

Brainwashed - New Wire, Bruce Gilbert replaced by Margaret Fiedler live

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[Wire](#) announced on [Pinkflag.com](#) that it has completed work on its 11th studio album, continuing the momentum that began with the band's 2006 reactivation and

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Object 47

' - 47 representing its position as the 47th release in the Wire discography - the album finds Wire utilising the core writing partnership responsible for

Pink Flag

, Colin Newman and Graham Lewis. The latest release is described by the band as having "tunes with zoom", and this is best illustrated by the melodic and textural development already suggested by elements of last year's

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from Pinkflag.com:

The full track-listing for the album is:

One Of Us; Circumspect; Mekon Headman; Perspex Icon; Four Long Years; Hard Currency; Patient Flees; Are You Ready?; All Fours.

Object 47 will be on sale later this year, direct from PostEverything and via record stores worldwide. A final release date will be announced shortly, and so [sign up to the mailing list](#) to be the first to find out when the album will surface.

Live Wire

As regular visitors to pinkflag.com will no doubt have realised, Wire now has a list of upcoming gigs in Europe. Those so far announced are just the initial dates showcasing a rejuvenated Wire, with the band fired-up after its lengthy hiatus from touring. Expect more gigs during 2008 to be announced in the coming weeks, not only in Europe (including London), but also in the USA. Again, ensure you're signed up to the mailing list to be the first to hear about upcoming gigs.

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One announcement we can make right away, however, is that due to Bruce Gilbert's resignation from the group in 2004, upcoming Wire gigs will have Margaret Fiedler McGinnis augmenting the band on rhythm guitar. Known for her work in Laika (masterminds of one of the best Wire covers to date, the *Whore* version of "German Shepherds"), her live credentials are further enhanced by her being a part of PJ Harvey's touring band earlier in the decade.