

The Sound Lounge

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“Long may The Sound Lounge flourish, and may many others follow in their forward-thinking example” - Tom Robinson, BBC6Music

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Our Story



English singer-songwriter Hannah White and her musician husband Keiron Marshall have announced plans for a brand new incarnation of the Sound Lounge — the grassroots music venue and community hub that was previously a major success in Tooting — in the south London borough of Sutton.

In the daytime, the new Sound Lounge will offer a café, bar and plant-based kitchen, while the venue will, like its predecessor, be dedicated to Americana, blues, folk and roots performances. It will be located in the centre of Sutton as part of a planned redevelopment of the lower high street by Sutton Council.

The Sound Lounge hit headlines in 2017 when London music fans lent their widespread support to a crowdfunding initiative to turn a derelict space in the heart of Tooting into an inclusive music and arts centre. *Time Out* declared it “good news for London’s live music scene...and hope for London’s music fans.” The venue swiftly became a thriving destination for music lovers and performing artists alike, hosting over 250 acts during the course of the year.

As a rising name in UK Americana and roots music, Hannah has been featured on Radio 2, across the BBC and at festivals and gigs around the UK and Europe. Since the closure of the Tooting Sound Lounge, White and Marshall have been searching for a permanent space for the new venture, and even before the official launch announcement, a Crowdfunder campaign for initial funding for the project raised well over £5000 in its first three days.

Plans for the new Sound Lounge call for the installation of a large stage with professional lighting and sound. The venue and café will also run workshops for families and young people and training for some of London’s most vulnerable, as the couple call on the people of London and beyond to help turn their cultural dream into a reality.

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For The Community

We are a fully inclusive, family-friendly restaurant, bar and music-venue. We are engaged members of our community involved in local groups and festivals. We host monthly drop-in sessions with our community police team. We run weekly workshops for families and host weekly friendship coffee sessions for people suffering from isolation. Our aim is to bring the enormous benefits of music and art, to as many people as possible.

We do not have a curfew for children. All people of all ages are welcome at all times because we believe that families should be able to (and that a community should support them to) socialise together. Young people benefit enormously from being out with their parents and older role models, and by experiencing live music first hand. We believe that this is something other cultures do very well and very naturally and something we should actively do more of (*minors, must by-law, be accompanied by an adult during bar times).

We offer free WIFI so that people can come and use the space to work.

We offer our facilities to official charities and community projects for fundraising and event purposes (*subject to availability and terms and conditions).



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For The Vulnerable

We run an AQA accredited training programme in sound engineering, barista, and community event management.

These courses are offered at no cost to refugees/asylum seekers, young people leaving care, people suffering from long-term unemployed, single parents and other vulnerable groups



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For Artists

The Sound Lounge is an official not-for-profit, social enterprise. It has been created to provide a platform for the very best of what the UK independent music scene has to offer.

We are an official Musician's Union Fair Play venue. We work with artists promoting their shows, so we bring the most appreciative audiences together with the most incredible performers to create a memorable, special evening for all who have participated.

It is our hope that after each show the artist will leave with new fans, and the audiences will leave having experienced all the benefits that come from being in a room with musicians and experiencing a live music performance first hand.



Why do we support independent music?

Because it's not true that in losing David Bowie, Prince and Leonard Cohen, we are losing our great artists. They still exist and they are still creating! It's just the record labels can't afford to pay for them anymore (because we're all streaming music for free).

So to be clear "independent" does not mean amateur. The artists we are working with are incredible musicians, creative writers, poets and activists in the artistic world. They are experimental and controversial. They are touching and expressive.

The record companies are disappearing because the revenue streams in music are disappearing. Incredible artists aren't getting signed **BUT THEY ARE DOING IT ANYWAY**. They are setting up their own labels, working with small (independent) management companies & booking agents. For us consumers of great music, it means we can hear artists of a calibre akin to Bowie, Prince & Cohen at a negligible price.

The challenge this leaves us music fans, is finding out who these artists are. This is why venues like ours are so important. We are providing a platform and spreading the word. If we are posting that an artist is something special, then please believe us. Buy a ticket and come and hear them. Art feeds our souls just as food feeds our bodies. You will leave the gig enriched and inspired.



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Sound Lounge Records is an independent record label. We are proud to operate without any funding from major labels or other outside organisation. The music released through Sound Lounge Records is distributed in the UK and across global territories. As an independent Americana & Roots label we work hard on all aspects of a release, from artist management, to artist promotion, festival & event management, publishing and PR. If you are interested in finding out more about Sound Lounge Records, please contact info@thesoundlounge.org.uk



Sound Lounge Sessions are filmed in HD and with the best studio mics we have to ensure that both the visual and the sound is of top quality. The sessions are promoted through our social media channels and can be used for digital press packs and other promotional purposes. The videos capture all the emotion of a live performance, with the excellent sound of a studio session.

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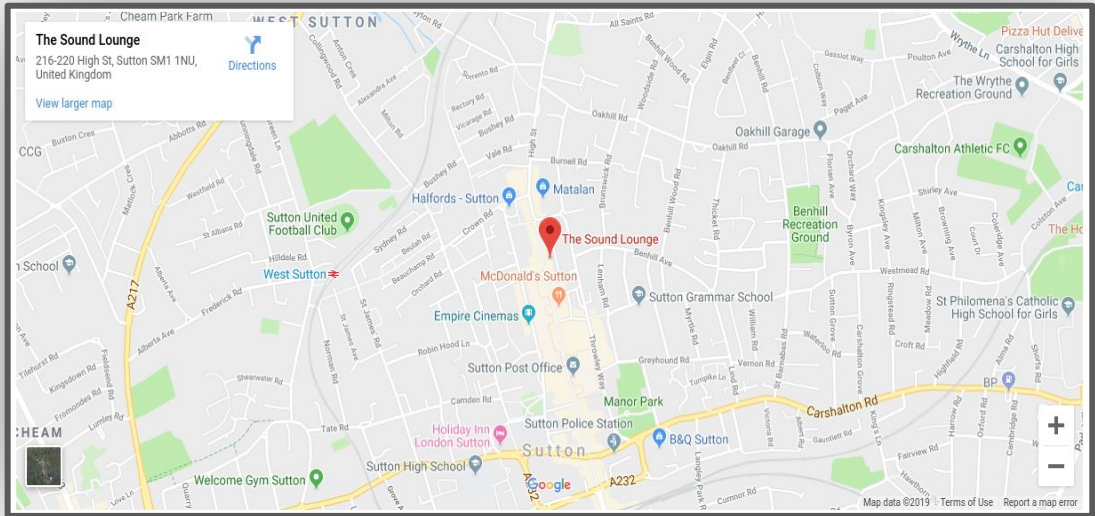
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