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ALABASTER BOX "CAN'T WAIT" FOR EXTENSIVE AUSTRALIAN TOUR

Queensland band Alabaster Box returns to Australia for a six week national tour in late October and November.

The group that has given us three number one songs (*Fearlessly Stumble*, *New York* and the title song) from its most recent album *We Will Not Be Silent* kicks off the tour in Melbourne on October 24.

Lead singer Naarah Seagrott says the group "can't wait" to tour Australia again.

"We haven't been back to do such a big tour as this in so long," she says.

"I don't know what's taken us so long, but we're really excited to travel to all the places and [catch up] with all the people who have supported us for so many years.

"We're going to a lot of the major cities, and to places like Alice Springs and Darwin.

"We can't wait to rock out and have fun, but we also hope we can be a blessing to those who have supported us over the years," she says.

PC3 REUNION TOUR?

Rumors are swirling that the Paul Colman Trio will reunite for a tour of Australia and New Zealand this year.

Organisers have told TRAA that the reports are legitimate but they would not publicly comment until final details are nearer to completion.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the group's first release *Serious Fun* and the fifth since it disbanded. The band presented a couple of one-off shows at Easterfest earlier this year.

CRY FREEDOM CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF HANSIE

Acclaimed South African singer songwriter Joe Niemand [pronounced Knee Mont] this week released his first Australian single *Cry Freedom*.

Cry Freedom is the end title theme to *Hansie*, the inspiring new movie tracing the rise, fall and redemption of former South African cricket captain Hansie Cronje.

Niemand, who has been working in the South African music industry for several years, is an in-demand songwriter, a classy solo performer and lead singer of his eponymous band Niemand.

Sony BMG has released Niemand's band project *Reborn* and South African TV has used his song *Rise* as the official theme song for its coverage of the end-of-year UK Springbok rugby tour on its *Supersport* sports channel.

Hansie producer Frans Cronje previously used Joe Niemand as his musical collaborator for the highly successful *Faith Like Potatoes*.

Cry Freedom is a song that captures the spirit of *Hansie*.

Christian retail stores in Australia and NZ released the *Hansie* DVD on 1 August.