

OFF Festival Katowice 2013: Detailed program announced!

Starting with Patrick Wolf, who takes the stage at the Katowice Cultural Center at 6:00 pm sharp on Thursday, August 1, and ending with Austra, who'll be shutting off the lights after their DJ set at 4:15 am on Monday, August 5, just before dawn: we've got the entire detailed schedule for the eighth edition of the festival. You'd better get a good night's sleep before heading down to Katowice, because this is going to be one intense weekend.

But before we get to the festival program, we'd like to introduce a few more of the artists we've invited to perform in Katowice this year:

The Soft Moon

Oakland-based Luis Vasquez is a loner type and the The Soft Moon would probably have remained a solo project, were it not for the musician's drive towards an absolutely perfect live sound. The band plays a dark, noisy variety of trance music, taking inspiration from such disparate acts as Suicide, Death in Vegas, and even Joy Division. Check out their latest album, *Zeros* – heavy stuff.

1926

A Tri-City act whose formation was inspired by – drumroll, please! – the Swans concert at last year's OFF Festival. Given their back story, you'd expect this band to be loud, noisy, and trancey, and that is precisely what they are. Fans of Kiev Office and Karol Schwarz All Stars will find the lineup familiar, but this an entirely new project. They've come to pay their debt, premiering their new album *Bury the Ghost* at the OFF Festival. It's just three tracks, but they make up a solid 40-minute attempt to establish communication with outer space.

Trupa Trupa

Another Tri-City band, but with slightly different emotions this time. Led by Grzegorz Kwiatkowski, this band explores the reaches of a more gentle variety of rock, but don't mistake smooth for pretty: these lyrical and musical experiments bring to mind The Velvet Underground and The Doors. Trupa Trupa's latest album, titled ++, was recorded in Gdańsk's New Synagogue, with guest performances by Mikołaj Trzaska and Tomasz Ziętek. The critics are unanimous: this is one of the most original bands on the Polish music scene.

Peter J. Birch & The River Boat Band

Some find it hard to believe that Peter J. Birch is actually Piotr Jan Brzeziński from the Lower Silesian town of Wołów; his latest album, *When the Sun's Risin' Over the Town*,

which he'll be promoting at the OFF Festival, is a solid portion of classic, rootsy folk Americana. Peter performs with an excellent live band featuring members of Silver Rocket/Happy Pills, Turnip Farm, and Let the Boy Decide.

Ampacity

They claim to play what they call “regressive rock with a pinch of desert and space vibes.” The band features musicians from Broken Betty – Jan Galbas, Sebastian Sawicz, and Piotr Paciorkowski – along with Wojtek Lacki of God’s Own Prototype and Marek Kostecki, who recorded and performed with Broken Betty while they were promoting their first album, *The Sorry Eye*. What was supposed to be a one-off homage to the golden years of space rock ended up summoning a spirit that just wouldn’t go away. Ampacity’s debut album, *Encounter One*, crushes you with the sheer power of its sound before drawing you out into space with its psychedelic trance. We’ve got really high hopes for this concert.

Semantik Punk

The band Moja Adrenalina, whom OFF Festival audiences will remember from two years back, flew to California to lay down tracks for their new album at the legendary Ross Robinson’s studio (Korn, Sepultura, Slipknot)... only to disband and immediately reform with the same lineup but a new concept and a new name: Semantik Punk. Sounds complicated, doesn’t it? No less complicated than the music on the album *abcdefghijklmnopqrstuwxyz*, but it’s something you just have to see and hear: a Polish band once again paves the way for the development of extreme guitar rock.

Teenagers

This Warsaw trio was founded in 2011 by guitarist and vocalist Daria and drummer Karol (Warsaw City Rockers), supported by bassist Rafał (Czerw Narodu). They play simple yet dynamic songs, heavy on the guitars and with just the right amount of melody. (Post)-punk pure and simple.

Below is a detailed schedule of the festival:

1.08.2013 Thursday

Centrum Kultury Katowice

A Band Of Buriers: 19:00 - 19:45

Patrick Wolf: 20:30 - 22:00

KATO.Bar

Labyrinth Ear: 21:00 - 21:45

Micachu: 22:30 - 00:00

Klub Hipnoza

Daniel Higgs: 22:30 - 23:00

The Skull Defekts feat. Daniel Higgs: 23:30 - 1:00

2.08.2013 Friday

mBank Stage

Teenagers: 15:00-15:30

Drekoty: 16:10-16:55

Uncle Acid And The Deadbeats: 17:50-18:40

Cloud Nothings: 19:40-20:40

Zbigniew Wodecki And Mitch And Mich Orchestra and Choir: 21:50-23:00

The Smashing Pumpkins: 00:10-01:30

Forest Stage

1926: 15:35-16:05

Hokei: 17:00-17:45

Woods: 18:45-19 35

Girls Against Boys: 20:45-21:45

The Pop Group: 23:05-00:05

Blondes: 01:35-02:35

Trójka Stage

Fuka Lata: 15:00-15 30

Magnificent Muttley: 16:10-16:55

Mikal Cronin: 17:50-18:40

The Soft Moon: 19:40-20:40

Nite Jewel & Peanut Butter Wolf perform "Computer World" Kraftwerk: 21:50-23:00

AlunaGeorge: 00:10-01:10

Shackleton: 02:35-03:45

Experimental Stage

Stara Rzeka: 15:35-16:05

Hera: 17:00-17 45

Dope Body: 18:45-19:35

Buke And Gase: 20:45-21:45

Guardian Alien: 23:05-00:05

Laurel Halo: 01:35-02:35

The Haxan Cloak: 03:00-04:15

3.08.2013 Saturday

mBank Stage

Semantik Punk: 15:00-15:30

Bisz: 16:10-16:55

Metz: 17:50-18:40

Solange: 19:40-20:40

The Walkmen: 21:50-23:00

Godspeed You! Black Emperor: 00:10-01:30

Forest Stage

Trupa Trupa: 15:35-16:05

UL/KR: 17:00-17:45

Merchandise: 18:45-19:35

Brutal Truth: 20:45-21:45

Skalpel: 23:05-00:05

Austra: 01:35-02:35

Trójka Stage

Frozen Bird: 15:00-15:30

Nathalie And The Loners: 16:10-16:55

Glass Animals: 17:50-18:40

Jens Lekman: 19:40-20:40

Julia Holter: 21:50-23:00

Rudi Zygadlo: 00:10-01:10

Holy Other: 02:35-03:45

Experimental Stage

(curated by Stephen O'Malley)

Piotr Kurek: 15:35-16:05

Furia: 17:00-17:45

KTL: 18:45-19:35

Chelsea Wolfe: 20:45-21:45

Bohren & Der Club of Gore: 23:05-00:05

Zeni Geva: 01:35-02:35

Circle: 03:00-04:15

4.08.2013 Suday

mBank Stage

We Draw A: 15:00-15:30

Gówno: 16:10-16:55

Tres B.: 17:50-18:40

Molesta perform "Skandal": 19:40-20:40

Deerhunter: 21:50-23:00

My Bloody Valentine: 00:10-01:30

Forest Stage

Babadag: 15:35-16 05

Rebeka: 17:00-17:45

Japandroids: 18:45-19:35

Super Girl and Romantic Boys: 20:45-21:45

Goat: 23:05-00:05

John Talabot: 01:35-02:35

Trojka Stage

Peter J.Birch: 15:00-15:30

Ampacity: 16:10-16:55

Autre Ne Veut: 17:50-18:40

Fucked Up: 19:40-20:40

Fire!: 21:50-23:00

Mykki Blanco: 00:10-01:10

Fatima Al Qadiri: 02:35-03:45

Experimental Stage

(curated by The Walkmen)

How How: 15:35-16:05

Sam Amidon: 17:00-17:45

John Grant: 18:45-19:35

Thee Oh Sees: 20:45-21:45

Cass McCombs: 23:05-00:05

Veronica Falls: 01:35-02:35

Austra Dj Set: 03:00-04:15

Tickets are now available at the OFF Shop at the official festival website, as well as at Ticketpro.pl, ebilet.pl and Empik stores in Poland, and internationally at seetickets.com and festicket.com.

On sale now:

- Three Day Pass without campsite: 190 zł
- Three Day Pass with campsite: 230 zł
- Single-day tickets: 100 zł

The price of passes and single day tickets will go up August 1: passes will cost 220 and 250 zł, while the price of a single day ticket will be 140 zł.