

Hip-Hop Legends Pete Rock and Ali Shaheed Muhammad Join Moses Sumney in Moogfest's Final 2018 Lineup Additions

Durham, N.C. [May 14, 2018] – Moogfest announces the final pieces to its 2018 festival with the addition of its free stage, located in the heart of downtown Durham's American Tobacco Campus, plus the addition of Michael Stipe and Aminatou Sow to its conversation programming. This free ATC stage opens on Saturday, May 19 and is co-presented with the support of WRAL.

Leading Saturday's addition are legendary hip-hop DJs and producers **Pete Rock** (Pete Rock & CL Smooth) and **Ali Shaheed Muhammad** (A Tribe Called Quest), plus a full-band performance by indie-soul singer-songwriter **Moses Sumney**, who returns to Moogfest for the second time. Sumney will also join the Producer & Songwriters Masterclass alongside Alexandre Bazin, Gareth Jones, and Valgeir Sigurðsson.

Saturday afternoon will open with Moogfest's much-beloved Modular on the Spot Picnic, an outdoor modular synth performance started in Los Angeles by modular synthesist and skate photographer **Eric "Rodent" Cheslak** with bassist Bana Haffar. This year's three-hour picnic offers a laid-back, family-friendly listening environment for a mind-expanding exploration of electronic sound, transitioning into a more upbeat affair as the day progresses. The Modular on the Spot Picnic will feature a rotating cast of performers that includes Cheslak himself, along with **Lightbath**, **Pete Speer**, **Jake Pugh**, **Lee Coleman**, **Jerry Kaba**, and previously announced performer and daytime presenter **Sarah Belle Reid**.

New Conversation Additions

As previously announced, **Michael Stipe's** audio-visual installation *Thibault Dance* will be featured in downtown Durham. Now the artist himself will return to Moogfest as well for a conversation on Saturday at 5 p.m. (ET) in the Carolina Theatre to offer insight on his current audio-visual work and his creative focus in the post-R.E.M. era.

Additionally, noted writer, podcast host, and Forbes "30 Under 30" recipient **Aminatou Sow** joins Chelsea Manning for the privacy activist's Saturday keynote on the future of creativity. Manning and Sow will discuss how creative frontiers will evolve as privacy laws change in an expanding digital landscape in what will be an enlightening, eye-opening keynote.

Moogfest 2018 Free Programming Roundup

The ATC Stage announcement accompanies Moogfest's previously released free programming that includes Ralph Steadman's *Harmon-INK!* exhibit; Michael Stipe's *Thibault Dance*

installation; the Modular Marketplace; the Moog Store and Moog Pop-Up Factory, which will be building the just-announced Moog Grandmother synth onsite; *Vorticity*, a collaborative sonified data installation between Nokia Bell Labs and Delta Sound Labs; *Frivolous Artist: More Metal*, a tactile, interactive live score piece by Wild Actions; Moritz Simon Geist's robotics installation *Soft Manipulator*; the immersive environmental sculpture *Infinity: Algorithmic Soundscapes from Magnetic Energy*; a Moogfest poster and synth art exhibition; and the Reverb LP Record Fair.

Moogfest 2018 is presented by United Therapeutics, American Underground, WRAL, and Moog Music Inc., with support from UphoricTV, Meyer Sound, Virginia Tech, Bull Durham Beer, Bedlam Vodka, 21c Museum Hotel, Blizzard Lighting, the Durham Marriott City Center, and the Durham Hotel. For more information, visit moogfest.com.

Ticket Information:

All ticket types below are available for purchase [here](#).

Engineer Festival Pass (limited quantity) – \$1500

This two-day synth-building workshop, led by Moog engineers, invites a select group of enthusiasts to build their very own unreleased Moog analog synthesizer. The workshop is conducted in two, multi-hour sessions. No experience is necessary, but basic soldering knowledge is recommended. Participants in the Engineering workshop also receive priority access to select festival venues, exclusive events, and a gift bag. Engineer Passes are available for a limited time, while supplies last. Scheduling of Engineer Workshops are prioritized by the order of purchase.

Moogerfooger – \$499

This pass grants you priority access to select festival venues, exclusive events such as the VIP Opening Party and VIP Brunches, and a gift bag. Workshops are available via capacity-limited RSVP.

Festival Pass – \$229

This pass grants you access to all festival venues for performances and conference programming: conversations, workshops, and installations. Workshops are available via capacity-limited RSVP.

Festival Day Pass – \$99

This pass grants you access on a specific day to all festival venues for performances and conference programming, including conversations, workshops, and installations. Workshops are available via capacity-limited RSVP.