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FRESH from the success of their debut, number-one album, Britain's Got Talent champions Collabro are coming to Bournemouth in March.

The musical theatre vocal group who feature Hampshire's Michael Auger, performed to more than 55,000 people on their first sell-out UK tour last year.

Now the five-piece group has just announced a new tour for 2016. Collabro swept to victory on the ITV's Britain's Got Talent (BGT) in June 2014, winning a £250,000 cash prize as well as a much-coveted slot on The Royal Variety Show.

Music mogul Simon Cowell signed them up and the group's debut album Stars became the fastest selling album for a debut act, at the time beating Ed Sheeran to the number-one spot. In June 2015 their second album Act Two was released, charting at number two - beaten only by Florence & The Machine.

In just one year the band have gone from being completely unknown to selling over 300,000 albums, making them platinum album recording artists.

The band, who all met through mutual friends and social media, spent a week together rehearsing and trying out different sounds including pop and opera, before agreeing to go down the musical theatre route.

Just weeks later they were in front of Simon Cowell. and the rest of the Britain's Got Talent panel performing Stars from Les Miserables.

"We thought we needed to go on Britain's Got Talent or something, so people could see what we were doing and what they thought," remembers Michael, 24.

"We didn't know what to expect. We knew how Simon Cowell was very honest with his answers and we thought 'we've got nothing to lose'. Thankfully, everything went our way."

Collabro's spellbinding Act Two tour comes to Bournemouth International Centre on Friday, March 25 with support from AJ Brown and special guest Catriona Murray. Ticket prices start at £22.