



## METRONOME PRAGUE MUSIC AND ARTS FAIR 22-24 6 2023

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### METRONOME PRAGUE INVITES TO SEE MORE NAMES. A PACKED PROGRAMME WILL OFFER OVER 80 MUSIC EXPERIENCES AND SHOW OSCAR ALIEN.

The METRONOME PRAGUE festival team invites music fans to historical venue in Prague on Wednesday the 21st and then on the entire weekend from Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June. 4 days, 4 outdoor stages, 3 indoor stages, 80 concerts and a rich accompanying programme including quality gastronomy and festival bars. Female rocker HOLLY HUMBERSTONE, neo-soul female singer and rapper BIIG PIIG, Israeli female singer RIFF COHEN, cult Spanish producer and DJ DAVID PENN, American female singer-songwriter SIR CHLOE, these are far from all the new names on the lineup. They expand the list of previously confirmed stars on the event's programme, JAMIROQUAI, TOVE LO, ZAZ, AURORA, M83, MODERAT, EDITORS and WHITE LIES. Visitors can also look forward to Czech and Slovak concert specials. The festival has added a new BEATS FOR METRONOME stage in collaboration with the organisers of the largest dance music festival BEATS FOR LOVE. Audiences will also be able to enjoy a rich non-musical programme called METRONOME FAIR, bound together by this year's theme "Courage". Standard tickets and various versions including accommodation are on sale on the official website of the event: [www.metronome.cz/en](http://www.metronome.cz/en).

#### Programme extras and Beats for Metronome

On **Thursday 22 June**, the Prague Exhibition Grounds will open at 4 pm. Visitors can look forward to a unique set by the **PSH live band** before the headliner of the day, the funky **Jamiroquai**. The rhythmic evening will be closed by the **Monkey Business Spexial** project with guests **Dan Bárta, Ota Klempíř and Michael Viktořík from J.A.R.** and then the electronic duo **Bratři**. The highlights will be popular Norwegian singer **Aurora**, the rising neo-soul and rap star **Biig Piig**, the singer-songwriter **Aiko** and the concert by **Midi lidi & Laco Lučenič** with a special programme dedicated to the "electronic era" of **Meky Žbírka**.

*"We will play after Jamiroquai, whom we have already played before once. We will be joined by our brothers from J.A.R. and it will be huge, we are really looking forward to it,"* frontman and singer Matěj Ruppert from Monkey Business invites to Prague.

The weekend will go at a brisk pace. On **Friday 23 June**, the main stages belong to French modern chansonnier **ZAZ**, Berlin's electro-magicians **Moderat**, British rockers **Editors** and Israeli singer **Riff Cohen**, who will offer a mix of rock and Middle Eastern music. Concert specials have been prepared by Slovak singer **Jana Kirschner**, rock band **Para** or domestic **Zrní**, whose concert will be recorded by Czech Television (ČT). Musician and producer **Lazer Viking** will share the stage with the iconic **Moderat**.

*"Thank you to everyone involved in last year's restart and to those who are with us again this year. We believe Metronome Prague is gradually becoming one of the best music events in Central Europe. From last year's 40, we're expanding the programme to 80 performances this year. In addition to the iconic ones, we are adding a large number of up-and-coming names from the international music scene. We will again offer various original concert specials. Last year we introduced rap to the programme and this year we're dedicating an entire stage to it. We are further enhancing the night programme in the Křižík Pavilions. We will*



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*open the festival on Wednesday 21 June. The main concerts will run from Thursday afternoon to Sunday," David Gaydečka, one of the organisers, summarizes the plan of this year's festival and adds: "We would like to invite the whole country and international fans of great music for four days in Prague."*

**On Saturday 24 June**, visitors will not fall of Metronome's pace. After noon, the audience will be delighted by **Annet X**, a British-Czech project of **Emily Burns** and **Jan Ponocný**, **James Harries**, rockers **The Silver Spoons** and American rock singer **Sir Chloe**. The most anticipated acts on the programme will be French **M83** with their new album, post-punk **White Lies** and the increasingly popular Swedish singer **Tove Lo**, whose hit *Habits - Stay High* has been playing on the airwaves since 2013. Many other musical events are planned. Fresh winner of the prestigious Brit Awards in the "Rising Star" category **Holly Humberstone** is heading to Prague. Another special event is prepared by the local **MYDY**, including their new album, or Slovak punks **Saténové ruky**. On the rap scene, whose dramaturgy is under the umbrella of producer and rapper Risto Sokolovski, local rappers **Pio Squad** or **Supercroo** will add frequencies.

*"Have you seen the programme of this spectacular festival in the centre of Prague? It is absolutely fantastic! Personally, I'm looking forward to Israeli star Riff Cohen," says Carmen Rizzo, one of the dramaturgs, music producer and DJ with two Grammy-nominations who has collaborated with world stars such as Seal, Coldplay, Alanis Morissette and DJ Tiësto.*

*"Metronome Prague is a festival with a name and a tradition. And I hope that I will be able to visit it this year and listen to some of the concerts. The Ministry of Culture has supported the festival as part of its subsidy programme because with its character and significance, it connects the cultural scene in the Czech Republic and abroad," added Minister of Culture Martin Baxa.*

A new addition to the programme will be the **Beats for Metronome** dance scene, the dramaturgy of which is being handled by a team from the renowned Beats for Love festival, which will feature performances by **David Penn**, **Simon Doty**, **Mike Văth** and others. *"We are very excited and happy about this collaboration and you should definitely come to Metronome to enjoy it with us. It's going to be a great warm-up before the biggest dance festival in Central Europe," invites Beats for Love festival director Kamil Rudolf.*

*"I am happy to express my personal support for Metronome Prague. The city has been supporting the event for a long time and is pleased about the attendance of spectators from all over the country. In this regard, as the new Deputy Minister responsible for culture and tourism I will strive for continuity and to build on the work of my predecessors. I am therefore very pleased that Prague is a partner of the festival this year again. We will pursue synergy with other institutions including state ones, with which we will seek space and opportunity to support important cultural events that contribute to the development of Prague and the Czech Republic," says Jiří Pospíšil, Deputy Mayor of Prague for culture, tourism and heritage, who supported the event.*

See the **full programme** of the event on the official website [www.metronome.cz/en](http://www.metronome.cz/en).

### Courageous accompanying programme

The organisers of Metronome Prague bet on comfort, quality and service for their visitors. *"There will be a wide entrance from Brussels Road, we have provided more than 26 gates for public access and separate*



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*entrances will be available for persons with disabilities. A new VIP area has been built alongside the existing pavilions and will be more connected to the complex. The VIP seating in the grandstands is sold out, but there is a small amount left for VIP standing," points out Martin Voňka on behalf of the organisers.*

An integral part of Metronome Prague is a varied accompanying programme called Metronome Fair. This year, the theme of the fair is **COURAGE** and includes many items. In cooperation with the **Aleš South Bohemian Gallery**, Metronome Prague will present a unique realization of **the iconic Alien by artist H.R. Giger**, the one for which he was awarded an Oscar. Together with other Czech art institutions, the organisers have prepared extraordinary outdoor installations, live and audience-oriented **podcast** recordings, interesting film productions and presentations of non-profit organization activities. There will also be a programme for children, theatres, workshops and various games.

*"We will offer all visitors – big and small, those who come with a partner or spouse, but also groups of friends or families with children – a programme that will greatly complement their music experiences. We want not only to entertain but also to inspire visitors. For this year we have chosen a connecting theme - courage. There's never enough of it and we also want to move things in the right direction. We will present courageous people and projects and offer the chance to see and try things. We are preparing the whole program to be about experiences and courage! There will be plenty to look at and places to sit and relax," said the dramaturge of the accompanying programme, Alena Švejnová.*

Metronome Prague will also be accompanied by a rich gastronomic offer, food trucks, bars with a wide range of non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages. *"The refreshments will now be in two zones to make them more efficient. We will add more seating. At selected places, you will be able to have a beer in a glass! We have teamed up with the organisers of Prague Harley Days, so we'll combine the best of both events. Of course, we're also thinking green, so we've got returnable cups and it will be possible to pay in the whole area with cards, mobile phones and watches," adds Martin Voňka.*

One of the main stars of the Metronome music event is the metropolis itself - Prague. The Prague Exhibition Grounds, where this cultural event takes place, will provide visitors with newly renovated historic pavilions, revitalised park areas and the Křižík Fountain, which is yet to be reconstructed. The venue's advantage is also the accessibility to various monuments, museums, galleries and parks. Thanks to the location in the centre, the audience has many other opportunities to visit during the event.

*"The Metronome Prague Music Festival is not only an interesting cultural event, but also an ideal excursion opportunity. At the time of festival, thousands of spectators not only from Prague, but also from other parts of the Czech Republic and from abroad visit our metropolis. Prague has a lot to offer, so when there are no concerts, everyone can enjoy other cultural activities, whether it is monuments, galleries, museums or gastronomy. As mayor, I am glad that Metronome Prague contributes to spreading the good name of the city," said the Mayor of Prague Bohuslav Svoboda.*

### **Tickets and accommodation packages**

*"The range of accommodation options in different price categories – hotels, hostels or various forms of shared housing – is varied. We have also prepared an offer for visitors from outside of Prague and abroad in cooperation with the Weco-Travel agency. These tickets include accommodation in top quality hotels in the*



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centre of Prague. Everything is available through our website," says organizer David Gaydečka. **Tickets** for Metronome Prague can be now purchased for 135 € for 3 days adult. A one-day ticket costs 96 €. Tickets for children up to 12 years of age are 9 € for three days, while juniors at 12 to 21 years of age will pay 80 € for three days. There are also discounted tickets for people with disabilities. "We are looking at two more price jumps, in the second half of March and then in May. The costs have risen by up to thirty percent, so we don't really have a choice," Gaydečka explains. For **more information on admission prices and the full programme**, please visit [www.metronome.cz/en](http://www.metronome.cz/en), where updates are also published on a regular basis. You can also find them on our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook social media profiles.

### About Metronome Prague:

*Metronome Prague - Music and Arts Fair" is a four-day music and arts event that provides visitors with a unique experience right in the centre of Prague. Several world stars performed here: Nick Cave, Underworld, Kraftwerk, Primal Scream, Liam Gallagher, Morcheeba, Sting, Iggy Pop, Foals, Chemical Brothers, Kasabian, Tom Odell, Ella Eyre, David Byrne, John Cale, Massive Attack and many more. From the domestic scene, Alice with Dan Bárta, Lenny, Prago Union or Redzed, Ohm Square, Floex, Ille, Tata Bojs, David Koller with Katarzia and Mig 21 with the Prague National Theatre Orchestra and Choir were presented among others. Last year's event attracted a record 22,000 visitors.*

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