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Hangout Highlight: Misterwives

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Since its inception in 2010, the Hangout Festival in Gulf Shores has attracted some of the biggest names in music, from The Black Keys to Stevie Wonder to Bassnectar. While it started as a small music festival in the state of Alabama, it has turned into one of the most anticipated and well-attended festivals of the summer for music fans across the country. The best part about this beachfront festival is its dedication to highlighting up-and-coming artists in the music industry.

Misterwives, a New York City-based indie pop band, falls right into that category. The five-piece band—

vocalist Mandy Lee, drummer Etienne Bowler, bassist Will Hehir, guitarist Marc Campbell and keyboardist Jesse Blum—are new to Hangout, but they are not strangers to the summer festival scene. The first festival they played was Firefly in Dover, Delaware, and the memories they made there will stay with them forever.

“Our managers were texting us in the morning telling us not to worry if there were only a hundred people in the audience,” Hehir said. “When we got on stage we were blown away!! There were 3,000 people going insane and chanting along to every song. It was a really emotional moment for all of us.”

Before they landed a spot in the festival world, Misterwives struggled to get on their feet. Living in a huge

