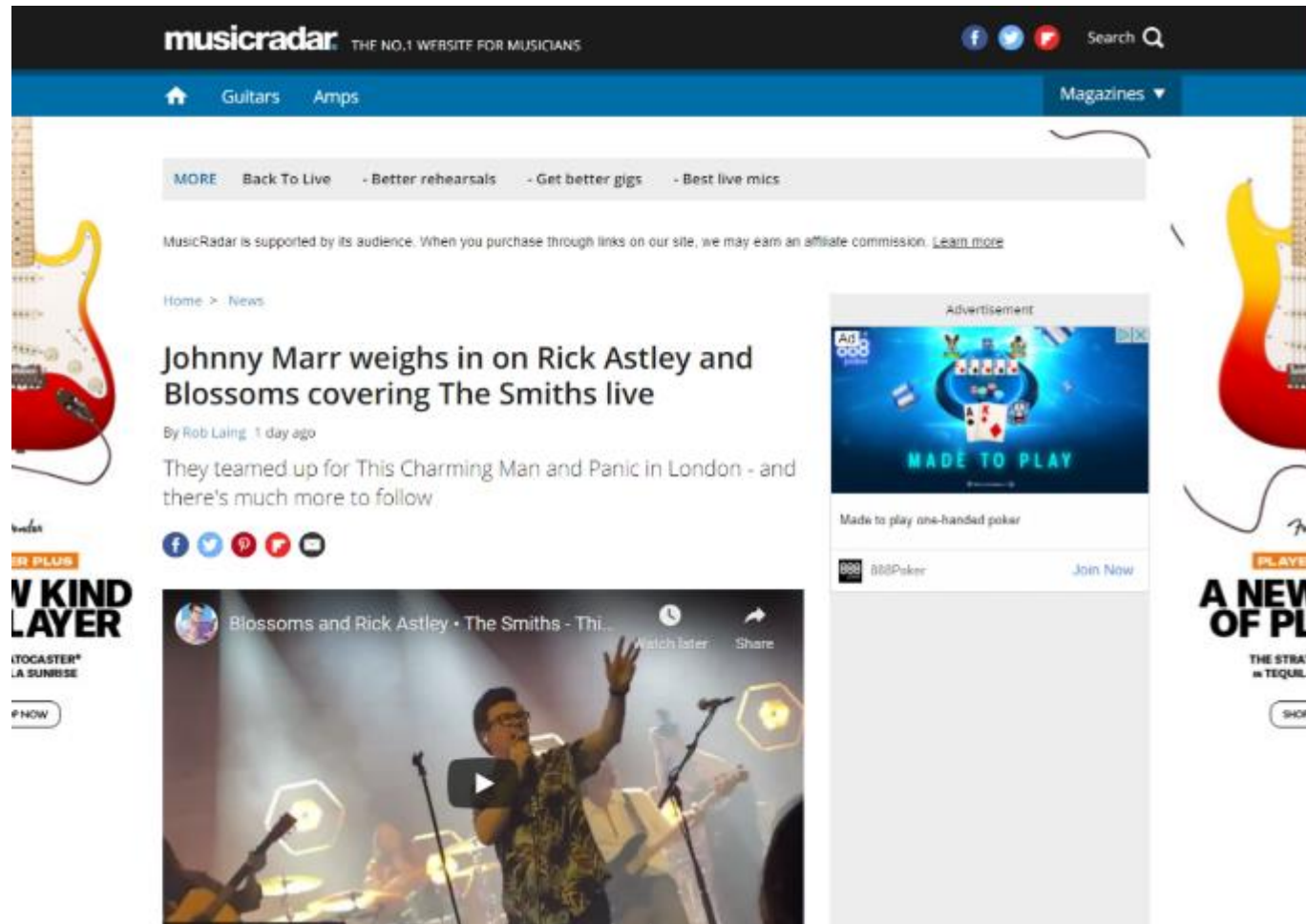
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WE knew tickets would fly off the online shelves – but did we think it would be that quick?

Media Outlet: Music Radar

Date: 19 September 2021

Link: <https://www.musicradar.com/news/johnny-marr-the-smiths-rick-astley>

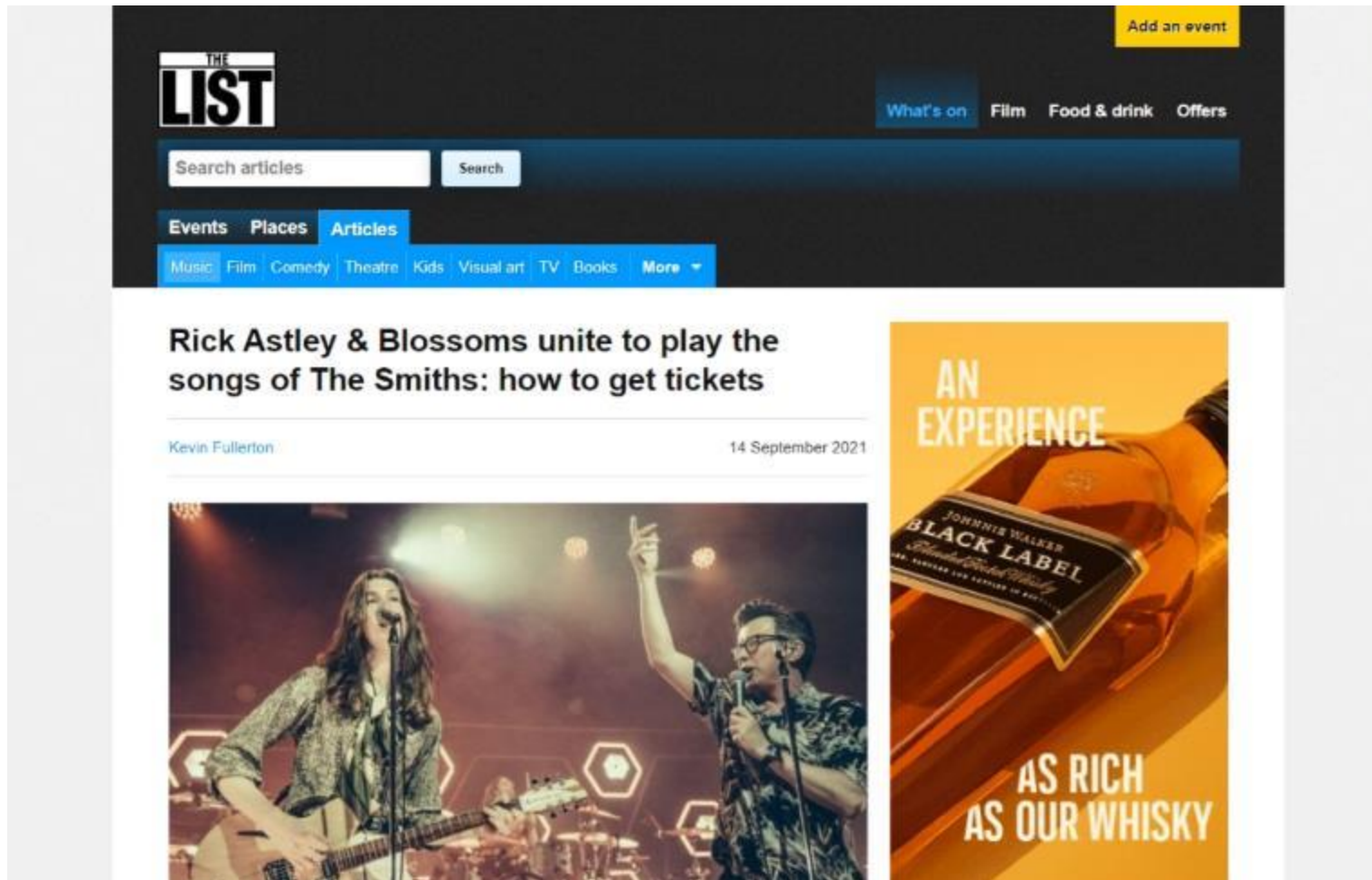


The screenshot shows the Music Radar website interface. At the top, the logo "musicradar" is displayed with the tagline "THE NO.1 WEBSITE FOR MUSICIANS". Navigation links for "Guitars" and "Amps" are visible, along with a "Magazines" dropdown menu. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation, there are several article teasers: "MORE Back To Live", "- Better rehearsals", "- Get better gigs", and "- Best live mics". A disclaimer states: "MusicRadar is supported by its audience. When you purchase through links on our site, we may earn an affiliate commission. [Learn more](#)". The main article is titled "Johnny Marr weighs in on Rick Astley and Blossoms covering The Smiths live" by Rob Laing, published 1 day ago. The article text reads: "They teamed up for This Charming Man and Panic in London - and there's much more to follow". Below the text are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook Messenger, and Email. A video player is embedded, showing a performance by Blossoms and Rick Astley of "The Smiths - This Charming Man". The video player includes a play button, a "Watch later" option, and a "Share" button. To the right of the article is an advertisement for "MADE TO PLAY" one-handed poker, featuring a blue background with playing cards and the text "Advertisement", "Made to play one-handed poker", and "Join Now". On the left side of the page, there is a "KIND LAYER" section with a "WATCH NOW" button. On the right side, there is a "PLAYER" section with the text "A NEW OF PL" and "THE STRAT IN TEQUILA", along with a "SHOP" button.

Media Outlet: The List

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://www.list.co.uk/article/129622-rick-astley-and-blossoms-unite-to-play-the-songs-of-the-smiths-how-to-get-tickets/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of 'THE LIST' website with a search bar and category tabs like 'What's on', 'Film', 'Food & drink', and 'Offers'. Below the navigation is the article title 'Rick Astley & Blossoms unite to play the songs of The Smiths: how to get tickets' by Kevin Fullerton, dated 14 September 2021. The main content area includes a photograph of Blossoms and Rick Astley performing on stage. To the right of the article is a vertical promotional image for Johnnie Walker Black Label whisky, featuring the text 'AN EXPERIENCE' and 'AS RICH AS OUR WHISKY'.

Media Outlet: Indy 100

Date: 20 September 2021

Link: <https://www.indy100.com/showbiz/johnny-marr-rick-astley-the-smiths-b1923300>



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- 2 Dramatic footage captures moment farm animals rescue chicken from hawk
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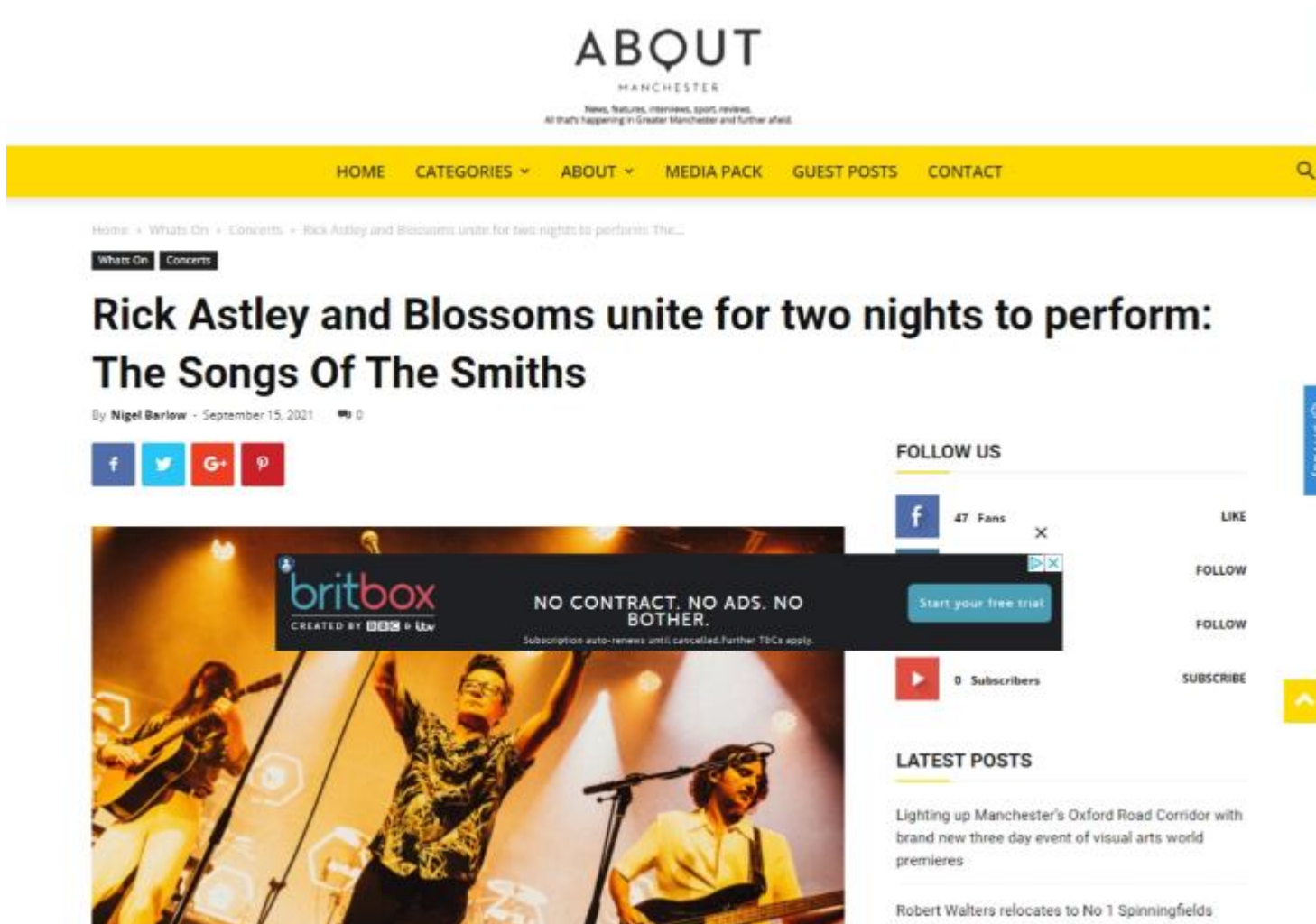
Ad - (0:15)

After Rick Astley covered The Smiths last week, fans were left divided.

Media Outlet: About Manchester

Date: 20 September 2021

Link: <https://aboutmanchester.co.uk/rick-astley-and-blossoms-unite-for-two-nights-to-perform-the-songs-of-the-smiths/>

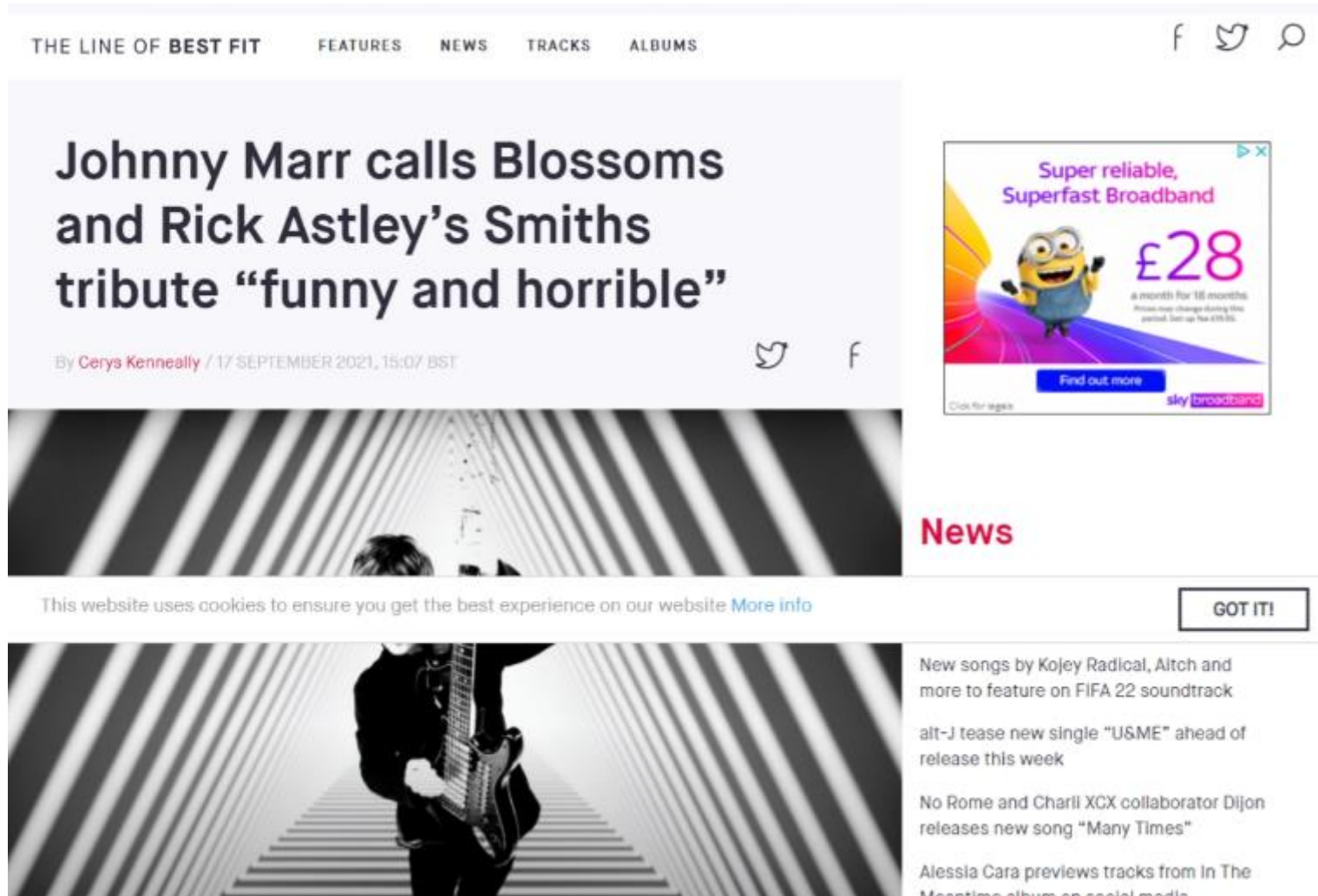


The screenshot shows the homepage of 'About Manchester', a website dedicated to news, features, interviews, and sport reviews in Greater Manchester. The main article is titled 'Rick Astley and Blossoms unite for two nights to perform: The Songs Of The Smiths' by Nigel Barlow, dated September 15, 2021. The article features a large image of the band Blossoms performing on stage, with a 'britbox' advertisement overlaid. The advertisement text reads: 'NO CONTRACT. NO ADS. NO BOTHER.' and 'Subscription auto-renews until cancelled. Further T&Cs apply.' The website also includes a navigation menu with options like HOME, CATEGORIES, ABOUT, MEDIA PACK, GUEST POSTS, and CONTACT. On the right side, there are social media follow buttons for Facebook (47 Fans), YouTube (0 Subscribers), and a 'LATEST POSTS' section with two entries: 'Lighting up Manchester's Oxford Road Corridor with brand new three day event of visual arts world premieres' and 'Robert Walters relocates to No 1 Spinningfields'.

Media Outlet: The Line Of Best Fit

Date: 17 September 2021

Link: <https://www.thelineofbestfit.com/news/latest-news/johnny-marr-calls-blossoms-rick-astleys-smiths-tribute-funny-and-horrible>



The screenshot shows a news article on the website 'THE LINE OF BEST FIT'. The navigation bar includes 'FEATURES', 'NEWS', 'TRACKS', and 'ALBUMS'. The article title is 'Johnny Marr calls Blossoms and Rick Astley's Smiths tribute "funny and horrible"'. The author is 'Cerys Kenneally' and the date is '17 SEPTEMBER 2021, 15:07 BST'. There are social media icons for Twitter and Facebook. A large image shows a person playing a guitar in a tunnel of light. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Super reliable, Superfast Broadband' advertisement for SLY Broadband, featuring a Minion character and a price of £28. Below the ad is a 'News' section with a 'GOT IT!' button and several news items: 'New songs by Kojey Radical, Aitch and more to feature on FIFA 22 soundtrack', 'alt-J tease new single "U&ME" ahead of release this week', 'No Rome and Charli XCX collaborator Dijon releases new song "Many Times"', and 'Alessia Cara previews tracks from In The Meantime album on social media'.

THE LINE OF BEST FIT FEATURES NEWS TRACKS ALBUMS

Johnny Marr calls Blossoms and Rick Astley's Smiths tribute "funny and horrible"

By [Cerys Kenneally](#) / 17 SEPTEMBER 2021, 15:07 BST

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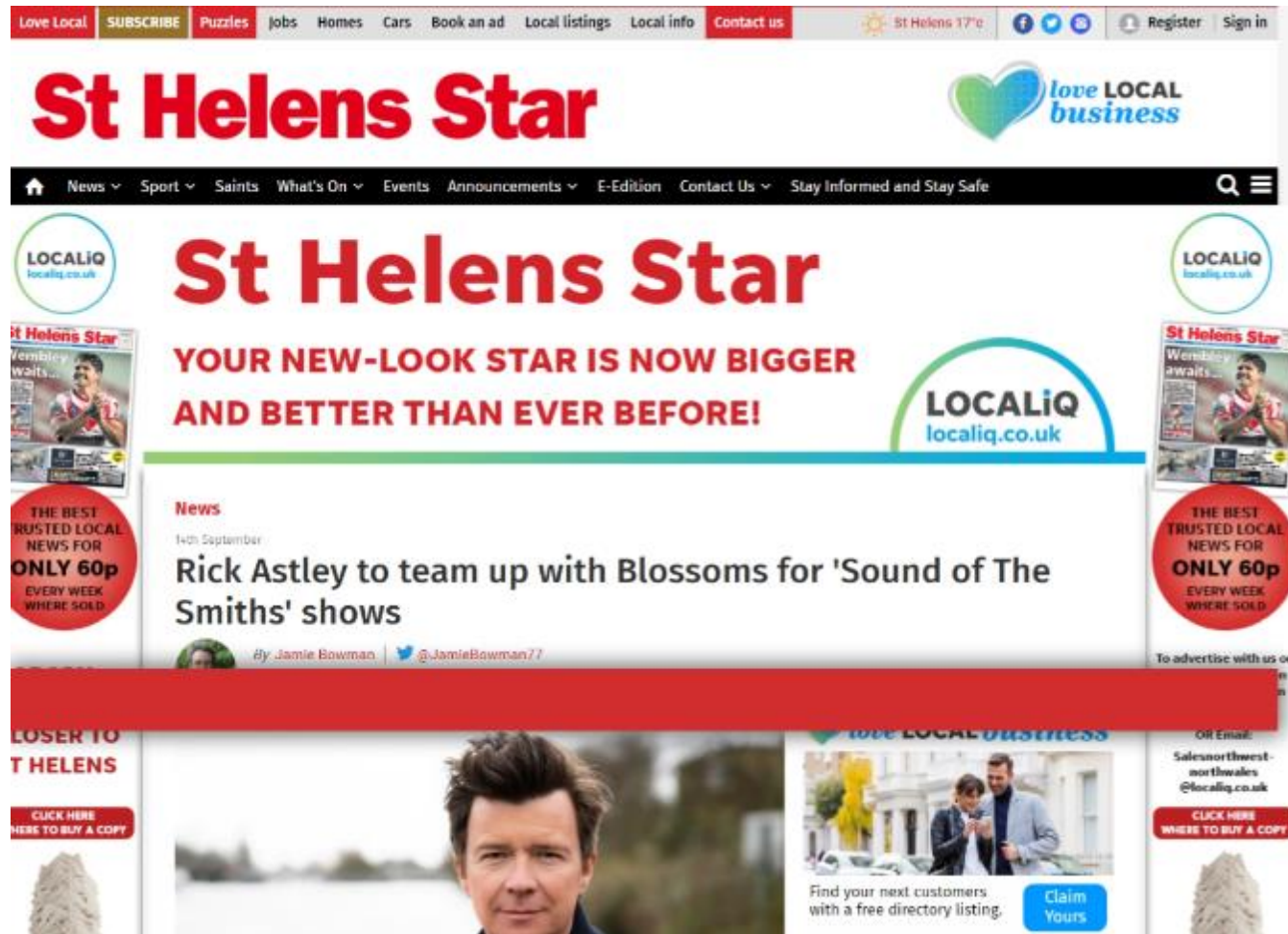
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Media Outlet: St Helens Star

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://www.sthelenstar.co.uk/news/19580439.rick-astley-team-blossoms-sound-smiths-shows/>



The screenshot shows the St Helens Star website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Love Local', 'SUBSCRIBE', 'Puzzles', 'Jobs', 'Homes', 'Cars', 'Book an ad', 'Local listings', 'Local info', and 'Contact us'. The weather is shown as 'St Helens 17°C'. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are present, along with 'Register' and 'Sign in' options. The main header features the 'St Helens Star' logo in large red text and the 'love LOCAL business' logo with a heart icon. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with categories like 'News', 'Sport', 'Saints', 'What's On', 'Events', 'Announcements', 'E-Edition', 'Contact Us', and 'Stay Informed and Stay Safe'. The main content area is dominated by a large red headline: 'St Helens Star YOUR NEW-LOOK STAR IS NOW BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!'. This is flanked by 'LOCALiQ localiq.co.uk' logos. Below the headline, a news article is featured with the title 'Rick Astley to team up with Blossoms for 'Sound of The Smiths' shows'. The article is dated '14th September' and is attributed to 'By Jamie Bowman'. The article is framed by two circular callouts that say 'THE BEST TRUSTED LOCAL NEWS FOR ONLY 60p EVERY WEEK WHERE SOLD'. At the bottom of the page, there is a red banner with the text 'LOSER TO T HELENS' and a 'CLICK HERE HERE TO BUY A COPY' button. To the right, there is an advertisement for 'love LOCAL business' with the text 'Find your next customers with a free directory listing.' and a 'Claim Yours' button. The bottom right corner also features a 'CLICK HERE WHERE TO BUY A COPY' button.

Media Outlet: Exclaim

Date: 17 September 2021

Link: https://exclaim.ca/music/article/johnny_marr_doesnt_exactly_approve_of_rick_astley_covering_the_smiths



The screenshot shows the Exclaim! website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Exclaim! logo and menu items: MUSIC, FILM, COMEDY, CONTESTS. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are sub-menu items: FEATURES, NEWS, REVIEWS, STREAMS, CONCERTS, and TRENDING 21. A banner for 'MOOR MOTHER' by Black Encyclopedia of the Air is visible, with a Spotify link. The main article title is 'Johnny Marr Doesn't Exactly Approve of Rick Astley Covering the Smiths'. Below the title is a video player showing Johnny Marr playing a guitar. The author is Allie Gregory, published on Sep 17, 2021. To the right of the article is a sidebar with social media links (RSS, Facebook, Twitter, Spotify, Instagram, YouTube), newsletter sign-up, home delivery, and contact options. Below that is a promotional banner for the band SUUNS' album 'THE WITNESS'. At the bottom right, there is a 'TRENDING NOW' section with a link to 'Remembering September 21, 1991'.

Media Outlet: The Bury Times

Date: 14 September 2021

Link: <https://www.burytimes.co.uk/news/19580537.rick-astley-blossoms-perform-songs-smiths-live/>



The screenshot shows the Bury Times website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Love Local', 'SUBSCRIBE', 'Puzzles', 'Jobs', 'Homes', 'Cars', 'Book an ad', 'Local listings', 'Local info', and 'Contact us'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a weather widget showing 'Bury 18°C', social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and links for 'Register' and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar is the Bury Times logo and the 'love LOCAL business' logo. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'News', 'Sport', 'What's On', 'Announcements', 'Book an ad', 'E-Edition', and 'Stay Informed and Stay Safe'. The main content area features a news article titled 'Rick Astley and Blossoms to perform songs of The Smiths live' dated 14th September. The article is by John Anson (@LT_Features). Below the title is a large image of Rick Astley. To the right of the main image is a 'love LOCAL business' advertisement with the text 'Find your next customers with a free directory listing.' and a 'Claim Yours' button. Below the advertisement are two sections: 'Most read' and 'Commented'. The 'Most read' section lists two articles: '1 Fraudster 'messed up' over Radcliffe tipi firm's losses' and '2 BURY: Fears councils will not be able to recruit bin lorry drivers as firms offer '£1,000 golden''. The article text below the image reads: 'IN one of the more unusual collaborations, pop icon Rick Astley and Stockport stadium fillers Blossoms are teaming up to celebrate the music of The Smiths.'