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# JAPAN NITE 2007

3.18.07 - THE KNITTING FACTORY IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA



ORESKABAND

JAPAN NITE 2007 WAS UNLEASHED ON HUNDREDS OF MUSIC FANS FROM LOS ANGELES WHO COVERGED AT HOLLYWOOD'S KNITTING FACTORY TO CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S OFFERING OF BANDS FROM JAPAN. SLATED TO PERFORM WERE HY, The 50 Kaitenz, GO!GO!7188, Pistol Valve, ORESKABAND and Asakusa Junta. **PHOTOGRAPHY NERGENE ARQUELADA**

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From Okinawa featuring Miyazato Yuhei (guitar)/chorus, Kyoda Shinsuke (bass), Shinzato Hideyuki (vocals/rap/guitar), Nakasone Izumi (keyboards/vocals/chorus) and Naka Shun (drums/rap/chorus).

NOTEABLES: The first Indie band to debut at #1 on the Oricon album charts three times with their second album "Street Story", their third album "TRUNK" and fourth album "Confidence". Performed twice at Budokan.

[www.hymode.net](http://www.hymode.net) | [www.myspace.com/hymode](http://www.myspace.com/hymode)





## THE 50 KAITENZ

Featuring DANNY (guitar/vocal), DORY (bass/vocal) and BOGIE (drum/vocal)

NOTEABLES: THE GO JU KAITENZ are from Osaka. Their music can be compared to the Ramones and 50's-60's rock bands and their stage presence combines humor and kick ass rock.

[www.50kaiten.com](http://www.50kaiten.com)



## GO!GO!7188

Featuring Nakashima (yuu) Yumi (vocals/guitar), Hamada (akko) Akiko (bass, vocals), Taaki (drums, vocals)

NOTEABLES: Band name is pronounced Go Go Nana Ichi Hachi Hachi. Their music is a combination of surf and punk rock but when listening to any of their many albums, you'll find something different, cool and new.

[www.breast.co.jp/gogo7188/](http://www.breast.co.jp/gogo7188/)



## PISTOL VALVE

Featuring cotton (alto sax & vocal), ando! (tenor sax & vocal), jyuni7000 (violin & vocal), tomii (Euphonium & vocal) Yoko Brooklyn (Tenor & baritone sax), Rum\*Asuka (trombone), Korina (valve trombone), Misaty (trumpet), M-chan (trumpet), DJ Lilia (turn table)  
NOTEABLES: A ten member , all-female band performing rock, pop and hip-hop with a strong emphasis on brass instruments.

[www.pistolvalve.jp/](http://www.pistolvalve.jp/)



## ORESKABAND

Featuring IKASU (guitar & vocal), TOMI (bass & vocal), TAE-SAN (drums), SAKI (trumpet), MORIKO (saxophone) and LEADER (trombone)

NOTEABLES: A six member all-girl band playing ska rock that were high school students when they were signed in 2006 by Sony Music Associated Records. Their song "Hana no Sky Dance" was featured in a POCKY commercial.

[www.sonymusic.co.jp/Music/Info/Oreskaband/](http://www.sonymusic.co.jp/Music/Info/Oreskaband/)



## ASAKUSA JINTA

Featuring Oshio (bass & vocals), Gome (drums), Shinya (guitar), Mikachinto (saxophone), Hiro (accordion/keyboard), B.Ken (Bri and tuba), Shiisaa (trumpet)

NOTEABLES: A seven unit hardcore marching brass band hailing from Asakusa in Tokyo, Japan. Their music is a mix of rocakabilly, up-tempo country, punk and kayokyoku ala 1930's Japan.

[www.asakusajinta.com](http://www.asakusajinta.com)

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