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Singer now has a café and pro-wrestling league in his business empire

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Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan has announced that he is opening a teahouse in his home city of Chicago.

Corgan, whose band are currently gearing up for the release of their new studio album '**Oceania**', will open the café in Chicago's upscale Highland Park neighbourhood. Corgan has said that he hopes to open the still-unnamed teahouse in March or April 2012 and that it will have a menu of exotic teas, vegan sweets and coffee.

He told **Rolling Stone**: "It has a whimsical feel to it. It'll feel like you're stepping back in time in terms of space, but what we put into the space will change. My dream number is changing it 15 to 20 times a month where you're inviting people to talk about film or have an open mic night."



He also said that he will not personally be hanging in the café as he does not wish to make a spectacle of himself. He said of this: "If

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people come in to stalk me I won't hang out because I don't want to disrupt the customers".

Corgan announced earlier this year that he has also started his own professional wrestling company.

The singer has called the firm **Resistance Pro** and has said he will be operating as 'creative director'. It is set to begin auditioning participants in the next few days.

Smashing Pumpkins have just completed a full UK tour and are strongly rumoured to be in line to play a number of European festivals next summer.

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