

FINAL ACTS ANNOUNCED FOR M.I.A.'S MELTDOWN FESTIVAL

M.I.A., Soulwax, Giggs, Young Fathers, Crystal Castles, Young M.A, Father, Mykki Blanco, MHD, Princess Nokia, JD Samson, Yung Lean, Afrikan Boy, I Wayne, Dexta Daps, Tommy Genesis and Fakear

Today Southbank Centre reveals the final line-up for rapper, producer, director and visual artist M.I.A.'s Meltdown festival. This year M.I.A. brings together emerging and established artists from across the world to create a fusion of global culture from **Friday 9 – Sunday 18 June 2017**.

New additions to M.I.A.'s line-up include:

- Dance music maestros **Soulwax** performing their new album *From Dewee* - in a live studio set-up featuring a seven-piece band including three drummers (10 June)
- South London grime superstar **Giggs** playing the Royal Festival Hall in a night packed with special guests (12 June)
- New York City's **Princess Nokia** performing her alternative hip-hop style in a show alongside Swedish rapper Yung Lean (14 June)
- Hugely influential and experimental Atlanta label **Awful Records** presenting a late-night rave in the Clore Ballroom, with a performance from Awful Records founder **Father** and London based DJ's and artists (16 June)
- Electronic mastery on the Riverside Terrace from French artist **Fakear** (16 June)
- Free outdoor parties throughout the festival, including an all-day **Rinse FM Block Party**; a **Carnival Party** and a **Meltdown Mela**
- **Hip-Hop Karaoke**, giving visitors the chance to show off their rhyming skills live on stage (14 June)
- A series of talks and debates presented in association with **CMU**, deconstructing the changing nature of the music industry (9-10 June)
- A special talk with **M.I.A.**, as she takes to the stage to discuss her life and career - **I am...M.I.A.** (11 June)

- An afternoon of free live music celebrating **Refugee Week**, featuring bands from all over the world, on Riverside Terrace (18 June)

The acts above join a diverse global line-up that includes **M.I.A.; Young Fathers; Crystal Castles; Young M.A; Mykki Blanco; MHD; JD Samson; Yung Lean; Afrikan Boy; I Wayne; Dexta Daps** and **Tommy Genesis**. M.I.A.'s Meltdown also celebrates London's many diverse communities with an eclectic programme of free activity including a **Carnival Party** bringing the spirit of the Caribbean to the Thames with live music, costumes and dance classes; the **Rinse FM Block Party** featuring DJ's and performances and a **Meltdown Mela**, a day of outdoor entertainment for all the family celebrating art and culture from South Asia.

Meltdown celebrates the start of **Refugee Week** on 18 June with an afternoon of free live music featuring musicians of refugee backgrounds. Produced in association with **Counterpoint Arts**, Refugee Week supports, produces and promotes art by and about migrants and refugees. Also on display is **Refuge/e**, a new installation by **OVA + INE** that transports a Lebanese refugee shelter to Southbank Centre's site. Throughout the space visitors will hear the voices of refugees speaking about their daily lives alongside casts of their possessions, providing first-hand experience of the conditions experienced by many of the 1,500,000 Syrian refugees living in Lebanon today (13 - 15 June).

For more information visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk/meltdown

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Press images can be found [here](#).

Further information on the **first wave of acts** [here](#)

Tickets will be on sale to **members** on **Thursday 20 April** at **10am** and to **general public** on **Friday 21 April** at **10am**.

FULL LIST OF ANNOUNCED ACTS BELOW

Friday 9 June

YOUNG FATHERS - 7:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

Saturday 10 June

MUSIC INDUSTRY TALKS - 1pm, 2:30pm & 4pm - Clore Ballroom at Royal Festival Hall

CARNIVAL PARTY - 2-8pm, Riverside Terrace

SOULWAX - 9:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

AFRIKAN BOY - 10:30pm, Clore Ballroom at Royal Festival Hall

Sunday 11 June

RINSE FM BLOCK PARTY - 1pm-7pm, across Southbank Centre's site

MHD + ABRA CADABRA + 67 - 7:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

Monday 12 June

GIGGS - 8pm, Royal Festival Hall

Wednesday 14 June

PRINCESS NOKIA / YUNG LEAN - 7:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

HIP-HOP KARAOKE - 9:30pm, Clore Ballroom at Royal Festival Hall

Thursday 15 June

I WAYNE / DEXTA DAPS - 7:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

Friday 16 June

FAKEAR - 6:15pm, Riverside Terrace

CRYSTAL CASTLES - 8:00pm, Royal Festival Hall

AWFUL RECORDS TAKEOVER - 10pm, Clore Ballroom at Royal Festival Hall

Saturday 17 June

MELTDOWN MELA - Level 2 Terrace, 1-7pm

YOUNG M.A / TOMMY GENESIS - 7:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

JD SAMSON / MYKKI BLANCO - 10:30pm, Clore Ballroom at Royal Festival Hall

Sunday 18 June

M.I.A. - 7:30pm, Royal Festival Hall

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Notes to Editors:

Meltdown festival, 1993 – present

Southbank Centre's annual Meltdown festival has been running since 1993 and each year invites a different cultural figure to act as director of the event and pick the performers of their choosing. Previous directors include: Elvis Costello, David Bowie, Patti Smith, David Byrne, Lee Scratch-Perry, Morrissey, Massive Attack, Jarvis Cocker, Nick Cave, Scott Walker, John Peel, Ornette Coleman, Richard Thomson, Laurie Anderson, Yoko Ono, Ray Davies, Guy Garvey and Anohni (previously Antony). Performers have included musicians, artists, filmmakers and comedians, such as Jeff Buckley, Nina Simone, Ivor Cutler, Radiohead, Grace Jones, Sir Michael Palin, Damon Albarn, Sir Les Paterson, Nancy Sinatra and The Master Musicians of Jajouka. Meltdown has a reputation for staging one-off performances and collaborations by legendary artists. The New York Dolls reunited for Morrissey; Jeff Buckley played his final UK show at Elvis Costello's Meltdown; Nick Cave, Grace Jones and Pete Doherty sang Disney songs with Jarvis Cocker; Patti Smith performed Horses in full for her Meltdown; Ray Davies re-staged the TV pop show Ready Steady Go!, and a rare live performance from Cocteau Twins' Elizabeth Fraser as part of Antony's Meltdown.

M.I.A.

In 2000, the Sri Lankan born, London bred Mathangi "Maya" Arulpragasam was encouraged, by electro-clash icon Peaches, to make music on a Roland MC-505 Groovebox. Since then she has released five critically acclaimed albums and is the only artist in history to receive nominations for a Mercury Award, Academy Award, Grammy Award, Brit Award and Alternative Turner Prize. She has also been named by multiple magazines as leading

influencer of her generation - as a rapper, songwriter, record producer, director, visual artist, activist, photographer, fashion designer and model.

About Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre, occupying a 21 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.