

## Elevate Festival 2016

From 20 October through 23 October 2016, the annual Elevate festival will take place in Graz, Austria. Elevate is an interdisciplinary festival for electronic music, art and political discourse and this episode's main focus lies on the **We Are Europe** initiative. We Are Europe is a Europe-wide initiative that draws eight European festivals together in an effort to nurture European music culture, cultural innovation and creation.

### Musical lineup

The opening evening at Dom im Berg will be hosted by the Cologne-based festival **c/o pop**. There, the US composer **Kaitlyn Aurelia Smith** will be presenting her third album **EARS**, out on Western Vinyl Records. The evening's next highlight is undoubtedly the writer, poet, activist, spoken word artist and musician **Saul Williams** as well as the Dutch duo **Weval**. Both Friday and Saturday nights at Dom Im Berg will be presented by the Serbian **Resonate** and the French **Nuits Sonores** festivals. There, the Brits **Lone** and **Luke Vibert** will be presenting their respective new releases, sharing the stage with musical heavyweights **Mount Kimbie**. While Berg-hain resident **DVS1** and London-based **FunkinEven** play the Dom Im Berg on Saturday, the Tunnel floor will host **DJ PayPal** and **DJ Earl** from Chicago – both of which will also be launching their new albums. Other musical highlights include **JK Flesh**, formerly of Napalm Death, and **Elisabeth Schimana**, presenting her piece "Höllenmaschine". The festival will then come to a fittingly cathartic close when the noise berserkers **SWANS** grace us with a stop on their final world tour. They will be sharing the evening with the equally apocalyptic **Anna von Hausswolff**.

**Anna von Hausswolff** (SE) **Antonia** (AT) **Asfast** (AT) **Attila** (AT) **Barnt** (DE) **Cid Rim** (AT) **Clap! Clap!** (IT)  
**DJ Earl** w/ footwork dancers **Sirr Tmo & Dre** (US) **DJ Marcelle** (NL) **DJ PayPal** (US) **Dr. One** (AT)  
**DVS1** (US) **Elisabeth Schimana** "Höllenmaschine" w/ **Manon Liu Winter, Gregor Ladenhauf** (AT)  
**Fauna** (AT) **Franjazzco** (AT) **Friendly Galaxy** (AT) **FunkinEven** (UK) **Heap** (AT) **In Aeternam Vale** (FR)  
**Jan Nemeček** (RS) **JK Flesh** (UK) **Kaitlyn Aurelia Smith** (US) **Koenig** (AT) **Kompost 3** (AT)  
**Lena Willikens** (DE) **Lone** (UK) **Luke Vibert** (UK) **Madteo** (US) **Mount Kimbie** (UK) **Neubaukind** (AT)  
**P.o.S.** (RS) **Rebolledo** (MX) **Regis** (RS) **Saul Williams** (US) **Swans** (US) **Weval** (NL) **Zombie Zombie** (FR)

## Discourse programme

As a reaction to the ongoing crisis that has befallen the EU and our participation in the „We Are Europe“ Initiative, this year's discourse and film programme will set its focus on European topics. Friday through Sunday, we have panel discussions and workshops in place to tackle subjects like concepts of democracy, technology in an art context, data politics, media and engagement – all within a European context. Confirmed guests include the award-winning journalist and leading Wikileaks associate **Sarah Harrison**, Croatian philosopher, author and DiEM25 co-founder **Srećko Horvat**, French film maker **Hind Meddeb** as well as the professor of European sociopolitical studies at the Berlin School of Economics and Law, **Birgit Mahnkopf**. We are pleased to include locally acclaimed journalists **Ingrid Brodnig**, **Hanna Herbst** as well as author and politician **Michel Reimon** among our featured guests.

**Adrienne Goehler** (DE) **Ana de Almeida** (PT) **Andreas Peham** (AT) **Arnaud Contreras** (FR) **Bianca Ludewig** (DE)  
**Birgit Mahnkopf** (DE) **Carly Sheridan** (CA) **Claudia Garad** (AT) **Dimitar Dimitrov** (BG) **Fabrice Starzinskas** (FR)  
**Farid Eslam** (DE) **Friedrich Moser** (AT) **Hanna Herbst** (AT) **Hannah Knust** (AT) **Hans Christian Voigt** (AT) **Hind Meddeb** (FR)  
**Hind Touissate** (FR) **Ingrid Brodnig** (AT) **Jeremy Bailey** (CA) **Joseph Paris** (FR) **Katharina Nocun** (DE) **Katja Mayer** (AT)  
**Ksenia Ermoshina** (RU) **Manuel Grebenjak** (AT) **Meryl Laurent** (FR) **Michael Wrentschur** (AT) **Michel Reimon** (AT)  
**Nora Hofstetter** (DE) **Nora O' Murchú** (IR) **Peter Harris** (US) **Philippe Narval** (AT) **Pia Lamberty** (DE)  
**Rainer Praschak** (AT) **Ralph H. Christoph** (DE) **Rosa Menkman** (NL) **Sandra Passaro** (DE) **Sarah Harrison** (UK)  
**Shilla Strelka** (AT) **Srećko Horvat** (HR) **Tamara Ehs** (AT) **Thomas Burkhalter** (CH) **Thomas Lohninger** (AT) **Veit Winkler** (AT)

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