

Whitechapel Gallery Art Plus Music Party 2010

Art and music fused at the **Whitechapel Gallery's Art Plus Music Party 2010** on **Thursday 22 April**.

The Whitechapel Gallery's Art Plus Party celebrates the flashpoints of art and other cultural forms in an exceptional one-off event. Whitechapel Director, **Iwona Blazwick OBE**, Art Plus Co-Chair **Jefferson Hack**, along with co-host ELLE editor in chief **Lorraine Candy**, and the committee of leading figures from the arts, fashion, film and music worlds, invite guests to an extraordinary evening of live performance, art and music to raise funds for the Gallery's Education and Community programme.

Having received invitations by fashion designer **Giles Deacon**, VIP guests entered the beautiful, recently expanded Whitechapel Gallery. Art Plus Co-Chair **Jefferson Hack**, and co-host ELLE editor in chief **Lorraine Candy**, joined glamorous guests including **Kate Moss**, **Jamie Hince**, **Johnny Borrell**, **Tracey Emin** and **Bobby Gillespie** to enjoy Arts Plus Breeze Tovaritch! Vodka cocktails of pressed apple juice, a dash of elderflower and fresh raspberry created by **Dynamic bars**, refreshing Evian, Peroni beer, and lashings of fizz. A special best-of-British inspired menu was created by event designers **Urban Caprice** and saw guests tucking into Devon red chicken pies, slow roasted Shetland lamb and The Ivy's salmon fishcakes, with **Wright Brother's** oysters.

Artists and musicians took to the stage with specially commissioned live performances. Artist and fashion designer **Julie Verhoeven's** artwork was the backdrop to a performance by **Primal Scream's** front man **Bobby Gillespie**, accompanied by special guest **Jamie Hince (The Kills)**, Primal Scream guitarist **Barrie Cadogan** and drummer **Darrin Mooney**. Twice Mercury Music Prize & multiple Brit Award nominee **Natasha Khan (Bat for Lashes)** performed solo with a string quartet for the first time in London, accompanied by a film projection. Artists **Tim Noble** and **Sue Webster** performed with punk band S.C.U.M. **Jack Peñate** played a new song written specially for the Art Plus Music Party. Singer and multi-instrumentalist **Bishi** performed a new piece with an interactive artwork by digital artist **Oscar Sol**. The evening's finale was the London premiere of *Sol is going home...* by artist **Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster** and composer **Ari Benjamin Meyers** featuring a 28-piece orchestra playing an excerpt from Beethoven's 6th Symphony.

The Art Plus Party auction saw **Sotheby's Oliver Barker** courting the room as guests bid for artworks by Gavin Turk, Rebecca Warren, Bridget Riley and more. As artists Fiona Banner, Gavin Turk and Rachel Whiteread looked on Christian Marclay's Fender Stratocaster, 2008, was snapped up for £3,000, while Raoul De Keyser's handed painted etching was the work of choice in a bidding war between art dealers and artist Conrad Shawcross.

A stellar line-up of DJs including **Jefferson Hack**, **Trevor Jackson**, **Dan Lywood**, **Matthew Stone**, **David Dorrell** and **The Voguettes** really got the party started with live sets throughout the building.

The **Art Plus Music Party 2010** generated more than £75,000 of vital funds for the Whitechapel Gallery's Education and Community programme.

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Guests included: **Fiona Banner**, artist; **Ari Benjamin Meyers**, composer; **Bishi**, musician; **Peter Blake**, artist; **Iwona Blazwick OBE**, Director, Whitechapel Gallery; **Johnny Borrell**, musician; **Barrie Cadogan (Primal Scream)**, musician; **Lorraine Candy**, editor in chief, ELLE magazine; **Fran Cutler**, party planner; **David Dorrell**, DJ; **Benoit Duverger**, Pringle; **Tracey Emin**, artist; **Katy England**, stylist; **Bella Freud**, fashion designer; **Bobby Gillespie (Primal Scream)**, musician; **Jefferson Hack**, publisher; **Rachel Harrison**, artist; **Jeremy Healey**, DJ; **Fergus Henderson**, restaurateur; **Jamie Hince (The Kills)**, musician; **Mark Hix**, restaurateur; **Pam Hogg**, fashion designer; **Trevor Jackson**, DJ; **Natasha Khan (Bat for Lashes)**, musician; **Ella Krasner**, philanthropist; **Brenda Laguna**, Adler; **Dan Lywood**, DJ; **Sarah Manley & Kelly Lambrou**, Burberry, **Christian Marclay**, artist; **Darrin Mooney (Primal Scream)**, musician; **Kate Moss**, model & designer; **Tim Noble**, artist; **Jack Peñate**, musician; **Justin Robertson**, DJ; **Conrad Shawcross**, artist; **Janet Street Porter**, journalist; **Margot Stille**, actress; **Matthew Stone**, artist & DJ, **Mark Titchner**, artist; **Gavin Turk**, artist; **Julie Verhoeven**, illustrator & fashion designer; **The Voquettes**, DJs; **Rachel Whiteread**, artist; **Sue Webster**, artist.

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