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Lineup announced for free events at HOME's Homeground on First Street and across city centre on two Bruntwood Stages



Left to right: Clint Boon, DJ Paulette, Mr Wilson's Second Liners

- Less than one week to go until new venue opens on First Street
- A second sister stage will also pop up around the city centre
- Opening weekend lineup includes DJ sets from Lonelady, DJ Paulette, Clint Boon and New Order's Gillian Gilbert and Stephen Morris

The first details of free events taking place on the Bruntwood Stage at HOME's new outdoor venue on First Street, Homeground, have been announced.

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And it has been revealed that a sister stage will pop up around Manchester city centre, supported by Manchester City Council, providing free entertainment to visitors to the city.

Over the opening weekend from Friday, 28 May to Monday, 31 May, the two Bruntwood Stages will feature appearances from DJ Paulette, Lonelady, Mr Wilson's Second Liners, Clint Boon and New Order's Gillian Gilbert and Stephen Morris.

Additional sets over the Bank Holiday weekend include Tolu Ajayi, ey5z, Berry Blacc, Jaydev Mistry, The Beat Chics, Steve Varden and DJ Khanfu.

One of the stages is set in Homeground's food and drinks terrace, where visitors can enjoy dishes and drinks including cocktails from Wolf at the Door and noodles by Tampopo, as well as HOME's own signature pizzas. Locations for The Bruntwood Stage at the city-centre location will be announced via HOME's social media channels.

The opening weekend of events marks the start of a summer highlight, DJ Paulette's *Together*, which features 50 of Manchester's best DJs playing family-friendly weekday teatime sets across an eclectic mix of club, alternative, pop, R'n'B, soul and electronic music.

In the first couple of weeks visitors will be able to enjoy sets from Mark Hogg, Danielle Moore, Jamie Groovement aka Agent J, Gareth Brooks, Kat Brownsugar and Danny Ward AKA Moodymanc.

Throughout the summer, the stages will also feature takeovers by arts and culture venues and organisations from across the city, including Manchester Camerata, RNCM, Z Arts, Brighter Sounds, Untold Orchestra, University of Salford, Creatures of Catharsis, Contact, Manchester Jazz Festival, and Manchester Folk Festival.

And HOME will be marking the start of Horizons Festival in partnership with CAN with a Solidarity Social on the Bruntwood Stages on Saturday, 12 June, featuring a fabulous line-up of international music and spoken word from the Asian, African and Latin American diaspora. The event will be programmed by HOME and CAN, Journeys Festival and Amani Creatives as part of Horizons Festival, which will also include online events and performances, and live theatre later in the year.

The free stages have been made possible thanks to support from [Bruntwood](#).

Nicola McGee, Group Brand and Marketing Director at Bruntwood, said: "As a partner of HOME since 2015, Bruntwood is thrilled to be involved with Homeground and support the celebration of live arts, theatre and music returning to our city once again. Set to showcase the best of what Manchester's arts and culture scene has to offer, the programme of events is exciting, diverse and really accessible. At Bruntwood we are incredibly passionate about supporting creative projects that encourage participation and uphold the cultural vitality of our city and Homeground epitomises just that! All set in a safe, purpose-built outdoor venue, it is the perfect antidote to the year gone by."

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Both advance and walk-up tables will be available for food and drink at Homeground, with booking available via the HOME website, homemcr.org.

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Notes to editors

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HOME is Manchester's centre for international contemporary culture. Since opening in May 2015, HOME has welcomed over two million visitors to its two theatres, five cinemas, art gallery, book shop and restaurants. HOME works with international and UK artists to produce extraordinary theatrical experiences, producing an exciting mix of thought-provoking drama, dance and festivals, with a strong focus on international work, new commissions and talent development.

HOME's ambition is to push the boundaries of form and technology, to experiment, have fun, take risks and share great new art with the widest possible audience. The patrons of HOME are Danny Boyle, actress Suranne Jones, playwright and poet Jackie Kay CBE, artists Rosa Barba and Phil Collins, filmmaker Asif Kapadia, and actress and author Meera Syal CBE. www.homemcr.org
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