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PRESS RELEASE: ZEITGEIST SHOWCASE 2026 PRESENTS EIGHT GERMAN ACTS AT THE GREAT ESCAPE FESTIVAL

Seven German music export and funding organisations present emerging artists to an international professional audience on May 15 in Brighton (UK).

The ZEITGEIST Showcase at The Great Escape Festival in Brighton (UK) has, in recent years, established itself as one of the flagship formats of German music export and a key platform for emerging pop acts from Germany. This year, the regional music funding organisations once again join forces to present eight promising acts from Germany to an international audience of industry professionals on May 15.

The line-up features **Atomic Lobster** (Stuttgart), **Lina-Mariah** (Hamburg), **Lisl** (Würzburg), **Power Plush** (Chemnitz), **Roomer** (Berlin), **Sorvina** (Berlin), **Spiral Drive** (Mannheim), and **Suzan Köcher's Suprafon** (Solingen), bringing together exciting newcomers and rising acts from across the country.

New this year: **BPM Sachsen** and **Pop-Büro Region Stuttgart** join the network, expanding the showcase's partnership. Together with **popNRW**, **RockCity Hamburg e.V.**, **Musicboard Berlin**, **Verband für Popkultur Bayern**, and **German Music Export** by Initiative Musik, a total of seven organisations are collaborating for the first time. The export collaboration between German music funding organisations and the renowned The Great Escape Festival in Brighton has been in place since 2017. Numerous German acts have used the ZEITGEIST Showcase as a springboard in the past, including internationally successful artists such as Giant Rooks, Ilgen-Nur, and KYTES.

The **ZEITGEIST Reception** kicks off at 11:30 a.m. at Patterns Upstairs, offering opportunities for informal exchange and networking. Followed by the **ZEITGEIST Showcase** at 12:15 p.m., featuring performances across both the Upstairs and Downstairs stages. The showcase is open to all delegates and festival ticket holders. The reception is open to delegates only. Please [register in advance via Eventbrite](#).

In addition to their performances at the joint showcase, the German acts will also perform as part of the [official festival programme](#).

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About Musicboard Berlin

Musicboard Berlin was founded in 2013 with the purpose of supporting pop music in Berlin. It represents an appreciation for diversity and stands for music funding that focusses on the artistic quality, content, and potential of the musicians it promotes. Through various [funding programmes](#), musicians and music projects receive grants. Musicboard also produces the [Pop-Kultur](#) festival and the [Fête de la Musique](#) Berlin. As the central point of contact for the city's pop cultural music scene, Musicboard provides counselling to Berlin musicians, bands, organisers, and collectives, and supports networking and dialogues in close cooperation with politicians and officials. It relies on the involvement and innovative strengths of Berlin's music makers, their communities, and collectives.

Musicboard was created as a joint initiative of Berlin's music community and the state of Berlin and since 2015 exists as a state-owned limited liability company. It is administrated by the Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion of the State of Berlin.

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