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Animal Collective, Mica Levi, Battles and more confirmed for Rewire 2016

Rewire presents first wave of artists for 3-day festival in April

From 1 to April 3, 2016, the sixth edition of Rewire takes place in The Netherlands. The adventurous music festival in The Hague just announced the first artists: Animal Collective, Mica Levi & Stargaze present Under The Skin, Battles, Teho Teardo & Blixa Bargeld, Xiu Xiu plays Twin Peaks, Ben UFO, amongst others. Festival passes are now on sale through www.rewirefestival.nl.

In early April Rewire will again take over a large number of locations in The Hague city center, including Electriciteitsfabriek, Paard van Troje and Lutherse Kerk. The program will consist of several premieres and special projects. Besides the aforementioned artists, we can also confirm: Lena Willikens, Amnesia Scanner, Pierre Alexandre Tremblay, In Code, Kara-Lis Coverdale, Beatrice Dillon and Poppy Ackroyd. More names will be announced early next year.

Animal Collective is an experimental popgroup from Baltimore, US. Their music is often described as freak folk but it is hard to define the Animal Collective sound, as they often experiment with diverse styles and ideas from album to album. The group's newest album 'Painting With' is set for a release in February 2016. The new single 'FloriDada' is out now. At Rewire Animal Collective will perform on Saturday April 2nd at the Paard van Troje venue. The new album includes contributions by John Cale and Colin Stetson. The American experimental band Battles will also feature on this day. Last September they released their third album 'La Di Da Di', on Warp.

Mica Levi is a British composer and musician (known from experimental pop group Micachu & The Shapes). In collaboration with German ensemble **Stargaze** (conducted by André de Ridder) they will play a live performance of Mica Levi's soundtrack for highly acclaimed cult movie 'Under the Skin' from 2014, which starred Scarlett Johansson. Mica Levi won a European Film Award for her work. Rewire presents the European premier of the live performance of this soundtrack, which has only been performed live once before, on Friday April 1st at the Electriciteitsfabriek (opening concert).

Einstürzende Neubauten frontman and former Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds guitarist, **Blixa Bargeld** and the Italian composer **Teho Teardo** present their stunning musical collaboration at Rewire, and in cooperation with a local string quartet. The duo's work comprises of two masterful albums; 'Still Smiling' in 2013 and 'Spring' in 2014.

On Sunday April 3rd the industrial Electricityfactory (Electriciteitsfabriek) provides the perfect setting for **Xiu Xiu plays Twin Peaks**. The American experimental band **Xiu Xiu** is known for its versatility and high productivity; in thirteen years' time the group, based around Jamie Steward, have released no less than eleven records. Xiu Xiu have created a series of special performances round new interpretations of the music from the legendary '90's TV-show *Twin Peaks*, emphasizing its chaos and drama. The group make no attempt to replicate the original music. Rather, the new interpretations make the drama of David Lynch's classic series come alive.

Programma Rewire 2016 so far:

Animal Collective
Mica Levi & Stargaze present Under The Skin
Battles
Teho Teardo & Blixa Bargeld
Xiu Xiu plays Twin Peaks
Ben UFO
Lena Willikens
Ash Koosha
Amnesia Scanner
Pierre Alexandre Tremblay
In Code [Wentink, Snoei, Hulskamp]
Kara-Lis Coverdale
Beatrice Dillon
Poppy Ackroyd

For tickets and more information about the programme, please visit our website www.rewirefestival.nl

Rewire is an annual international festival for adventurous music. The festival presents a broad programme with a focus on contemporary electronic music, neo-classical, new jazz, experimental pop, sound art and multidisciplinary collaborations. The programme consists of special concerts, multidisciplinary performances, screenings, talks and workshops.

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