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ESNS confirms first speakers for 2020 conference

ESNS (Eurosonic Noorderslag) has confirmed the first speakers for the ESNS 2020 conference. Cooking Vinyl founder Martin Goldschmidt will be doing a keynote interview in Groningen. Mojo Concerts' co-director Rob Trommelen is confirmed for a beer crate session, while music business family Barry, Lucy and Jonathan Dickins will share a stage for the first time.

The Dickins Dynasty: Barry, Lucy & Jonathan

With a family legacy that stretches back to the formation of the NME, the Dickins family are no stranger to the music business. As one of the world's most successful booking agents, Barry Dickins (Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon) has co-steered ITB for 40 years, working alongside his daughter Lucy whose roster includes Adele, Mumford & Sons, Hot Chip, Laura Marling and James Blake. Meanwhile, as CEO of September Management, Jonathan's stable includes Adele, Jamie T, London Grammar, Rex Orange County & King Krule. The trio will be interviewed by Greg Parmley (ILMC, IQ). A truly unique session, as this is the first time they've shared the same stage.

Keynote Martin Goldschmidt (Cooking Vinyl)

Martin Goldschmidt is Managing Director and founder of Cooking Vinyl and Chairman of the Cooking Vinyl Group. Thirty years after its inception in a council flat in Stockwell, Cooking Vinyl remains one of the original and best indie labels in the UK. His current roster includes Nina Nesbitt, Passenger, Fantastic Negrito, Billy Bragg, Lissie, Will Young and Baby Metal. Cooking Vinyl has always been a digital pioneer, being the first UK record label to get content into eMusic.

Martin Goldschmidt is a board member of AIM/Impala and WIN and most recently, co-founder of the Palestine Music Expo. He was the founder of online distribution company Uploader, and set up Essential Music & Marketing in 2003 with Mike Chadwick. Previously Martin was involved in artist management (Michelle Shocked),

and set up a booking agency which he sold to Rob Challice who is now a director of one of Europe's largest agencies, Coda.

Beer Crate Session - Rob Trommelen (MOJO Concerts)

During the infamous 'Beer Crate Sessions' we invite some of the 'movers and shakers' of our industry to tell their story and to respond openly and frankly to questions.

Rob Trommelen is co-director and senior booker at Mojo Concerts. His speciality has always been booking heavy bands, with a roster including major rock and metal acts like AC/DC, ZZ Top, Lenny Kravitz, Pearl Jam and Iron Maiden. Nowadays his roster also includes pop bands like Coldplay and Snow Patrol. Rob is also the main booker of Dutch festivals Bospop and Pinkpop.

ESNS Conference Registrations and Artist applications

ESNS 2020 conference registrations are available via www.esns.nl. Registrations for the Early Bird rate are available until Friday, May 23.

Artists who want to play at ESNS can apply via the website till September 1.

About ESNS

ESNS (Eurosonic Noorderslag) is the key exchange for emerging European music talent, with a proven track record of helping to break new acts on the international music scene, with well-known names such as Alice Merton, Alma, Altin Gün, Boy, Cari Cari, Dua Lipa, Mario Batkovic, Sigrid, Sophie Hunger, Tamino and Zeal & Ardor over the past couple of years and from this year's line-up: Black Midi, Flohio, Fontaines D.C., girl in red, L'impératrice, Manon Meurt, Mavi Phoenix, Pip Blom, Reykjavíkurdætur and SONS.

The conference side of the event attracts more than 4,000 entertainment industry professionals from all sections of the industry, including representatives of over 400 European festivals. Each year, ESNS stages more than 350 showcases all over the city of Groningen as well as offering a comprehensive and focused conference programme of around 150 panels and keynotes, alongside multiple networking opportunities.

ESNS 2020 takes places from January 15 - 18, 2020 in Groningen, The Netherlands.

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