

Short Circuit 2010 John Foxx (analogue show) with Gary Numan (DJ set) and special guests

Saturday 5 June 2010

The Roundhouse launched its festival of electronica, Short Circuit, last year with a line-up including Jeff Mills, Erol Alkan, Holger Czukay (Can), Gavin Bryars and the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Short Circuit celebrates the best of British electronic music and is headlined and curated by John Foxx.

Following a DJ set by one of the UK's most influential electronic artists, Gary Numan with coproducer Ade Fenton, John Foxx will perform a unique analogue synthesizer show to mark his 30th anniversary as a solo artist. The founder of Britain's first synthesizer rock band Ultravox, released his debut solo album *Metamatic* in early 1980. This dark electro classic is one of the few albums to be acknowleged by Aphex Twin as an inspiration and is described by the Klaxons as a 'visionary' record.

Foxx and a one-off group of special guests will assemble on stage for the first time with the machines he used on that album - the Moogs, ARPs and drum machines that created the sound of the future - to perform material from *Metamatic* and a selection of early Ultravox music.

The set will also include brand new material created in collaboration with Paul Daley from Leftfield, along with new songs by John Foxx & The Maths - an all-analogue synthesizer project with London-based artist Benge, whose work has been described by Brian Eno as a 'brilliant contribution to the archeology of electronic music.' Benge's London studio houses one of the biggest collections of analogue synthesizers in the UK and was heavily featured in last autumn's BBC documentary, *Synth Britannia*. Gary Numan was filmed at the studio for a recent interview where he discusses the impact that John Foxx had on his own music www.youtube.com/johnfoxxmetamatic

Earlier in the day there will be a series of events programmed by Foxx. These will include movies, DJs, VJs, his own new collaborations with various film-makers and a Super 8 project he's currently working on with *London Orbital* author, Iain Sinclair.

Other guests include Jori Hulkkonen (DJ set), Mark Jones (Back to the Phuture DJ set). Plus Iain Sinclair (London Orbital author). More special guests will be announced soon.

On 15 March, the debut single by John Foxx & The Maths 'Destination'/'September Town' is released by Metamatic Records. It will be followed by a new John Foxx Best Of, *Metatronic (30th Anniversary Collection)* which features a selection of his darker electro tracks from the last three decades and also includes, for the first time on DVD, the videos for 'Underpass', 'No One Driving' and 'He's a Liquid'.

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Venue	Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH
Performance	Saturday 5 June 2010
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NOTES TO EDITORS

About the Roundhouse

The Roundhouse is one of London's leading performing arts venues and, as a charity, it helps thousands of young people every year.

Following an extensive refurbishment in 2006, more than half a million people have been to music, theatre, dance and circus events, and 15,000 11–25 year olds have developed their talents in the Studios. The Roundhouse delivers <u>creative projects</u> for many of London's young people from all backgrounds including radio (with a dedicated radio station run by and for young people), music production, drama, poetry, TV, sound engineering, photography, VJ skills and much more.