

# TV21 FOREVER 22

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## POST-PUNK PIONEERS TV21 RELEASE NEW ALBUM AFTER 28 YEARS

No 'second album' pressures for Scotland-based post-punk new wave band **TV21** – they are releasing their second album after **an astounding gap of 28 years** since their first LP, **A Thin Red Line**, was released on vinyl in **1981**.

**Forever 22** is a collection of self-penned new songs which show influences of the power and passion of the late 70s/early 80s new wave era fused with the subtle aggression of current indie rock.

It's back on Powbeat Records too, the label that released their first two singles. Available to buy from such sites as iTunes and for listening free via Spotify, **Forever 22** will also be released on CD and **limited edition 12" vinyl formats**.

And for TV21 fans and newcomers to the Edinburgh-based band's music, extra tracks included are several re-recorded songs from the bands' earlier set such as **Snakes and Ladders** and **Something's Wrong** and other early material previously unreleased on an album.

The Forever 22 launch party is on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009, at Edinburgh's Voodoo Rooms**, where TV21 will be playing songs from the new album and will be joined by some **very special guests - Scott Hutchison** of **Frightened Rabbit** and **Adam Thompson** of **We Were Promised Jetpacks** will be playing acoustic sets.

During 1980/81, TV21 were regulars on the **John Peel and Richard Skinner BBC Radio 1** shows and achieved significant radio play with all their singles – especially **Snakes and Ladders** and **All Join Hands** – which both charted in the **top 100**.

Through Forever 22, the band says it hopes to reach an even broader audience than they achieved with **A Thin Red Line** – which received wide critical acclaim and listed **Ian Broudie of the Lightning Seeds** as its main **producer**. A **five-star review** from well-respected music industry commentator and writer, **Paulo Hewitt** and a front-page appearance in **Melody Maker** helped sell the album to a loyal fan-base across Europe.

The three founder members - **Norman Rodger** (lead vocals, guitar), **Ally Palmer** (guitar, backing vocals) and **Neil Baldwin** (bass guitar, backing vocals) have been joined by **Simon McGlynn** on drums who, over the last 15 years, has played in several other bands with TV21's founder members.

Forever 22 is being backed by Canadian music distributor and big TV21 fan, **Iain Walker**.

Lead singer and songwriter, **Norman Rodger says**: "When we first got back together again I don't think any of us remotely envisaged that we'd end up releasing a new album, especially after such a long gap since the first one! As you'd expect there are many influences on this album but we feel that we've stayed true to our original ethos and managed to retain our distinctive sound."

“Since we reunited to play a John Peel testimonial gig in 2005, we have played regularly – even making an appearance at Blackpool’s Rebellion festival.

“As there has been real interest in our new songs which we have published on MySpace and on our own web site, we thought it only right to repay the interest and loyalty of fans by releasing some new songs on CD and vinyl.

“We think they’ll be excited by the new songs on Forever 22 and, who knows, if the reaction is strong, we may even release a third album without waiting another 28 years!”

[www.powbeat.com](http://www.powbeat.com) – to hear extracts from Forever 22

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