



With less than three weeks to go til this year's Electric Picnic delights unfold within the magical Stradbally site, the music lineup just keeps on getting better with the release of 16 more acts. Buzz bands of 2009 **PASSION PIT**, **THE XX** and visionary Lucien Nicolet, alias **LUCIANO** presenting his **ÆTHER** live project. Also joining the bill are the hotly-tipped indie kids, **OUR FOLD** and acclaimed Irish musicians **DAVID KITT**, **DAVID GERAGHTY** and **8 BALL** and we release nine names from the **THE LITTLE BIG TENT**. The most dance-based of the stages at Electric Picnic; the Little Big tent will be situated in the main arena of this year's festival site, and it adds **THE HACKER**, **OPTIMO DJs**, **SWITCH**, **ZOMBIE NATION**, **DUKE DUMONT**, **AEROPLANE DJs**, **EBONY BONES**, **ARVEENE & MISK** and **JAPANESE POPSTARS** to its blistering schedule.

Also just launched on the Electric Picnic website; an A-Z guide of the 120+ acts playing the main stages at Electric Picnic. See www.electricpicnic.ie/music for a brief section on each act including info, photos, live video clips and other info.

Boston five-piece **PASSION PIT** have been topping the list of the bands to look out for in 2009, and selling out venues across the globe with their excitable lo-fi electronic pop. Their debut, *Manners*, lived up to the bright promises of their blissful EP - *Chunk of Change*. Passion Pit is the brainchild of Michael Angelakos with colourful electronica, sunny vocals, warped samples with a rhythmic backbone. They've already blown away audiences with supports for the likes of Death Cab for Cutie and Girl Talk and they are sure to get the crowd dancing when they take to the stage

Hotly tipped newcomers, London's **The XX** release their debut album this week. The self-titled 11 track record has been produced by the band's multi-instrumentalist Jamie Smith and is already being tipped as one of the albums of the year. The XX are gentle souls from south London who make equally tender lo-fi indie – they played their first ever headline shows in London this week and both shows sold out well in advance. One of this year's sleeper success stories, the XX just got voted #6 on NME's future Top 50 which rates acts who are driving music forward.

Cadenza label boss and Chilean DJ/Producer **LUCIANO**'s new project **AETHER** is designed to push the boundaries of the audio and the visual right now. A complex mesh of HD video layers corresponds to each audio clip in this live set. Except this is an entire orchestra of live sets, an orchestra of colour, shape, form and sound... with Luciano conducting. The members of this sonic orchestra are Cadenza's Reboot, Lee Van Dowski, Mirko Loko, the Digitaline duo and a Swiss hang drummer called Omri Hason. The seventh "musician" is the visual effects which will be created by the London live video designers and performers Microchunk.

DAVID KITT'S sixth LP, *The Nightsaver*, is the result of two years of late-night experimentation. It is as natural sounding an album you're likely to hear in 2009. The free-flowing nuances of disco, Kraftwerk, 90s house music, hip-hop of all eras and the evolving legacy of crafted synth-pop from Hall & Oates to Junior Boys can be heard throughout. EP veteran David Kitt's recent live shows have been greeted with rapturous wonder so this year's Picnic appearance is certain not to disappoint.

BellX1's **DAVID GERAGHTY** released his debut solo album *Kill Your Darlings* in 2007, to huge critical and fan acclaim. The album was nominated for a Choice Music Prize for Irish Album of the Year and in both

Best Irish Album and Best Irish Male in the Meteor Ireland Music Awards. September 2009 will see Geraghty return with his second solo offering *The Victory Dance*, engineered & co-produced by Greg French (U2, Van Morrison, Brian Eno and Placebo). David Geraghty will be showcasing tracks from *The Victory Dance* at Electric Picnic.

8 BALL are six long time friends and collaborators with a taste for experimental pop music, noise emitting machinery and the oddities of this life. Festival appearances, Choice Music Award nominations and a Meteor Award later, 2009 sees the release of 'With All Your Friends' which they worked on with Ian Caple (Tricky, Tindersticks). Due to the nature of their live shows in which members regularly change roles, 8Ball have drawn comparisons with everyone from Spiritualized and the now defunct Beta Band, to Broken Social Scene and Animal Collective.

Bolton four piece, **OUR FOLD**, have spent the last four years building a dedicated live following. They have played with bands such as The Fratellis, Boy Kill Boy, The Noisettes and The Enemy. Last year they signed to Glaswegian label D Set Records. Early this year they recruited ex Stone Roses Aziz Ibrahim on lead guitar and now with their new sound the band feels and sounds better than ever. Their highly anticipated debut album is set for release later this year.

THE LITTLE BIG TENT line-up has also just been added to with the following names...

The twisted, brilliant, anything goes attitude of the **OPTIMO DJs** is the stuff of legend.. Their Optimo Espacio night is Glasgows number one party spot with good reason. With these guys its a musical goodie bag, driving techno to northern soul, New York post punk to industrial stomp. From leftfield to rightfield their selection dovetails together and is combined for brilliant effect. The Picnic will see the JG Wilkes and JD Twitch duo in their element: Throwing a damn fine party.

Dave Taylor aka **SWITCH** is a man who has as many names as he has talents: producer, remixer and DJ. Distinctive beat freak on the ones and twos and on production duties. He breaks it up and down in the most reverent irreverent way. Creator of such classics as Sick na Good, A Bit Patchy and This is Sick. AKA Switch, Solid Groove and the Brucker in A Brucker & Sinden. He's the Major in Major Lazer don't you know (though he will not be appearing as part of their EP show). He's the producer behind M.I.A's 'Kala' and Santogold's 'Creator', the remixer of P Diddy and Azzido do Bass among many others.

From his start in the halcyon days of acid and techno to the massive success he found with Miss Kittin, Michel Amato aka **THE HACKER** is one of today's most talented and innovative French artists. Spreading his wings musically with remixes and collaborations with Mark Almond, Fisherspooner, Air, Nitzer Ebb, Kiko and Alexander Robotnik to name a few. He released his second solo album "rves mcaniques" in 2004 on Pias to rave reviews on the scene. Expect some beats that more than match the absolute array of hardware this man brings to the table.

ZOMBIE NATION came to life in 1999 when the first 12 inch record was released on DJ Hell's International DeeJay Gigolo Records. The Zombie Nation mastermind, Florian Senfter has travelled the world during the last 10 years. He is as at home playing intimate shows as huge festivals; developing a signature live Zombie sound of filthy bassline hooks and pounding synths.

DUKE DUMONT is one of the most individual electronic music producers of recent times. Duke is equally known for his memorable DJ sets as he is for his "Catch You Fff Guard" productions. Remixing artists as diverse as The Mystery Jets, EPMD, Lilly Allen, Bat for Lashes and Missy Elliot to name a few. Duke Dumont rose to prominence in 2007 with the release of his debut EP "Regality" on Turbo Recordings. Duke Dumont has been championed by the likes of Laurent Garnier, Erol Alkan, Switch, and Armand Van Helden.

AEROPLANE is the Belgium-based project of Stephen Fasano and Vito De Luca. Think psyché guitars, pop keys, melancholic waves and catchy bass lines meets disco beats. They've remixed the likes of the Cobra Dukes, Das Pop, Lindström, Cut Copy, Grace Jones, MGMT, Bloc Party and The Friendly Fires. A wide wingspan sonically if ever there was one. Genres and monikers aside, Aeroplane's particular brand of psychedelic sounds is music to feel good to.

Ebony Thomas also known as **EBONY BONES** is a British singer-songwriter, record producer and actress. In 2007 she exploded into our ears with the self releases 'We Know All About U' and 'Don't Fart On My Heart'. Spend some time with Ebony and personality comes across in spades – something that spills over to her infectious, fun live shows. Punk, pop, and positivity; mixed with pumping rhythm and bass. All infused with a real sense of humour. Likened to Santigold and M.I.A. Ebony has just released 'Bone of My Bones'.

A brand new Dynamic duo is on the electronic scene, collectively at least, **ARVEENE AND MISK**, are made up of two firmly established DJs/producers dedicated to making credible club music with interesting angles and styles and bringing it to the masses. Their most recent project was remixing Zombie Nation's "Worth it" to rave reviews. Arveene and Misk need no introduction, having been hard at it individually. **Arveene** has been hard at it for the last 10 years making himself Ireland's best club DJ, **Misk** is better known as one half of hugely successful breakbeat act called Splitloop, Together this pairing will be rockin' the ones and twos, and threes and fours bringing a live performance to the Electric crowd.

THE JAPANESE POPSTARS are riding a wave of media praise off the back of their amazing energy driven live shows and their critically acclaimed debut album 'We Just Are'. Native to Northern Ireland (any fetishists expecting cute Japanese girls can leave now), The Japanese Popstars are signed to bespoke indie label, Gung-Ho Recordings (Gus Gus, Zoo Brazil) in the UK, and Beatink in Japan (home of Underworld, Aphex Twin, Cinematic Orchestra). Their gigs are typically raucous affairs, with an energy that crackles with each beat, chord, and keyboard stab. This appearance will be a DJ set with two of the three members

ALSO PLAYING ELECTRIC PICNIC ...ORBITAL; BRIAN WILSON; FLAMING LIPS; BASEMENT JAXX; MADNESS; MGMT ;FLEET FOXES; KLAXONS; DINOSAUR JR; BELL X1; ROYSKOPP; RODRIGO Y GABRIELA; CHIC; SEASICK STEVE; 2 MANY DJS; NEKO CASE; LISA HANNIGAN; EXPLOSIONS IN THE SKY; ABC; DAMIEN DEMPSEY; ALABAMA 3; BAT FOR LASHES; ZERO 7; AMADOU AND MARIAM; A FLOCK OF SEAGULLS; EROL ALKAN; ROOTS MANUVA; THE WAILERS; PASSION PIT; THE SUGARHILL GANG; JAMES MURPHY & PAT O' MAHONEY SPECIAL DISCO VERSION DJ SET; DIPLO; BILLY BRAGG; LYKKE LI; IMELDA MAY; ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN; MAGAZINE; E.S.G; MODERAT; KID CREOLE AND THE COCONUTS; DAN DEACON ENSEMBLE; BELL ORCHESTRE; SIMIAN MOBILE DISCO; THE FIELD; SKREAM & BENGA's MAGNETIC MAN; NOZE; DAVID KITT; HEARTBREAK; HALFSET; CHRIS CUNNINGHAM; OKKERVIL RIVER; MAGNOLIA ELECTRIC COMPANY; LOW ANTHEM; VILLAGERS; The XX; TUNNG; JAPE; WHITEST BOY ALIVE; MICACHU & THE SHAPES; THE XX; OUR FOLD; THE WALKMEN; FAKE BLOOD; MICHAEL NYMAN; THE TEMPER TRAP; MAJOR LAZER SOUNDSYSTEM; BURAKA SOM SISTEMA; DUBLIN GOSPEL CHOIR; THE ACORN; FIRST AID KIT; HYPNOTIC BRASS ENSEMBLE; QUANTIC SOUL ORCHESTRA; JAZZANOVA; FIONN REGAN; MUNDY; BOY 8 BIT; DAVID GERAGHTY; RICHMOND FONTAINE; MARINA AND THE DIAMONDS; JEFFREY LEWIS; JULIE FEENEY; ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL; THE LOST BROTHERS; FLORENCE & THE MACHINE; BAABA MAAL; MICK FLANNERY; LAURA IZIBOR; NIGHTMARES ON WAX SOUNDSYSTEM; DUCKWORKTH-LEWIS METHOD; WAVE MACHINES; BLITZEN TRAPPER; PETER BRODERICK; THE BIG PINK; TWO DOOR CINEMA CLUB; CAP PAS CAP; 8BALL; STEE DOWNES. **BODY AND SOUL ACTS just announced include...BEACH HOUSE; LAMB; SOUNDCARRIERS; BLINDFOLD; AMORPHOUS ANDROGYNOUS; GOLDEN ANIMALS; TULLA CEILI BAND**

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