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**Manchester International Festival and The Warehouse Project to
present 'Special Edition'**

**Four specially curated performances taking place as pre-Factory
events at Mayfield, Manchester**

BONOBO – FEVER RAY – BUGZY MALONE – BICEP LIVE

3 - 10 November 2018

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Manchester International Festival (MIF) are working with The Warehouse Project to stage four specially curated shows taking place across five nights in November. All performances take place at Manchester's immense Mayfield, a former railway station, where they last came together for the '10 x 10' weekend back in 2015.

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A meticulously crafted collaboration, curated with **BBC 6 Music's Mary Anne Hobbs**, 'Special Edition' brings an immense musical offering with standout shows from across the musical spectrum. The vast, atmospheric space of **Mayfield** will provide the perfect stage for this world-class line-up, with unique visuals from lighting designer **Stuart Bailes**.

These shows are part of a series of pre-Factory events, paving the way for the opening of **The Factory**, a new major arts space being developed in the heart of the city that will be operated by MIF, which returns next year. 'Special Edition' will run alongside **The Warehouse Project's** full 2018 season still to be announced.

Opening the series on **Saturday 3 November**, **Bonobo** brings his international Outlier series to Manchester. Previously presented in London and New York, Outlier has seen Bonobo harness his talents as a curator and arbiter of club culture, as well as demonstrating his instinctive relationship with music.



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Bonobo DJs alongside musical purveyor and tastemaker of worldwide sounds **Gilles Peterson performi**. Having featured Bonobo on his recent 'All That Must Be' album, **George Fitzgerald** joins the line-up along with musical chameleon and ever party ready **Shanti Celeste**, plus the amazingly engaging **Palms Trax** and Rinse FM's **Josey Rebelle**.

Off the back of their second solo album, the critically acclaimed *Plunge*, the bold and brilliant **Fever Ray** will take to the stage on **Tuesday 6 November**. With their shows a concoction of visually arresting performance art, sharp synths and pulsating beats, this is likely to take live entertainment to another level.

Manchester's very own Grime King of the North **Bugzy Malone**, will perform two consecutive shows on the **8 and 9 November**. With his first album *B. Inspired* due out in August, Bugzy is one of the artists responsible for giving Manchester a voice in an otherwise London dominated scene, and will bring the city a double hit of his trademark, heavyweight sound for the ultimate homecoming. A number of tickets for these shows will be free to young people in Greater Manchester, more details on this will be announced soon.

Bringing the curtain down on the 'Special Edition' series are the mighty **Bicep**. Transformed from club dance floor dwellers to globetrotting producer DJs, the duo will front an expansive and gripping live show, featuring songs from their triumphant self-titled debut album at Mayfield on **Saturday 10 November**.

More artists for every show are still to be announced.

Please head to: mif.co.uk and thewarehouseproject.com

Priority booking for tickets for Special Edition opens on Tuesday 10 July 2018, with general sale available from Thursday 12 July 2018.

These shows will happen at Mayfield subject to licence.

Special Edition is one in a series of pre-Factory events that gives audiences a chance to see the variety of work that will be seen at The Factory.

Alongside *Special Edition*, upcoming pre-Factory events include, *Everything that happened and would happen* by German composer and artist **Heiner Goebbels**, which has its world premiere at Mayfield from 10–21 October 2018, integrating live music, performance and large-scale multimedia installation.

Previous pre-Factory events include *Akram Khan's Giselle*, **Thomas Ostermeier's Returning to Reims** and *Available Light* by composer **John Adams**, choreographer **Lucinda Childs**, and architect **Frank Gehry**.

FULL DATES & LINE-UP:

SPECIAL EDITION

Bonobo's Outlier

with Gilles Peterson, George Fitzgerald (live), Shanti Celeste, Palms Trax, Josey Rebelle and more TBA

Mayfield

Saturday 3 November 2018, 4pm - 1am

Tickets from £25

£10 tickets available for Greater Manchester residents on a lower wage

Box office: mif.co.uk / thewarehouseproject.com / 0843 208 1844



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SPECIAL EDITION

FEVER RAY

with support TBA

Mayfield

Tuesday 6 November 2018, 7pm - 11pm

Tickets from £25

£10 tickets available for Greater Manchester residents on a lower wage

Box office: mif.co.uk / thewarehouseproject.com / 0843 208 1844

SPECIAL EDITION

Bugzy Malone

with support TBA

Mayfield

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 November 2018, 7pm - 11pm

Tickets from £22

£10 tickets available for Greater Manchester residents on a lower wage

Box office: mif.co.uk / thewarehouseproject.com / 0843 208 1844

SPECIAL EDITION

Bicep

with support TBA

Mayfield

10 November 2018, 5.30pm - 1am

Tickets from £25

£10 tickets available for Greater Manchester residents on a lower wage

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Manchester International Festival

Manchester International Festival (MIF) is the world's first festival of original, new work and special events, staged every two years in Manchester, UK. MIF launched in 2007 as an artist-led festival presenting new works from across the spectrum of performing arts, visual arts and popular culture. The next Festival takes place from 4 – 21 July 2019.

MIF has commissioned, produced and presented world premieres by artists including Marina Abramović, Damon Albarn, Björk, Boris Charmatz, Jeremy Deller, Elbow, FKA twigs, Massive Attack, Wayne McGregor, Steve McQueen, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, Thomas Ostermeier, Maxine Peake, Punchdrunk, The xx, Robert Wilson and Zaha Hadid Architects.

MIF works closely with venues, festivals and other cultural organisations around the world, whose financial and creative input helps to make many of these projects possible and ensures that work made at MIF goes on to be seen around the world. The Festival also works widely within Manchester with My Festival – a community of creative people from all backgrounds, ages and corners of the city who are forging closer connections with MIF.



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In 2017, MIF was confirmed as the operator of The Factory, a new world-class cultural space being developed in the heart of Manchester, which will build on the city's strengths as a centre for culture and creativity. The Factory will introduce the world's most exciting artists to audiences of up to 850,000 a year, drawn from across the city, as well as nationally and internationally. At 13,500 square metres, it will be ultra-flexible, enabling large-scale artistic work of invention and ambition that isn't made anywhere else. The Factory will be open 364 days a year, with hundreds of events inside the building and the public spaces outside.

<http://mif.co.uk>

About The Warehouse Project

The Warehouse Project has been a revolutionary event for Manchester since it launched in 2006. Based on a nomadic concept, for twelve weeks it comes alive for a three-month run of parties. For the majority of its existence, The Warehouse Project has rooted itself beneath the concrete streets in the belly of Piccadilly's Store Street, considered to be its spiritual home of Store Street.

About Mayfield, Manchester

Mayfield, sometimes called Mayfield Station is a vast, atmospheric space with a history that stretches back almost 250 years. The site is where Thomas Foyle and his sons established the Mayfield Print Works in the 18th century, where they developed cutting edge printing techniques for cloth, particularly purple onto calico, around the time that Manchester was known as Cottonopolis.