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# Peter Murphy's solo tour coming to Le Poisson Rouge

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Bauhaus founder **Peter Murphy** will bring his highly anticipated "Stripped" tour to New York next Thursday (April 21) and Friday (April 22) with 3 shows (tickets are still available for only 1) at (Le) Poisson Rouge in Greenwich Village.



*courtesy of Peter Murphy*

Of the 31 dates on his North American tour, the legendary post-punk singer has sold out 8 performances so far. Much of the excitement surrounding **“Stripped”** is that the songs are not performed acoustically (“I’m not using full arrangements,” Murphy told Examiner.com, as he spoke about his minimalist approach to these shows). For this tour, he’s accompanied by a couple of longtime friends — Emilio China and John Andrews, who’ve been members of his solo band.

Setlists for the tour span his prolific almost 40-year career — both with Bauhaus and as a solo artist — and he is planning to take the tour to Germany, Portugal, England, and Spain right after the North American leg ends in early May.

The British native is looking forward to spending some time in New York City next week. “It’s an amazing place. I came there for about 3 weeks once [in 2009], without any music connections. I just decided to come there and discover it and not have a plan. I ended up walking, because it really is a walking city. It’s beautiful, actually,” he said, fondly remembering the various neighborhoods he came to know during that sojourn.

He also recalled his first time in the city, in 1981. “New York was the first American city we [Bauhaus] came to,” Murphy said. “Literally the first person I met in America was Iggy Pop. It was a small hotel [Iroquois New York] and I came down to the [narrow] lobby. I heard him speak and thought ‘Wait a minute, I know that voice!’ and it was Iggy Pop. Literally the first American I met.” Murphy invited the punk icon to see his band’s concert the following night. “And sure enough, he was there. He was in the back of the audience, and it turned out that he was the heckler who was heckling me, and he was actually loving the show.”

New York fans who want to see Murphy at (Le) Poisson Rouge (158 [Bleecker Street](#)) can still buy tickets to the late show (10 p.m.) on Thursday, April 21 [here](#) for \$45-\$50.

(Le) Poisson Rouge is a multimedia cabaret located on the site of what was once the legendary Village Gate nightclub in the heart of what had been the epicenter of beatnik and hippie counterculture in

Greenwich Village.

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