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10,000 Maniacs Schedule Concert At JCC

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Fans of Jamestown's 10,000 Maniacs will have a chance to hear the band live this month before its members leave for a European tour.

The band has agreed to perform Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Scharmann Theater at Jamestown Community College. The concert, which will be opened by the city band Pink Fixx, is a benefit for the Jamestown Boys & Girls Club.

The show, sponsored by the Jamestown Area Jaycees, will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for the performances are \$5 and will be available at Cutting Images, National Record Mart and the Palace Civic Center.

For those wanting to see the band sooner and willing to drive to do so, the group will perform Aug. 14 at the Riviera Theater in North Tonawanda.

The Maniacs will begin their live appearances this week in New York City.

"We're going down to a benefit at the Ritz on the 7th of August," said keyboard player Dennis Drew. The Maniacs will appear with British soloist Billy Bragg in a concert to benefit a Nicaraguan hospital.

They will then begin a series of concerts that will take them to: Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio; Richmond, Va.; Washington, D.C.; and Ithaca.

After the Jamestown concert, the band members leave for a month's tour of Europe, starting in London Sept. 3. Other overseas appearances will include stops in Amsterdam, Hamburg and Zurich.

Half of the copies of the band's first major-label album, *The Wishing Chair*, were sold in Europe.

At the end of September, Drew said, the band will fly back to the United States and begin a tour on the West Coast. They will open for the band R.E.M. in a series of concerts.

R.E.M. lead vocalist Michael Stipe

sings background on "A Campfire Song," one of the cuts on *In My Tribe*, the Maniacs' new album.

Among the bands' scheduled appearances are two nights in Radio City Music Hall in New York City, slated for Oct. 6 and 7.

"That's what we're doing now, getting ready," Drew said as he stood behind his keyboards during a rehearsal.

After playing mostly new songs for the past year, the band also has been renewing their familiarity with songs from *The Wishing Chair*.

The band's second Elektra album, *In My Tribe* was released July 21 and has already gathered good reviews in several trade magazines, Drew said.

A video to accompany the band's single, "Peace Train," has been filmed and is being readied for airing.

Band manager Peter Leak said the video will begin airing Wednesday on

VH-1, the easy-listening version of MTV.

"They should be showing it two or three times a day," he said. He also will find out Wednesday when the video will air on MTV, the music-television station, which has a wider audience and longer waiting list for air dates.

The "Peace Train" single already is beginning to be added to major city radio stations' playlists, Leak said.

"They're getting added to very good stations," he said. "They're building up a base at AOR (album-oriented rock) stations before they get to hit stations. It won't really crack the charts yet."

The single is being sent to radio stations on a compact disk that also includes songs from other artists, he noted.

The Maniacs' manager said he expects the single to slowly work its way up the charts, which are determined on the basis of airplay and sales.