NorthSide presents the full lineup for 2023 with the announcement of Little Simz

The festival takes place in Denmark's 2nd largest city, Aarhus, from June 1st – 3rd. Besides from Little Simz, four electronic acts have been added to the poster.

Muse, The Chemical Brothers, NxWorries (feat. Anderson .Paak & Knxwledge), Lukas Graham, The 1975, First Aid Kit, Sam Fender, LP, Yemi Alade and Pusha T. These are just a few of the artists announced for Denmark's NorthSide festival this year. And with the addition of Little Simz as well as four acts to play the electronic stage ELECTRA, the full lineup for this summer's festival is revealed.

Little Simz has been a buzzy name in the UK rap scene for a decade. However, it's within the past years that Little Simz has gained attention from the wider public thanks to game-changing records like 2019's *GREY Area* and the Mercury Prize-winning masterpiece *Sometimes I Might Be Introvert* from 2021, which made Little Simz one of the most nominated artists at the BRIT Awards 2022 alongside stars like Adele and Ed Sheeran.

Last year, Little Simz continued her impressive release history with the – once again – critically acclaimed *NO THANK YOU* that made Danish media Soundvenue name her "one of our time's strongest rappers".

Little Simz was announced for the 2020 edition of NorthSide, but never got to play due to the pandemic. Since then, she's played a 6-star reviewed gig at Roskilde Festival as well as another sold out and well-received show in Copenhagen.

On the announcement of Little Simz, Nikoline Skaarup, who's part of the booking group at NorthSide, says:

- We've been looking so much forward to revealing Little Simz as our last addition to the lineup. She's one of the most celebrated international artists right now – and with very good reason! Her songwriting is just out of this world and combined with her original and innovative approach to her field, she's in the process of writing a very important piece of hip hop history.

For the last announcement, Little Simz is accompanied by four acts who'll be playing at the electronic stage ELECTRA. These are the British house artist **Sam Divine**, Benin-born Afrohouse act **AMÉMÉ**, Irish duo **Disfreq** and Danish producer **Buda**.

Speaking on the full lineup, Nikoline Skaarup continues:

- We're happy to present so many different genres at this year's festival. From British stadium rock, electronic pioneers, and American R&B and hip hop to indie rock, Nigerian Afropop, and pretty much everything in between. Genres feel very fluid now and less important in a way. The word "genre-bending" is being used to describe so much of the music that is being released now and as a festival we want to reflect that movement. This year we're also presenting a few more emerging

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artists, especially from the Danish music scene which is blooming with new talent. These are the future headliners and need our full attention.

NorthSide creates more intimate settings with a new tent stage

When Little Simz plays at NorthSide on Friday June 2nd, she'll be playing at the festival's second largest stage ECHO which used to be an outdoor stage much like the main stage ASTRA. This year is different though. For the first time, NorthSide will present ECHO as an enormous tent close to the size of a soccer field. 24 meters tall and with room for approximately 20,000 guests, the new ECHO tent will create a more intimate setting for the big shows, which has been a demand from more artists in the past:

- This time of the year in Denmark is very bright, in the evenings as well, and a lot of the bigger acts ask for a slot in darkness to get the full effect of their production. We've talked about doing this for years, but the pandemic got in the way. Now, we're finally launching this change and creating an amazing setting for more intimate live experiences – and we can't wait to see it in action! Says Festival CEO Brian Nielsen.

Tickets for NorthSide 2023 are on sale at <u>northside.dk</u> where prices will increase at 11.59 pm on April 3rd.

The full lineup for NorthSide 2023 is:

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