

ROCK FOR PLAY!



PRESS RELEASE

Play Association Hammersmith and Fulham are hosting the ROCK FOR PLAY charity gig at the Bush Hall in Shepherd's Bush on Friday 23rd September. I Am Not Lefthanded, Branco Heist, Kim Boeje, the Play Association All-Stars and Novation are all playing on the night, lending their talents to the cause. The evening will be compered by comedian Bec Hill and we hope to have surprise musical guest pop in too!

Play Association Hammersmith and Fulham is a children's charity and support agency that works to improve play opportunities for children and young people throughout Hammersmith & Fulham and surrounding boroughs. We work to promote, support, improve and deliver children's play opportunities, in response to local need. We do this in a range of ways, including:

- delivering specialist play provision for children with complex needs
- delivering outreach play sessions to deprived areas of the borough
- providing training and support to our members
- representing the play sector on various partnerships and networks

Play Association Hammersmith and Fulham believe that every child has the right to play freely and that play is an essential part of the welfare, development and education of children. We are constantly working towards this end and are looking at working with partners in Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea to ensure play continues to have a major role in the socialisation of local children.

All the funds raised at this event will go towards continuing our work with vulnerable children across London. The tickets are £15 and are available on the door, from HMV tickets online or from the Play Association directly.

For any further details, please contact Play Association Hammersmith & Fulham on 02077 363699 or info@playassociationhf.org.uk.

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Notes:

All the bands and performers are giving their time freely and we are extremely grateful to them.

www.iamnotlefhanded.com

Fiercely independent, mostly-Irish female-fronted three-piece, **I Am Not Lefthanded** are known for their homemade, quirky videos as much as their lyrical, evocative songs. The band have just completed a partnership with fan-funding website SliceThePie.com to raise \$10,000 to record their first full-length album. They're currently holed up in the English countryside writing and recording putting the finishing touches to the album, due out later this year.

www.thebrancoheist.co.uk

One is from Liverpool, the others south, Stevenage & Essex. One plays guitar & brings a classic line of British rock to the table – Beatles, Kinks, Small Faces, The Jam, The Smiths, The Stone Roses. One is bass so, suitably,

brings the more contemporary grooves of the clubs into the equation, whilst the other plays drums with the power and speed of Travis Barker. Yet you cannot hear the join. **The Branco Heist** do something most bands take years to achieve – they escape their influences.

www.bechillcomedian.com

Bec Hill possesses a refreshing blend of charm, whimsy and infectious enthusiasm, which has gained a cult-following in Australia and the UK. She continues to impress on the live comedy circuit, and has garnered support from across the globe thanks to her “hand-made” website and viral shorts. An avid spokesperson for inner-children everywhere, Bec is excited about all the great work Play Association does and looks forward to presenting a fun-filled night for like-minded supporters

Kim Boeje

Kim has over 25 years experience of live performance both as an individual artist and leading a number of combos the most notable being State of the Heart and Station to Station. Whilst she is at home singing a range of musical styles she has a voice that lends itself best to soulful ballads. Kim now does not perform as much as she used to but she is busy teaching singing at her own school in Kent . She is coming out of semi-retirement to do some numbers for this gig and is looking forward to it as she will be sharing the stage with old friends and even members of the family!

Liam Cottrell is a London based singer/songwriter, with a big pair of lungs, a penchant for wry, realistic observations and an ear for a persistently memorable chorus. His live show is an energetic and passionate event, where darker lyrics mix with catchy melodies that remain in your head long after the music has finished.

Simon Spencer (A.K.A Suspence Mc)

Former a front man of the band LA REBLA FAM, he has worked alongside some top artists in the UK music scene as well as producing for them. He is now ready to go it alone. Working on a solo album to be released in December featuring some of the biggest names in UK music, he is definitely one to watch.

Novation are a young, unsigned alternative rock group from the South East. Although still in their late teens Novation have proved that they have what it takes, taking influence from a wide range of musical talents and genres such as Rage Against the Machine, Paramore, Foo Fighters, Katy Perry, Metallica, Biffy Clyro, Heart and ACDC. The group are all artistically involved in their songwriting and write about issues that they feel should be approached. They look forward to performing tonight for a great cause and feel honoured to play at Bush Hall.