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## Roger the Mascot to Headline Warsop Carnival Music Festival 2013

The Warsop Carnival Music Festival is now officially included in this year's event and local band Roger the Mascot, who are well on their way to massive success are to headline the festival. Band members from Shirebrook, Warsop and, in his own words, a Meden Vale skaly wag, make up this group of amazing young talent. Also don't miss the Live & Local Competition with a variety of local artists battling to win a fantastic cash prize!  
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# Roger & out

## Festival travel company sending local band all the way to Croatia

Last Thursday saw the final showdown between five of the UK's best unsigned bands as the culmination of a national competition to win a slot at one of Europe's leading music festivals - INmusic Festival in Croatia.

The competition - dubbed 'All About the Music' - was organised by the festival travel company eufest.com to provide a platform for upcoming bands and artists. Sparking huge amounts of interest from the outset, by the time entries closed hundreds had been submitted from all over the UK.

The live final was held in the Zephyr Lounge at the award-winning Midlands gig venue, the Assembly in Leamington Spa. Television and radio crews from the UK and Croatia descended on the venue to witness Mansfield indie rock band Roger the Mascot crowned the winners.

This summer they will be playing on stage at INmusic Festival, alongside acts such as Editors and Arctic Monkeys. Matt King, who plays bass guitar in the band, stated after the event, "We have been completely blown away with our success in the competition. We are totally overcome with happiness, and proudly looking forward to playing our music to the crowds at INmusic Festival in Croatia. Thank you eufest, from four very happy Rogers".

They were up against worthy competition from all corners of the UK, and the audience were wowed by bands bringing a real mix of genres - from the alternative rock provided by Birmingham-based Cold Fields, to North London band The Strangers and their unique blend of hip-hop rock 'n' roll.

Co-judging on the night was eufest director Dermot O'Flynn, who was overwhelmed by the quality of music shown and the amount of buzz generated by the event. "We were really blown away by the quality of the bands on show here tonight - it just goes to show how many talented emerging bands there are out there, just waiting to be discovered. And to have so many people turn out on the evening to support them was amazing." Tanja Manenica, head of PR for INmusic Festival and the head of the judging panel, said that choosing the overall winner had been difficult. "All the finalists were absolutely fantastic, and the decision was an extremely tough one," she commented. "But Roger the Mascot were worthy winners and I'm really looking forward to welcoming them to Croatia and seeing them onstage at INmusic in June."

The team at eufest are already planning ahead for next year's event, and will be working with event partners Band Crusade on other projects to promote unsigned music across the UK.



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