

MUSIC, COMEDY AND LATE NIGHT PARTYING

READING AND LEEDS ANNOUNCE ALTERNATIVE STAGE, RELENTLESS AFTER DARK AND EVEN MORE MUSIC!

ALTERNATIVE STAGE ACTS

JOSH WIDDICOMBE | BRIDGET CHRISTIE ABIGOLIAH SCHAMAUN (R) | ANDREW MAXWELL (R) | BRENNAN REECE (L) CARL DONNELLY | DANE BAPTISTE | DAVID MORGAN | ED GAMBLE FIN TAYLOR | KAE KURD | KIRI PRITCHARD-MCLEAN | LLOYD GRIFFITH MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE | MASUD MILAS | NICK HELM (L) | RUSSELL KANE SHAPPI KHORSANDI | TOM ALLEN DAVID'S OUT FOR A GOOD NIGHT (LIVE PODCAST) | LUKE WRIGHT (R) HOT DUB TIME MACHINE BUTTONED DOWN DISCO (R) | TRANGRESSIVE TAKEOVER

FURTHER MUSIC ACTS

BARNY FLETCHER | BIG HEATH | BLEACHED | CHILDCARE | DIGDAT | GEKO KAWALA | KIM PETRAS | LAURA JANE GRACE & THE DEVOURING MOTHERS MABEL | NAV | ODDITY ROAD | PALAYE ROYALE | PICTURE THIS | PINK SWEAT\$ PLAGUE VENDOR | QUEEN ZEE | SONS OF RAPHAEL | THE LAFONTAINES TYLA YAWEH | UNKNOWN T | YBN NAHMIR

RELENTLESS AFTER DARK ACTS (LEEDS FESTIVAL)

ALMA (LIVE) | AMY BECKER | CHARLIE SLOTH & FRIENDS PRESENTS

CRUCAST (FEAT SKEPSIS, DARKZY, MR VIRGO, BRU-C, TS7, LAZCRU, WINDOW KID) | DJ JONEZY DJ SEMTEX | HANNAH WANTS | JAGUAR | JAMES ORGAN | JAY1 | JESS BAYS L U C Y | MASON MAYNARD | MIC RIGHTEOUS | PROSPA | RUDE KID SOLARDO | STARDOM | THE MENENDEZ BROTHERS | UNKNOWN T

Reading and Leeds Festival 2019 has today announced even more names across the music stages, and revealed the world class comedy acts on the **Alternative Stage**. They'll be performing alongside already announced headliners **The 1975**, **Post Malone**, **Twenty One Pilots** and **Foo Fighters** at the famous Richfield Avenue and Bramham Park sites this August bank holiday weekend (23 – 25 August). Tickets are available <u>here</u>.

Comedy is an essential part of Reading and Leeds and today the first wave of funny acts have been announced. Panel show favourite **Josh Widdicombe** will headline the Alternative Stage, entertaining audiences with his quick wit, guaranteed to have festival-goers in stitches. Having found fame as a regular on Channel 4 series *The Last Leg*, Widdicome has continued his storied career with stellar stand-up shows and rave reviews for his BBC sitcom *Josh*.

Comedy genius **Bridget Christie** is ready to take on the Alternative Stage crowds this summer with a headline set. A regular on the comedy scene since 2004 where she won the Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award the multi-award winner has since gone on to become a regular favourite on TV and radio.

Further Alternative Stage comics include Abigoliah Schamaun (R), Andrew Maxwell (R), Brennan Reece (L), Carl Donnelly, Dane Baptiste, David Morgan, Ed Gamble, Fin Taylor, Kae Kurd, Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Lloyd Griffith, Marcus Brigstocke, Masud Milas, Nick Helm (L), Russell Kane, Shappi Khorsandi and Tom Allen. David Olshanetsky and Naledi Dube will present a live episode of their hit podcast, David's Out For A Good Time, and spoken-word poet Luke Wright will also be live at Reading Festival. Late night DJs include Hot Dub Time Machine, Buttoned Down Disco (R) and Trangressive Takeover, with special guests to be announced. Festival goers will also be able to take the weight off their feet and settle down to catch film screenings of documentaries including 'Liam Gallagher: As It Was' and Frank Sidebottom's 'Being Frank: The Chris Sievey Story'.

Alongside the Alternative Stage, more names have been added to the remarkable music line up across the festival weekend. British singer-songwriter **Mabel** joins the BBC Radio One Stage bill ahead of the release of her anticipated debut album 'High Expectations' this July. Fans can expect to hear hits including 2017 platinum record 'Finders Keepers' and 2019 top 10 single 'Don't Call Me Up'. Irish rock band **Picture This** will thrill fans when they bring their eagerly anticipated new album, *MDRN LV* to life alongside indie rockers **CHILDCARE.** Rap-rock morphers **The LaFontaines** join the BBC Radio One Dance Stage with rising rap star **Barny Fletcher** and pop queen **Kim Petras. Laura Jane Grace & the Devouring Mothers** will bring songs from their emotionally charged debut album 'Bought To Rot', the undisputed kings of 'fashion-art' rock **Palaye Royale** join the Pit Stage bill with Californian punk rockers **Plague Vendor.** Merseyside crew **Queen Zee** will not hold back bringing their quirky style to The Pit.

American punk rock band **Bleached** will head to the festivals off the back of their US tour and siblings **Sons Of Raphael** will also be crossing the pond to bring their unrelenting energy for performances not to be missed. **Oddity Road** will deliver their heavy riffs and tight infectious songs, Philadelphia singer-songwriter **Pink Sweat\$** will bring his soothing R&B jams and **Kawala**, who are currently making waves within the indie music scene since the release of their first single, 'Small Death', will also be joining the Festival Republic Stage.

East London drill rapper **Unknown T** best known for his breakout hit *Homerton B* will be making his Reading and Leeds debut on the BBC 1Xtra Stage, as well as rapper and producer **NAV** who will be bringing his trademark vocals and hypnotic trap beats to the festival following the release of Billboard number one sophomore record 'Bad Habits'. Elsewhere, US rapper **YBN Nahmir** is set to deliver an unforgettable performance, while **BiG HEATH**, **DigDat**, **Geko** and **Tyla Yaweh** will also be joining the the BBC 1Xtra stage bill.

If that's not enough, **Relentless After Dark** have also announced an eclectic line-up for Leeds Festival including **Alma** (live), **Amy Becker**, **Charlie Sloth & Friends Presents**, **Crucast** (feat **Skepsis**, **Darksy**, **Mr Virgo**, **Bru-C**, **TS7**, **Lazcru** and **Window Kid**), **DJ Jonezy**, **DJ Semtex**, **Hannah Wants**, **Jaguar**, **James Organ**, **Jay1**, **Jess Bays**, **L U C Y**, **Mason Maynard**, **MIC Righteous**, **Prospa**, **Rude Kid**, **Solardo**, **Stardom**, **The Menendez Brothers** and **Unknown T**. Relentless After Dark will provide a late night hangout from Thursday to Sunday evening, keeping Leeds Festival energised till the early hours.

With hundreds of acts set to play, Reading & Leeds will again be the unmissable festival weekend of the summer - defining and celebrating the sounds of modern groundbreaking music, as well as a world-class comedy line up.

Fans can be the first to hear further line-up announcements, artist news and much more by signing up to the newsletters at <u>www.readingfestival.com</u> and <u>www.leedsfestival.com</u> or via the official **Reading & Leeds Festival app**, available to download now on Android and iOS.

TICKET INFORMATION

General tickets on sale from www.readingandleedsfestival.com

Saturday and Sunday day tickets have sold out for Reading Festival, weekend tickets and limited Friday Day tickets are currently still available for Reading Festival as are very few tickets for **Leeds Festival**.

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