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Final Line-Up Announced For City-Wide Music Festival, As Bustler Derby Joins As Official Food Hub

Over 50 acts, six venues and a single £30 wristband — Invention Music Festival takes over Derby city centre on Saturday 19 September

Six of Derby's independent music venues will open their doors simultaneously in two weeks' time for Invention Music Festival, a one-day event spanning the city centre that has already sold out its entire early bird allocation ahead of general sale.

Rather than a field and a campsite, Invention asks audiences to walk and discover the city. A single £30 wristband gives access to all six venues — The Hairy Dog, The Wardwick, Electric Daisy, Dubrek Studios, Mr Shaw's House and Chapel Street Arts Centre — plus pop-up stages across the city, with over 50 acts playing from midday until late. All venues are within a 10-minute walk.

Joining the music venues is the newly opened Bustler Derby on St James' Yard, which will be the official food hub for the one-day music festival.



Arts Council England and Music Venue Trust, the charity that campaigns for the UK's grassroots venues supports the festival. In 2025, the Music Venue Trust reported that 30 grassroots music venues closed in the UK. Invention was conceived as a co-operative response: six venues that would normally compete for the same Saturday night audience programming a single day together instead.

INVENTION

"Invention is about discovering new music in unexpected places around Derby. We're proud to be flying the flag for six city centre venues, as well as giving a stage to exciting, upcoming artists" says Jay, Festival Organiser at Invention Music Festival.

The bill spans emerging local artists and established touring acts, among them She Drew The Gun, TVAM, Good Health Good Wealth, Danalogue and Bonnacons of Doom.

General admission wristbands are £30 and available now via Gigantic at <https://www.gigantic.com/invention-festival-tickets>

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Notes to editors

- Invention Music Festival takes place on Saturday 19 September 2026 across six independent venues in Derby city centre.
 - Tickets are £30 and available via Gigantic: <https://www.gigantic.com/invention-festival-tickets>
 - Supported by Arts Council England, Music Venue Trust and Gigantic.
 - Spokespeople available for interview: Jay at Dubrek Studios
 - Instagram and Facebook: @inventionderby
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