



world that feel what I am feel  
A sad, sad day.  
Pidgeon, from NME.com

Just a couple of the hearts  
we've received since the  
Mark Linkous' death broke  
there been a more fitting to  
discover a great alt.rock to

## MUMFORD & FANS

A few weeks has now passed  
attending the NME Awards  
and the fun and games are s  
continuing! After managing  
a pass for the front section o  
it meant me and my mate co  
with celebs if we happened t  
toilet at the same time! Luck  
the familiar faces we saw wa  
from Mumford & Sons, who  
number and said he would e  
get us on the guestlist for th  
gig at the ABC. He did not fs  
up yesterday morning to a te  
and went to the gig last nigh  
phenomenal, and I cannot w  
them again at T In The Park!  
NME for a terrific night in B  
aftershow party was pretty g  
I will do everything in my po  
make it to next year's!  
Marc Bean, Glasgow

See, I've been constantly h  
around men's bags for year  
and received nothing more  
a lung condition from cons  
inhaling urinal cakes, and  
hours' community service

Letter of the week

# Long may he Sparkle

**T**his is tragic news. Sparklehorse are unquestionably the most underrated band of the last 20 years. Anybody who has ever heard their music knows what a loss he is and I feel sorry that more couldn't experience Mark Linkous' brilliance. Sparklehorse helped me through the tough times in my life, with 'It's A Wonderful Life' being the first album I played after my father's death. All I can say is thank you for helping me get through that and may you finally find peace. For those who don't know him, buy his music and the Danger Mouse collaboration 'Dark Night Of The Soul' and celebrate his life.

Sparklemouse, Exeter

I can't remember the last time I was so affected by the death of a man I never met. Today is up there with Joe Strummer and John Peel for me. I've been listening to Mark Linkous since I was 15 - I'm 30 now. That's half my life that I have been influenced by this man's music and songwriting. His music is like no-one else's. His production, although always understated, is at times jaw-dropping. His lyrics can convey so much in so few words. This man's work speaks to me on so many levels, and I am truly devastated that he felt the need to end his life. I hope history is kind to him. He deserves to be remembered as a true musical great, and hopefully will reach greater fame, respect and admiration in death than he did in life. He chose to leave before his time. I'm sure there will be many, many people around the

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So that's what happens to ar  
show when you mix commo



Marcus Mumford:  
truly, a man of  
his word