

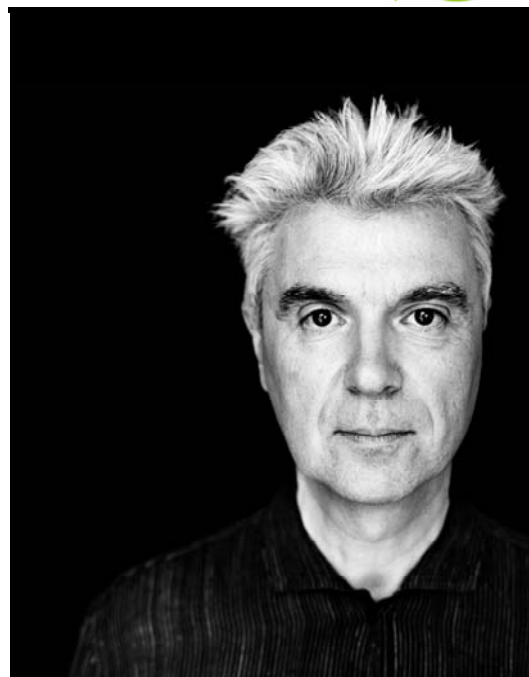
Press Release
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the
BIG CHILL
festival

David Byrne to play The Big Chill 2009

Ex-Talking Heads frontman leads festival of reformations, returning favourites and the best bright young things

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th August 2009



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Programme shapes up to be a cross-cultural feast of music, comedy, art, spoken word and film

With a 15th birthday to celebrate, The Big Chill is assembling a stellar guestlist, and **David Byrne** is the latest name confirmed for the party, joining the Friday headliners **Basement Jaxx** and Saturday headliners **Orbital**.

The iconic musician and artist will take the Sunday evening headline slot – a year after **Leonard Cohen** ensured there were no dry eyes in Eastnor when closing proceedings in 2008. Byrne's set list will feature tracks from his collaboration with Brian Eno, *Everything That Happens Will Happen Today*, as well as timeless Talking Heads classics.

Epic experimentalists **Spiritualized** will bring their stunning set to Eastnor, as will Adrian Sherwood's **Dub Syndicate** and electronic duo **Lamb**. The pair, comprising producer Andy Barlow and singer-songwriter Lou Rhodes have reunited after a series of solo projects and will join previously announced Arizona-based rock band **Calexico**. This year's European dance contingent will include electronica acts **Gablé** and **To Rococo Rot**, French and German respectively, together with French psychedelics **Gong** including original band members **Daevid Allen**, **Gilli Smyth**, **Steve Hillage** and **Miquette Giraudy**.

There will be festival homecomings **Mr Scruff**, whose Tea Party will takeover Big Chill Radio, and **Tom Middleton** who will be performing his *One More Tune* set.

The Coop – a new tent for The Big Chill 2009 – will be hosted on Friday afternoon by a **Wonky Pop** session that will feature the already announced Friendly Fires alongside **Alphabeat DJs** and a trio of up and coming talent including **Magistrates**, **Marina & The Diamonds** and **Dan Black**.

Glaswegian stalwarts **Sub Club** will then pick up the baton for the evening with DJ sets from **Slam**, **Optimo** and **Subculture** before passing it on to Saturday residents and London uber-cool trendsetters **Horse Meat Disco** via **Favela Chic**. Bohemian internationalists **Favela Chic** will feature **Ska Cubano**, french electroheads **Zombie** and number one Brazilian Baille Funk **DJ Sandrinho**.

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“Even though he is an absolute personal favourite, it’s no understatement to say that David Byrne is one of the most iconic names in music, and we are absolutely delighted to be able to welcome him to *The Big Chill*,” comments **The Big Chill Co-Founder Katrina Larkin**.

She adds: “Chillers are in for a real treat this year with some of the finest names in music, comedy, art and, not to mention, film. **The Big Chill**, **Warp Films** and **Film4** will be filming the biggest ever zombie scene at this year’s festival, more details to come as our fiendish plans develop...”

Comedy

Building on last year’s success with a headline performance from The Mighty Boosh, comedy is again firmly on the agenda at this year’s festival - a Sunday night hijack of The Coop will feature protagonists from the industry’s top table.

BAFTA and Perrier award-winner **Dylan Moran** is a regular performer on the UK and international circuit. Not only is the Irishman one of comedy’s most popular and instantly recognised faces, he has become equally well known to audiences of both the big and small screen with roles in *Shaun of the Dead*, *Run Fat Boy Run* and *Black Books*.

He will be joined by a stand-up whose star shines ever brighter. Returning for more after playing The Big Chill 2008 is Mock the Week panellist and TV regular, **Russell Howard** – a fellow funny man also proving to be equally at home behind the microphone and the camera.

The cream of Edinburgh will once again be heading to The Big Chill as **Underbelly** return. Famed for starting his career as the youngest Perrier Award winner, inaugural *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* team captain **Sean Hughes** will headline the Underbelly stage in the bigger Big Chill Nights tent.

Making her Big Chill bow is **Josie Long**. A comedienne who caused a stir at the tender age of 17 by winning BBC New Comedy Awards, she has since gone on to live up to those early expectations. An acclaimed performer, Josie is also a renowned writer, contributing and appearing in the Channel 4 teen drama *Skins*.

She will also appear on the Underbelly stage along with **Rob Deering**, **Ian Stone**, **Stephen Grant**, **Trevor Lock**, **Marcus Birdman**, **Mitch Benn** and **Craig Campbell**.

Art

Taking a rural road trip away from London, the **Vauxhall Art Car Boot Fair** will be a highlight of this year’s festival as it receives a visit from one of the country’s most innovative art fairs.

Normally a Brick Lane neighbour of the festival’s Big Chill Bar, the Art Car Boot Fair has presented an astonishing selection of exciting art works and art wares from some of the UK’s foremost artists since 2004, including Gavin Turk, Sir Peter Blake, Bob and Roberta Smith, Stuart Semple and Tracey Emin.

As a ‘fete within the festival’ it will be a haven for both browsers and bargain hunters throughout the weekend. The partnership with Vauxhall follows the groundbreaking co-curations with The ICA, Roundhouse, BFI Southbank and Underbelly from last year.

With its own Village Green at the heart of festival, Chillers will also be able to play the human fruit machine Yoo Froot! and enjoy a karaoke sing along with the fabulous East End party house, the Bethnal Green Working Men’s Club.

The line up so far....

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<http://www.bigchill.net/festival/info/line-up>

Alice Russell
Alphabeat DJ Set
Basement Jaxx
Boy Crisis
Calexico
Chinese Man
Dan Black
David Byrne
DJ Derek
DJ Sandrinho
Dub Syndicate
Favela Chic
Friendly Fires
Futurecop!
Gablé
Gong
Horse Meat Disco
Jstar & MC Honey Brown
John Hegley
Lamb
Ludovico Einaudi
Magistrates
Marina & The Diamonds
Moody Boyz
Mungo's Hi-Fi
Mr Scruff
Norman Jay
Orbital
Optimo
Pharoah Sanders
Red Rack'em
Richie Phoe
Spiritualized
Sub Club
Subculture
Summer of Dub
The Gist
Toddla T feat MC Serocee
To Rococco Rot
Tom Middleton
Wonky Pop
Zombie Zombie

Big Chill Nights

Hot Breath Karaoke
Nofitstate Circus and Cabaret

The Coop: comedy

Russell Howard
Dylan Moran

Big Chill Nights: comedy with Underbelly

Craig Campbell
Ian Stone
Josie Long
Markus Birdman
Mitch Benn
Rob Deering
Sean Hughes
Stephen Grant
Trevor Lock

Words In Motion

Alex Home
Apples and Snakes
Brian Appleton (AKA Graham Fellows)
Brian Pattern
Stephen Morrison and Alex Jenkins

Kids Tent

Scamp Theatre's Pinocchio

Editor's Notes

The Big Chill: 7th - 9th August 2009

Location:

Eastnor Castle Deer Park, Eastnor, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8

Website:

www.bigchill.net/festival



Tickets Available From:

Online: Ticketline and National Express
By phone: Ticketline - 0844 888 4411
In person: The Big Chill House & Big Chill Bar

Tickets (including camping pass):

Adult: £129 (until 1st March)
Adult: £145 (from 1st March)
Student: £110
JSA: £110
Teen: £60
Kid: £4
Sunday: £65
National Express festival ticket & travel: £155
Live-in vehicle ticket: £50
Advance car park ticket: £7.50

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