THE VAMPS RETURNING TO TOUR AUSTRALIA NEXT JANUARY WITH SPECIAL GUESTS SHORT STACK & AJR!

Frontier Touring will be bringing one of this year's biggest bands to Australia – The Vamps! The UK four-piece will be hitting up venues in Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth next January.

Brad Simpson, James McVey, Connor Ball and Tristan Evans formed The Vamps in early 2012, using social media to meet each other and get the band started. In a matter of months, millions of YouTube viewers knew they were onto something big. The band has since garnered over 61 million views on their channel and almost 800k subscribers in the last few years – and this is only the beginning!

One of the first songs to hit the airwaves last year was the infectious track 'Can We Dance', which is closing in on 24 million views. It debuted at #2 on the UK Singles Charts, and reached Platinum status in Australia and Silver in the UK.

This April, the band released debut album Meet The Vamps (out now through EMI) which debuted at #3 on the ARIA Album Charts. The album produced some of this year's biggest hits including 'Somebody To You' featuring Demi Lovato, which went Platinum in Australia with over 29 million views in under four months, 'Last Night', and most recently 'Oh Cecilia (Breaking My Heart)' which features Shawn Mendes and has clocked up 1.2 million views in just a week!

'Although the album may have taken influences from other artists, The Vamps still offer a unique sound, and definitely stand out for writing their owns songs as well as playing their own instruments. Overall it's a strong 15-track debut album from the band, that is very guitar driven and filled with inspiring love songs, varying between the upbeat as well as the slower ballads.'

– Hit The Floor $\star \star \star \star$

The band were in Australia earlier this year for a short visit after a huge public outcry via the band's social media; dropping by Sunrise, Channel V, Nova's Red Room and the Today Show to showcase their abilities not only as performers, but genuine and passionate musicians.

Having supported the likes of Taylor Swift on her Red Tour, The Wanted and McFly, The Vamps are a huge live act with each member well versed in their respective instruments, making them stand out from the rest. In saying this, the band have proven themselves as a headline act in their own right, having played their own live shows in US and the UK to rave reviews.

'Once The Vamps got onstage they kicked right into it and started rocking out...They were great: they did not slip up at all, and each of the band members was tight on their respective instruments. The boys got the crowd into it with a solid stage performance as well. Young with the world right in front of them, these boys clearly have the potential and future to be a superstar act internationally.' – theupcoming.co.uk

Despite having only played a handful of their own headline shows compared to their contemporaries, their first headline show in the US at New York's Gramercy this year sold out in less than ten minutes!

Not that fans need further enticing, but joining The Vamps on all Australian dates will be local favourites Short Stack. The ARIA #1 band are back after a hiatus with brand new single 'Television' which reinvents the anthemic hooks and exhilarating raw energy that fans fell in love with in the first place. Upon announcement of their return in April this year, the band played a string of exclusive shows which sold out within hours, resulting in a number of additional shows being added to meet demand.

And finally, adding to the excitement surrounding The Vamps' Australian tour, New York band AJR have just been confirmed as special guests on the January dates to further sweeten the deal! AJR's breakthrough single <u>'I'm Ready'</u> (out now through Liberator Music) has achieved platinum status locally (and just about to be announced double platinum) and remained in the ARIA Top 10 since its release 12 weeks ago. Not a bad effort considering the track was written and recorded in their family living room.

It doesn't get much better than this: three of the most exciting pop rock bands right now all in the one place. Tickets are not expected to stick around for long!

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