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Newport Mansions “Sessions” Music Video Series Continues with BBMak

NEWPORT, R.I. – BBMak, the British trio behind the early-2000s hit "Back Here," recently videorecorded a three-song acoustic performance at the historic Isaac Bell House, the latest in the Newport Mansions' "Sessions" series of musical performance videos.

Isaac Bell House, a National Historic Landmark built in 1883 and considered one of the finest surviving examples of Shingle Style architecture in America, provided a striking backdrop for a band whose career has always bridged classic songwriting with modern pop-rock energy.

The video will be released July 30 on the Newport Mansions YouTube channel (@newport.mansions).



Previous performance videos in the "Sessions" series have included indie-folk duo The Ballroom Thieves at Marble House, American roots trio The Wood Brothers at The Breakers Stable & Carriage House, and local roots folk act Laden Valley at The Elms. All "Sessions" are available to view on YouTube.

About BBMak

Formed in Liverpool in 1996, BBMak consists of Mark Barry (lead vocals), Christian Burns (vocals, rhythm guitar) and Stephen McNally (vocals, lead guitar). The band's name is drawn from the first letters of the three members' surnames: Barry, Burns and McNally. Unlike many of their boy-band contemporaries, BBMak wrote and played their own instruments, a self-penned, guitar-driven sound that drew comparisons to The Beatles and Oasis.

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The trio's debut single, "Back Here," topped charts in the U.K. and Japan before becoming a top-20 hit in the United States. Their debut album, "Sooner or Later" (2000), went gold in America and reached No. 38 on the Billboard 200, with Billboard noting it was the top-selling U.S. album by a U.K. act that year, outperforming releases by artists including Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin and Radiohead. The band supported Britney Spears on tour, headlined their own American arena tour and released a second album, "Into Your Head," in 2002, which reached No. 25 on the Billboard 200.

BBMak disbanded in 2003 as members pursued solo careers. Burns went on to collaborate with electronic music artists including Tiësto and Armin van Buuren. The band reunited in 2018, releasing their third studio album, "Powerstation," in 2019, and continues to tour for audiences old and new.

The Preservation Society of Newport County, Rhode Island, is a nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the area's historic architecture, landscapes, decorative arts and social history. Its 11 historic properties – seven of them National Historic Landmarks – span more than 250 years of American architectural and social development.

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