



Pink Floyd: another Live 8-sized event, another reunion (maybe).

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## Prickly Pink

### More Floyd reunions unlikely.

★ Despite repeated rumours of another Pink Floyd reunion following the band's surprise appearance at Live 8 last summer, it seems it will take another event of similarly huge proportions to bring the band and Roger Waters back together again.

There is certainly no prospect of any new Pink Floyd project in the immediate future, as guitarist David Gilmour is resuming his solo career in the spring with the release of his solo album *On An Island*.

Waters, who left the group in 1985, has on several occasions spoken warmly of last July's Live 8 reunion. "It was enormously enjoyable," he told Jools Holland on BBC2's *Later With Jools*. "It was a bit like slipping on an old glove. Seriously, the first day we rehearsed we sort of wandered in and started playing *Breathe* [from *Dark Side Of The Moon*], and it immediately felt kind of comfortable."

Waters also told American chat show host Charlie Rose: "If we ever get back together – and I absolutely feel in my bones that we will – it will be for some event like Live 8, where we can perform on the understanding that we're doing it for a very good reason or a very good cause. It won't be to go and do a huge tour."

However, some indication of the prickly relationship that still exists between Gilmour and Waters came when Pink Floyd were inducted into the UK Music Hall Of Fame on November 16.

Gilmour, who was present with Floyd drummer Nick Mason, paid tribute to Waters, founder member Syd Barrett "and all the other passengers who have slipped off the tour bus at one point or another". Waters, who was appearing via a video link from Italy, where he was preparing for the live premiere of his *Ca Ira* opera, retorted

that he had "never felt like a passenger".

Speaking at Inside Out – Pink Floyd & The Arts at London's Cochrane Theatre two weeks later, Mason revealed that Gilmour had initially been reluctant about Floyd reuniting for Live 8: "He's lining up his solo album and tour, and now he'll be constantly asked about Pink Floyd wherever he goes." Mason added that he would welcome playing with Floyd again.

The next Pink Floyd release will be their much-delayed *Pulse* DVD which is currently set for January 16 – although that is just the latest of a series of dates which have all been postponed. Filmed at the Pink Floyd's 1994 Earls Court concerts that included a complete performance of *Dark Side Of The Moon*, the DVD also includes numerous animations and films used by the band over the years, and a behind-the-scenes documentary.

The band have also been working on a 5.1 surround sound remix of their *Wish You Were Here* album, which was originally earmarked for a 30th anniversary release in 2005 but is now expected to be released sometime in 2006.

Gilmour's third solo album, *On An Island*, is due for release on March 6 – his

62nd birthday. It's his first record since 1984's *About Face*, although in 2002 he did release a DVD of his acclaimed 2001 *Meltdown* Festival concert. Dave Crosby and Graham Nash provide vocals on the title track, and other musicians making an appearance include Pink Floyd keyboard player Rick Wright, the band's post-Waters bassist Guy Pratt and Jools Holland.

Gilmour will be touring Europe between March and May, including three UK dates at London's Royal Albert Hall on May 29–31. At press time, tickets were available for only the last of those three shows.

**"I feel in my bones that we will [play together again]."**