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## Ex-Crowded House singer has fans play live with him

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- LONDON (CP) -- Former Crowded House singer and songwriter Neil Finn is inviting complete strangers to perform with him on his British tour.

Finn plans to mount three Band of Strangers shows, with a completely new band made up of fans on each show day, reports ITN News.

"I wanted to put the cat amongst the pigeons, stand back and see what happens," Finn says of the concept, which he hopes will energize his performance.

On the three Band of Strangers evenings, he will play a short acoustic set and then turn the stage over to the impromptu band.

He is no stranger to audience participation, often inviting the crowd to pick the songs they want to hear.

Finn, who had hits with such songs as Don't Dream It's Over as a member of Crowded House, has invited musicians to send him a tape of their playing and a note saying why they'd like to perform.

The ones he chooses to go onstage with him may not feel so lucky once they get there.

On a recent tour, the New Zealand-based singer played songs his back-up band didn't know -- they were expected to learn them on the spot. (More on [Neil Finn](#))

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