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It's SPRING!

& EASTER!

Happy New Year & welcome to our Spring 2025 programme.

When we pull a programme together, rather than starting with a theme, we always start with an intention to bring together a diverse and eclectic range of events that will appeal to as many people as possible, whilst also creating a fair range of opportunities for artists of all types & career stages. However, programmes do end up taking on a feeling, and this programme feels to us very much like spring! In places, it's kind of quiet, thoughtful, and contemplative, with slowly unfolding moments punctuated with some bigger bolder stuff – a bit like when the crocus or the daffodils come through!!

Monday night has expanded: you can come and Bollywood Dance followed by a bowl of Dhal, or discover the power of your own breath, and if you just want a bit of exercise and dancing fun, join the Radge Raving Crew. On Saturdays we have brought back afternoon workshops for life drawing specials; we also have a very special line-up for IWD on March 8th, and a week later – a whole day celebrating new jazz. On the club front, we journey from brand new on the scene, underground names to time-served stalwarts and a label takeover for Bakk Heia. There are gigs from all over the world, but also with a focus on those that nurture our local scene & our musical roots.

Behind the scenes, we are still hoping to find ways to fund the development in the backyard, an alternative education programme, an outreach programme, room 2, a green room, artists accommodation for residencies – there is so much more we could be doing if that annoying thing called money wasn't tripping us up all the time. So, if you know a fairy benefactor or any mega rich patrons, please do mention us! And we would also love to hear from any charities, partnerships, and organizations that might want to work collaboratively with us in some way, allowing us to reach further into the community and increase our impact, we have much to give & we want to collaborate better.

We have just changed our email signature to 'Culture makes the world a better place & it should be available for all' – that's our core belief and why we are here.

We hope to share some culture with you soon,



TICKETS TO ALL OF OUR WEEKLY EVENTS...

UPCOMING EASTER CLUB NIGHTS...

We've been keen to hear Byron Yeates again since his absolute banging set at Pushback some time ago, and the other two have been long held heroes and dream bookings — how to choose ?! — Come for all? — Who's got the leggggggs...

Dr Banana + Leo Robin



Easter Thursday / April 17th
(£12-16)

Record connoisseur, label boss, and sleight-of-hand specialist – Dr. B promises a rabbit-hole record bag, labrador-like energy, and a light-hearted, leftfield approach to the dance.

Bin Juice Presents: Byron Yeates + Josh Bell



Good Friday / April 18th
(£10-18)

A great sauce of wholesome queer fun. Bin Juice is back & so is Byron Yeates & resident Josh Bell. Placed firmly in a queer lineage of electronic dance music, Yeates' sets bounce, tease, punch and often soar. The femme vocal is mixed into thumping progressive trance, which in turn meets a throwback house track, or swerves down to the nod of downtempo. Latrines Haus will be back before the club night starts, keep your eyes peeled for details!

Ultimate moments, maximum efforts, love n care, all queers, friends & allies welcome. Get in the bin. x

Erol Alkan + Weston



Easter Saturday / April 19th
(£12-16)

From riotous 8 hour sets in pub back rooms to major stages, Alkan works with a unique alchemy driven by instinct and the pure, infectious love and knowledge of music he has carried since his childhood. As the sands of alternative and electronic music culture shift faster than ever, Alkan remains one of the most influential and enduring artists in whatever world he chooses to occupy.

Never mind clichés, Erol Alkan is an even rarer sort; an artist who needs no introduction, yet with so much more to share.

OPEN HOUSE



LEARN & DO



FRESH



ALL LIVE MUSIC



CLUB NIGHTS



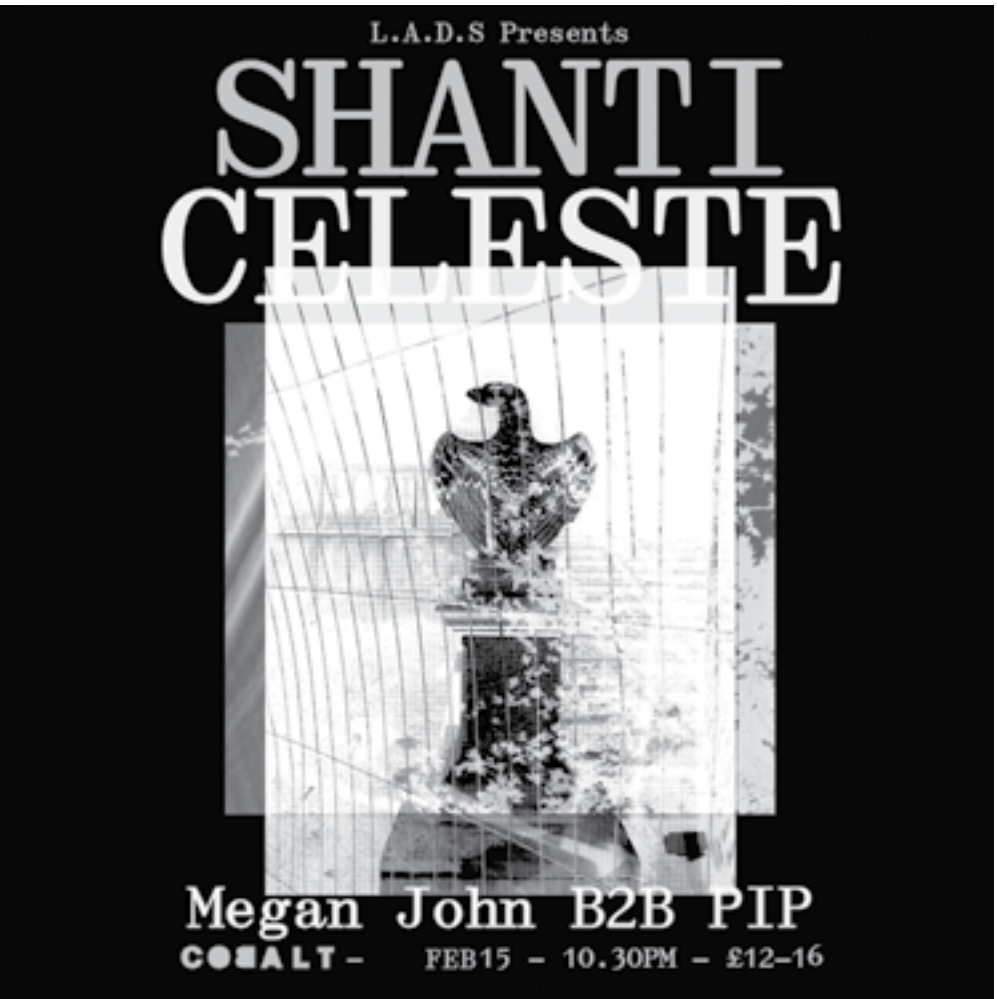
L.A.D'S (LADIES & DECKS)



ARE YOU FEMALE OR GNC & LOOKING TO HAVE A GO AT DJ-ING?

Do you want to learn about the electronic music industry?
Come to L.A.D.S!

L.A.D's Presents: Shanti Celeste (Feb 15)
L.A.D's Presents: Yu Su + Rosie (Mar 08)



L.A.D's (Ladies and Decks) is our in-house programme of workshops, open decks sessions, socials and club nights. It is aimed at providing educational and peer support opportunities for female & GNC people, as well as developing our local scene uplifting female & GNC DJs and artists.

L.A.D's workshops & open decks sessions are held regularly during our event seasons. We provide 3 sets of DJ decks for attendees to practice on, guided by volunteer mentors. The sessions also usually feature a panel or informal presentation, delivered by local female & GNC DJs – topics have ranged from DJ software, mixing records and music production to event promotion and navigating the (still male-dominated) music industry. In 2024, we have also invited 2 guest artists – NikNak and Nono Gigsta – to deliver a L.A.D's masterclass & Q&A.

As an extension to our educational programme and a stepping stone to securing more DJ opportunities, we also offer L.A.D's participants paid DJ slots at the neighbouring Ernest Café-Bar, as well as paid support slots at Cobalt. All L.A.D's workshops are free to attend, with an option to donate. Our L.A.D's Presents club nights are offered at a more accessible price point and/or with discounts to workshop attendees.

THIS SEASON'S L.A.D'S SESSIONS:

Feb 5th
March 5th
April 2nd

(All start at 6PM)



ARE YOU A YOUTH LEADER?

Are you a youth leader working in the community with our target group of female or gender non-conforming people aged 18-25?

We have funding to bring pop up workshops to you, whether it's just a few or ongoing arrangement. These opportunities are funded so will be at no cost to your organisation.

Get in touch on: hello@cobaltstudios.co.uk

We are extremely grateful to Youth Music for supporting this programme & to Amplify Hire for the kind loan of equipment.



DO & LEARN

MONDAY

Freshly Squeezed Open Mic

27 JAN	24 FEB	31 MAR
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6PM / £3

Freshly Squeezed returns! A welcoming monthly open mic night at Cobalt led by Jayne Dent (aka Me Lost Me), listeners and performers all welcome. Arrive early!

Gong Bath

03 FEB	03 MAR	24 MAR
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7PM / £9-13

Affordable gong bath with Tracey West, an immersive sonic massage and a cellular cleanse for your mind, body and soul. You can lay down and rest in stillness, stretch or move while experiencing cascading layers of sound.

Transformational Breathwork

10 FEB

6.30PM / £12-16

Join Clare as she guides you to get out of the analytical mind and move into the body. Using specific breath patterns in different rhythms we allow ourselves the time to access our subconscious, release, receive and shift what our body needs to.

Radge Raving Crew

17 FEB

7PM / £5

RADGE RAVING CREW are about high energy, all inclusive full power dance routines to get the paaarty! Shake that shimmy and learn some badass routines to MINT dance music. Or... bust your own moves – the floor is yours and ANYTHING goes!

Bollywood Dance & Dahl

10 MAR

7PM / £12-16

Bollywood Dance offers a fun saucy calorie-burning body workout. Simple moves with great results. You will be smiling all the way through. After dancing we will provide a simple bowl of dahl & bread for all. Suitable for all levels.

Nyatiti Relaxation Session

17 MAR

7PM / £12-16

Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno and Mark Barfoot are facilitating stillness using the whirling melodies of the Nyatiti African Lyre and Handpand. It is a beautiful and peaceful sound space to create openness and help the mind and body to recover from the various stresses we encounter daily and invite peace and oneness.

TUESDAY

Open House: Play

[Every Tuesday from 7pm]

28 JAN	04 FEB	11 FEB	18 FEB
25 FEB	04 MAR	11 MAR	18 MAR
25 MAR	01 APR		

7PM / Suggested £5

An open invitation to everybody to come and make spontaneous improvised music. No musical background needed; listeners also welcome.



WEDNESDAY

Life Drawing

29 JAN	19 FEB	26 FEB	19 MAR
26 MAR			

6.30PM / £9

Chilled life drawing in a relaxed environment with gentle music, colourful lighting, fully licensed bar & hot drinks. No judgement; no pressure, no teacher – just drawings.



L.A.D.S (Ladies & Decks)

05 FEB	05 MAR	02 APR
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6PM / Suggested £5

Ladies Open Decks & Social. Calling all women/NB who DJ or want learn to DJ! Meet like-minded women who love music & learn through chatting, mixing, sharing notes and generally addressing the lack of women & NB on the decks.



Born Lippy: Poetry Writing + Main Event

12 FEB	12 MAR
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4PM / 7PM / £6-12

Your Monthly celebration of all things wordy returns! Spoken word / Comedy / Live HipHop & More! Poetry writing workshop followed by main event.

SAT LEARN & DO

SATURDAY

AFTERNOONS

(2-4PM)

Café Charcoal

01 FEB	08 MAR (IWD SPECIAL)
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£12-16

Flaneurs, observers, casual creatives! Join us for an afternoon of artist led playful experimental life drawing with focussed perspectives, dramatic lighting, old time music & a cabaret energy that will get your ideas rollin' and your pencils scratchin'!



UV Life Drawing

08 FEB	15 MAR
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£12-16

Bar, UV light, DJ tunes, neon paint, life model, fluro props, neon chalk markers & black paper – join us for a UV life drawing special.

Life Drawing & Improvised Music

15 FEB	01 MAR	29 MAR
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£12-16

A relaxed evening session of life drawing with coloured light & candles alongside a gorgeous live improvised music performance... With Lind-say Hannon, Martin Douglas & occasionally one off performers.



The Queer Life Drawing Experience

22 FEB

£9-13

Join artist Mark Bletcher for a life-drawing session with a twist. Take turns as model and artist, using non-traditional materials like coloured markers and pens to reimagine and "queer" the life-drawing process in a supportive & inclusive space.

Drawing Is Easy w/ Mark Bletcher

22 MAR

£10-14

Join artist Mark Bletcher in learning how to draw with inks. This workshop is for absolute beginners or anyone looking for a fresh perspective on drawing. We'll playfully explore a few objects using exercises designed to develop mark-making skills with ink.



Sacred Harp Singing Workshop

05 APR

Suggested £5

Come and learn the basics of Sacred Harp/Shape Note singing with Phil Tyler. Sacred Harp is a unique form of social harmony singing. Anyone is welcome to come along & join in, it's easy & beautiful!



FRESH

WEEKLY BRAND NEW
MUSIC, DINNER & BOARD
GAMES

(DOORS 7PM / £8-15)



30/JAN



**Matters
Unknown +
Wingbeats**

Celestial blues, wrapped in contemporary global grooves from fast rising MATTERS UNKNOWN & dynamic, beat driven instrumental jazz from Wingbeats.

06/MAR



**Yama
Warashi +
Daniel Inzani**

Gentle psychedelia with a wish for a peaceful world.

Influenced by moons, stones & mushrooms, Yama Warashi is the solo project of Yoshino Shighara, who was an artist in residence with us last June. We can't wait to welcome her back & hear what she's been up to. Composer & pianist Daniel Inzani (Spindle Ensemble) brings unHINGED, exhilarating adventures in genre-hopping & story telling.

06/FEB



**Mary Ocher +
Faye MacCalman**

Berlin-based experimental pop that explores authoritarianism, unruly technology, and the diverse political and ethical implications of the impending changes for humankind, or a survival guide for artists and other non-conformists. Faye's music blends songs, improvisations, delays and loops traversing jazz, electronica and art-pop with emotional honesty and playful freedom.

13/MAR



**The Exu +
Matt Cliffe**

Two new jazz acts, both from Leeds.

The Exu bring together sax, bass & drums in a fusion of improv jazz, infectious pop hooks with an edge of rock & draw their inspiration from the neo-expressionists of New York. Matt Cliffe brings a floatier, dreamier & more meditative take on take on jazz, he has played flute with Matthew Halsall, Ancient Infinity Orchestra, Jasmine Myra & more.

13/FEB



**Laurie Shepherd
+ Staithe**

Joy adjacent dreamy acoustic songs and instrumentals from Staithe. While Shepherd sits somewhere between jazz & folk writing songs of motherhood, protest, the bittersweet reality of living in a wounded civilisation and our conflicted connection with the natural world.

20/MAR



**Pettaluck
+ Howie + Cod**

A DIY, leftfield potluck of a triple bill.

Howie brings fragmented and dexterous music that takes in post-punk and avant-folk. Cod O'Donnell's scratchy oddball folk music captures the sound of the horror at the back of the biscuit cupboard & Pettaluck throws some woodwind driven pop songs into the mix.

20/FEB



**Sera Kalo's eX.II
+ Thomas Dixon**

A musical synthesis of poetry, free improvisation and ethereal groove. With support slots for Shabaka Hutchings in her pocket, Sera Kalo's eX.II is one to watch. Expect the vintage sound of 70s jazz poetry with powerful hypnotic electronic and abstract soundscapes and groove. Local jazz hero Thomas Dixon brings his love of radical free jazz to the table.

27/MAR



**NØELLE
+ Cherry Seraph
+ Berne**

A special triple bill FRESH. Immersive live electronic music from NØELLE where ethereal vocals meet choppy hyper-pop basses and beats. Cherry Seraph is a proud queer artist, drawing upon her own sapphic experiences within her work and aims to empower others who are underrepresented within the music industry. Earth-pop duo Berne poetically use music to talk about issues they care deeply about: the climate emergency and social justice, while instilling hope for the future.

27/FEB



**Lovely
Assistant +
Yeavinger Bells**

Album launch for Newcastle's four-piece Lovely Assistant who talk of exploring college rock, new lounge, new wave & the torch-songs of the fifties as influences but are ultimately genre defying. Yeavinger Bells are equal parts alt-country, fuzzy pop and hushed folk.

03/APR



Woven Ensemble + Maja Bugge & Dave Evans

Part scandi jazz, part contemporary classical. Bugge & Evans fuse evocative melodies, riffs and grooves and are not afraid to go to the quietest of places. The music takes inspiration from narratives around birds, nature, place and vulnerability but has a lot of joy and playfulness in it as well.



WHAT IS A FRESH GIG?

FRESH happens every Thursday during our open seasons & is a platform to bring you fresh new music, served up alongside a homecooked plant-based meal, board games, and candles.

We do this because it can be hard to get people to take risks and come out to hear music they don't know yet, but all artists and musicians need to start somewhere, and there is such a huge amount of high-quality music out there just waiting to be heard.

These gigs are cosy, community driven, usually seated & more often than not gentle, listening type gigs – but not always! Expect to travel between jazz based music, alt-folk, experimental, electronic, singer-song-writer, and sometimes it's just genre defying.

If you buy the gig & dinner ticket, you get a 'one meal suits all' homecooked meal with your ticket. We usually cook the food from scratch and dinner is well suited to lovers of vegetables and wholesome cooking: it's usually something like a dahl, veggie chilli, tacos, roast veg or similar. Our baseline is vegan, sometimes with veggie options; we can cater for nut/gluten free meals, but nuts & gluten are used in the kitchen, so if you have serious allergies, please bear that in mind. If you would like to eat, you have to buy the tickets in advance, as we usually sell out & can't guarantee food once you arrive.

Doors are at 7PM, we aim to get dinner ready by 8PM and will bring it to you when it's ready... Music usually starts around 8PM-ish, sometimes later if it's a busy night for food (we are a tiny team!) and we aim to have the music finished by 10-10.15PM.

If you want to come to the gig only, it's £8 – as always, we are striving to make music available for everybody. We hope/think it's obvious that quality music and dinner for £11 is all about culture & community, and that these events cost us money... If you can afford to purchase a higher level 'Cobalt supporters' ticket and/or drinks at the bar, we appreciate the additional help towards costs very much.

Hope to see you soon x

NEW MUSIC WITH DINNER & BOARD GAMES

COBALT

FRESH SEASON TICKET

10 THURSDAY NIGHTS / £80

THURS (FRESH)

FRI (LIVE)

FRI (CLUB)

SAT (LIVE)

SAT (CLUB)

WC 27/01



30/
JAN

Matters Unknown
+ Wingbeats

(NU-JAZZ / CELESTIAL BLUES /
GLOBAL GROOVE)



31/
JAN

Diddley Squat +
Maxi Roots + Nico
Rico + More

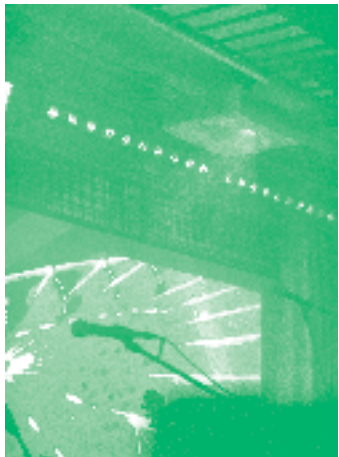
(NORTHUMBRIAN HARDCORE /
PURE RADGE JANGLY GROOVE)



31/
JAN

Wild Winter After
Party With RAW
VIBE

(BASS HEAVY / JUNGLE / FOOTWORK
TECHNO / BREAKS)



08/
FEB

NUJO
Jazz Jam

(BRASS / DANCING / SINGALONG)



01/
FEB

Saoirse + Cobalt
Residents

(SONIC WORLD /
PUMPING SUBCULTURE)

WC 03/02



06/
FEB

Mary Ocher +
Faye MacCalman

(EXPERIMENTAL / ELECTRONIC /
ALT / JAZZ)



07/
FEB

Cobalt Jazz Cafe
Presents: Milne
Glendinning Band

(JAZZ / SPEAK EASY VIBES / CANDLES
/ FOOD)



07/
FEB

Music Sphere
Presents: Pearson
Sound

(HESSLE AUDIO HERO / CROSS GENRE-
BLEED / BASS DRIVEN)



08/
FEB

NUJO
Jazz Jam

(BRASS / DANCING / SINGALONG)



08/
FEB

Hear Now
Presents: DJ Rino
All Night Long

(FROM AMBIENT TO HOUSE TO TECHNO
OBSCURE GEMS & RAVY ZEST)

WC 10/02



13/
FEB

Laurie Shepherd
+ Staithe

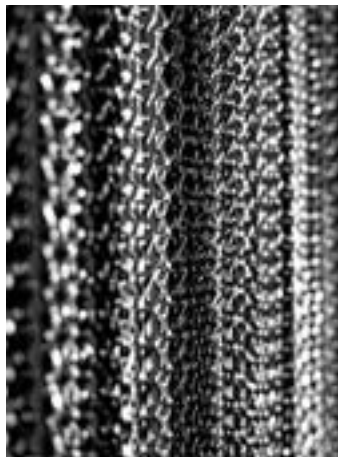
(DREAMY / ACOUSTIC /
JAZZ / FOLK / SINGER SONGWRITER)



14/
FEB

Archipelago +
Anna Tempest

(ALT / JAZZ / EXPERIMENTAL /
ADVENTUROUS)



15/
FEB

Vipertime +
Kontiki

(JAZZ / FREE JAZZ /
POST PUNK / HIGHLY DANCEABLE)



15/
FEB

L.A.D's
Presents: Shanti
Celeste

(UPLIFTING / EXPANSIVE /
EARLY TECHNO & BEYOND)

WC 17/02



20/
FEB

Sera Kalo's eX.II
+ Thomas Dixon

(FREE JAZZ / ETHEREAL GROOVE
/ ELECTRONIC / CUTTING EDGE)



21/
FEB

Nev Clay + The
Horse Loom + Phil
Tyler

(ALT FOLK / EXPERIMENTAL /
DRONE / LOCAL HEROES)



21/
FEB

Harness - Queer
Rave

(QUEER RAVE / TECHNO)



01/
MAR

Bakk Heia
Takeover:
Live & Club

(SOUNDBATH / DRONE / ELECTRONIC)



22/
FEB

Sean Johnston
(ALFOS)
All Night Long

(DISCO DANCE / BALEARIC /
90S PROG HOUSE / TECHNO)

WC 24/02



27/
FEB

Lovely Assistant +
Yeavinger Bells

(NEW LOUNGE / NEW WAVE / HUSHED
FOLK)



28/
FEB

Tour De Carnaval:
Gustavo Andrade
& The Brasukas

(BRAZILIAN SOUL / SAMBA DE RODA /
GREAT FOR DANCING)



28/
FEB

Spotty Dog
Presents: JYE B2B
Leo Marshall

(BASS DRIVEN / PROG HOUSE /
DUBBY TECHNO & BEYOND)



01/
MAR

Bakk Heia
Takeover:
Live & Club

(SOUNDBATH / DRONE / ELECTRONIC)



01/
MAR

Bakk Heia
Takeover:
Live & Club

(PSYCHADELIC / CHAOTIC / TRIPPY
MULTI-FACETED)

WC 03/03



06/
MAR

Yama Warashi +
Daniel Inzani

(GENTLE PSYCHADELIA /
GENRE HOPPING & DEIFYING / PIANO)



07/
MAR

Jules Reidy + Nina
Garcia + Adam
Soper

(THREE UNIQUE & BRILLIANT
EXPERIMENTAL GUITARISTS / ALT)



07/
MAR

Shy Bairns
Presents: Vass All
Night Long

(MELODIC TRIP MUSIC /
EMOTIVE INTELLIGENT GROOVE)



08/
MAR

Good Girls & Co:
RE:VULVA + The
Kunst Club + More

(ALT-FOLK / ELECTRONICA / ART / POP
UPS)



08/
MAR

L.A.D's Presents:
Yu Su + Rosie

(LEFTFIELD EMOTIONAL JOURNEY
MUSIC)

WC 10/03



13/
MAR

The Exu +
Matt Cliffe

(CONTEMPORARY JAZZ / ALT-FOLK /
IMPROV)



14/
MAR

Brass Funkeys
+ Dilutey Juice

(BIG DANCING NIGHT / BRASS /
FUNK)



14/
MAR

Big Beat Manifesto
Presents:
DANIELLE

(HOUSE / TECHNO / ELECTRO
& A MYRIAD OF WILD CARDS)



15/
MAR

Is This Jazz?
Live Music &
Conversation

(NEW-JAZZ / BOOK TALK / LIVE MUSIC
CLUB NIGHT / JAZZ CELEBRATION)



15/
MAR

Is This Jazz? Late
Night Club Sets

(DEEP JAZZY GROOVE)

WC 17/03



20/
MAR

Pettaluck
+ Howie + Cod

(POST PUNK / AVANT FOLK /
WOODWIND POP / OBSCURE)



21/
MAR

Maddie Morris +
Haar

(ALT FOLK / FOLK POP
QUEER)



21/
MAR

Interstellar Strut
Presents:
Ian Pooley

(DEEP MINIMAL TECHNO / BRAZILIAN-
INFLUENCED / JAZZ / SOUL / KRAUTROCK)



22/
MAR

Noise Peddler +
Morwell + Stevie
What?

(ELECTRONIC / EXPERIMENTAL /
SYNTH)



22/
MAR

Yushh + Ken Rico

(BASS DRIVEN / PERCUSSIVE /
TECHNICAL PRECISION)

WC 24/03



27/
MAR

NØELLE + Cherry
Seraph + Berne

(LIVE ELECTRONICS / EARTH POP /
ETHEREAL)



28/
MAR

Fever Dream:
Decius +
Galaxians

(BANGING ELECTRONICA / ITALO VIBES
9PM - 3AM)



28/
MAR

Fever Dream:
Decius +
Galaxians

(BANGING ELECTRONICA / ITALO VIBES
9PM - 3AM)



29/
MAR

OFFGRID
Presents: The
Brothers Gillespie

(CANDLELIT / FOLK / ACOUSTIC)



29/
MAR

Hear Now Presents:
Richard Gregory All
Night Long

(PSYCHADELIC / PLAYFUL /
EXPLORING PROG, ACID & TRANCE)

WC 31/03



03/
APR

Woven Ensemble +
Maja Bugge &
Dave Evans

(ALT FOLK / JAZZ /
CONTEMPORARY CLASSICAL)



04/
APR

The Handover
+ Jerzy
Maczyński

(EGYPTIAN / JAZZ /
EXPERIMENTAL / SONIC EXPLORERS)



05/
APR

State of Satta
+ Coalescence
Soundsystem

(REGGAE / DUB / DANCING)



05/
APR

State of Satta
+ Coalescence
Soundsystem

(REGGAE / DUB / DANCING)

WEEKLY BRAND NEW MUSIC GIGS, DINNER & BOARD
GAMES, COSY & COMMUNAL DOORS 7PM / £8-15

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
[DOORS 7PM / MUSIC STARTS 7.30-8]

MAKING SPACE FOR THE UNDERGROUND.
[DOORS 11PM / VARIOUS PRICES]

LIVE MUSIC / DRAG SHOW & MORE.
[7PM / VARIOUS PRICES]

MAKING SPACE FOR THE UNDERGROUND.
[DOORS 10.30PM / VARIOUS PRICES]

FRI LIVE

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
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(DOORS 7PM / VARIOUS PRICES)



31/JAN



Diddley Squat+ Maxi Roots & Nico Rico: Radge Raving Crew

Right in the depths of winter – we serve you a tonic for long nights & drab days. Come and celebrate the snowdrops and the fact that a year without Diddley is a year too long. So, friends, it's time once again to gather in awe of Northumberland's finest traditional hardcore reggae band!

7PM / £10-14

07/MAR



Jules Reidy + Nina Garcia + Adam Soper

A key driver of Berlin's fertile contemporary music scene, Jules Reidy makes truly futuristic yet sublime music, which maps the human experience in glittering constellations of sound. Nina Garcia presents new work driven by Mariachi folklore: threaded rods, saturated wedding and funeral noises, assertive rhythms and breaks. Adam Soper is an improviser based in Byker, augmenting his guitar playing with loops and processed environmental samples.

7PM / £8-12

07/FEB



Cobalt Jazz Café Presents: Milne Glendinning Band

Settle down at the Cobalt jazz café, think smoky half light, slinky fresh jazz from Milne Glendinning Band, candles, café style seating, margaritas, negronis & light bites.

Tacos, spicy slaw & little roast potatoes available with advance purchase, cake for sale!

7PM / £5-15

14/MAR



The Brass Funkeys + Dilutey Juice

A big bold night of brass bangers & infectious energy. Spirited second line revelry, galloping Gypsy czárdas, soulful jazz funeral marches, pumping brass driven funk! The Brass Funkeys are an 8-piece London-based brass band who draw on the traditions of New Orleans.

DILUTEY JUICE bring fast and energetic Afrobeat combined with euphoric house & techno, free jazz and thought-provoking punk rock to entertain, electrify and empower their audiences.

7PM / £10-14

14/FEB



Archipelago + Anna Tempest

Archipelago will bring us brand new music from their next album collaging together snippets of their personal conversations and telling stories about their lives, woes and finding the humour in the dark. Singer-songwriter Anna Tempest brings Anglo German Siren core, brewing a heart filled sad girl storm from the depths of the Colne valley. As moving as the rising mist, chilling as the blackened waters, soul stirring as the windswept moorlands.

7PM / £8-12

21/MAR



Maddie Morris + Haar

Bold, insightful and refreshingly unique, Maddie Morris takes traditional song in new directions to shine a light on contemporary issues. Folk songs have always told stories, but how Maddie makes their mark is by turning this storytelling into action. Support from Haar, the stunning solo project of Jessie Howard. Resolutely DIY, her songs reflect on snatched moments of big thoughts, equal parts wonder and gratitude, something solid and still ungraspable.

7PM / £11-15

21/FEB



Nev Clay + The Horse Loom + Phil Tyler

Barely needs any introduction, simply put, three of the very best. If you know, you know & if you don't, you should – come down! Nev curated this triple bill and it's a very special one – expect fingers dancing on fretboards, whispered secrets of the past & joyful storytelling, much of it a homage to our area.

7PM / £8-12

28/MAR



9PM - 3AM
Fever Dream: Decius + Galaxians (Live and Club)

Fever dream parties lead you into a surreal world of unexpected late night happenings, a place where live music merges with club sets, artists, dadaism, projections, fancy dress and other delights. Think sleazy dark disco, liberation from banality & escape from reality.

9PM / £12-16

28/FEB



Gustavo Andrade & The Brasukas + Samba de roda

Come & join the Carnival! Deep in our midwinter, we bring you the colour & joyful sounds of Rio.

Experience the electrifying sounds of Brazil with São Paulo native Gustavo and his 11-piece band playing Samba, MPB, Samba Rock, Axé, Forró, Brazilian Soul, Frevo and more. The Brasukas brings the spirit of Brazil to life, delivering an unforgettable journey through Brazil's rich musical heritage.

7PM / £11-15

04/APR



The Handover + Jerzy Mączyński

A night of border crossing sonic exploration. The Handover are a critically acclaimed trio that plays hypnotic, trance-inducing music, inspired by the ritual rhythms of the Egyptian countryside. Jerzy Mączyński fuses utopian electronics and organic improvisation on sci-fi jazz odyssey, a tabula rasa for humanity to start afresh, live in harmony with nature and build a more idyllic society.

7PM / £8-12

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(DOORS 11PM / VARIOUS PRICES)



31/JAN



Wild Winter After Party // RAW VIBE

Fresh out of hibernation RAW VIBE are shedding their winter skin. Friggeman & TiffIn are joining us for a special 2 hour B2B set! If you've seen these lads before you know what to expect... For those who don't, they are the northern premium free party pushers, running some of the finest parties in the north since 2011. Expect mixed genre madness from bassline to jungle, footwork to tek, techno vibes & breaks keeping the dance floor on its toes all neet long! Wey aye!

11PM
FREE WITH EARLY TICKET OR £5

07/MAR



Shy Bairns Presents: Vass (Cartulis) All Night Long

Shy Bairns presents Cartulis Resident Vass all night long for a night of avant-garde acid-tinged melodic trip music, encompassing all areas of intelligent, emotive, groovy and hypnotic sounds from past and present.

11PM / £12-15

07/FEB



Music Sphere Presents: Pearson Sound

Pearson Sound's perpetual forward motion is fuelled by the crucial feedback loop that exists between production and DJing. Hesse Audio's Pearson Sound brings his future-facing, UK sound system-inspired club sounds to Cobalt. Support from Music Sphere residents Becky Woodcock and Macca.

11PM / £12-14

14/MAR



Big Beat Manifesto Presents: DANIELLE

Big Beat Manifesto launches its debut party of the season bringing Bristol based DJ and Soft Raw label boss DANIELLE to Cobalt Studios.

Expect deep electro rhythms, driving breakbeat and propelling groove.

11PM / £11-17



21/MAR



Interstellar Strut Presents: Ian Pooley

Ian Pooley brings his authentic Brazilian house flavours to Cobalt Studios for a very special night of gorgeous dancing. All profits from the night will be donated to Twisting Ducks, a music and theatre charity for adults with learning disabilities and autism.

Support from Shandy.

11PM / £10-17

21/FEB



Harness - Queer Rave

Queer party Harness returns for its fourth edition, this time bringing techno sounds from Detroit to Berlin with sets from exciting local talent Jacklyn, L-ILY and Vision 25-C. Expect Harness' now-signature dose of sweaty sexy fun.

11PM / £10-14

28/FEB



Spotty Dog Presents: JYE B2B Leo Marshall All Night Long

Ding ding round two, Spotty Dog returns for more alternative electronic dance music. From dystopian electro beats to piano house pumpers, progressive house, dubby techno numbers and everything in between. All needs met.

11PM / £7.95-£11.95



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08/FEB



**NUJO
Jazz Jam**

Jazz jam with NUJO! The student run jazz ensemble will be hosting a lively jam event with good music and a party atmosphere.

£3

15/FEB



**Vipertime +
Kontiki**

Aggro-jazz four-piece Vipertime have earned a ferocious reputation making a series of incendiary appearances at venues and festivals across the UK, honing their craft while pushing their line up of saxophone, bass and twin drum sets to its sonic limits. Both live and in the studio, their music is a sweaty dance floor incarnate. Kontiki hit hard with a full throttle mix of afro-fusion, psychedelia, funk and jazz with no aim other than to provide high energy, infectious and hypnotic dance grooves.

£5-9



01/MAR

**Bakk Heia
Takeover:
Live Sets & Club
Night**

Prepare yourself for 8 hours of Bakk Heia magic, beginning with a pineal travelling drone bath from AHRKH, and unfolding into loose legged dance floor chaos from aNNA, Jorg Kuning (live). Full trip recommended! Bakk Heia have been peddling the amphibious swamp magick since 2016. From the club night based at The White Hotel in Manchester, emerged a label which provided a home for Jorg Kuning and Schuttle's unique productions. The label has since released a consistent stream of mind bending releases that encapsulate the crew's playfully psychedelic, chaotic but tender approach to the dance floor.

£10-16

08/MAR



**Good Girls
& Co**

Original prints & deco by The Kunst Club, folk infused with millennial pop vibes & Shania Twain covers from RE:VULVA, electro folk from Fran & Amy, original alt-rock & post-punk vibes with Lockheed Lindsay & food for sale by Kate! This is 360 degrees of feminine glory!

£12-16

15/MAR



Is This Jazz?

Why do we love to hate Jazz? What even is Jazz? Right now in the UK jazz is hot, there is an explosion of brilliant new jazz. This is a mini festival in a night : live music, conversations & club sets shining a light on the scene. Come for 7PM, stay till 3AM!

£7-14

22/MAR



**Noise Peddler +
Morwell +
Stevie What?**

A feast of experimental DIY-ness. Noise Peddler is the electronic duo of Brighton based composers / guitarists Danny Bright and Lee Westwood. A symmetrical duo of no-input pedalboards transmitting part-composed, part-improvised sonic structures, their music involves the re-appropriation of guitar effects, informed by their unique approaches to instrumental and electro-acoustic music. The result is a performance where pedals are the signal generator, processor and instrument.

£8-12

29/MAR



**OFFGRID: The
Brothers
Gillespie +
Ouseburn Folk
Choir**

OFFGRID is a night of visceral and intimate musical experience. No whirrs or hums, zero power, just pure acoustic music and candlelight. Northumbrian duo The Brothers Gillespie make music that is animated by lyrical songwriting, fine fingerstyle guitar playing, multi-instrumental gloriously tonal musicianship & the beloved Ouseburn Folk choir will open the evening, performing a set of beautifully arranged traditional tunes.

£12-16

05/APR



**State of Satta
+ Coalescence
Soundsystem
DJs**

Gig & club night all in one for lovers of all things reggae & bass driven good times!

Dynamic 7-piece Reggae band hailing from Leeds with highly energetic stage presence and triumphant sound. Their rambunctious bass lines and beautifully crafted multi-lingual melodies in French, Spanish, and English set them apart, carrying on the lineage of bands like Gentleman's Dub Club.

£8-12

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01/FEB



**Saoirse +
Cobalt
Residents**

Free party daughter and Body Movements festival founder Saoirse has crafted a career that traverses sonic worlds and subcultures. The DJ, producer & trUst label boss now flexes her creative muscles further & further into an ever expanding dancefloor.

10.30PM / £9-16

08/FEB



**Hear Now
Presents: DJ
Rino All Night
Long**

Co-creator of Pinguin Society & organiser of The Beautiful Freaks parties in Belgium DJ Rino is an underground booking that you may or most likely won't know yet but you should.

Surfing the waves from ambient, house & techno, DJ Rino's sets are a sonic odyssey, renowned for their ravy zest and psychedelic flair. He has a knack for unearthing obscure vinyl gems that many would

10.30PM / £8-12

15/FEB



**L.A.D's
Presents:
Shanti Celeste
+ Megan John
B2B PIP**

There is something vivacious at the heart of Shanti Celeste's work, a bounce, a swing, an uplifting lilt. The expansive, emotional visions of the early Techno pioneers are reflected in Celeste's open take to her craft. Dancing, and the music that gets us there, exists to uplift, and in her life and work, Shanti is the embodiment of an elevated state.

10.30PM / £12-16

22/FEB



**Sean Johnston
(ALFOS) All
Night Long**

No intro needed here really. With a career spanning 3 decades co-founder of A Love From Outer Space (ALFOS) with the late Andrew Weatherall, Johnston creates a distinctive musical ethos that serves as an antidote to the high-speed mainstream club scene and has consistently fostered a sense of community through music.

10.30PM / £11-16

01/MAR



**Bakk Heia
Takeover**

Peddling the amphibious swamp magick since 2016 the Bakk Heia crew's take a playfully psychedelic, chaotic but tender approach to the dance floor. Prepare yourself for hours of their Bakk Heia magic from a pineal travelling drone bath from AHRKH, and unfolding into loose legged dance floor chaos from aNNA, Jorg Kuning (live). Full trip recommended!

10.30PM / £12-16

08/MAR



Yu Su + Rosie

Yu Su brings "forth world" ambience and leftfield dance music to the floor, her emotionally packed compositional punches are best described as organically groovy jazz-led expeditions between coasts. She is not only a highly unique DJ but also brings her extensive ability with musical instruments to her revered production. Supported by local rising Rosie – a true celebration of feminine powers for IWD.

10.30PM / £10-14

15/MAR



**Is This Jazz?
Late Night Club**

Jazz is not just for the stage, it also belongs in the club space.

Following on from an evening of live jazz sets & conversations, jazz focused DJs will take the booth leading us into the world of dancefloor jazz & beyond. Local vinyl & jazz head power houses Potaito & Santa Leticia are confirmed with more to be added.

10.30PM / £7-14

22/MAR



**Yushh +
Ken Rico**

Yushh has quickly carved out a distinct space for her weird, wonky sound. Her dubbed-out, atmospheric compositions are unmistakable.

"Ultra-deep, plenty dubby, percussively unpredictable and surprisingly intricate" (Resident Advisor), a sound that has landed her gigs throughout Europe and beyond, recently including Freerotation, Gottwood festival, and Darwin's renowned REEF party at Berghain.

10.30PM / £8-12

29/MAR



**Hear Now Pre-
sents: Richard
Gregory All Night
Long**

Bringing forward an underground name that you most likely won't have heard. Richard Gregroy brings us music hailing from swampy forests & warehouse psychedelic, playful, progressive, acid trance & beyond!

10.30PM / £7-11

05/APR



**State of Satta
+ Coalescence
Soundsystem
DJs**

Want to hear heavy baselines and dub infused tracks to get you moving?

Meet Coalescence DJs - Katie, Howard and David, the crew and founders behind Coalescence Soundsystem. They have been shaking dancefloors across the North East for the last 8 years, both as resident DJs as supporting artists such as Nia Archives, General Levy and Mungo's Hifi.

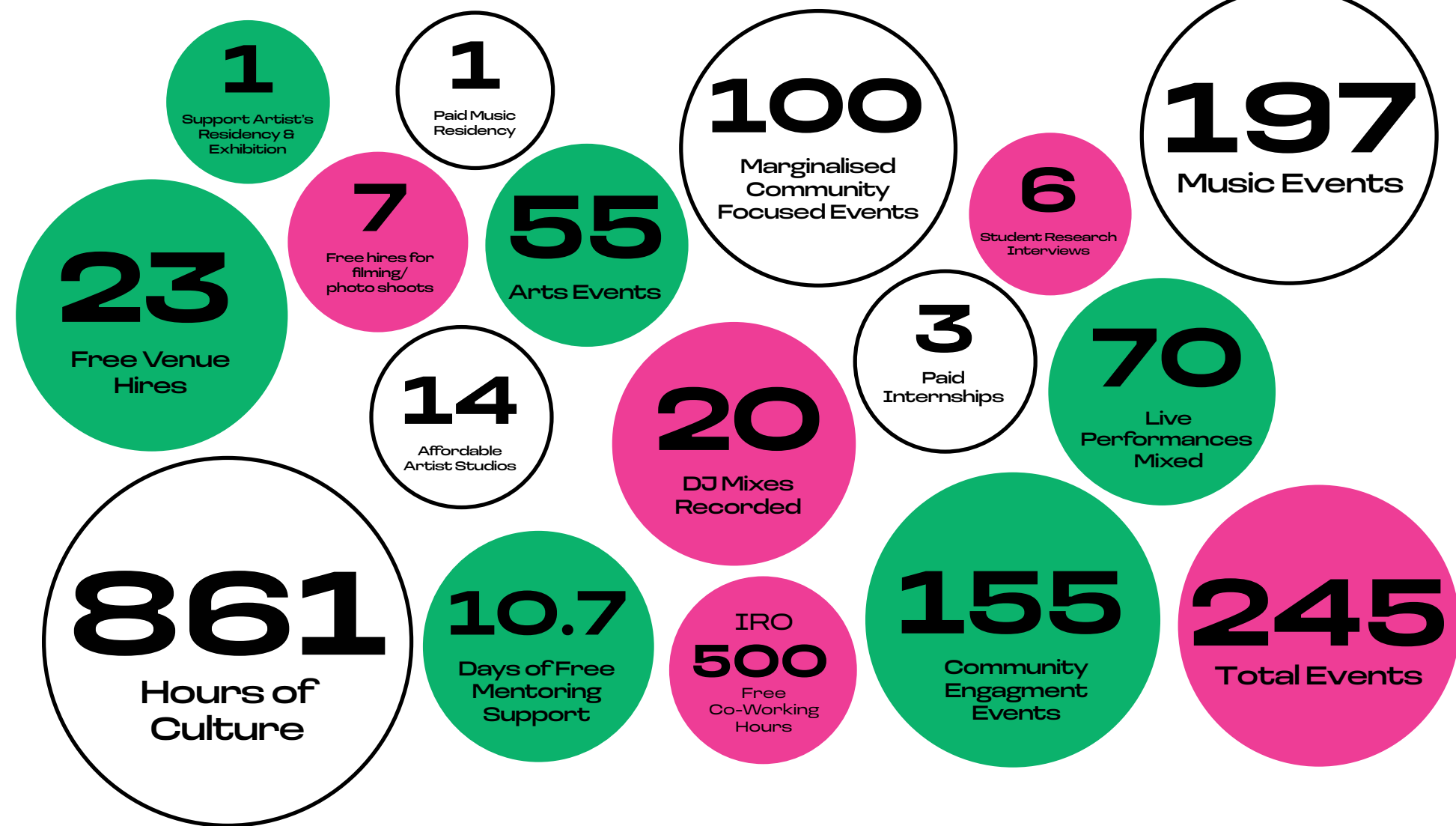
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Cultural Impact

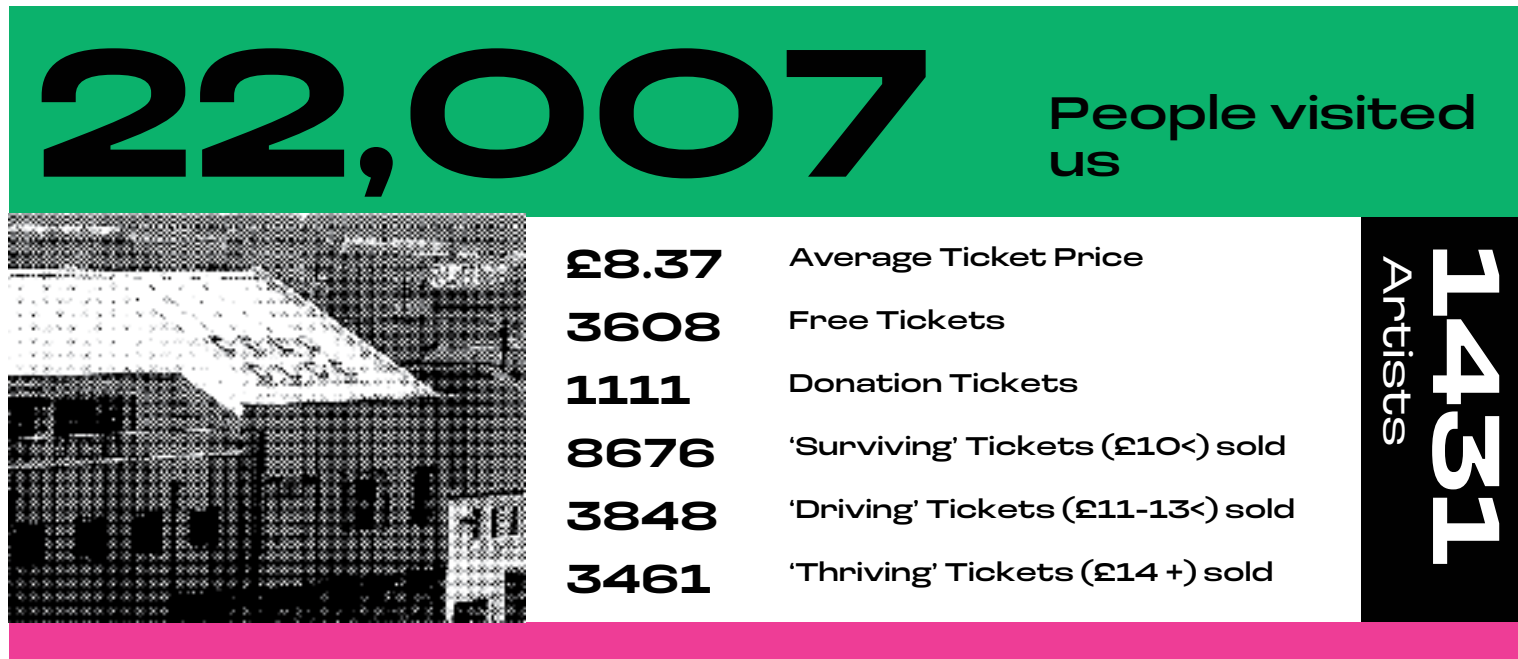
Cobalt is a non-for-profit, Community Interest Company with volunteer directors. Accountability & integrity really matters to us, so each year we carefully track and collate the data about our audience, artists, event focus and other contributions to community. Below you can see the headlines of our Cultural Impact report for 2024 – you can find the full version on our website.

We are proud to share these figures & achievements – with only tiny amounts of programme funding, and our income constantly fluctuating, it is increasingly harder to make things add up, and your support is of paramount importance. So if you are able to, please buy tickets and come down!



We made opportunities for:	535	Female Artists
	749	Male Artists
	89	Non-Binary & Gender Non Conforming Artists
We paid:	£90,119	Paid to Artists & Musicians
	£106,985	Paid to Cobalt staff, technicians & freelancers

Support in kind...



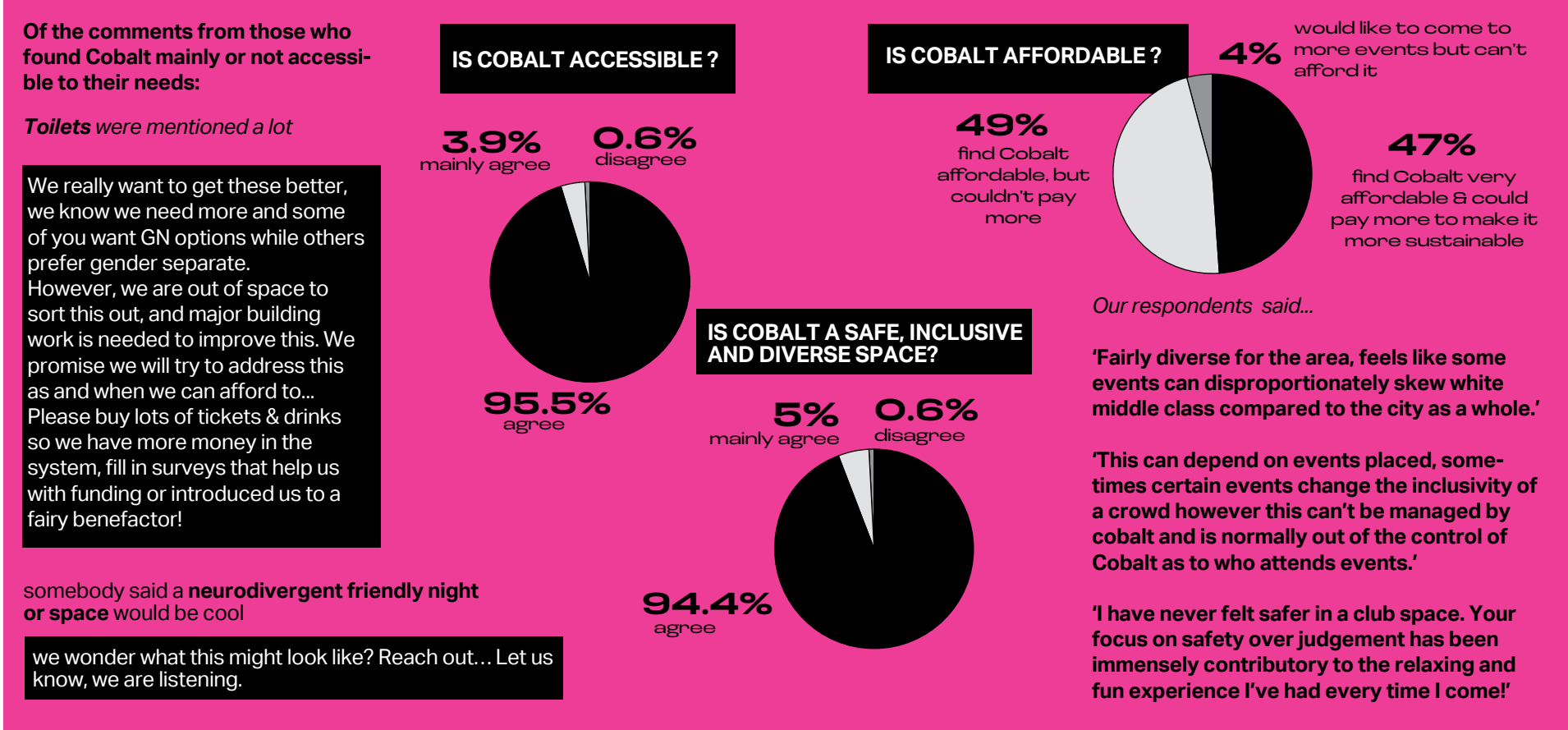
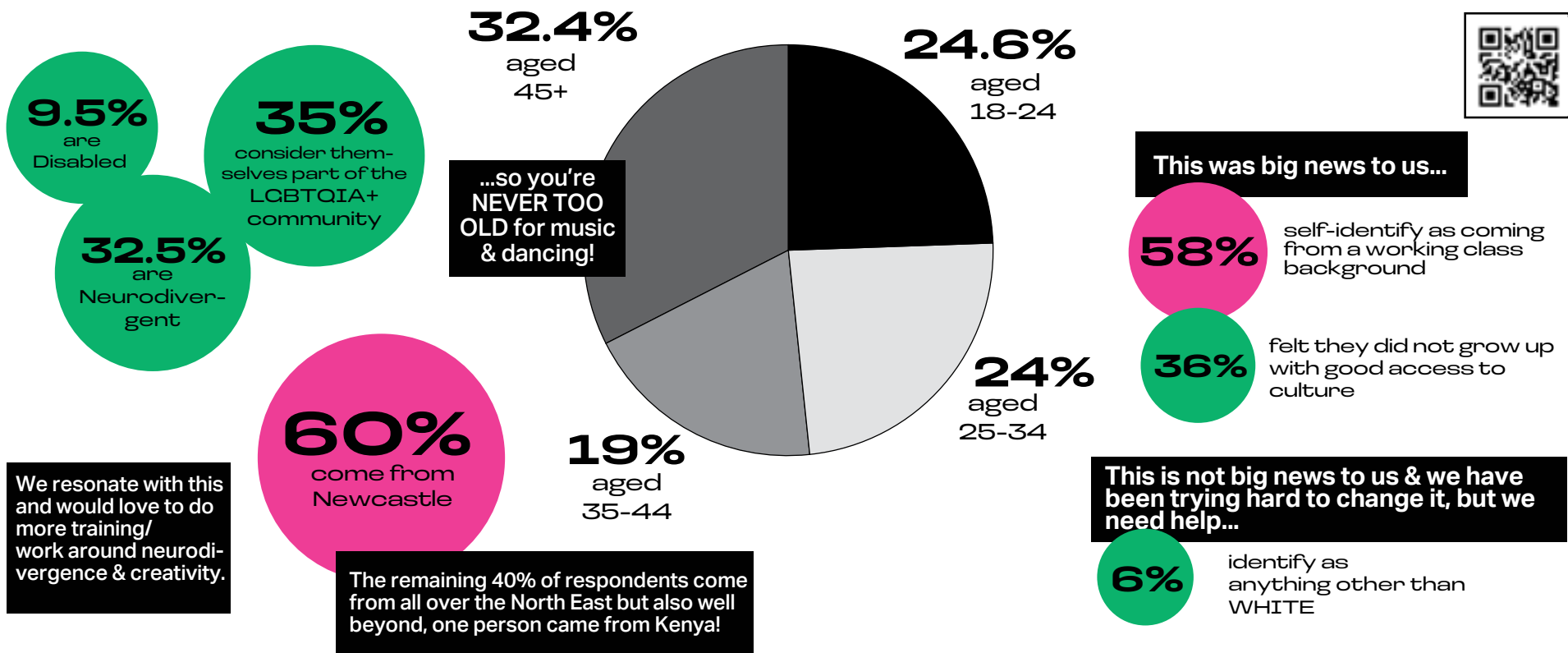
What does audience say about Cobalt?

A GLANCE AT OUR DEMOGRAPHIC IN 2024

Cobalt is a registered Community Interest Company, our mission is to make quality culture affordable & accessible, to support grassroots artists, to build creative communities and to break down barriers. You are at the core of all that we do, your thoughts and statistics are absolutely vital to our development & survival, and we appreciate you taking the time to reply so much.

If you haven't yet filled it in here is a handy link (QR below) and in return for your time we will enter you into a raffle to win 2 x free entry to anything you want for a whole season! We will do a raffle each season so you can fill this in at any point during 2025.

Below are some snippets & summaries from our current survey (just over 200 responses to date).



What Cobalt brings to the city...



'Access to an abundance of cultural displays. There are so many new genres of music I've discovered and grown to love and there's a great sense of respect for the acts and generally everyone there.'

'Freedom to be the woman I am.'

'Cobalt is a place for the people, by the people.'

'You bring unique, diverse events and artists. Stuff that I'd usually have to travel to London or Manchester for. I'm very grateful for it.'

'There is nothing like it, if Cobalt stopped running events, I would stop going out.'

'It brings art that is of a global calibre to our doorstep, things like Harness bring nights that could only be found in mainland Europe to Newcastle.'

'Cobalt brings diversity and something completely unique to Newcastle with a focus of music. Without Cobalt, Newcastle would be boring, and to be honest I probably wouldn't live here if there wasn't a grassroots venue like Cobalt.'

*This is a tiny sample of comments & statistics received and the surveys continues to grow – you can check our website for full impact report and eventually you will be able to download a PDF of the full survey, warts & all – we believe in full transparency!

JANUARY

- 27 FRESHLY SQUEEZED
OPEN MIC
- 28 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 29 LIFE DRAWING
- 30 MATTERS UNKNOWN
+ WINGBEATS (FRESH)
- 31 WILD WINTER PARTY
DIDDLEY SQUAT + MORE
- 31 WILD WINTER AFTER
PARTY WITH RAW VIBE

FEBRUARY

- 01 CAFÉ CHARCOAL
- 01 SAOIRSE + COBALT
RESIDENTS
- 03 GONG BATH
- 04 OPEN HOUSE : PLAY
- 05 L.A.D.S (LADIES OPEN
DECKS AND SOCIAL)
- 06 MARY OCHER + FAYE
MACCALMAN (FRESH)
- 07 COBALT JAZZ CAFÉ
- 07 PEARSON SOUND
- 08 UV LIFE DRAWING
- 08 NUJO JAZZ JAM
- 08 DJ RINO ALL NIGHT LONG
- 10 TRANSFORMATIONAL
BREATHWORK
- 11 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 12 BORN LIPPY
- 13 LAURIE SHEPHERD +
STAITHE (FRESH)
- 14 ARCHIPELAGO + ANNA
TEMPEST
- 15 LIFE DRAWING &
IMPROVISED MUSIC
- 15 VIPERTIME + KONTIKI
- 15 SHANTI CELESTE +
MEGAN JOHN B2B PIP
- 17 RADGE RAVING
- 18 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 19 LIFE DRAWING
- 20 SERA KALO'S EX.II +
THOMAS DIXON (FRESH)
- 21 PHIL TYLER + THE HORSE
LOOM + NEV CLAY
- 21 HARNESS - QUEER RAVE
- 22 QUEER LIFE DRAWING
- 22 SEAN JOHNSTON (ALFOS)
ALL NIGHT LONG
- 24 FRESHLY SQUEEZED
OPEN MIC
- 25 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 26 LIFE DRAWING
- 27 LOVELY ASSISTANT +
YEAVINGER BELLS (FRESH)
- 28 GUSTAVO ANDRADE &
THE BRASUKAS

MARCH

- 01 LIFE DRAWING &
IMPROVISED MUSIC
- 01 BAKK HEIA TAKEOVER
- 03 GONG BATH
- 04 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 05 L.A.D.S (LADIES OPEN
DECKS AND SOCIAL)
- 06 YAMA WARASHI + DANIEL
INZANI (FRESH)
- 07 JULES REIDY + NINA
GARCIA + ADAM SOPER
- 07 SHY BAIRNS PRESENTS:
VASS ALL NIGHT LONG
- 08 GOOD GIRLS & CO
- 08 YU SU + ROSIE
- 10 BOLLYWOOD DANCE
+ DAHL
- 11 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 12 BORN LIPPY
- 13 THE EXU + MATT CLIFFE
(FRESH)
- 14 THE BRASS FUNKEYS
+ DILUTEY JUICE
- 14 DANIELLE
- 15 UV LIFE DRAWING
- 15 IS THIS JAZZ?
- 15 IS THIS JAZZ? LATE NIGHT
- 17 NYATITI RELAXTION
- 18 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 19 LIFE DRAWING
- 20 PETTALUCK + HOWIE
+ COD (FRESH)
- 21 MADDIE MORRIS + HAAR
- 21 IAN POOLEY
- 22 DRAWING IS EASY
- 22 NOISE PEDDLER + STEVIE
WHAT? + MORWELL
- 22 YUSHH + KEN RICO
- 24 GONG BATH
- 25 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 26 LIFE DRAWING
- 27 NØELLE + BERNE +
CHERRY SERAPH
- 28 FEVER DREAM:
GALAXIANS + DECIUS
- 29 LIFE DRAWING & IMPRO-
VISED MUSIC
- 29 OFFGRID: THE BROTHERS
GILLESPIE + OFC
- 29 RICHARD GREGORY ALL
NIGHT LONG
- 31 FRESHLY SQUEEZED
OPEN MIC

APRIL

- 01 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 02 L.A.D.S (LADIES OPEN
DECKS & SOCIAL)
- 03 WOVEN ENSEMBLE
+ BUGGE & EVANS (FRESH)
- 04 THE HANDOVER + JERZY
MACZYŃSKI
- 05 SACRED HARP SINGING
- 06 STATE OF SATTA
- 06 COALESCENCE SOUND
SYSYTEM

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