

**BLIP
FESTIVAL
2008**

THE BLIP FESTIVAL 2008 ANNOUNCES DATES AND INITIAL LINE-UP

BROOKLYN, NY - Archaic game and home computer hardware is recast into the unlikely role of musical instrument and motion graphics workstation in the **BLIP FESTIVAL 2008**, a four-day, all ages event showcasing nearly 40 musicians and visual artists occupying the international low-res cutting edge. The Blip Festival takes place **DECEMBER 4–7, 2008** at the Bell House, and is presented jointly by Manhattan art organization **THE TANK** and NYC artist collective **8BITPEOPLES**.

Highlighting the chipmusic phenomenon and its related disciplines, the festival aims to showcase emerging creative niches involving the use of legacy video game & home computer hardware as modern artistic instrumentation. Devices such as the *Nintendo Entertainment System*, *Commodore 64*, *Atari ST*, *Nintendo Game Boy* and others are repurposed into the service of original, low-res, high-impact electronic music and visuals — sidestepping game culture and instead exploring the technology's untapped potential and distinctive intrinsic character.

The Blip Festival assembles nearly 40 practitioners selected from the chip music movement's expansive global underground, taking care to represent as many as possible of the genre's surprisingly diverse styles, geographical and technical scenes, communities, and traditions. The festival's concert program will be supplemented by daytime events to be announced, including workshops, presentations, and screenings. The Blip Festival's intended result is to provide a cross-section of a movement currently in explosive flux, teeming with artistic exploration, and poised at the cusp of global awareness.

Featured artists in previous editions of the Blip Festival have included **Bodenständig 2000** [Rephlex], **YMCK** [Avex Trax], **Herbert Weixelbaum** [Morr Music], **Jeroen Tel**, **Neil Voss**, new media artist, **Cory Arcangel**, and others.

ARTISTS CONFIRMED FOR THE BLIP FESTIVAL 2008 INCLUDE

MUSIC

Animal Style [US]	Bit Shifter [US]
Ikuma [SG]	Jellica [UK]
Lissajou [US]	m-.n [BE]
Meneo [ES]	minusbaby [US]
Mr. Spastic [US]	noteNdo [US]
Nullsleep [US]	Sidabitball [FR]
Starscream [US]	Syphus [UK]
Tonylight [IT]	Trash80 [US]
zabutom [SE]	

VIDEO

The C-Men [NL]	Voltage Controlled [US]
Entter [ES]	NO CARRIER [US]
noteNdo [US]	VBLANK [US]

*Additional artists to be announced.
Lineup subject to change.*

MEDIA MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT
<http://blipfestival.org/2008/press.php>

BLIP FESTIVAL WEBSITE
<http://www.blipfestival.org>

8BITPEOPLES WEBSITE
<http://www.8bitpeoples.com>

THE TANK WEBSITE
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