

PRESS RELEASE

Ghostface Killah Announced for Restless Natives Festival!



Acclaimed rapper and **Wu-Tang Clan** member **Ghostface Killah** is the latest artist to be added to Glasgow's **Restless Natives Festival** line-up, appearing on **Friday May 13th 2016** at **St. Luke's**.

Restless Natives will open its doors from **May 9th - 15th 2016**, featuring an array of diverse music and film events spread throughout seven venues and studios in Glasgow's East End.

The festival's heart and soul lies within the DIY scene as Restless Natives not only aim to bring people together in and around the East End of Glasgow generating income for the local community, bands and charities, but it also aims to promote ethnic diversity and gender equality throughout the program. The festival is reflective of a truly modern DIY ethic that showcases talent from a broad spectrum, mirroring the diverse talent the creative scene has to offer.

"There's a common argument put forward during discussions about DIY promotion that, small independent acts are one thing but big bookers - the likes affiliated with Live Nation and other multinationals - are a "necessary evil" to bring big acts to a city," says Restless Natives organiser **Chris Cusack**. "That may well be true when the system is set up to make it impossible to even get in touch with the agents representing the big acts but, where contact is possible, often the DIY collectives - providing they have a good track record and can demonstrate reliability - offer fairer prices for fans and fairer compensation for the artists themselves. These collectives and DIY promoters can also frequently side-step the politics that can squeeze a particular city or town out of the routing considerations of a high profile band. Ghostface Killah was our attempt to demonstrate how a professional approach and real enthusiasm for the musical act can help bring someone to a town they otherwise would skip."

All events will be individually priced as affordably as possible to ensure accessibility for people from all economic backgrounds and the organisers will also be donating a portion of gate receipts towards specially nominated East End charities to help their community.

As well as the recently announced **Ghostface Killah**, the festival already boasts a strong line up including Cardiff's alt rockers **Future of the Left**, Sheffield mathcore champions **Rolo Tomassi**, Canadian composer **Tim Hecker**, electronic maverick **Blanck Mass**, Chicago favourites **Into It. Over It**, US cult heroes **The Hotelier** and Glasgow's own **United Fruit**, **Happy Meals** and **Nightwave**. Full details of further showcases, film nights and talks programmed by **Hotgem Music**, **Nightschool Records**, **No One Knows Records**, **Winning Sperm Party**, **Stretched**, **Fuzzkill Records**, **Nice n' Sleazy**, **Bloc+Music**, **Song, By Toad** and **Struggletown** are also set to be announced very soon.

A number of film events have already been confirmed including **The Skinny** presents *Couple In A Hole* with live Q&A by **Geoff Barrow (BEAK>, Portishead)** and **Billy Fuller (BEAK>, Robert Plant Band)**, *The Room* featuring exclusive behind-the-scenes documentary and live Q&A with **Greg Sestero**, **Song, By Toad** presents *The Ambiguity Of David Thomas Broughton* with exclusive unseen footage, Restless Natives' own national exclusive of *Blood, Sweat and Vinyl : DIY in the 21st Century* starring **Neurosis**, **Godspeed You Black Emperor** and **ISIS** (the band!) with live Q&A by director **Kenneth Thomas**, *Une Chant D'Amour & A Page Of Madness* with an exclusive live original score by **Adam Stafford**. Plus special guest-curated screens by **The Glasgow Film Theatre**, **Africa In Motion**, **The Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival** and **The Radical Film Network**.

Restless Natives Festival will take place **May 9th - 15th 2016** and tickets are available via the Restless Natives website (www.restlessnativesfestival.org).



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