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SUMMER SEASON

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It's Summer!

It's a hop, skip & a jump of a season! Just 8 short but very sweet weeks from April 28th to midsummer on June 22nd.

Then we will open for the following:

- Ouseburn Festival weekend (July 4th-6th)
- Pride weekend (July 18th-20th)
- Autumn Season (Sept 22nd- Dec 21st).

Lots of people ask why we close over summer... We do this because it helps us to remain sustainable: during this time, we reprogram, repair, rebuild & try and take some time off. It's also a time when many people are away at festivals, on holiday, at weddings, at the beach and so on – our space is cosy and better suited for autumn & winter. And lastly, hopefully it means that you really miss us and are ready to come back in the autumn!

This season has some standout DJ bookings that in all honesty we thought we would never be able to make at our budgets, and in between these bigger names are some standout underground DJs. Some of these are already sold out or well on their way, so be quick!

One of the most beautiful things for us about music is that it defies borders: by putting on bands from all over the world, we can bring you sounds from beyond our borders without you needing to travel. Through music we can unite people. This season we see flavours of Spain, Germany, Brazil, Ghana, France, Chile, Uruguay, Kenya, Gambia & South Africa. Come and feast your ears on vibrant musical narratives from a diverse range of cultures – we can't wait to celebrate it with you.

And we have a very special new project that is gathering speed, to find out more keep an eye on The Late Shows events in town on May 17th!

As always, we hope to see you soon,

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TICKETS TO ALL OF OUR WEEKLY EVENTS...

LEARN & DO



OPEN HOUSE



FRESH



ALL LIVE MUSIC



CLUB NIGHTS



AUDIENCE

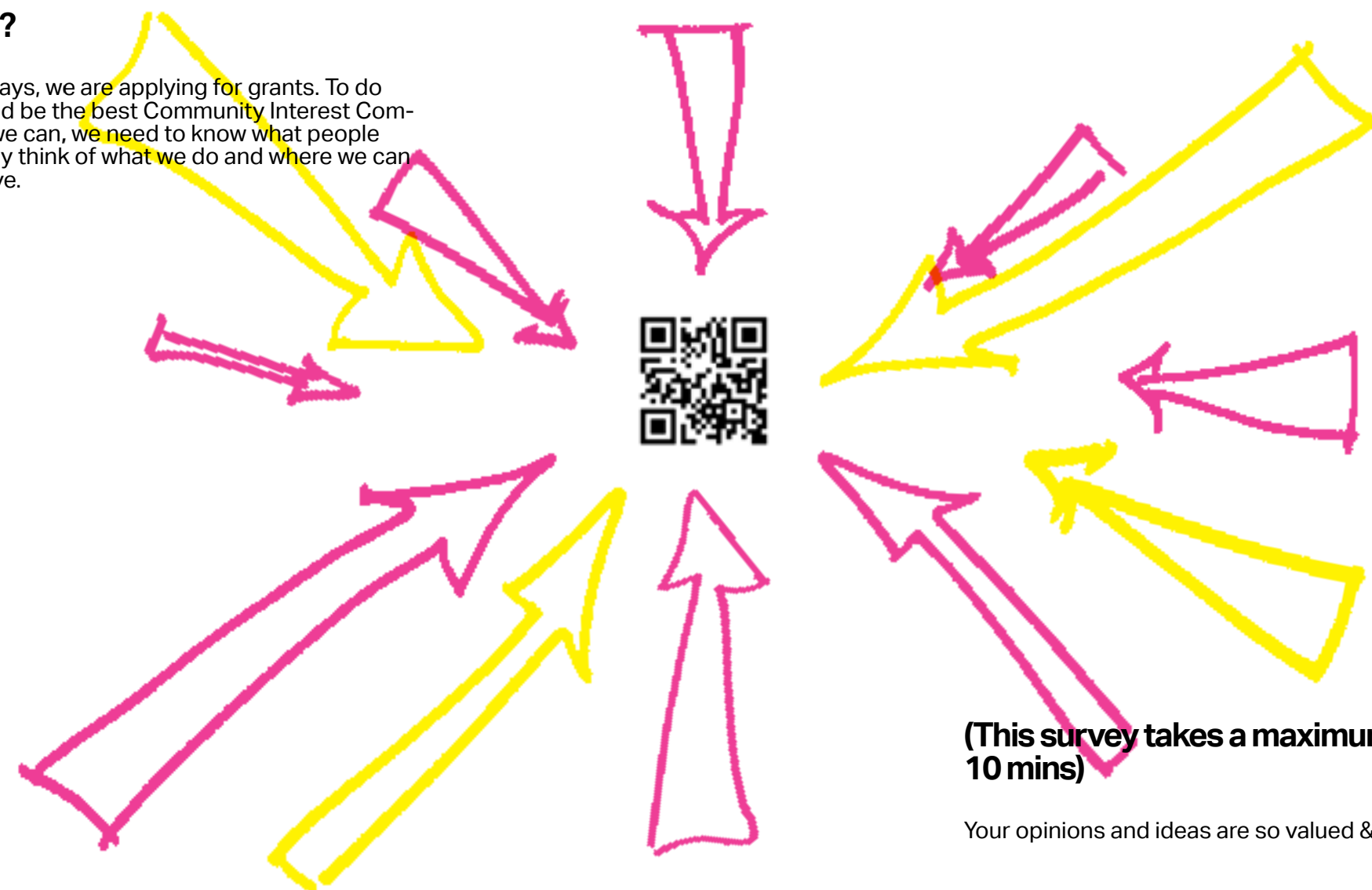
SURVEY

WANT TO DO SOMETHING VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD TO HELP US AND WIN AS MANY FREE TICKETS AS YOU LIKE IN OUR SUMMER SEASON?

THEN SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW AND GIVE US A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME AND YOUR OPINIONS...

Why?

As always, we are applying for grants. To do this and be the best Community Interest Company we can, we need to know what people actually think of what we do and where we can improve.



(This survey takes a maximum of 10 mins)

Your opinions and ideas are so valued & helpful.

WANT TO DO SOMETHING VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD, HELP ARTISTS & HELP US GROW A DIGITAL AUDIENCE?

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO FOLLOW OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

We are uploading videos of live performances recorded here on equipment funded by the PRS Foundation. We do this to help artists grow their audiences and to reach more people. We also do it for those who might not be able to come to gigs for whatever reason & it helps us grow our profile.



The more people that follow our channel and like & comment on the videos, the better our algorithms & the more we can grow our profile.

Also the music is great, so have a listen & enjoy!



FOR THE LOVE OF AFRICA

We've always loved music from countries all over Africa, but for obvious reasons of costs, visas and other logistics it's not always possible to make the bookings that we would like to, especially the bigger bands. However, in a coming together of the universal way of things, matched with persistence and some major strokes of luck, many of the bands we love from Africa or with African roots are all coming to Cobalt this summer. So if you love happy, beats-based sunshine music, this season is for you!

FLORENCE ADOONI
(£13-17)

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25 MAY

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(GHANA)

Afro-futuristic highlife odyssey rooted in the rich traditions of Ghana's Frafra culture and propelled by Florence's luminous vocals & some of Kumasi's best musicians. Expect celestial saxophone lines, syncopated highlife guitar riffs, hypnotic funk, and pulsating basslines. Her album A.O.E.I.U. (An Ordinary Exercise in Unity) is a sonic journey where tradition meets innovation, connecting the past, present and future in a single breath.

Ghanaian rapper and vocalist Bryte, now based in London, has a cult following due to his unique fusion of afro-electronic, rap & experimental club sounds from Ghana, the UK & beyond. Rapping in five languages, his imaginative, hook-heavy lyrics playfully bounce over a wide range of styles and tempos. Mina brings a unique production collab for extra groove.

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31 MAY

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(GHANA)

MINA & BRYTE + AZULA BANDIT
(£10-14)

JALI BAKARY KONTEH + DANA SIPOS
(£10-14)

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13 JUN

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(GAMBIA)

Hailing from a long line of Gambian griot kora players. As Banning Eyre has put it, "it is difficult to overstate the regal, nearly divine, stature" of the Konte family in the echelons of West African music. Jali has also added his own twist to things adding slide guitars, trap drums & reggae rhythms.

Singer, songwriter & multi-instrumentalist Rapasa is a fervent advocate of traditional East African music. Originally from Kenya, he is a virtuoso of musical storytelling and the nyatiti, an 8-string lyre hailing from the shores of Nam Lolwe. For this very special midsummer ritual event, he comes together with regular collaborators and sound healers Tracey West & Mark Barfoot.

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16 JUN

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(KENYA)

RAPASA NYATRAPASA OTIENO & CO (SOUND AND MOVEMENT WORKSHOP)
(£20-25)

RAZ & AFLA + KEMA KAY
(£10-14)

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20 JUN

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(GHANA)

Afro house deeply rooted in West African musical traditions from Ghanaian musician Afla Sackey & time served versatile collaborator/producer Raz Olsher. Expect catchy vocal harmonies, percussion heavy arrangements, and an organic production style that lets the instruments really resonate.

From his humble beginnings in the rainforest of southern Ghana to international recognition, Alogte Oho spreads messages of gratitude, faith and joy through Frafra gospel. Gospel here only refers to the textual context – musically, it's an Afro-futuristic firework of pentatonic vocal explosions, melodic brass interjections, the flashing synthesizer accents carried by rolling West African drums, and the heavily grooving rhythm section simply some of the most joyful and irresistible you will ever hear.

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22 JUN

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(GHANA)

ALOGTE OHO & HIS SOUNDS OF JOY
(£14-18)

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(£14-18)

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04 JUL

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(SOUTH AFRICA)

Music from Soweto like no other we have ever heard! Drawing inspiration from indigenous music that is not exposed in the mainstream, there are ritual songs, shebeen songs and church songs infused with raps and a punk attitude. With the sweetest vocals floating over pounding rhythmic basslines, this is a timeless, honest and traditional, spiritual and ritualistic sound.

DO & LEARN

MONDAY

Freshly Squeezed Open Mic

28 APR 26 MAY

6.30PM / £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

05 MAY 19 MAY 02 JUN

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.

Radge Raving Crew

12 MAY

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 & Dhal

09 JUN

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 dhal & bread for all. Suitable for all levels.



Midsummer Sound & Movement Ritual

16 JUN

7PM / £20-25

A very special one-off event to welcome in the giddy week of midsummer & allow ourselves time to arrive at the height of summer fully tuned into our bodies & minds, and right where we choose to be. There will be a combination of movement, a focus on breath, meditation and sound bathing with our very special team of sound healers Tracey West (gongs, bowls & movement), Mark Barfoot (handpans) & Rapasa Nyatrapasa Otieno (Nyati & other indigenous Kenyan instruments).

TUESDAY

Open House: Play

[Every Tuesday from 7PM]

06 MAY 13 MAY 20 MAY 27 MAY
03 JUN 10 JUN 17 JUN

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

30 APR 21 MAY 28 MAY

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.



18 JUN

6.30PM / £12-16

Café Charcoal: Life Drawing Special

A Café Charcoal Midsummer Special full of story, whim and colour. Join us for an afternoon of drawing and experimenting, with a full stage set and performer to draw.

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

07 MAY 04 JUN

6PM / Suggested £5

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



Born Lippy: Poetry Writing + Main Event

14 MAY 11 JUN

4PM / 7PM / £6-12

Your monthly celebration of all things wordy returns! Spoken word, comedy, live hip-hop & more! Poetry writing workshop followed by the main event.

At Cobalt we like to offer immersive, engaging ops for cultural/creative learning & doing stuff! Getting together with people and learning & doing things can help support good mental health. Like all culture, we believe that these options should be affordable and accessible, including:

- LIFE DRAWING
- IMPROVISED MUSIC
- COLLAGE WORKSHOPS
- CRAFT WORKSHOPS
- DRAWING WORKSHOPS
- OPEN MIC
- GONG BATHS
- POETRY WRITING
- UV LIFE DRAWING
- SOUND HEALING
- DANCE WORKSHOPS
- MUSICAL YOGA
- BREATH WORKSHOPS
- SINGING WORKSHOPS
- DJ-ING WORKSHOPS

We call these elements of our programme 'Learn & Do'. In the summer we offer less workshops, because last year we found that numbers were significantly reduced (perhaps everybody was at the beach or on holiday!). In the autumn & winter months there will be loads more opportunities.



THURSDAY (FRESH)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY (SPECIALS)

WC 28/04



01 MAY

Adrián de Alfonso + Bartholomew

02 MAY
CLUB



Craig Richards All Night Long

03 MAY
LIVE



NUJO Jazz Jam



04 MAY

Lukas Wigflex All Night Long

WC 05/05



08 MAY

Hachiku + Alex Etchart & Vientos

09 MAY
LIVE



Dirty Freud + Lou Barnell

10 MAY
CLUB



Shy Bairns presents: PIP & Weston



WC 12/05



15 MAY

New Ways of Moving in the Counterworlds + Brian d'Souza

16 MAY
LIVE & CLUB



The Late Shows & Late Shows Afterparty

17 MAY
LIVE



The Late Shows in Town

17 MAY
CLUB



Marie Montexier



WC 19/05



22 MAY

boci + Lucy Mellenfield

23 MAY
LIVE



Harleighblu + Marina Josephina

24 MAY
LIVE



NUJO Jazz Jam

24 MAY
CLUB



Paula Tape

25 MAY
LIVE



Florence Adooni

25 MAY
CLUB



Flo Massé

WC 26/05



29 MAY

Mikoudi + Nova.sol

30 MAY
LIVE



Rivkala EP Launch

30 MAY
CLUB

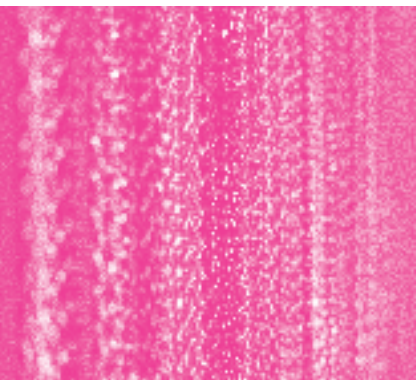


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31 MAY
LIVE & CLUB



Mina & Bryte + Azula Bandit



WC 02/06



05 JUN

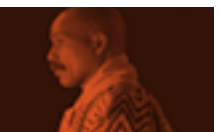
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06 JUN
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07 JUN
CLUB



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WC 09/06



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13 JUN
CLUB



Harness – Queer Rave

14 JUN
PANEL & CLUB



Rhythm Section Takeover



WC 16/06



19 MAY

Das Kinn + JAMJ

20 JUN
LIVE



Raz & Afla + Kema Kay

21 JUN
LIVE



Fever Dream (early edition): Junkoactive Was-teman + Sandy Lee

21 JUN
CLUB



Fever Dream (late edition): Bill Brewster + Sarah Tonin



22 JUN

Alogte Oho & his Sounds of Joy

FRESH

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



01/MAY



**Adrián de Alfonso
+ Bartholomew**

Utterly unique performance from Adrián, who harnesses FM transmitters to collage flamenco, bolero, copla, tango and sardana with stripped down chants and outlandish operatic moments.

Bartholomew brings organic electronics, blending instrumental sounds and granular textures with soaring melodies and raw beats.

29/MAY



Mikoudi + Nova.sol

An exciting evening of danceable jazz rhythms from Leeds!

Mikoudi are an 8-piece future soul and fusion band. Pop melodies, jazz harmony and electronic ambient synth lines all coalesce in their music, evoking the bittersweet and blurring the line between reality and imagination.

With influences from jazz fusion to dance music, Nova.sol combine improvisation, uptempo grooves and hard-hitting solos to create high energy on stage, characterised by their right rhythmic horns and a range of electronic effects.

08/MAY



**Hachiku + Alex
Etchart & Vientos**

Shimmering indie dream pop with orchestral touches. Melbourne's Hachiku brings a heartfelt exploration of vulnerability, resilience, and connection.

Glitchy, witchy, bilingual & queer: Alex Etchart & Vientos connect dual-heritage folk roots to prog rock electronica to get crowds pumping to an earthy, new sound. Dusky South American ballads meet lilting British & Irish folk melodies. Glorious synth pads are punctuated by tropical percussion. A cinematic dance-escape of queer love in diaspora.

05/JUN



**Eric Chenaux +
OUTRI**

Uncompromising but simultaneously delicate, deft & rare songcraft from Canadian musician Eric Chenaux.

Musical magpie OUTRI works with found-sound and glitchy electronica set amongst beautiful harmonies and cinematic landscapes.

15/MAY



**New Ways of
Moving in the
Counterworlds +
Brian d'Souza**

Brian d'Souza (aka Auntie Flo) uses a process of bio-sonification, picking up electrical impulses from different mushroom species and turning them into musical notes. The 18 min piece is a literal ecological soundwalk into the mind of the mushroom.

Drawing upon spiritual jazz, deep listening, mercurial poetry and spontaneous improvisation, Counterworlds brings together the nimble violin-and-bass duo of John Garner and John Pope with the gracefully probing text of poet and author Nisha Ramayya. An exuberant and timely celebration of connectedness, an artistic riposte of imperial narratives and a powerful hymn to love and resilience.

12/JUN



Lo Vu + Alice Kim

Two really exciting new bands born from the vibrant Leeds scene – bringing together, as always, a wide range of top-notch stellar musical collaborations.

Lo Vu makes irresistibly listenable, genre fluid joyful sounds. Their music is born of solid jazz influences, but via the relationship and involvement of K.O.G afrofuturism is also strong, with extra layers of electronica, breaks & house influences.

Alice Kim might be carving her path in the world of alternative-indie and RnB, but her sound is universal: intimate, relatable and unapologetically human. If her music feels like it knows you, it's because she's singing straight from the heart.

22/MAY



**boci +
Lucy Mellenfield**

Classically trained violinist & alt dream-folk pop artist boci takes us into a bold, maximalist musical vision, set in a faraway world of loss, longing, healing, and hope.

Weaving together influences from jazz, folk, and alternative genres, Lucy Mell-brings raw, honest & soul-baring songs to the night.

19/JUN

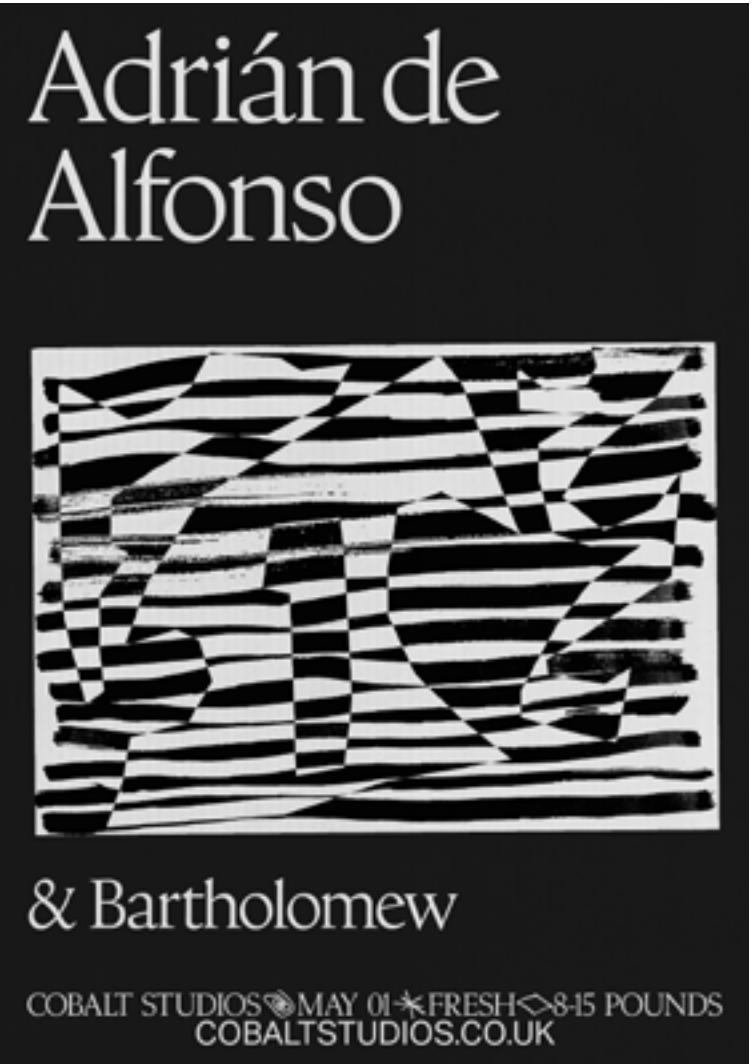


Das Kinn + JAMJ

For the last FRESH of the season we mix things right up with beats on full blast & possibly a bit of bone rattling.

Das Kinn sounds like a strange but consistent amalgam of post-punk, new age & the noises of an angry she-dog trapped inside a closet during a power yoga routine. There will be warm synthlines played by cold hands. A saxophone pondering the after. Hymns for the demolition. Sonic meditations on decay. Music for the solemn decline.

JAMJ are a two piece punk-rock-a-billy-no-wave band from Leeds.



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-songwriter, 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 dhal, 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.



AFFORDABLE NEW MUSIC, HOME COOKED FOOD & BOARD GAMES

FRI LIVE

AFFORDABLE LIVE MUSIC
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
-
DOORS 7PM / VARIOUS
PRICES



09/MAY



**Dirty Freud +
Lou Barnell**

Dark, dirty, dubby experimental, infectious electro with jazz undertones from Dirty Freud .

Lou Barnell brings squishy, visceral and immersive performance that reconsiders her body as a mirror, reflecting and refracting parallel states of dreaming and performance.

£6-10

16/MAY



The Late Shows

Our annual offering of colour, creativity and a good dose of chaos for The Late Shows. There will be open studios, an open backyard with BBQ, pop up studios & happenings, and a performance from The Caedmon Choir.

Inside, join Ravinda for pop-up dance classes from Bollywood to Zumba with a few Ceillidh moves! Keep your eyes out for Ziza, who will be in residence at Cobalt for the week leading up to the event, and the outcome of these explorations, experiments and playful beginnings will help shape our evening.

6PM-10.30PM / FREE
(TICKETED AFTERPARTY)

23/MAY



**Harleighblu
+ Marina Josephina**

Stirring in the underbelly of the bubbling UK neo-soul scene is Harleighblu, a captivating songstress paving her own lane with her distinctive sound, adept storytelling, touching vocals, straight talking, relatable songs that pull no punches and make no apologies. The result is a mellow fusion of soul, hip-hop and jazz, pulsating with unexpected eclectic flourishes.

£8-12

30/MAY



Rivkala EP Launch

Newcastle's rising neo-soul showgirl Rivkala and her 6-piece jazz band will be celebrating the release of their debut EP, 'Crushed Velvet'. They'll take you on a journey to the titular cabaret bar, transporting to a bygone era, with roaring horns, hypnotic basslines and even a cheeky nod to burlesque. You're all invited (but not obliged) to dive into the fantasy with them, and come to drown your sorrows dolled up in vintage prohibition glamour.

£10-14

06/JUN



**Roda de Samba +
Andrea Robertson
aka SistaSoul**

Olá gente, vamos de novo! Mais outra vez nós apresentamos um pouquinho do Brasil em Newcastle. Experience timeless classics by the likes of Gilberto Gil, Ivete Sangalo, and Jorge Ben Jor performed by some of the UK's top musicians in a distinctly Brazilian style; no stage or barriers, just a room full of people singing and dancing together.

£10-14

13/JUN



**Jali Bakary Konteh +
Dana Sipos**

Jali Bakary is the grandson and son, respectively, of the legendary Gambian kora players Alhaji Bai Konte and Dembo Konte. The latest torchbearer for his family's kora legacy on the world stage, he has performed extensively throughout West and North Africa, as well as in the UK and the rest of Europe.

Captivatingly nuanced songs from Dana Sipos filled with wild wind & haunting surrealism.

£10-14

20/JUN



**Raz & Afla + Kema
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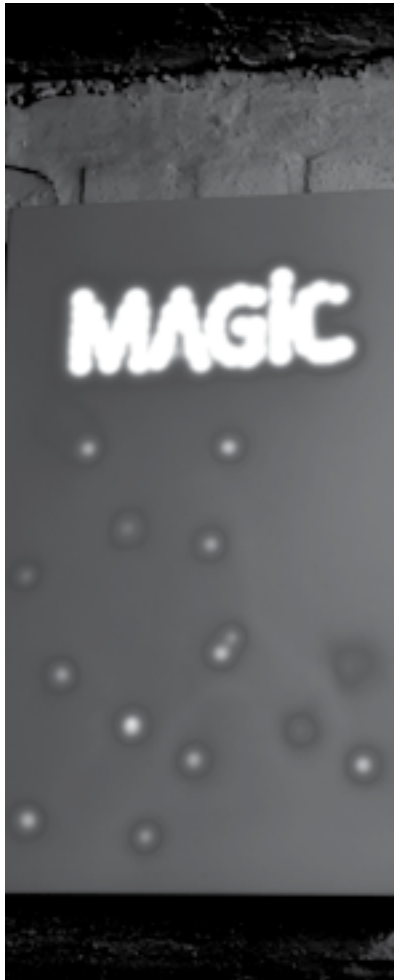
Hackney-based producer Raz Olsher and Ghanaian master musician Afla Sackey make a highly danceable cosmic union of African influences & banging electronic music full of soul, vibrant energy and captivating rhythms.

£10-14

AFFORDABLE LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

SAT CLUB

MAKING SPACE
FOR THE
UNDERGROUND
-
DOORS 10.30PM /
VARIOUS PRICES



10/MAY



**Shy Bairns presents:
PIP + Weston**

Shy Bairns go back to their local roots with a special residents party. Expect house, minimal, tribal, trancey, groovy, rollers and much more.

£9-14

31/MAY



**Mina +
Azula Bandit**

Global sounds, amapiano, gqom, Afro house and booty bass from two of the best: multi-disciplinary performer, dancer & DJ Azula Bandit and producer, promoter, label owner & DJ Mina.

£9-13

17/MAY

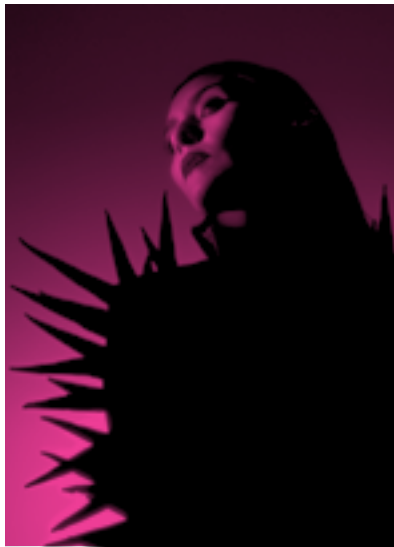


Marie Montexier

With vinyl as her medium, Marie Montexier blends hypnotic rave classics, modern club rhythms, and intricate experimental beats into cohesive narratives that captivate both the body and the mind.

£10-16

24/MAY



Paula Tape

Chilean DJ and producer Paula Tape is renowned for sets that showcase a bold, acid and Balearic sound, layered with rich synths and a touch of retro charm.

£10-16

07/JUN

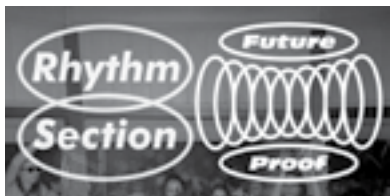


**Cosmo Sofi
All Night Long**

Eclectic, consciousness expanding, no-rules digs that will fill your soul up from Uruguayan DJ Sofi's lifelong journey into music from all over the world. You can expect sounds from jazz to jungle, soul to house, ambient to dub and more – Sofi crafts musical journeys tailored to each unique setting.

£7-12

14/JUN



**Rhythm Section
Takeover: Future
Proof Masterclass
& Club Night**

Rhythm Section is a tour-de-force in London electronic music. Initially founded as a radio show and party series before launching a record label in 2014, the collective, led by Bradley Zero, has been at the forefront of innovative cross-genre music from London and further afield for well over a decade. As part of their DJ & producer mentoring programme Future Proof, we are partnering up with Rhythm Section to bring you an exciting masterclass with a very special guest, followed by a sweaty community party... This one's not to miss – see you in the dance!

£10-16

21/JUN



**Midsummer's Fever
Dream (late edition)
presents: Bill
Brewster +
Sarahtonin**

Simply no introduction needed... From deep roots on the turntables of New York in the 90s to early Fabric days, to Low Life parties, to writing books about the underground electronic music industry, Bill Brewster is a well-loved true stalwart with one of the biggest musical knowledges you will find in the UK. He is currently working on a secret project involving badgers, GM crops and disco.

Sarahtonin, as her name suggests, makes you feel good. With a knack for finding mood-lifting tracks that make people want to dance, she has a well-deserved reputation for filling floors.

£10-16

MAKING SPACE FOR THE UNDERGROUND

FRIDAY LATE

Craig Richards All Night Long



02 May

Say no more – one of the main players in UK electronic music & well beyond. We can't wait! COMPLETEY SOLD OUT ON-LINE. There will be a handful of tickets released on the door.

(11PM / £12-17)

Late Shows After-party: Auntie Flo



16 May

Highly danceable Afrofuturist world grooves from producer, label boss and DJ Auntie Flo. Just right for the party atmosphere that comes with the annual Late Shows event.

(11PM / £7-14)

SYNRG presents: Fumiya Tanaka + Mitch



30 May

SYNRG are proud to present Fumiya Tanaka for an extended 3hr set. A veteran of underground circles, master of the craft with a collection of timeless records. This will be special.

(11PM / £15-20)

Harness – Queer Rave



13 June

Queer party Harness returns for its fifth edition. Expect Harness' now-signature dose of sweaty sexy fun.

(11PM / £10-14)

SATURDAY LIVE

NUJO Jazz Jam

03 + 24 May (Bank Hol W/E)
(7PM / £3)

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

Late Shows ??????

17 May (FREE)

We are taking part in The Late Shows in town! Why?? Come to 11-13 Clayton Street & find out all about an exciting new project for Cobalt!

Mina & Bryte + Azula Bandit



31 May (7PM / £8-12)

Afropoppin, exuberant, passionate, forward thinking live set from collaborators Mina & Bryte. Connecting the dots between gqom, funk, afrohouse, amapiano & more. Bryte's multilingual lyrics about his life in Accra and London skip playfully over Mina's upbeat and distinctive production style. High energy + infectious. Support from dancer & DJ Azula Bandit.

Kahil El'Zabar's Ethnic Heritage Ensemble + Amon Ra Collective

07 June (7PM / £12-16)

Regarded by critics as a 'Renaissance man', Kahil El'Zabar embraces folklore, spiritual & musical traditions from Ancient Africa. He is both a prolific jazz innovator and endlessly collaborative, as he works across his mediums of percussion, drummer, composer and band leader. The Ethnic Heritage Ensemble includes trumpeter Corey Wilkes, tenor saxophonist Kevin Nabors, cellist Ishmael Ali and the compelling presence of Kahil El'Zabar on drum set, hand percussion, kalimba and soulful vocalizations. They celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a much acclaimed album 'Open Me' (Spiritmuse Records) and world tour.

Midsummer's Fever Dream (early edition) presents: Junkoactive Wasteman, Sandy Lee & unexpected moments!

21 June (7PM / £7-11)
(£14 for double ticket w/ late edition)

Celebrate that giddiest time of year and the shortest night with Junkoactive Wasteman, who does mad things with tin cans, games and very fast BPM... And Sandy who transports you to an Exotic Tropical Paradise with lap steel guitar. There might be a fire pit, there will be Sangria, melons and general mayhem!

SUNDAY SPECIALS

Lukas Wigflex All Night Long



04 May
Bank Holiday

Get wonky with Wigflex. Rubbery, thumping techno, liminal, mind-altering rhythms, low-slung chugging plates & club sonics that actively defy dance music categories.

(10.30PM / £10-16)

25 May Bank Holiday Florence Adooni

EARLY



Come & hear the joy! Where Frafra gospel meets Ashanti culture and highlife. Florence Adooni is a star, her music is pure funky, hip-shaking joy.

(7PM / £10-14)

Flo Massé All Night Long

LATE



Sometimes known as 'trance queen', Flo channels the rhythmic intensity and relentless groove of her love of percussion as she weaves together progressive house and trance, acid and electro, creating captivating and energetic performances.

(10.30PM / £9-16)

Alogte Oho & his Sounds of Joy



22 June

Here is a booking we didn't think we would ever be able to make due to their fast rising status, the size of the band and the fact that they are on so many major stages this summer. With heavy Ghanaian Frafra gospel influences, this music goes well beyond – it incites collective swaying, shimmering, smiling and just sounds so so good! (We saw them at Shambala rocking it and have tried ever since to get them here!)

(7PM / £14-18)

SUMMER SPECIALS

OUSEBURN FESTIVAL WEEKEND

BCUC



04 July

EARLY

7PM / £14-18

Many of you already know BCUC, if not – simply put, we think they're one of the best bands in the world! Afro-psychedelia, indigenous funk, punk rock energy, gospel trance, healing music to fill your soul and shake your bones – and then some!

Open Yard for the Ouseburn Festival



05 July

EARLY

1-8PM / FREE

Come and join us for a festive day in our backyard – expect DJs, food, a pop-up bar, collage workshops and lots of summer fun. There may be a very special guest...

Ba Dum Tish Takeover: Alec Falconer & Harry Wills All Night Long



05 July

LATE

10.30PM / £10-16

Meet Alec and Harry – eclectic selectors, DJs, prolific producers and minds behind Ba Dum Tish, a known and loved record label connecting London and Berlin. Expect house, UK garage, techno & everything in between. Absolutely contagious dance vibes all night long!

PRIDE WEEKEND

Shy Bairns 4th Birthday Party



18 July

LATE

5PM-12AM / £10-15

Shy Bairns welcome you to a special backyard party to celebrate 4 years of dancing! Expect tunes, fire pits, BBQ & more... The dance floor is intimate with a capacity of 100.

Family Pride in the Yard



19 July

EARLY

4-8PM / FREE

A special day of celebration for queer families & allies with music, workshops and vibrant happenings in the yard!

Bin Juice: Pride Edition with Special Guest



19 July

LATE

10.30PM / £14-20

Very special Pride edition of drag & dance! All details to be revealed... Secure your ticket ahead of the line-up to be sure you are in the right place to celebrate Pride to the fullest x

Community as a Superpower

JUNE 21ST - 1-5PM – REFUGEE WEEK OPEN YARD (FREE)

Watch this space – there will be a very special event to celebrate Midsummer and Refugee Week 2025. Come and listen, learn, create and laugh together with us to unleash the superpower of community & connection!



APRIL

- 28 FRESHLY SQUEEZED
OPEN MIC NIGHT
- 29 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 30 LIFE DRAWING



LO VU (JUNE 12)

LEARN & DO
... INTERACTIVE EVENTS / EDUCATIONAL /
... CREATIVE PARTICIPATION
... MON / TUE / WED

FRESH
... BRAND NEW MUSIC / BOARD GAMES /
... HOMECOOKED SCRAN
... THURSDAY

LIVE MUSIC
... BIGGER GIGS / BIGGER ACTS / DANCING /
... FILM SCREENINGS / ALT DRAG SHOWS
... FRIDAY / SATURDAY

CLUB NIGHTS
... FOR THE DANCERS / SWEATY PARTIES /
... MAKING SPACE FOR THE UNDERGROUND
... FRIDAY / SATURDAY

MAY

- 01 ADRIÁN DE ALFONSO
+ BARTHOLOMEW
- 02 CRAIG RICHARDS
ALL NIGHT LONG
- 03 NUJO JAZZ JAM
- 04 WIGFLEX ALL NIGHT LONG
- 05 GONG BATH
- 06 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 07 L.A.D.S (LADIES OPEN
DECKS & SOCIAL)
- 08 HACHIKU + ALEX ECHART
& VIENTOS
- 09 DIRTY FREUD +
LOU BARNELL
- 10 SHY BAIRNS PRESENTS:
PIP + WESTON
- 12 RADGE RAVING CREW
- 13 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 14 BORN LIPPY: POETRY
WRITING & MAIN EVENT
- 15 N.W.O.M.I.T.C +
BRIAN D'SOUZA
- 16 THE LATE SHOWS
- 16 THE LATE SHOWS AFTER
PARTY WITH AUNTIE FLO
- 17 THE LATE SHOWS
IN TOWN?????????
- 17 MARIE MONTEXIER
- 19 GONG BATH
- 20 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 21 LIFE DRAWING
- 22 BOCI + LUCY MELLENFIELD
- 23 HARLEIGHBLU
+ MARINA JOSEPHINA
- 24 NUJO JAZZ JAM
- 24 PAULA TAPE
- 25 FLORENCE ADOONI
- 26 FRESHLY SQUEEZED
OPEN MIC NIGHT
- 27 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 28 L.A.D.S (LADIES OPEN
DECKS & SOCIAL)
- 29 MIKOUDI + NOVA.SOL
- 30 RIVKALA EP LAUNCH
- 30 SYNRG PRESENTS:
FUMIYA TANAKA + MITCH
- 31 MINA & BRYTE + AZULA
BANDIT

JUNE

- 02 GONG BATH
- 03 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 04 L.A.D.S (LADIES OPEN
DECKS & SOCIAL)
- 05 ERIC CHENAUX + OUTRI
- 06 RODA DE SAMBA +AN-
DREA ROBERTSON
- 07 KAHIL EL'ZABAR'S ETH-
NIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE
- 07 COSMO SOFI
ALL NIGHT LONG
- 09 BOLLYWOOD DANCE
& DHAL
- 10 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 11 BORN LIPPY: POETRY
WRITING & MAIN EVENT
- 12 LO VU + ALICE KIM
- 13 JALI BAKARY KONTEH +
DANA SIPOS
- 13 HARNESS – QUEER RAVE
- 14 RHYTHM SECTION
TAKEOVER
- 16 MIDSUMMER SOUND
& MOVEMENT RITUAL
- 17 OPEN HOUSE: PLAY
- 18 CAFÉ CHARCOAL: LIFE
DRAWING SPECIAL
- 19 DAS KINN + JAMJ
- 20 RAZ & AFLA + KEMA KAY
- 21 OPEN YARD: REFUGEE
WEEK
- 21 MIDSUMMER'S FEVER
DREAM
- 22 ALOGTE OHO & HIS
SOUNDS OF JOY



RIVKALA (MAY 30)

JULY

- 04 BCUC
- 05 OPEN YARD:
OUSEBURN FESTIVAL
- 05 BA DUM TISH TAKEOVER
- 18 SHY BAIRNS BACKYARD
BIRTHDAY PARTY
- 18 FAMILY PRIDE IN THE
YARD
- 19 BIN JUICE: PRIDE EDITION



PAULA TAPE (MAY 24)

FIND US:
- 10 - 16 BOYD
STREET
NCL / NE2 1AP

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- FACEBOOK - COBALT STUDIOS CIC
- YOUTUBE - @COBALSTUDIOS.OUSEBURN

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