

SOMERSET HOUSE PRESS RELEASE



SUMMER SERIES AT SOMERSET HOUSE WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS® 6 – 16 JULY 2017

2017 DATES & FESTIVAL HEADLINERS ANNOUNCED

6 July	NORAH JONES
7 July	DAMIAN “JR. GONG” MARLEY
8 July	THE CINEMATIC ORCHESTRA
9 July	GOLDFRAPP
10 July	WARPAINT
11 July	THE ROBERT GLASPER EXPERIMENT
12 July	BIRDY
13 July	FOSTER THE PEOPLE
14 July	TOM MISCH (LIVE) + VERY SPECIAL GUESTS
15 July	MASHROU’ LEILA
16 July	SONGHOY BLUES

**Tickets from £29.50 (plus booking fee)
Available online from Friday 24 March 2017
www.somersethouse.org.uk**

Set in one of central London’s most iconic gig locations, Summer Series at Somerset House with American Express returns from 6 – 16 July 2017 as an established part of London’s festival scene, bringing fans a spectacular line-up of established and emerging artists.

The eleven-night line-up reflects Somerset House’s commitment to showcasing truly world-class talent. Known for curating a mix of both international and homegrown artists, this year’s festival presents headline acts from the UK, US, Jamaica, Mali and Lebanon.

Nine-time Grammy Award winner **Norah Jones** is set to open this year’s Summer Series at Somerset House for her only London show of 2017, performing a special selection of her best loved tracks plus new and original songs. The following day welcomes fellow Grammy Award winner **Damian “Jr. Gong” Marley**, who weaves hard hitting social commentary with heart pounding reggae beats.

Founded by Jason Swinscoe in 1999, **The Cinematic Orchestra** are an electronic collective known for their intoxicating grooves and collaborations with artists such as Beck, Sufjan Stevens, Solange and James Blake.

Critically acclaimed electronic duo **Goldfrapp** will captivate crowds with the latest tracks from their seventh studio album 'Silver Eye', out this year. Goldfrapp's decadent synthpop and technicolour visuals have made them one of the best loved electronic acts in British music. LA natives **Warpaint**, who have gained a reputation for euphoric live performances, will showcase their signature atmospheric art rock sound.

Free-thinking keyboardist Robert Glasper is set to showcase his latest pop-laced jazz project, **The Robert Glasper Experiment**. Glasper has dominated the Jazz charts, won two Grammy Awards, and recorded with the likes of Mos Def, Kanye West, Kendrick Lamar and Erykah Badu.

The mesmerising **Birdy** will be the youngest on the line-up, having bewitched the nation with her debut album five years ago at just 14, whilst firm festival favourites **Foster The People** are set to bring their indie pop anthems to Somerset House as a UK exclusive performance this year.

South London singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Tom Misch** will be making his Summer Series debut, joined by some very special guests. The 21-year-old has gone from bedroom beat maker to one of the UK's most hotly tipped new acts.

Mashrou' Leila are a five-strong indie band from Beirut who are stirring a musical rebellion in the Middle East with a blend of melancholic ballads and raucous anthems. Their potent mix of pop and politics is changing the tune of Arab music and gaining them new fans worldwide. Finally, Malian four-piece **Songhoy Blues** will close this year's Summer Series. The pioneers of desert punk blues return as a headline act this year, following a popular support slot at the festival in 2015.

Somerset House is a key cultural destination in London with a reputation for its distinctive exhibitions and outdoor events. This year's finely curated programme further establishes Summer Series at Somerset House as one of London's must-see summer festivals.

Notes to Editors

Dates: 6-16 July 2017

Opening Hours: Doors open at 19.30

Address: Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LA

General Admission: from £29.50 plus booking fee

GA Enhanced Tickets: from £49.50 plus booking fee

The American Express Cardmember presale will open at 10am on 21 March from ticketmaster.co.uk/americanexpress

Transport: ☉ Temple, Embankment ➡ Charing Cross, Waterloo

Website: www.somersethouse.org.uk

Somerset House Facebook: www.facebook.com/SomersetHouse

Somerset House Twitter: @SomersetHouse

Somerset House Instagram: @SomersetHouse

Summer Series hashtag: #SummerSeriesGigs

Prices:

July 6 NORAH JONES – £40.00 / GA Enhanced: £60.00

July 7 DAMIAN "JR. GONG" MARLEY – £37.50 / GA Enhanced: £57.50

July 8 THE CINEMATIC ORCHESTRA – £35.00 / GA Enhanced: £55.00

July 9 GOLDFRAPP – £32.50 / GA Enhanced: £52.50

July 10 WARPAINT – £29.50 / GA Enhanced: £49.50

July 11 THE ROBERT GLASPER EXPERIMENT – £35.00 / GA Enhanced: £55.00

July 12 BIRDY – £32.50 / GA Enhanced: £55.50

July 13 FOSTER THE PEOPLE – £32.50 / GA Enhanced: £52.50

July 14 TOM MISCH (LIVE) + VERY SPECIAL GUESTS - £29.50 / GA Enhanced: £49.50

July 15 MASHROU' LEILA – £29.50 / GA Enhanced: £49.50

July 16 SONGHOY BLUES – £29.50 / GA Enhanced: £49.50

For the eighth year running, the American Express partnership with Summer Series at Somerset House provides Cardmembers with access to presale tickets to all shows. This is just one example of the enriched experiences available to Cardmembers at some of the UK's most sought after entertainment events.

About Summer Series at Somerset House

Somerset House has established itself as a much-loved destination for live music in London. For eleven nights in July, the courtyard stage hosts an array of headline artists and hotly tipped acts. Previous years have seen performances from Adele, Basement Jaxx, Bastille, Benjamin Clementine, Blondie, Calvin Harris, Courtney Barnett, Elbow, Ellie Goulding, Florence + The Machine, Hot Chip, Justice, Kelis, Laura Mvula, Lianne La Havas, Paloma Faith, PJ Harvey, Professor Green, Robert Plant, Sam Smith, Sigur Ros, The Prodigy, The XX and Tom Odell.

For priority booking for Summer Series 2017 and to be kept informed about events at Somerset House please sign-up here: www.somersetthouse.org.uk/music.

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House of Peroni Enhanced Tickets

In partnership with The House of Peroni, a select number of Enhanced tickets are available for an additional £20. Ticket holders will be given access to the private West Wing Bar with a free drink on arrival (Peroni Ambra, Peroni Nastro Azzurro, wine or soft drink). Please note the bar sits alongside the courtyard but does not offer a clear view of the main stage. However, the space is open throughout the concert and drinks can be taken into the main courtyard.

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