

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Southbank Centre ends the year in style with two unique parties on Monday 31 December 2007

While The Ballroom and foyer spaces of the **Royal Festival Hall** are transformed into a psychedelic playground – with the **Super Furry Animals** and **Deerhoof** headlining - the ever popular **Silent Disco** will take over **The Front Room** at **Queen Elizabeth Hall**.

The Best New Year's Eve Party...Ever with Super Furry Animals & Deerhoof

Royal Festival Hall Foyers, 8.30pm-2.30am, Tickets £50 (Group discounts apply)

The New Year's Eve party at the Royal Festival Hall promises to be, as it says in the title, the best New Year's Eve party.... ever, with **two live music stages, DJ sets, themed bars, the world's smallest nightclub, live painting** and other **surprise happenings** taking place throughout foyer spaces of the building. Headlining **The Ballroom Stage**, their cosmic majesties **Super Furry Animals** present three themed sets. With SFA titles like *Ice Hockey Hair*, *Hometown Unicorn* or *Ysbeidiau Heulog (Sunny Intervals)* and Deerhoof tracks such as *Panda*, *Apple Bomb* or *This Magnificent Bird Will Rise* to choose from, partygoers are being asked to **dress up as their favourite song**. While the Furies set up camp on The Ballroom Stage, the “unfathomably brilliant” (NME) masters of discombobulated pop, **Deerhoof** play on the second stage.

Elsewhere in the building, **The Miniscule of Sound** will set up its 8'x4'x8' **flat-pack instant venue**, featuring **fluffy décor, flashing lights** and a traditional **Saturday Night Fever dancefloor**. Those that dare to stray up into the strange world of the Royal Festival Hall's upper levels will encounter DJ sets from **Wizards Sleeve** – who wear belts with huge buckles and play a mind bending mash-up of the very best music – and **Pete Fowler's** suitably oddball set of psychedelia, prog, freakbeat and glam. Pete Fowler is the creator of the Furies' deliciously twisted 'monsterist' artwork, and will also be doing some **live painting** on the night.

Gruff Rhys, Super Furry Animals' front man, said: “It's going to be an extremely euphoric celebration of life itself. We're taking over the building and playing at least three sets, culminating in a surround-sound show with full video.”

Silent Disco & Ennio Marchetto

Purcell Room & The Front Room at Queen Elizabeth Hall, 9pm-2am,

Tickets £40 (Combined ticket) £30 (Silent Disco only)

As strange sounds throb throughout the Royal Festival Hall, the Front Room of the Queen Elizabeth Hall will be witness to the equally strange but much quieter scene of 1,000 headphone-wearing partygoers dancing to **Silent Disco's** brand new show *Visual Galaxy*. A hit at festivals throughout the summer, the audience is given digital, double channel wireless *Silent Disco* headphones and can switch between DJs **Michael Minten (dj OD)** and **Nico Okkerse (NO dj)**, who also function as VJs, providing live screen projection. The former is a tall Dutchman with a love of Hawaii and hard house, while the latter prefers beer, polka and rock. Whether grooving to Fatboy Slim's 'Rockefeller Skank', or headbanging to Nirvana's 'Street Spirit', Silent Disco has to be one of the most unique partying experiences in London this NYE, and was a big hit during Southbank Centre's re-opening celebrations in June.

Partygoers can begin the evening with a special performance by celebrity impersonator **Ennio Marchetto** (9pm). New characters include Amy Winehouse and Britney Spears who take their place alongside Ennio's well-loved gallery of characters from Marilyn Monroe and Dean Martin to the Mona Lisa via Madonna.

Listings Information:

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Both NYE parties are for ages 18 and over only.

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Notes to Editors:

Southbank Centre manages the Royal Festival Hall, The Hayward, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, as well as the Saison Poetry Library, the Arts Council Collection and Hayward Touring Exhibitions on behalf of Arts Council England. It attracts more than 3 million visits annually. The Royal Festival Hall reopened in June 2007 following the £115 million refurbishment of the Hall and redevelopment of the surrounding area and facilities.

Super Furry Animals will release a **Christmas single**, in the form of a free MP3, as a Christmas gift to fans old and new. It will be available on Christmas Day complete with B side and new, exclusive artwork by Tanaami. From December 17, this will be teamed with an online calendar (www.superfurry.com/gift) that gives fans, friends and family a chance to countdown to the New Year with daily SFA offerings and exclusives.

Evers since the first UK appearance at the 2005 Glastonbury Festival, **Silent Disco** has been a popular night out, and further appearances have included T in the Park, the Carling Weekends at both Reading and Leeds, the Edingburgh Fringe and Brighton Comedy Festivals and many other events throughout Europe.