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PRS for Music Foundation announces the latest artists to receive Momentum Music funding

- **14 artists supported including Frank Carter & The Rattle Snakes, Babeheaven, Jay Prince, Laurel and Luke Sital Singh**
- **Momentum Music fund showcase confirmed for this year's Great Escape festival**

PRS for Music Foundation, Arts Council England and Spotify announce today (Thursday 24th March 2016) the next round of artists to receive the coveted career-boosting Momentum Music funding.

From the indie-pop melancholy of **Babeheaven**, to the infectious vocals of **Laurel** and the raucous punk-rock of **Frank Carter & the Rattle Snakes**, the latest artists to receive Momentum funding are:

Babeheaven – Touring and marketing
Beaty Heart – Touring and marketing
Daniel Woolhouse – Recording
Dapz on the Map – Touring, marketing and promotion
Frank Carter and the Rattle Snakes – Recording
Jay Prince – Touring
Joel Culpepper – Marketing
Laurel – Marketing and promotion
Luke Sital Singh – Recording
Manu Delago – Recording, marketing and promotion
Mic Righteous – Marketing
Robyn Sherwell – Touring
Salute – Touring
The The Youth – Marketing, promotion and touring

Momentum funded Jay Prince said:

“For an artist like myself, being independent, it gets difficult financing your projects, ideas and tours, and having the Momentum Music Fund really helps me stay afloat with my music career, being able to do what I love and giving me that extra push of motivation to be where I need to be. Going on tour is a very pivotal moment in my career and I can say that without having funding these kind of opportunities will not fully flourish.”

Vanessa Reed, Executive Director of PRS for Music Foundation said:

“As we approach our third anniversary of running the Momentum Music Fund in partnership with Arts Council England, and more recently in association with Spotify, it’s clear from the number and strength of the applications we receive that talented artists from across a broad range of genres need support to push their career to the next level. Huge congratulations to all of the artists supported in this latest round, I look forward to seeing the impact this funding has on their next steps and the number of fans they can reach as a result.”

Huey Walker, Music Relationship Manager at Arts Council England said:

“Many congratulations to all of the successful artists in this latest funding round of Momentum, this fund will make a real difference to each of them. The Arts Council has an on-going commitment to talent development, it’s hugely important we support artists who are on the cusp of breakthrough to achieve their creative and commercial potential.”

Bryan Johnson, Director, Artist Services of Spotify said:

“This new round of Momentum funding features fourteen incredibly talented artists who will benefit from both financial assistance and Spotify’s reward package. We look forward to working with all artists and their teams, and providing them with the tools and opportunities to expand their audience and showcase their music to our global user base.”

These supported artists will also benefit from Momentum’s digital partner, Spotify, and its reward package which contains exciting promotional opportunities and gives the artists a closer working relationship with the Spotify team. Benefits include access to tools, features and best practices that will enable them to connect with Spotify’s 75 million active users across 58 markets globally. You can follow and listen to the official Momentum Spotify playlist [here](#).

This year’s **Great Escape festival** will host a **Momentum Music Fund showcase** featuring performances from four supported artists and taking place on the **Saturday** afternoon at **Komedia**. The full line-up will be announced closer to the showcase.

Managed by PRS for Music Foundation, the Momentum Music fund awards grants of £5,000-£15,000 using funding from Arts Council England. For a full rundown of all the artists supported so far see: <http://prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Momentum-Music-Fund/Momentum-Artists/Latest-Artists/>

The next deadline for applications to the Momentum Music Fund is **17th May 2016** via the PRS for Music Foundation website. We are particularly interested in receiving more applications from outside of London: www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Momentum-Music-Fund

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About PRS for Music Foundation

PRS for Music Foundation is the UK’s leading charitable funder of new music across all genres. Since 2000 PRS for Music Foundation has given more than £22 million to over

5,200 new music initiatives by awarding grants and leading partnership programmes that support music sector development. Widely respected as an adventurous and proactive funding body, PRS for Music Foundation supports an exceptional range of new music activity – from composer residencies and commissions to festivals and showcases in the UK and overseas.

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About Arts Council England

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better. Between 2015 and 2018, we plan to invest £1.1 billion of public money from government and an estimated £700 million from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country.

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About Spotify

Spotify is an award-winning digital music service that gives you on-demand access to over 30 million tracks. Our dream is to make all the world's music available instantly to everyone, wherever and whenever you want it. Spotify makes it easier than ever to discover, manage and share music with your friends, while making sure that artists get a fair deal. Since its launch in Sweden in 2008, Spotify has driven more than US\$3bn to rights holders. Spotify is now the second biggest source of digital music revenue for labels in Europe, and the biggest and most successful music streaming service of its kind globally.