

First tickets for HippFest on sale now

The first tickets have been released for Scotland's only festival celebrating silent film and live music. HippFest, which takes its name from its home at the Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness, will return for its landmark 15th edition, Wednesday 19 – Sunday 23 March 2025.

Although the full programme won't be announced until the New Year, regular "Hipponauts" and cinema aficionados can grant themselves exclusive access with the five-day HippFest Festival Pass or the newly introduced Weekend Festival Pass to make the most of the festival. Pass holders will be granted priority booking for events with no booking fees (exclusions apply), plus automatic registration for all HippFest at Home presentations which take place online in the run up to the Festival. The two-day **HippFest Weekend Pass** starts at £63 for the under-30s or £99 full price, for a total of 18 online and in-person events. The full five-day **HippFest Festival Pass** costs £143 for access to 26 events online and in-person across the Festival.. Other benefits include a discount off purchases at the Hippodrome Café and Bar, and much more during the Festival dates, Wednesday 19 – Sunday 23 March 2025.

Festival Director Alison Strauss said: "This year's HippFest

feels like a crowning moment for us as we have harnessed all our learning from the last fifteen years to create a truly memorable festival. The programme will be a proper treasure trove, featuring musicians old and new, commissions, premieres, rediscoveries and restorations. All this plus a full schedule of tandem events and activities in and around the town. Bo'ness will be buzzing and we can't wait to welcome everyone!"

HippFest 2025 will take place Wednesday 19 – Sunday 23 March 2025 with a community event held in the town on Saturday 15 March 2025. HippFest Festival Passes are available to buy now, with further tickets and full programme details to be announced on 4 February 2025. Festival passes are subject to availability and purchasing early is recommended to avoid disappointment. For further information on HippFest and to book your Festival Pass, visit www.hippfest.co.uk



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