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FRESH ACTS

DISCOVER THE HOTTEST NEW ARTISTS WHO ARE GUARANTEED TO BE GOING PLACES. THIS LOT IS THE NEXT BIG THING



Raye

For fans of: Rita Ora and Charli XCX

Stand-out track: *Friends*
Originally inspired by soul, Raye now mixes a range of musical genres to create her signature sound. Having collaborated with the likes of Rita Ora and Charli XCX, and having scored songwriting credits on John Legend and Little Mix tracks, Raye has got friends in pretty high places already.

*O2 Academy 2
Birmingham, Thu 1 Nov.*



Koje Radical

For fans of: Novelist and George the Poet

Stand-out track: *Water*

As a student at the London College of Fashion, east London-raised Koje handed in what would go on to be his first-ever EP as his end-of-year project. With a love of spoken word and producing 'socially conscious' hip-hop music with Afrocentric themes, he's a very welcome new kind of rap artist.

*O2 Academy 2 Birmingham,
Thu 15 Nov.*



Mabel

For fans of: Jorja Smith and RAY BLK

Stand-out track: *One Shot*

You may know her from the mesmerising 2017 track *Finders Keepers*, but Mabel is only just getting started. Blending serious sass with vulnerability, her upcoming debut album is said to reference influences by Lauryn Hill and old-school Destiny's Child. It's going to be big, trust us.

*O2 Academy Bristol,
Mon 10 Dec.*



Spring King

For fans of: Circa Waves and The Amazons

Stand-out track: *Animal*

Spring King have taken classic guitar music norms and completely torn them up. The resulting sound is a gritty, garage-inspired type of pop-punk. Back in 2015, Zane Lowe picked them as the first-ever band to be played on Apple's global live-streamed radio station, Apple Beats 1. That says a lot in our book.

*O2 Forum Kentish Town,
Sat 19 Jan 2019.*



Amy Shark

For fans of: KT Tunstall and (good) Taylor Swift

Stand-out track: *Adore*

After writing her latest single, *All Loved Up*, with Jack Antonoff – the producer who helped birth some of Taylor Swift and Lorde's biggest hits – Australian-born Amy Shark is poised for stardom. Aged 32, her poppy sound has a raspy twinge with vivid, heart-on-your-sleeve lyrics. It's beautiful stuff.

*O2 Institute Birmingham,
Tue 29 Jan 2019.*