

MEDIA INFORMATION

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XpoNorth 8th and 9th June 2016

SHOWCASING MUSIC ARTISTS' ANNOUNCEMENT

XpoNorth Festival 2016 is delighted to announce our music showcase line up of SIXTY SIX varied and exciting music acts that have been selected to perform live in Inverness to audiences lapping up all the creative industry goodness at this year's festival in June.

The full line up was carefully selected by a jury of industry professionals and XpoNorth looks forward to welcoming a wealth of musical talent from near and far including partners Live at Heart in Sweden, EXCITE our European festival network and Trinidad & Tobago, as well as a multitude of Scotland-based talent performing all genres: with the introduction of an electronic stage this year.

For selected acts, there is also the chance of appearing at Beaulieu-based Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival in August this year on a specially curated XpoNorth stage.

The annual Inverness-based XpoNorth festival is devoted to boosting creative careers in the Highlands and Islands and beyond.

The only event of its kind in Scotland devoted to crafts, publishing, screen and broadcast as well as music, XpoNorth is also attended by leading creative industry insiders, who take part in workshops, panels and masterclass sessions over the course of both days.

By night the festival changes pace as XpoNorth's influential music showcase takes music stars of tomorrow from the UK and beyond and places them on stages across Scotland's most northerly city over two nights, each act playing a strict half hour set.

Festival Director, Amanda Millen, said: "Giving a platform to emerging talent and offering free practical, hands-on support is what we are all about. Showcasing the best new music has always been an integral part of the festival, but XpoNorth is now a wide-reaching festival which brings together a host of elements under one creative umbrella and completely FREE to attend all you have to do is register as a delegate.

"We have key players in the fields of screen, broadcast, gaming, fashion, writing, publishing and music taking part over the course of the two days and two nights. If you are trying to forge a career in the creative industries, then Inverness on 8th and 9th June is THE place to be. You'll also be able to hear the music of artists everyone will be talking about in the next year!"

The full music schedule will be published along with the full festival programme on Wednesday 4th May 2016. Look out for more announcements in the coming days and weeks!

The showcase list in full:

AMATRART - GLASGOW
AMERICAN CLAY - GLASGOW
ARMSTRONG - GLASGOW
BE CHARLOTTE - DUNDEE

BELLA AND THE BEAR - GLASGOW
BLOODLINES - H&I
BREAKFAST MUFF - GLASGOW
CHRISSY BARNACLE - GLASGOW
CHRIS KLÄFFORD - SWEDEN
COLONEL MUSTARD & THE DIJON 5 - GLASGOW
CRASH CLUB - GLASGOW/KILWINNING
DANIEL DOCHERTY - GLASGOW
DEBUKAS - H&I
DECLAN WELSH - GLASGOW
DED RABBIT - H&I
DEVILS QUEEN - H&I
DOMICILES - FIFE
ELEANOR NICOLSON - H&I
ELLE EXXE - EDINBURGH
FOREIGNFOX - DUNFERMLINE
FOREVER - GLASGOW
FOXOS - GERMANY
HALFRICAN - GLASGOW
HURRICANE #1 - ENGLAND
IMOGEN ISLAY HAY - H&I
INDIGO VELVET - EDINBURGH
JAMES MACKENZIE - H&I
JOINTPOP - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
KELVIN - GLASGOW
LAURENCE MADE ME CRY - GLASGOW
LGTL - BELGIUM
L'HOME BRUT - SPAIN
LIONAL - H&I
LOUIS WT BUICK / COUNT CLOCKWORK - H&I
MARK MACKENZIE - H&I
MEDICINE MEN - GLASGOW
MEGAN BLYTH - H&I
MICHAEL CASSIDY - GLASGOW
MICHIEL TURNER - H&I
MICKEY 9S - GLASGOW
MIRACLE GLASS COMPANY - EDINBURGH
MISS IRENIE ROSE - H&I
MT. DOUBT - EDINBURGH
NIGEL THOMAS - ENGLAND
NOVEMBER LIGHTS - GLASGOW
OTHER HUMANS - GLASGOW
PICTISH TRAIL - H&I
PURE GRIEF - H&I
REBEL WESTERNS - GLASGOW
ROMAN NOSE - GLASGOW
SCHNARFF SCHNARFF - H&I
SHY SHY SHY - DENMARK
SILVER COAST - H&I
SPRING BREAK - H&I
THE BROKEN RAVENS - H&I
THE CLARAMASSA - H&I

THE LITTLE KICKS - ABERDEEN
THE RAMISCO MAKI MAKI ROCKING HORSE - H&I
THE SIDE - H&I
THE VAN T'S - GLASGOW
THE WOODS - EDINBURGH
THE YOUTH AND YOUNG - DUNFERMLINE/EDINBURGH
TUSKANY - NORTHERN IRELAND
WECAMEFROMWOLVES - PERTH/GLASGOW
WENDELL BORTON - ABERDEEN
WOMPS - GLASGOW

NOTES TO EDITORS:

XpoNorth takes place this year in Inverness on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th June.

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