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Rock Band Genesis to reunite for First Tour in 13 Years

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After a long 13 years, rock band Genesis is reuniting for a tour. The three musicians, Tony Banks, Phil Collins and Mike Rutherford confirmed the reunion on Zoe Ball's BBC Radio 2 show on Wednesday.

"We all felt, 'Why not?" Collins told *BBC* News. "It sounds a bit of a lame reason – but we enjoy each other's company, we enjoy playing together."

The trio said they will perform a series of shows across the UK later this year.

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This time the band will be joined by Collins' 18 year-old son Nicholas who play the drums in place of his father, and longstanding associate Daryl Stuermer on guitar and bass, according to CNN.

BBC reported that Phil Collins suffered nerve damage during the band's last tour in 2007, which left him unable to play for extended periods of time.

It seems unlikely that Nic Collins will be the solo drummer on the tour, given that hey haven't played a show with a single drummer since 1975. Phil Collins moved from behind the drums to the front man position in 1976 and the band hired former Yes drummer Bill Bruford to join them on tour, according to *Rolling Stone*. There's consistently been two drum its on stage where Collins would play during instrumental breaks.

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Peter Gabriel, a founding member who left the band in 1975, will not take part, according to CNN.





A hint of the reunion came through an Instagram post on the band's page with a picture of Collins, Banks and Rutherford and the caption "And then there were three." This caption was also the name of their first album as a trio, released in 1978 after the departure of guitarist Steve Hackett, reported *CNN*.

Right now, there are only 10 shows confirmed, all set in the U.K. and Ireland. However, *Rolling Stone* speculated that it may be reasonable to expect the shows to to go around the globe in 2021, given that with such a few dates, the band may not break even.

As to whether or not this tour will lead to a new album, it;s unclear. The last Genesis album was their 1997's *Calling All Stations*. *Rolling Stone* reported that there also hasn't been one with Phil Collins since 1991's *We Can't Dance*.

With 30 years without new material, the chances of a new album seems pretty unlikely, but with the tour announcement, anything is possible.

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One question we're all thinking is, is this a farewell tour? Perhaps. Collins has given revealing names to the band's tours in the past, and with this one being titled The Last Domino?, after Genesis' 1986 two-part epic "Domino," that seems to imply this may be the final one, according to *Rolling Stone*.

Tickets will go on sale from 9am on Friday 6 March and are available to purchase at LiveNation and TicketMaster.

Here are the tour dates, according to Metro,

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Thursday 19 November – Belfast SSE Arena

Monday 23 November – Liverpool M&S Bank Arena

Thursday 26 November - Newcastle Utilita Arena

Sunday 29 November - London The O2

Monday 30 November - London The O2

Wednesday 2 December – Leeds First Direct Arena

Saturday 5 December – Birmingham Utilita Arena

Tuesday 8 December – Manchester Manchester Arena

Friday 11 December – Glasgow SSE Hydro

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