

News of new city concert venue music to stars' ears

DJ Hannah Laing and Simple Minds bassist Ged Grimes are among the Dundee musicians who have hailed the city's new 4,500-capacity concert venue.

Last week it was revealed the former Tay Mecca Bingo hall in the Nethergate will be transformed into a state-of-the-art music venue and events space.

Once complete, it will be the third largest entertainment venue in Scotland behind only the OVO Hydro in Glasgow and the P&J Live in Aberdeen.

Named LiveHouse, it will also be used for esports and discussions with an international games developer are currently ongoing.

Developers TDI, who were also behind the transformation of the former Tay Hotel into Malmaison, are hoping to have the City of Discovery venue open next month.

This has been welcomed by Dundee music stars, including DJ Hannah Laing, who played two sold-out shows at the Caird Hall earlier this year.

"When I found out about the new space LiveHouse is opening in Dundee, I was so excited and intrigued," she said.

"Dundee really needs a fresh space to boost the music scene here. It sounds like it's going to be incredible and I can't wait to check it out."

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Ged added: "The opening of LiveHouse is such welcome news.

"A new and exciting venue of this capacity, right in the centre of Dundee, will undoubtedly attract major touring artists and bands to the city."

The development has also been embraced by local and national politicians.

Dundee City Council leader Mark Flynn said: "This is an exciting announcement for Dundee and has the potential to be a significant investment for the future of our city centre.

"I look forward to seeing how this prominent site develops.

"The council is working alongside a range of partners to secure improvements for our city centre to make it a vibrant location for locals and visitors alike."

Shadow finance secretary, North East MSP Michael Marra, also described the venue as an "asset" to Dundee.

He added: "Our city centre needs the vibrancy this venture offers and our people deserve to see the best entertainment on their doorstep in the city we all love.

"Nothing matches live music with friends. It is the stuff of lifelong memories and that is why it is the premium entertainment product."



PRAISE: DJ Hannah Laing is welcoming the addition of a new venue to Dundee.



Musician Ged Grimes and council leader Mark Flynn welcome LiveHouse.

Looking a lot like Christmas

WORK has begun on the festive village set to take over Dundee city centre.

Festivities will be held at City Square from Thursday November 21 until January 5.

The event is being organised by NL Productions - the same firm behind the Enchanted Forest in Perthshire and Edinburgh Zoo's Christmas Nights.

Fencing around the square appeared yesterday, with signs saying the area will remain closed until the start of the event.

Flooring for the 20m-long ice rink has been placed.

The event will also include an interactive Santa Claus experience, food and drink stalls, funfair rides and a Christmas market.



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Cambushinnie Haul Road

Beauldy-Denny 400kV Upgrade Project



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Pre-Application Consultation Event

We are pleased to be holding a statutory Pre-Application Consultation to present our proposals for the access road to the new Cambushinnie 400kV substation, which forms part of the Beauldy-Denny 400kV Upgrade Project.

The pre-application process is a key first step in the Town and Country Planning process for National planning applications.

During our face to face drop-in event you will be able to view our project proposals, ask questions to the project team and share comments and feedback. All stakeholders are invited to provide feedback specific to the proposals at this stage until **8 January 2025**.

The event will be held on:

Wednesday 20 November, 3–7pm
Braco Village Hall,
Feddal Road, Braco, FK15 9QD

We encourage all members of the local community and all interested parties to attend the event.



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