

Something for the Weekend



IT'S SUN SEA AND DECKS IN MAJORCA

THE sun won't be all that shines in Majorca this summer — with a host of star names booked to appear at super club BCM.

FATBOY SLIM, PROFESSOR GREEN, DAPPY, JLS, DIZZEE RASCAL, TINIE TEMPAAH, JESSIE J, CALVIN HARRIS, RIZZLE KICKS, TULISA, DJ FRESH and **Example** all feature on the bill at the Magaluf venue.

Mondays and Wednesdays will be Cream Mallorca nights, where you can expect the usual great sounds from DJs like **DEAD-MAUS, SEBASTIAN INGROSSO, Calvin Harris, LAIDBACK LUKE, AFROJACK**, trance titans **ABOVE & BEYOND, AVICII** and world dominating dubstep star **SKRILLEX** plus a special Size Matters party with **STEVE ANGELLO, AN21** and **MAX**.

Tuesdays will see live events in the BCM Square from 8pm until midnight with acts like Rizzle Kicks, **TULISA, DJ FRESH, EXAMPLE** and **Jessie J** — with parties in the club itself hosted by **JUDGE JULES** doing his trance thing.

Thursdays will fall under the Clubland banner with famous faces and dance legends like **DAVE PEARCE, WRETCH 32** and **MC DOMINO** bringing the action, while Fridays will be the night curated by Radio 1 talent **MISTA-JAM**, whose Speakerbox party will offer some cutting-edge names from across the electronic world.

Sundays will all be live events, hosted by Capital FM's **ANDI DURRANT** and starring huge names like Professor Green, Dappy, JLS, Dizzee Rascal and Tinie Tempah.

Splash

Fatboy Slim will be at BCM next weekend, and there will be more special guests added during the summer together and hook-ups with T4 and MTV in the works.

See bcmplanetdance.com for more.

Meanwhile, over the water in Ibiza, the new exclusive Ocean Beach Club will be aiming to make a splash when it opens in San Antonio later this month.

Located along the length of S'Arenal beach, this is a coastline location to die for, with the jewel in Ocean Beach Club's crown is its huge swimming pool, surrounded by luxury day beds, cabanas and hammocks hidden in the surrounding landscaped gardens.

It also boasts two restaurants, five bars, 30 VIP beds, a sunset terrace, a boutique and a superb line-up of international DJs.

Promoters including Deep Flight, Posh Funk and Pin Up have all got involved and there are a number of summer events lined up like Urban Ibiza Day & Night, Amsterdance and a very special St. Bartolome celebration on August 24.

The venue's own pool parties are also set to be a splash hit over the next few months.

And to ensure the beach boys and girls come out in force THB Hotels have teamed up with Ocean Beach Club to transform their adjacent hotel THB Bahia into the Ocean Beach Hotel for the summer. The star-studded opening on June 28 promises to be a night to remember.

Life In A Beautiful Light

AMY MACDONALD

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AMY MACDONALD has got it all — fast cars, millions of pounds in the bank, booming record sales, U2 superstar Bono is a pal and she is a household name all over Europe.

But away from the day job, she's the typical Scots girl-next-door.

And the Bishopbriggs babe isn't pretending to be all down-to-earth just to sell albums — it's

By CHRIS SWEENEY

actually how she is. Amy revealed: "People don't really believe me when I say I just blend in and I could go anywhere and not be noticed."

"I can always see in their eyes that they are thinking I'm a liar. "My argument was proved right on a promo trip to Switzerland a few weeks ago.

"The whole day I'd been saying the same thing, that I can go anywhere and not be noticed."

"But, as usual, I got the same looks saying they don't believe

me. That night my manager and I went to the cinema in Zurich.

"It was packed — there must have been about 400 people — and not one person even blinked at me."

"And that's in a country where I've had so much success, with both my albums going to No 1. I proved my own argument."

Life has changed very little for Amy, despite her global success.

She added: "It's very easy for me to blend into the background. I still live in Glasgow, I still have the same friends from school — so that side of my life

hasn't changed. In Glasgow, we don't have that mental paparazzi culture where you can't do anything without having a photographer in your face.

"I'm grateful that I can have all this success but still be me and have my normal life."

"I wouldn't want to live in the London goldfish bowl."

"Even people that did move, like Paolo Nutini — he's sacked that and come back home."

"A lot of people think 'oh Scotland, I can't wait to leave' and think the grass is greener, but then they leave and think 'actually, I was very lucky to come from where I did.'"

Amy, 24, is back gearing up to release her third album, *Life In A Beautiful Light*, which comes out on Monday.

Her 2007 debut *This Is The Life* shifted over three million copies and its 2010 follow-up *A Curious Thing* broke the top ten in 11 European charts.

But Amy reckons she's gone into a different gear with this latest release — because she was able to take her time with it.

Proud

She said: "I had all of last year at home."

"For the first two months, I literally didn't pick up my guitar and after that I'd pick it up when I felt inspired. By September I had 16 songs."

"With my first album I had my whole life to write it, but I do feel the second one was a bit more rushed."

"I only discovered that this time around, by seeing how much nicer it was to take my time and let things come to me, rather than having to force it."

Most of the songs are very personal — *Left That Body Long Ago* is about her late gran's struggle with Alzheimer's.

The *Green And The Blue* is about Glasgow's Old Firm football rivalry.

Amy, who is engaged to former footballer Stevie Lovell, added: "Even if someone is not from Glasgow or Scotland they can still relate to what I'm singing about."

"People like knowing it's real, that it's me who writes the songs myself and they know I really mean what I'm singing."

"I hope that people like the album as much as I do."

"But the way I feel is, I know I have done my absolute best, there's nothing more I could do."

"If people don't like it then there's nothing I can do. I'm just so proud of all the songs."

● **Pre-order Life In A Beautiful Light** now at amymacdonald.co.uk

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EXCLUSIVE

INTERVIEW



WIN TICKETS TO T IN THE PARK



THE countdown to T In The Park is on and there's a fabulous array of festival entertainment to ensure you have the weekend of a lifetime over July 6-8.

Smiffy's Fancy Dress Friday is back, so look out for this year's theme and dress to impress.

The cinema in the legendary campsite will screen comedy classics Anchorman, The Inbetweeners and Step Brothers, while you can enter a world of glamour and intrigue in the Cabaret Club.

All this plus the world's hottest musical talent including Snow Patrol, The

Stone Roses, Kasabian, Swedish House Mafia, David Guetta, Nicki Minaj, Skrillex, The Cribs, Twin Atlantic and more.

You wouldn't want to be anywhere else — get your tickets now from tinthepark.com or 08444 999 990.

Thanks to festival organisers DF Concerts and founding partner Tennent's Lager, you could win a pair of weekend camping tickets plus vouchers for Be Chilled — which allows campers to pre-order Tennent's Lager or Magners Original Cider in advance

from tennents.com/bechilled. To enter, simply tell us: What year did the first T In The Park take place? A) 1994, B) 2004 or C) 1984.

Text MUSIC plus your answer, name and address to 61192.

● Texts cost £1 plus standard. Only one competition closes at midnight network rates. Over-18s only. Competition closes at midnight network rates. If you text after the closing date/time of this competition you will not be entered but you may still be charged. One winner will be selected at random from all correct entries received. Usual Scottish Sun rules apply.

For more information and regular updates from The T Lady visit tinthepark.com. For the facts about alcohol see drinkaware.co.uk

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NEW MUSIC

By JIM GELLATLY

FLUORESCENT HEARTS

WHO: Chris Ashton (vocals/guitar), Damien Hendry (guitar/vocals), Andy Stuart (bass), Gary Gilmour (drums)

WHERE: Cumbernauld

FOR FANS OF: Lostprophets, The Script, Fun.

JIM SAYS: It really does lift my heart when I see a bunch of unsigned acts pack out a key showcase venue like King Tut's in Glasgow. The family and friends factor aside, it's a great indication that the bands are doing something right.

My introduction to Fluorescent Hearts was at such a gig. Headlined by Tayside boys Make Sparks, it also featured Glasgow favourites The Detours and rising stars Skippy Dyes — three great bands that I've given plenty of radio-play to.

Fluorescent Hearts, though, were an unknown quantity and later learned that they had all previously played in other acts I've supported, but on the night I knew nothing. I was actually a bit suspicious, and it even occurred to me that they might be a signed act who had been put on the bill to grow their fanbase.

But singer Chris told me: "Gary and I attended Cumber-



nauld High School. We sat next to each other in various classes and shared an appreciation for music. We met Andrew and Damien through friends and playing with various bands they were in over the years."

A debut album is already in the can and lead single, *Tell Her You Love Her*, available to download from Sunday, is a big powerful blast of pop rock, up there with anything coming out of the States. It's a truly global sound they have created. It's edgy, but they're not ashamed to go down the pop route.

Chris said: "There's something about music that tickles people in the right places, whether it's a song from a band like Asking Alexandria or Justin Bieber, and that has always inspired me."

"I've always wanted to make a great album that I would actually listen to. I look up to writers like Ryan Tedder (OneRepublic) who's written some incredible songs. I'd love to write for acts like Adam Lambert or Taylor Swift."

MORE: fluorescenthearts.com

● **Jim will be playing Fluorescent Hearts on In: Demand Uncut live from Rockness — Sunday 7-10pm on Clyde 1, Forth One, Northsound 1, Radio Borders, Tay FM, West FM & West Sound FM. See indemandscotland.co.uk**



By CHRIS SWEENEY

ELECTRO boys Nevada Base are marching to their own beat — all the way to T In The Park.

The band had a big reputation in dance circles but have now made a serious jump in the mainstream, by adding a drummer.

Now the Glasgow-based outfit are a fixture on the live circuit and are one of the 16 unsigned acts who have bagged a spot on the prestigious T

Break stage at Balado next month.

Synth player James Vorley said: "The addition of live drums is a new-ish thing, that only happened about a year ago."

"Before that it was completely electronic with guitars and vocals — then we added the drums to beef up the sound."

"Now we're sitting in the middle, with the acoustic and electronic mixing together."

"But the way we write is definitely studio-based. We sit around a laptop and then we

take it into the rehearsal studio — and reimagine the stuff into an actual band."

"The live drums has added a lot more energy on stage and given us a lot more room to improvise."

"Before we more had to do club nights, but now we can do the traditional gigs too — it's working well."

Despite changing their approach, the lads are still big advocates of doing things electro. And they are quick to shoot down any criticism that

doing it that way makes soul-less music.

James, 25, said: "We're all really into synths, and if you sit someone down with a synth and show them what it can do, they see how creative and expressive electronic music can be."

"It's like anything else, you can misuse and use it in a way that is unimaginative, then it does sound like everything else."

"But if you put the time in to learn the tools, then it's just as expressive as playing the guitar or anything like that."

"Some people assume you just press a button and it comes out, but it doesn't."

T Break can be the passport to fame and fortune — with the likes of The Fratellis and Snow Patrol using it to make their names. But Nevada Base aren't getting too keyed up.

Atmosphere

James explained: "We are chuffed. To be a part of the T Break stage is a pretty big thing."

"It is potentially a stepping stone, but we're not feeling any pressure — we'll just go out to enjoy ourselves and thrive on it."

"It will be the same as any other gig but with a bigger crowd and a better atmosphere."

"We're normally quite energetic but we'll make it extra energetic — and we'll also probably slip in a cheeky wee cover or two to get it going."

In today's internet world, bands and singers are battling for recognition, but there is a team spirit among T Breakers.

James added: "I have to admit I hadn't heard of that many of the other acts doing T Break, but they're really like The Machine Room and Capitals."

"It feels good all of us together, as all the bands on Twitter are supporting each other."

"It's a really positive thing and it's going to be a great weekend for us all."

● **Download single An Avenue for free at nevadabase.co.uk**

ONES 2 WATCH

By TOM CHURCHILL

CLUBBING



1 SUBCULTURE @ Sub Club, Glasgow, tomorrow: It's the return of Detroit legend Jeff Mills, pictured, who's stopping off for a three-hour set on his way to RockNess.

Arguably the most technically gifted spinner the techno scene has ever produced, he's been rocking clubs around the world for more than 20 years with his unique, sci-fi-influenced grooves. Don't miss.

2 PALACE @ Chambre 69, Glasgow, tonight: Part of a new generation of Detroit producers, electro wunderkind Jimmy Edgar is hitting Scotland with a full live

show to launch his new album Majenta. Expect "futuristic sleaze and erotic robo-pop" — in his own words. Support comes from Machinedrum, Dam Mantle and HARA.

3 ETIKET @ The Annexe, Edinburgh, tonight: The capital's latest deep house night kicks off with special guest Jacksonville joining local lads Chris Graham, Laurence Nolan, Dan Rane, Fraser Henderson and Jack Stanley.

4 ASAP ROCKY @ The Arches, Glasgow, tomorrow: OK, this is technically a gig rather than a club night, but the hip hop heads will be out in force to see

New York's hottest new rapper — and there's a cracking-looking afterparty at the same venue. Theophilus London, The Blessings and Codeine Drums take to the decks to keep the beats flowing.

5 TRIBUTE @ La Cheetah, Glasgow, tonight: They've brought the cream of international house and techno to the city centre basement, but now the full Tribute resident squad — Ryan Coyle, Danceaff, Wardy, Sidrad, Jamie Alexander, Matt All Caps, Dom D'Sylva and Dommm — are teaming up for a free bash.

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