

# Press

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## **Gary Wallis, Will Hunt, Jost Nickel and more: final line-up of the Musikmesse Drum Camp with nonstop performances and workshops**

Four days of performances, four days of masterclasses by top drummers: the line-up of the Musikmesse Drum Camp is complete. Eight top drummers are set to demonstrate their skills daily from 11 to 14 April 2018 – on original touring equipment in a sound-proof show cabin in Hall 9.0. Visitors have the chance to see and hear the artists closer to than at any concert. After their performances, the artists will be available for autographs and to answer questions about their equipment and playing techniques. For the first time, there will also be hourly workshops with the stars of the Drum Camp and other renowned drum coaches.

The final line-up includes several premières and well-known returnees – many of the musicians will be coming to the Drum Camp straight from a tour. Newly confirmed are the Pink Floyd percussionist of many years' standing, **Gary Wallis**, Evanescence and ex-Black Label Society drummer **Will Hunt** and Jan Delay drummer **Jost Nickel**. Also new is **Felix Lehrmann**, known for appearances in the 'Neo Magazin Royale' late-night show.

Previously confirmed were **Karl Brazil** (Robbie Williams), **Ash Soan** (Adele), **Ralf Gustke** (ex-Söhne-Mannheims) and **Patrick Metzger**, who has made a name for himself in the scene by collaborating with stars such as Bobby Kimball and Tina Turner.

The 'College' and the 'Academy' are held in the immediate vicinity of the Drum Camp. At the College, Drum Camp stars give daily masterclasses and show how drummers can improve their skills. The Academy presents workshops on the perfect drum sound with Drum Camp artist Felix Lehrmann, as well as internationally renowned drum technician **Chris Lockyer** and drum coach **Manni von Bohr**.

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## **New confirmations in the Drum Camp**

### Gary Wallis

For seven years, percussionist Gary Wallis influenced the sound of *Pink Floyd* – both live and on disk. Accordingly, he will play at the Drum Camp on the original drum set he used on stage with the legendary psychedelic rock band. He also plays for the British all-star band *Mike & The Mechanics*.

### Will Hunt

The US drummer has been a familiar name for fans of hard sounds for many years. Will Hunt's references range from *Black Label Society*, via *Crossfade*, *Device* and *Skrape*, to touring activities with *Staind* and *Static X*. At present, he is a permanent member of the alternative rock band *Evanescence* – and will be giving a performance at the Drum Camp immediately after the world tour!

### Jost Nickel

The 'groove monster' is returning to the Drum Camp! The Hamburg-born came to the attention of a broader audience as *Jan Delay* drummer. He is also a popular drum coach and much in demand for international workshops and clinics.

### Felix Lehrmann

German television viewers know Felix Lehrmann primarily as the drummer of the studio band of 'Neo Magazin Royale' late-night show with Jan Böhmermann. He is also in demand as a session drummer and has played on recordings by hip-hop artists such as Dendemann, Samy Deluxe and Megaloh, as well as pop acts such as Sarah Connor, Lena Meyer-Landrut and Namika.

## **Provisional running order at the Drum Camp (per February 2018)**

### Wednesday to Saturday (11 to 14 April 2018)

10:15	Patrick Metzger
11:15	Ash Soan
12:15	Ralf Gustke
13:15	Gary Wallis
14:15	Jost Nickel
15:15	Karl Brazil
16:15	Will Hunt
17:15	Felix Lehrmann

## **Provisional workshop programme at the College and Academy (per February 2018)**

### Wednesday to Saturday (11 to 14 April 2018)

11:00	Jost Nickel	College
12:00	Felix Lehrmann	Academy
13:00	Patrick Metzger	College
14:00	Manni von Bohr	Academy
15:00	Ash Soan	College
16:00	Clint Lockyer	Academy
17:00	Ralf Gustke	College

Further information at [www.musikmesse.com](http://www.musikmesse.com).

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