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## MAYDAY PARADE

**FLORIDA-BASED PARADE MARCHES INTO UK WITH POP-ROCK ARSENAL**

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**“I**’M NOT sure what to expect,” says Mayday Parade vocalist Derek Sanders of Mayday Parade’s inaugural trip to the UK this month. “We haven’t heard much about the fans over there. I have no idea if we even have any fans over there.”

If the buzz from America is any indication, we’re betting the alt-rock quintet from Tallahassee, Florida, will be pleasantly surprised. Having formed shortly after graduating from high school in 2004, Sanders and guitarist Brooks Berris – later joined by bassist Jeremy Lenzo, guitarist Alex Garcia and drummer Jake Bruchick – have spent much of the past four years chasing dreams of rock stardom, despite being plagued by roadblocks. Literally.

“We had only been a band for five or six months when we recorded our *Tales Told By Dead Friends* EP and released it ourselves. We had 13,039 copies pressed, threw them in a trailer and followed the *Marged* tour, selling CDs outside each venue,” remembers Sanders. “It was only the fourth day of tour and it was really early in the morning when a deer ran out in front of us and we ended up swerving off the road. The trailer whizzed around,

slammed into the side of the van and eventually spun around and flipped through the air. We didn’t flip the van, luckily, but we looked back through the busted back window to see the trailer upside down about four yards back, CDs strewn everywhere.”

Thankfully, the band walked away from the accident unscathed and managed to get back in the van. This month, they’ll embark on the *Give It A Name* Introducing Tour, where fans can expect them to blast out to rock-infused pop anthems from their debut *A Lesson In Romanticism*, most of which are based on the crash and burn of past relationships... not passenger vans. So does that mean current band member girlfriends should worry about a potential break-up ending up in song?

“Yeah,” laughs Sanders. “It’s probably going to end up that way!”



**FOR FANS OF:** Cartel, Plain White T's.  
**HEARD:** *A Lesson In Romanticism* is out now via Fearless.

**MORE INFO:** [www.mypop.com/maydayparade](http://www.mypop.com/maydayparade). See signs for UK dates on *Give It A Name* Introducing Tour, starting May 12.

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