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## TRANSGRESSIVE LATE-NIGHT TAKEOVER ADDED TO READING & LEEDS 2017

EXCLUSIVE SETS ANNOUNCED FEATURING

**SECTION BOYZ** LIVE

**NEW GEN & FRIENDS** LIVE

**HMLTD** LIVE | **BENNY MAILS** LIVE

+ SPECIAL GUEST DJ SETS FROM **FOALS (EDWIN CONGREAVE)**, **CIRCA WAVES**, **THE BIG MOON**, **MARIKA HACKMAN**, **JEN LONG** & **BBC RADIO 1'S HUW STEPHENS**

PLUS OTHER NEW ACTS CONFIRMED:

**ROYAL REPUBLIC** LIVE | **YUNG FUME** LIVE

**LOTTO BOYZZ** LIVE | **DREAM STATE** LIVE

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Returning to conquer after-hours on the **Alternative Stage** at **Reading and Leeds** for its **eleventh consecutive year**, **heavyweight independent heroes** Transgressive Records will be bringing their most exciting line-up yet to ensure the party continues long after the headliners have finished.

Hijacking Reading on Friday, and Leeds on Saturday/Sunday night, the stage runs from 9.30pm until late, bringing a wealth of boundary-pushing, brilliant acts to put the cap on what's already been announced, in a series of unmissable exclusive appearances.

This year at Leeds Festival, South London's twice MOBO-winning and recent Brixton Academy headlining rap act **Section Boyz** make a special late night party appearance. Through their chart-busting mixtapes, they have accrued a huge audience up and down the country and this exclusive festival appearance will be an undeniable weekend highlight. Warming them up will be Transgressive's latest signing - the massively tipped, young **MC Benny Mails**, whose debut cut 'I Blocked My Dealer' dropped earlier this year to wide acclaim; an early appearance from someone

that has an extremely bright future. First on will be **HMLTD**, arguably the most innovative new genre-defying band in the country, whose sensational live shows, incredible sense of style and potent videos have marked them out as the forefathers of the new wave of UK guitar acts.

Also on the bill is XL Recordings' hugely acclaimed **New Gen** collective, which features the freshest array of young rappers, singers and dancehall gurus currently making new music in the UK. With a cast of special guest performers revealed on the day, this is set to be a truly unique and exclusive moment to close Leeds Festival on the Sunday, which already has sold out of day tickets. The *New Gen* compilation dropped towards the end of 2016 on XL and has since received rapturous praise worldwide - this very special performance will feature some of the best new voices in the country, all sharing the same stage.

After headlining Reading & Leeds in 2016, **Foals** return for a very special DJ set on the Saturday night at Leeds. The band's Edwin Congreave will be present this year to provide a memorable set of classics and deep cuts.

Reading on Friday night will once again see a special 2 DJ 'battle' take place, hosted by BBC Radio 1's **Huw Stephens**, and featuring a number of talented artists and the team's resident DJs pitted against each other in who can get the biggest sing-alongs. A packed stage each year, this year sees the likes of **Circa Waves, The Big Moon, Marika Hackman, Jen Long and Bless DJs**. Specially commissioned live visuals will be provided throughout the night, as well as more surprise appearances no doubt.

**Toby L, co-founder of Transgressive**, comments:

"Even after ten years of highlights, last year's Transgressive Takeover at Reading and Leeds was easily our best yet, with revelatory and packed sets from Loyle Carner, Fat White Family, Metronomy and, somewhat surreally, Super Hans of Peep Show fame.

"It's an honour to be invited back again in 2017, and we couldn't be more thrilled about who's joining us. On Saturday and Sunday in Leeds, it's all about the best new voices in hip-hop and grime, from Section Boyz to Benny Mails to New Gen, as well as the incredible HMLTD: a band so good I'm still reeling that we didn't sign them to Transgressive.

"In Reading, we'll continue our now-legendary silent disco party on Friday night. If scenes from last year are anything to go by, it'll be once again gigantic. Radio 1's Huw Stephens will be closing it out once again before an epic battle with our resident Bless DJs and Jen Long - it's always huge, and a little bit hilarious.

"So, once the headliners hit the last note of their final song, you know where to be... come find us."

Previous artists to appear live on the Transgressive Takeover include the ever-diverse likes of London Grammar, Disclosure, Kelis, Two Door Cinema Club, SBTRKT, Mike Skinner, Laura Marling, Warpaint, often making their debut appearances at Reading & Leeds, as well as guest DJs including Alt-J, and many more.

Other acts joining the line up across other stages are **Yung Fume** and **Lotto Boyzz**. South London

rapper Yung Fume's crossover rap-pop banger 'Watch Me Flex' has been raved about and remixed by Tinie Tempah and Wizkid, while Birmingham duo **Lotto Boyzz** are globalising the new sub genre of Afro Bashment with their summer staples 'No Don' and 'Bad Gyal'. Adding a touch of delirious punk rock to the Transgressive bill are Swedish four piece **Royal Republic**, while Welsh newcomers **Dream State** are set to tear things up with their alt-rock riffs.

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 over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

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