

Accent on city talent as rocking CD is available online



SOUNDS OF THE CITY: Alan Carter-Davies with the Soundcheck Nottingham CDs C210407DAM3-2

A CD featuring some of Nottingham's top guitar bands goes on sale today.

Soundcheck Nottingham is available online and features 57 of the city's finest musicians. Over 200 musicians and 56 bands took part in a contest to win a chance to be included.

The chosen bands will also be offered a chance to play once-in-a-lifetime rooftop gigs across the city during the summer, a tribute to legendary performances elsewhere by The Beatles and U2.

The contest was organised by Area 4 Records in Hyson Green. "I was overwhelmed by the response to our contest," said founder Alan Carter-Davies.

"It was great to see so much talent coming through our doors.

"It's a distinctively Nottingham sound, you can make out the accents on the songs, which is unusual," he added.

The CD costs £7.99 and can be ordered online by e-mailing ala@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

People can also listen to sample tracks via www.area4records.co.uk

Deep Purple star is guest at piano shop

DEEP Purple's Don Airey was making a guest appearance at a Notts piano shop today.

Classically trained pianist Airey was stopping off at Clement's Pianos in Lenton Boulevard before his gig at the Nottingham Arena tonight.

The keyboard player will be performing at the store and answering questions from 3pm to 4.15pm.

Clement's store manager Andy Wilson said: "I am a fan so it will be an added bonus."

Airey, who has a degree from the University of Nottingham, has been Deep Purple's keyboard player since 2002.

The band are on a two-month tour of the UK.

Rock summer school in city

THE Brighton Institute of Modern Music has organised a rock summer school in Nottingham.

The event, the Highway to Hell *Kerrang!* Metal Summer