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Rewire have just announced the first artists for its eighth edition. Taking place in The Hague's city centre from 6 to 8 April, Rewire 2018 will feature an extensive programme of interdisciplinary performances, commissioned projects, special collaborations, club nights, talks and screenings. The festival will also present several thematic focus and context programmes that connect music with wider cultural and social issues, to be expanded on at a later stage. For the upcoming edition, the festival has confirmed performances by **Laurie Anderson, Kyle Dixon & Michael Stein present Stranger Things, UUUU, Nina Kraviz** and **Floating Points**. Early Bird Passes are available for €60 until 1 November at 12pm CEST. Festival Passes for €70 will go on sale after. All tickets can be purchased through rewirefestival.nl/tickets.

In addition to the aforementioned performances, Rewire has also confirmed the following artists for the 2018 edition: **Ben Vince, Chino Amobi, Daniel O'Sullivan & Dream Lion Ensemble, Deena Abdelwahed, Ellen Arkbro + Zinc & Copper, Farai, Golden Retriever, JASSS, Joshua Abrams & Natural Information Society, Karen Gwyer, MHYSA, Ninos du Brasil, Raphael Vanoli, Rupert Clervaux & Ben Vince, Širom, Sugai Ken, SUUNS, The Thing, Umfang, Visionist + Pedro Maia, Volvox** and **Ziúr**. More artists including several commissioned and special projects in the coming months.

Laurie Anderson will be the festival's inaugural Artist in Focus. With this new concept, Rewire will showcase early pioneers who've had a profound impact on and continue to shape the worlds of music and art. A true innovator in the realms of electronic music and performance art, Laurie Anderson has been using technology to transform the way we tell stories since the 1970s and remains one of the most daring creative voices around today. At Rewire 2018, she presents the latest iteration of her ongoing series, The Language of the Future - a new multi-media performance about contemporary culture that crosses the borders between dreams, reality and the elusive world of information - as well as an artist talk and additional programme contributions, to be announced.

Kyle Dixon & Michael Stein will present their soundtrack to the award-winning series **Stranger Things** in a rare performance at De Electriciteitsfabriek. Inspired by the likes of John Carpenter and Tangerine Dream, the two composers traveled back in musical time with a toolbox of vintage synths to craft the show's dreamy, throwback score and a masterclass in tension and synth soundscapes. The Dutch premiere of the live performance follows the release Stranger Things Season 2.

In another Rewire premiere, newly-formed underground supergroup **UUUU** – featuring **Wire** members Edvard Graham Lewis and Matthew Sims, Coil and Spiritualized keyboardist Thighpaulsandra and **Tomaga** percussionist Valentina Magaletti – will make their Dutch live debut. Individually, these four musicians have spent the past few decades pushing the boundaries of sound to their limits. Collectively, they now form a free-wheeling sonic powerhouse where rock, electro, drone and more esoteric fare collide. Their debut album was released by Editions Mego earlier this month.

The Rewire 2018 club programme will be helmed by **Nina Kraviz**. Among the most popular and influential artists in club music today, the past few years have seen the Siberian-born DJ and producer venture into the adventurous realms of her techno sound, a

move reflected in last year's acclaimed fabric 91 mix and the eccentric releases of her distinctive label project *трип*.

British DJ and producer **Floating Points** will present a rare solo live performance. Built around his new EP *Ratio*, as well as other forthcoming releases, the performance sees Floating Points extend the legacy of his breakthrough, full-length debut 'Elaenia' while harkening back to the driving electronica and dance floor bliss of his recent past.

Rewire 2018 programme so far:

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Ellen Arkbro + Zinc & Copper
Farai
Floating Points
Golden Retriever
JASSS
Joshua Abrams & Natural Information Society
Karen Gwyer
Kyle Dixon & Michael Stein perform *Stranger Things*
Laurie Anderson
MHYSA
Nina Kraviz
Ninos du Brasil
Raphael Vanoli
Rupert Clervaux & Ben Vince
SCRAAATCH
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For tickets and information about the programme, please visit our website:
rewirefestival.nl

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