



PENKNIFE GLIDES & DANSE MACABRE

Following an absence of a staggering 32 years, two iconic New Zealand bands from the early 80s — Penknife Glides and Danse Macabre — return for a one-off show on May 11th at the Kings Arms in Auckland.

Both bands were originally signed to Reaction Records, touring NZ together in 1981 and appearing on the front cover of Rip it Up. Now they are joining forces once more, for an exclusive NZ Music Month 2013 event.

With a live performance once described as having the ‘cut and thrust of British pop with a slice of pork pie’, Penknife Glides formed in Auckland in 1980, following the demise of the post punk movement. The band released a single and two EPs in NZ, featuring seminal tracks such as ‘Taking The Weight Off’ and ‘Sound Of Drums’, before relocating to London in 1982.

Fast-forward three decades, and following on from the 2010 release of the successful album, A Stab In The Dark, Penknife Glides’ appearance in May coincides with the release of their much-anticipated second album, Pleasure Thru Tears.

Danse Macabre are acknowledged as one of New Zealand's best and most under-rated post-punk groups. While enjoying some commercial and critical success, they split in the early 80s after several tours leaving behind an EP and a mini-album on Reaction Records. Following a well-received reunion back in 2005, the original lineup returns for this one final show.

Both Penknife Glides and Danse Macabre will be featuring line-ups that include ex members of the punk bands, Primmers and Spelling Mistakes and guest musicians from Missing Tremble. They’ll be serving up their enigmatic brand of no-nonsense, underground electro pop with a selection of old and new songs that are guaranteed to seriously rock the house.

This one night only event is shaping up to be a highlight of NZ Music Month in 2013.

