



# sotones

Never rip you off, rock every single show we play, party like it's the last night of our lives and clean up in the morning

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## Southampton gets new co-operative record label

**Southampton musicians have joined forces today (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July) to launch a new record label and online shop that will be run on a co-operative basis. The first of its kind in Southampton, SOTONES aims to bring together local artists and bands to produce and distribute quality music at affordable prices. Driven by a do-it-yourself ethos the collective hope to make waves nationally with a series of forthcoming record releases.**

The SOTONES online shop, [www.sotones.co.uk](http://www.sotones.co.uk), goes live today and will sell records by a number of local artists covering an impressive range of genres from loud and dirty garage rock to ambient electro. A local shop, for global people, the site will bring the sounds of Southampton to the world by linking up with other independent labels around the world, broadcasting webcasts and selling the latest releases from Southampton artists.

Joe Parker, one of the founders of SOTONES said:

“SOTONES is a co-operative record label run by artists for fans. A lot of people have lost sight of what music should be about in this fame-obsessed culture we live in. We want to put the soul back into music so we’re pulling together to make a genuinely independent local label a reality. These are really exciting tracks and we can’t wait to get the discs out there and onto people’s stereos.”

The collective will issue its first full-length compilation through the site on 1<sup>st</sup> August. SOTONES Vol.11 features 15 tracks by local artists and will cost just £3. A series of gigs, club nights and residencies will follow throughout August.

See you soon!

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## Notes to Editors:

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- I. Sotones and the [www.sotones.co.uk](http://www.sotones.co.uk) website and online shop officially launch Monday 30th July 2007 at midnight.
- II. 'Sotones Sampler Vol. 11', the first full-length Sotones release featuring 17 Sotones artists, will be released on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007.
- III. Artists on the Sotones roster include: **Loose Caboose; Moneytree; Blakfish; The Beaux Hardts; Chin Music; Jimi Ray – Human Beatbox; Edward J. Hicks; The Scarlet Letter Union; JayEtAl; Monoboy; Philip Barebones; rude\_NHS; The Limes; Joe Parker And The Power..**
- IV. Artists on other labels working very closely with Sotones and featured in Sotones shows and on Sotones compilation releases include **Fleeingnewyork** (SoSweet/USA) and **Caesura** (LockJaw/UK)
- V. Sotones are collaborating live or on releases with a range of other artists including: **Thomas Tantrum; Dead!Dead!Dead!; Buttonhead; Bullycats; They Died Too Young; Miss Murdoch; Tubelord; Starfighter-X; Naomi Hates Humans; Alex J. Dunne; The Loose Screws.**
- VI. Sotones is the trading name of Sotones Music Coop, a limited company (No. 06309099; England) registered as a Community Interest Clause Co-Operative.