

OFF FESTIVAL KATOWICE 2013: Join us for a few warm-up shows in Katowice clubs

As you know, this year's OFF Festival runs from August 2–4, but we've got an exciting attraction for those of you who show up a few days earlier. We'll be throwing a warm-up party on August 1, with several concerts scheduled in different clubs all over Katowice! We'll have more details soon, but today we'd like to introduce the lineup you'll get to see as part of the OFF Festival overture: Patrick Wolf, Micachu, A Band Of Buriers, and Labyrinth Ear.

Patrick Wolf

This charismatic English singer-songwriter has risen to cult status in Poland. Patrick is a multi-instrumentalist with diverse interests, which is why his gloomy yet romantic compositions combine folk with electronic music, only to veer into catchy pop choruses. Wolf recently summed up the first decade of his career with the double acoustic album *Sundark and Riverlight*, featuring new versions of his old favorites. "It's the perfect soundtrack for a cold, gloomy evening," raves one reviewer for The Sun. And August nights can get a bit chilly...

Micachu

Mica Levi has already performed at the OFF Festival, back in 2009 at our old venue in Myslowice. Her naughty, experimental pop shocked and awed Polish audience with the same force as Björk or Matthew Herbert, who produced her debut album *Jewellery* (2009). Last year Micachu and the Shapes followed through with the album *Never*, once again on the Rough Trade label, and once again chock full of odd mixed and matched sounds that come together to form a surprisingly cohesive and addictive whole. Micachu is coming to Katowice with her own DJ set, giving us a chance to hear her interpretation of an entire musical universe.

A Band Of Buriers

So you think everything's already been done in music? Then listen to A Band Of Buriers, an English ensemble that combines the twisted tradition of apocalyptic folk in the vein of Current 93 with hip-hop in the style of The Streets and god only knows what else. Frontman, rapper, and poet James P Honey recites his poems to the accompaniment of a guitar, cello, and violin, while a female choir paints the lyrical backdrop. Critics have likened James and company to Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits, and Nick Cave, but just give the band's debut album, *Filth*, a listen, and you'll see that they've discovered something completely new.

Labyrinth Ear

Labyrinth Ear are a London duo that have been performing together since 2011, specializing in dreamy, lo-fi electronic music. They've been described as "ice-disco with a warm, beating heart," and you'd be hard-pressed to come up with a better label for the group. Their two EPs, *Oak* and *Apparitions*, won them the favor of music blogs around the world, but we're still waiting for a full-length record with growing impatience.

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.

Ticket prices:

- Three Day Pass with campsite: 190 zł
- Three Day Pass without campsite: 150 zł
- Four Day Pass with campsite: 210 zł

(Four day passes without campsites are sold out. A handful of four day campsite passes are still available at eBilet.pl.)

- Tickets to this year's OFF Club (available only at the OFF Shop): 30 zł – special price for OFF Festival pass holders; 40 zł – everyone else.