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## Press release

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## MORE ACTS REVEALED FOR ROBERT SMITH'S MELTDOWN FESTIVAL

*CURÆTION-25, Death Cab For Cutie, Frightened Rabbit, God Is An Astronaut, Low, Maybeshewill, Suzanne Vega, And Also the Trees, Emma Ruth Rundle, Jambinai, JoyCut, The Joy Formidable, Loop, Moon Duo, pg.lost, The Soft Moon, Vex Red, Black Moth Super Rainbow, Fear of Men, Kælan Mikla, The Twilight Sad, Yonaka, Drahla, Matt Holubowski, I Like Trains, James Walsh, Jo Quail, Pumarosa, A Dead Forest Index, Douglas Dare, Hilary Woods, Indian Queens, Kidsmoke, The KVB, Planning For Burial, Thought Forms, Tropic of Cancer, Eat Static (DJ Set), Kiasmos (DJ set), Liminal, Vessels (live & DJ Set)*

Today Southbank Centre announces many more acts for Robert Smith's Meltdown festival (15–24 June 2018) including **CURÆTION-25**, a special show from Robert Smith himself that will close the festival on Sunday 24 June. This exclusive one-off performance will see the curator of the 25th Meltdown festival joined by 'four curious friends' and others for a two-hour show in the Royal Festival Hall.

More new names announced today include American alternative rock group **Death Cab For Cutie**; the UK premiere of '**Liminal**' - the acclaimed immersive live sound experience performed by Sigur Ros singer **Jónsi**, musician and artist **Alex Somers** and composer **Paul Corley**; an intimate performance from alt-folk singer-songwriter **Suzanne Vega**; performances from Scottish indie band **Frightened Rabbit** and Irish instrumental trio **God Is An Astronaut**; and English post-rockers **Maybeshewill**, reunited for an exclusive festival show.

Robert Smith is also taking advantage of Southbank Centre's newly reopened Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, and the new 1,000-capacity gig space in the Queen Elizabeth Hall to provide audiences with intimate, once-in-a-lifetime musical experiences across the whole of the 17-acre site for the ten day festival.

**Meltdown acts announced today include:**

- **CURÆTION-25** - Robert Smith and 'Curious Friends' close the festival in the Royal Festival Hall, with support from Scottish post-punk band **The Twilight Sad** (Sunday 24 June),
- American kings of indie, **Death Cab For Cutie** complete the Royal Festival Hall line-up with their Southbank Centre debut (Monday 18 June)
- The UK premiere of '**Liminal**' - the acclaimed live sound experience from Sigur Rós singer **Jónsi**, musician **Alex Somers** and composer **Paul Corley**. Diving deep into the Sigur Rós catalogue and a whole world of other related sources, the trio weave a mesmeric spell of immersive ambient sound and interactive visuals to the newly refurbished Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer (Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 & Friday 22 June)
- Irish instrumental trio **God Is An Astronaut** brings intense rock instrumentation, ethereal soundscapes and transfixing melodies to the Queen Elizabeth Hall stage (Monday 18 June)
- Anthemic rock from Glasgow-based indie group **Frightened Rabbit** in the Queen Elizabeth Hall with support from London five-piece **Pumarosa** (Tuesday 19 June)
- Indie rock group **Low** bring their minimalist soundscapes and layered harmonies to the Queen Elizabeth Hall (Wednesday 20 June)
- Widely regarded as one of the most brilliant songwriters of her generation, **Suzanne Vega** performs in the Queen Elizabeth Hall with support from **James Walsh** (Saturday 23 June)
- Leicester-based instrumental band **Maybeshewill** reunites for a special one-off performance for Robert Smith's Meltdown in the Queen Elizabeth Hall (Sunday 24 June)
- Three special *Concrete Lates* events at Meltdown keep the party going until 2am, including a late night live performance and DJ set from UK electronic outfit **Vessels** (Saturday 16 June) and DJ sets from **Kiasmos** (Friday 15 June) and **Eat Static** (Saturday 23 June)
- Listen to music made for the future with Italian trio **JoyCut**, in an exclusive show for Meltdown that reveals unpublished 'firsts'(Friday 15 June)
- The genre-melding Korean band **Jambinai** perform their distinctive mix of folk, metal, and traditional music in the Purcell Room (Saturday 16 June)
- Hypnotic space rock group **Loop** play a one-off show in the Purcell Room for Robert Smith's Meltdown (Sunday 17 June)
- American singer-songwriter, guitarist and artist **Emma Ruth Rundle** brings her raw and evocative sound to Meltdown with an intimate show in the Purcell Room (Monday 18 June)
- Electronic rock from **Vex Red**, who will unveil new music at this intimate gig in the Purcell Room (Tuesday 19 June)

- Swedish experimental instrumentalists **pg.lost** bring their hybrid mix of soundscapes to the Purcell Room (Thursday 21 June)
- Synth-driven drone rock from **Moon Duo** in the Purcell Room (Thursday 20 June)
- Alt-rock from female-fronted Welsh band **The Joy Formidable** in the Purcell Room (Friday 22 June)
- Dark jazz rhythms and poetic lyrics from post-punk stalwarts **And Also the Trees** in the Purcell Room (Saturday 23 June)
- Hear the minimal wave sounds of post-punk auteur **The Soft Moon**, aka Luis Vasquez, who showcases his latest studio album *Criminal* at this show in the Purcell Room (Sunday 24 June)
- More bands confirmed including **Black Moth Super Rainbow, Fear of Men, Kaelan Mikla, Drahlá, Matt Holubowski, I Like Trains, Pumarosa, Jo Quail, Tropic of Cancer, James Walsh, Yonaka, A Dead Forest Index, Douglas Dare, Indian Queens, Kidsmoke, The KVB, Planning For Burial, Thought Forms, and Hilary Woods**

These newly announced acts join a packed line-up of acts that includes **Deftones, The Libertines, Manic Street Preachers, Mogwai, My Bloody Valentine, Nine Inch Nails, Placebo, The Psychedelic Furs, 65daysofstatic, Alcest, The Anchoress, The Church, Kristin Hersh, Kathryn Joseph, MONO** and **The Notwist**.

There will also be a range of free activity taking place throughout Robert Smith's Meltdown, including late-night afterparties and DJ sets in the Clore Ballroom, as well as free music taking place alongside the Thames on Southbank Centre's Riverside Terrace.

**Robert Smith, Curator, said:** *"I have finally figured out my Meltdown festival psychedelic puzzle... and it really is just like heaven... ten delirious June days at London's Southbank Centre await!"*

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Tickets will go on sale to Southbank Centre members on **Friday 13 April** and to everyone else on **Monday 16 April**. [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk) / 0203 879 9555

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## **FULL LIST OF ANNOUNCED ACTS BELOW**

### **Friday 15 June**

PSYCHEDELIC FURS + The Church – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

65DAYSOFSTATIC + Tropic of Cancer – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

JOYCUT + Indian Queens – 7:45pm Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

CONCRETE LATES: KIASMOS (DJ SET) – 11pm–2am, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer

### **Saturday 16 June**

PLACEBO + Kælan Mikla – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

THE NOTWIST + Drahla – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

JAMBINAL + Tropic of Cancer – 7:45pm, Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

CONCRETES LATES: VESSELS (Live & DJ Set) – 11pm–2am, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer

### **Sunday 17 June**

THE LIBERTINES + Yonaka – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

ALCEST + Emma Ruth Rundle – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

LOOP + Planning For Burial – 7:45pm, Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

### **Monday 18 June**

DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE + Fear of Men 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

GOD IS AN ASTRONAUT + Jambinai – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

EMMA RUTH RUNDLE + Planning For Burial – 7:45pm, Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

### **Tuesday 19 June**

MANIC STREET PREACHERS + The Anchoress – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

FRIGHTENED RABBIT + Pumarosa – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

VEX RED + Douglas Dare – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

### **Wednesday 20 June**

DEFTONES + pg.lost – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

LOW + Jo Quail – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

MOON DUO + Hilary Woods – 7:45pm, Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

*LIMINAL* – 11pm–12:30am, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer

### **Thursday 21 June**

MOGWAI + Kathryn Joseph – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall

KRISTIN HERSH + Matt Holubowski – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Queen Elizabeth Hall

PG.LOST + Thought Forms – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre's Purcell Room

*LIMINAL* – 11pm–12:30am, Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer

### **Friday 22 June**

NINE INCH NAILS + Black Moth Super Rainbow – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Royal Festival Hall

MONO + Jo Quail – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE JOY FORMIDABLE + KIDSMOKE – 7:45pm, Southbank Centre’s Purcell Room

*LIMINAL* – 11pm–12:30am, Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer

### **Saturday 23 June**

MY BLOODY VALENTINE + The Soft Moon – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Royal Festival Hall

SUZANNE VEGA + James Walsh – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall

AND ALSO THE TREES + A Dead Forest Index – 7:45pm, Southbank Centre’s Purcell Room

CONCRETE LATES: EAT STATIC (DJ Set) – 11pm–2am, Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall foyer

### **Sunday 24 June**

CURÆTION-25 + The Twilight Sad – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Royal Festival Hall

MAYBESHEWILL + I Like Trains – 7:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE SOFT MOON + The KVB – 6:30pm, Southbank Centre’s Purcell Room

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

#### **About Southbank Centre**

Southbank Centre is the UK’s largest arts centre, occupying a 17 acre site that sits in the midst of London’s most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Southbank Centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery as well as The National Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. For further information please visit [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk).

#### **Robert Smith**

As the lead singer, guitarist, lyricist and principal songwriter of The Cure, and its only constant member since the group’s formation in 1978. Robert Smith and The Cure have influenced the history of music and wider popular culture over a staggeringly successful 40-year career. The Cure has won multiple awards and Smith himself has also been presented with an Ivor Novello Award for International Achievement. As well as leading The Cure, Smith is an iconic figure in his own right, with an influence reaching across popular culture, film, art, and fashion.

#### **About Meltdown festival**

Established in 1993, Southbank Centre’s Meltdown is the longest running artist-curated music festival in the UK. Robert Smith follows in the footsteps of 24 legendary artists selected to share their vision as curators of Meltdown – from the very first curator, British composer George Benjamin in 1993, though other luminaries such as John Peel, David Bowie, Nick Cave, Patti Smith, Massive Attack, Ray Davies, Yoko Ono and David Byrne, to the most recent curator, M.I.A in 2017.