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White Lies, Animal Collective and Little Boots Announced for Liverpool SoundCity 2009's hottest tips to play four-day festival



White Lies: set for Liverpool SoundCity

Liverpool SoundCity: Wednesday 20th – Saturday 23rd May 2009

Transatlantic contingent also includes Cage the Elephant, Deerhunter, Mongrel, Mumford and Sons and Hot Melts.

SoundCity will host the most exciting new names in music this year. Headliners White Lies – already chart toppers with debut album *To Lose My Life...* – promise to be one of the most talked about acts at the festival which takes place from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd May 2009.

Last year's Capital of Culture will be this year's 'Nucleus of New Music' with pop starlet Little Boots joining the West London band and making her first UK festival appearance this year at SoundCity.

Fresh from wowing US audiences it will be a North West homecoming for the Blackpool singer.

She is joined at the city centre music festival by Scouse indie kids Hot Melts and London folk quartet Mumford and Sons who are littering the New Year top picks lists.

Featuring Reverend and the Makers' Jon McClure and Joe Moskow, Babyshambles' Drew McConnell, former Arctic Monkeys bassist Andy Nicholson and current Monkey Matt Helder and rapper Lowkey, supergroup Mongrel will be heading to Merseyside for SoundCity too.

Demonstrating that the American music scene is also in rude health are Animal Collective. Although they are no strangers to the industry, the eclectic collaborative are making waves in 2009. *Merrweather Post Pavilion*, their new album recently gained the critical acclaim to match the heavy anticipation.

Their compatriots Cage the Elephant shot to prominence in 2008 as the Kentucky rockers released their eponymous debut album and will be joined at SoundCity by fellow Americans, Atlanta band Deerhunter.

With Liverpool synonymous with creativity and talent, SoundCity will once again serve as a launch pad for some of this year's most significant artists.

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In total, more than 400 acts from around the world will play to 25,000 people across 30 of Liverpool's most prestigious venues for four days. Early Bird tickets cost £35, with regular tickets £60 in advance and £80 on the door. Festival and conference passes are priced at £99 for Early Bird and at £120 for regular tickets.

SoundCity champions up and coming talent and captured the zeitgeist of 2008 with highlights that included Santogold, Hercules and Love Affair, Glasvegas, Hadouken, Reverend and the Makers, Laura Marling, The Whip, Port O' Brien, Crystal Castles, Ladyhawke and The Wombats.

Liverpool SoundCity Festival Director Dave Pichilingi said: *"SoundCity is all about what is fresh, innovative and exciting – just like Liverpool itself."*

He added: *"It's going to be tough for some festivals in 2009, but in White Lies and Little Boots we've got two of this year's hottest acts coming to SoundCity."*

Editor's Notes

Liverpool SoundCity

Wednesday 20th May – Saturday 23rd May 2009

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Festival Pass – entry (capacity permitting) to all live events and showcases at SoundCity:

Early bird: £35

Advance: £60

Walk up: £80

Festival and Conference Pass £120

Tickets are available online at:

<http://www.ticketweb.co.uk/user/?region=xxx&query=schedule&promoter=liverpoolsound&interface=lsc09>

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