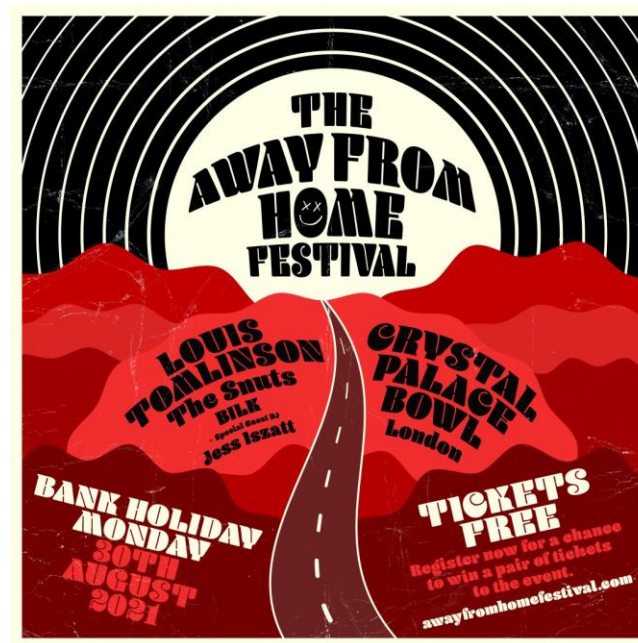


Louis Tomlinson launches the 'Away From Home' festival to celebrate the comeback of live music



British singer and songwriter Louis Tomlinson announced the first edition of his festival, 'Away From Home' through a touching post on his socials last July. The line-up includes Scottish indie/rock band The Snuts, British punk rock band Bilk, DJ Jess Iszatt, and Louis Tomlinson himself. The event will reunite about 8000 fans at Crystal Palace Bowl on Bank Holiday (August 30th).

A surprise announcement

While Louis Tomlinson had been teasing "something big" on Twitter for many months, lots of speculations had gone around about what the "secret" might be. Most fans had set on a documentary, but none of them seemed to have expected a festival. As a reminder, Louis Tomlinson's first world tour, originally planned for 2020 upon release of his debut solo album *Walls*, has been postponed to 2022.

'Personally, playing live shows is the best part of what I do and it's been far too long since I've seen you all [...].'

A promising lineup

Louis Tomlinson invited a few artists he'd previously been supporting through Twitter to join him on stage. Therefore, rising bands **Bilk** and **The Snuts** are part of the line-up, as well as **DJ Jess Iszatt**.

The Snuts are a Scottish four-piece whose sound tends to be indie and punk rock. Following the release of a few demo singles, including 'Glasgow' and their first EP called *The Matador* in 2017, The Snuts released their first album *W.L.* in 2018. [*W.L.* stands for 'Whitburn Loopy'.]

Bilk, on the other hand, takes inspiration from music legends such as Eminem, The Jam, and Arctic Monkeys. Their lyrics tell their story and own experiences along punk, hip-hop, and rap sounds. They headlined the 2018 RiZe Festival.

Jess Iszatt is a radio host and entertainer who often mixes at events and festivals. She works for Magic Chilled on weekdays and BBCR London, playing fresh hits from the '90s to the present time. She also worked for *The Hook*, filming viral videos of herself interviewing Hollywood stars.

For and about the fans

The festival announcement immediately provoked a wave of reactions on socials in Louis' fandom. His legendary generosity led him to provide about 7500 free tickets through a contest hosted by SeeTickets. Fans from all over the world have been able to apply for the chance to win a pair of tickets as long as they checked all safety and health requirements due to the pandemic. Ticket winners have been announced on August 12th through emails sent out to their inboxes. The lucky bunch immediately shared their happiness on Twitter, getting a massive response from the community congratulating them on their win.

The excitement remains general, as Louis announced that a live stream of the event would be available a few days later.

Fer told us: "I'm so happy that after 2 very rough years we're going to be able to see and enjoy a live festival where Louis put all his heart. I'm from South America and I'll be glued to the internet waiting for content. I'm so excited and anxious. I'm sure everything will be perfect!"

Hannah added: "I am so unbelievably excited. I recently moved to the UK and this will be the first time going to a festival like this and it makes me so happy to know I am going to see Louis perform for the first time."

Fans who are unable to go or didn't win are beyond happy for those who will be attending and excited about getting new videos and pictures of the performances. To be continued!