

# REWIRE

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## Rewire confirms new projects James Holden and Dean Blunt

Festival for contemporary music presents 17 new acts, 10 of which are premieres

The sixth edition of Rewire music festival is set to take place from Friday the 1st until Sunday the 3rd of April, across various venues in the city of The Hague. Previously, Animal Collective, Battles, Mica Levi & Stargaze present Under The Skin, and Ben UFO were announced. Today the festival released its second wave of artists. New confirmations include a multitude of premieres and exceptional performances.

Newly confirmed acts are: **James Holden & Maalem Houssam Guinia** (world premiere), **Vessel + Black Rain + Pete Swanson** (world premiere), **Babyfather** (Dutch premiere), **Jlin** (Dutch premiere), **Colleen**, **Total Freedom**, **Roly Porter**, **Mikael Seifu** (Dutch premiere), **Lussuria** (European premiere), **Emily Wells**, **Anna Meredith**, **Paul de Jong**, **Yannis Kyriakides & Andy Moor**, **Michel Banabila & Oene van Geel** (world premiere), **Norberto Lobo & João Lobo Sextet** (Dutch premiere), **Via App** (European premiere) and **Bas van Huizen**. More acts will be announced soon.

During the month of March, 2014, **James Holden** left (together with Floating Points) for Marrakesh, to become part of a residency with **Maalem Mahmoud Guinia** and his band. This co-operation has been recorded and released as their EP, Marhaba. Last year Maalem Mahmoud Guinia passed away and his son, Maalem Houssam Guinia, took over the project: upholding the rich African Gnawa-music tradition. Rewire initiated this collaboration between James Holden and Maalem Houssam Guinia: an intriguing combination of traditional and futuristic music.

A gathering of three Rewire "alumni": **Black Rain** and **Pete Swanson's** meeting during Rewire 2012 resulted in this new, extraordinary collaboration, which **Vessel** later joined. This unique partnership of three alumni has been commissioned by the festival itself and will most probably be performed only once. Expect an overwhelming improvisation with noise, dark ambient and industrial sounds.

Dean Blunt's new project, going under the moniker **Babyfather**, re-examines the London-based art-pop provocateur's typically odd methodology. During June 2015, Hyperdub surprisingly released the first, unannounced, Babyfather EP. Blunt's characteristic voice - combined with static, chopped samples and lo-fi rhythmic textures - forms the firm basis for this new, grimy project. Future developments are happening as we speak: Babyfather's debut-album will be released soon.

Jerilynn Patton, better known as **Jlin**, is one of the most prominent female producers of the current generation, pushing the Footwork genre forward and 'moving the genre beyond the dance floor'. Her critically hailed 2015 debut-album, Dark Energy, combines feverish rhythms with mangled vocal snippets. It has been praised by the likes of The Wire and The Quietus as an 'album of the year'. Jlin's music sounds forceful, yet ripples with color; an intense, solid sound with rugged rhythms that stop, breathe and roll out in unusual staccato patterns.

## **Confirmed artists for Rewire 2016:**

- Animal Collective
- James Holden & Maalem Houssam Guinia
- Battles
- Mica Levi & Stargaze present Under The Skin
- Teho Teardo & Blixa Bargeld
- Xiu Xiu plays the music of Twin Peaks
- Vessel + Black Rain + Pete Swanson
- Ben UFO
- Lena Willikens
- Jlin
- Babyfather
- Colleen
- Ash Koosha
- Amnesia Scanner
- Total Freedom
- Roly Porter
- Mikael Seifu
- Emily Wells
- Pierre Alexandre Tremblay
- Kara-Lis Coverdale
- Beatrice Dillon live
- Lussuria
- Poppy Ackroyd
- Anna Meredith
- Yannis Kyriakides & Andy Moor
- Michel Banabila & Oene van Geel
- Paul de Jong
- Norberto Lobo & Joao Lobo Sextet
- In Code [Wentink, Snoei, Hulskamp]
- Bas van Huizen
- Via App

Many more to follow...

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