

Run Rabbit run – things hot up for indie brothers

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FRIGHTENED RABBITS continued hop into the consciousness of audiences across the country shows no sign of abating.

New single *Swim Until You Can't See Land* was released last month, and will be followed up by the Selkirk indie band's third album in March 2010, *The Winter of Mixed Drinks*.

And thus far, the single has been well received, as founding member Scott Hutchison explains.

"We have had good coverage on smaller radio stations and I believe Tom Morton on BBC Radio Scotland has played it, which really pleased my mum and dad who listen to his show," he said.

"Zane Lowe from BBC Radio 1 has also been supportive which is nice. It has a much more dense feel than the last album and I like to think it is also better.

"The single starts off the album and I don't think it's the best song – it gets better as it goes along."

Supporting headline acts such as Gomez and Modest Mouse during November and this month has provided new experiences for Frightened Rabbit in front of different venues and audiences, as will the band's debut appearance at Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations.

"It has been really great to go to

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Selkirk band Frightened Rabbit are making waves with their new single, *Swim Until You Can't See Land*

School for pushing them on to their current musical path.

"I think I was there just at the right time as it was when I was in third year that the new music department opened. It was a great wee rehearsal space and along with the teachers was a massive influence on myself, Grant and Billy."

Scott also hopes his new look band can make a homecoming gig to Selkirk in the near future, alongside promising talent from the town such as The Darien Venture and Trapped in Kansas.

"It would be amazing to get them to play with us. They tried to organise a gig in the Victoria Hall at Christmas but it fell through.

"I think we might organise something ourselves with local bands as well as some from Glasgow.

"Whenever I am back in the pub in Selkirk people say they like our music which is great to hear."

Frightened Rabbit's new single *Swim Until You Can't See Land* is out now on iTunes or www.fatcat.co.uk

different places and see how many people turn up.

"We have been to Tunbridge Wells and Cambridge supporting Gomez and it is good fun trying to win them over.

"When you play in Scotland there is a patriotic side to the crowd – they like to see one of their own do well.

"You just have to accept that

the London crowds are a bit peculiar and won't jump about as they do in Scotland.

"Vic Galloway (Radio Scotland DJ) is hosting a stage (at Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations) and he pushed for us to get us on the bill so it is really him we have to thank.

"I have never been to Edinburgh at New Year as I have

always been in Glasgow so it will be a good experience."

Since recording *The Winter of Mixed Drinks*, Frightened Rabbit have recruited their fifth band member – Gordon Skene – to join Scott, brother Grant Hutchison, fellow Selkirk man Billy Kennedy, and Andy Monaghan.

And Scott paid tribute to his band's upbringing at Selkirk High