

«READING LEEDS»

ALTERNATIVE STAGE PLUS MORE MUSIC NAMES ANNOUNCED FOR READING & LEEDS 2017

SIMON AMSTELL, BILL BAILEY, KATHERINE RYAN

SEANN WALSH, TAPE FACE, JOSIE LONG, JONATHAN PIE,
PIFF THE MAGIC DRAGON, JOE LYCETT, MATT RICHARDSON,
THE RUBBERBANDITS + MORE ACROSS THE ALTERNATIVE STAGE

NECK DEEP, SIGRID

THE VIEW, FEKKY, 67, GET INUIT, PINS + OTHER MUSIC NAMES JOINING THE BILL

LATE NIGHT TAKEOVERS FROM PROPAGANDA (FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS BLOSSOMS),
HOT DUB TIME MACHINE, AND BUTTONED DOWN DISCO

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Reading & Leeds Festival 2017 has today announced more names across the music stages, with the arena-sized comedians, global stars and popular club nights joining the **Alternative Stage** for a Bank Holiday weekend not to be missed.

One of the most talked about comedians of the moment, **Simon Amstell** will head to Reading & Leeds this summer off the back of a hugely successful 2017. Having found fame as the host of *Popworld* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, Simon Amstell has continued his storied career with stellar stand-up shows and his gripping feature-length mockumentary *Carnage*, released earlier this year to huge acclaim. Unparalleled and undeniable, his set at Reading & Leeds will be as thought provoking as it will be hilarious, and sits as a true weekend highlight.

Following his festival stealing performance last year, **Bill Bailey** will be returning to The Alternative Stage. Known for the astounding musical knowledge that saw him become a panel show staple on *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, as well as starring in Channel 4's sitcom *Black Books*, Bill Bailey will be delighting audiences when his unique and much loved show lands at Reading & Leeds this August.

Panel show favourite **Katherine Ryan** will set out to entertain Reading & Leeds audiences with her razor-sharp pop culture critique. Katherine's exuberant style has dominated TV and live comedy, with her stand-up show *KATHBUM* completing two sell-out UK tours and international dates. Katherine recently released *Katherine Ryan: In Trouble on Netflix*, seeing her become the second British-based comedian to have a Netflix Original Comedy Special released globally.

Joining them over the bank holiday weekend are *Comedy Central* favourite **Seann Walsh** (Reading Only), **Tape Face**

with his unique prop-lead performance, viral political sensation **Jonathan Pie**, former Xtra Factor host **Matt Richardson** (Reading Only) and the spectacular sight of the one and only **Piff The Magic Dragon**.

Tape Face - *"I am beyond excited to be playing not one but two of the greatest festivals in the UK. I am lost for words."*

Further Alternative Stage appearances will come from long-standing panel show favourite **Josie Long** and Irish hip-hop jokers **The Rubberbandits** - along with performances from the likes of **Joe Lycett**, **Tiff Stevenson** (Leeds Only), **Daniel Sloss**, **Ivo Graham**, **Dane Baptiste** (Reading Only), **Suzi Ruffell** (Leeds Only), **Iain Stirling**, **Elliot Steel**, **Sean McLaughlin**, **Mark Oliver**, **Kiri Pritchard-Mclean** (Leeds Only), **Lloyd Griffith**, **Pierre Novellie**, **Fin Taylor** (Leeds Only), **Lauren Pattison** (Leeds Only), **Jonny Awsum** (Reading Only), **James Gill**, **Steve Hall** (Reading Only), **Flo & Joan** (Reading Only), **Masud Milas** (Reading Only) and more still to be revealed, bringing the brightest lights in comedy to **Reading & Leeds** this August.

Joe Lycett - *"I'm VERY excited to be playing Reading & Leeds, festivals that all the cool kids at school used to go to while I sat in my bedroom being a right little weirdo. Finally I'm one of the cool kids, 10 years too late."*

Dane Baptiste - *"Love the Reading and Leeds festivals, great bands, sounds, comics and an amazing vibe so good that I'M prepared to use Portaloos. Which is unheard of. "*

Alongside the Alternative Stage, more names have been added to the remarkable musical line up across the festival weekend. Wrexham pop-punk upstarts **Neck Deep** will continue their ascent with a landmark headline set on the Lock Up Stage, while the ever-growing popstar **Sigrid** delivers a remarkable insight into the beats and hooks thousands have already fallen for. Expect the 'Don't Kill My Vibe' star to truly seize the moment at **Reading & Leeds** this August. Beloved Scottish indie kings **The View** will touch down at the festival, with an unmistakable trip down memory lane with their catalogue of singalong favourites, while 'El Classico' grime stormer **Fekky** will return to the fields with a full-throttle set of crowd-pleasing hits. The stage is also set for the likes of dirty pop weavers **Get Inuit**, the unrivalled South London drill rhymes of **67**, and Mancunian risers **PINS** who've all been added to the bill today.

Further appearances will come from the likes of London via Berlin duo **Lea Porcelain**, alt-indie blenders **Fizzy Blood**, live juggernauts **Otherkin**, rap-rock morphers **The LaFontaines**, Irish favourites **All Tvvinn**, Danish riff-rippers **Baby In Vain**, Toronto force **K.I.D** and Atlanta hip-hop swayer **Father** - Reading & Leeds is once again brimming with the hottest names in modern music.

Renowned indie club night **Propaganda** will provide a late night euphoric disco soundtrack with special guest appearances lined up from breakthrough Main Stage blazers **Blossoms**, who'll be delving into their record collection for a DJ set not to be missed. The unique **WiFi Wars** will be heading to **Reading & Leeds** this summer, bringing the interactive comedy show to the forefront of festival-goers for a night of comedy, quizzes and challenges like no other. With **Buttoned Down Disco** on hand to bring the multi-genred hits in Reading, the time-travelling thrills of the **Hot Dub Time Machine** lining up the heavy-hitters in Leeds and **Rave Karaoke** providing the perfect moment to sing-along to all your late-night dance favourites - the **Alternative Stage** is once again set to confirm Reading & Leeds as the ultimate festival party of the summer.

With headline sets lined up from the likes of **Eminem**, **Muse** and **Kasabian**, Reading & Leeds is primed to be the defining festival weekend of the summer including an unmissable selection of musical delights across genres and styles across the Bank Holiday Weekend.

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Lauren Pattison (Leeds Only)

Jonny Awsum (Reading Only)

James Gill

Steve Hall (Reading Only)

Flo & Joan

Masud Milas

Wifi Wars

Hot Dub Time Machine

Propaganda w/Blossoms

Buttoned Down Disco

Rave Karaoke

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