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Barbican announces Dur Dur Band plus special guests

Dur Dur Band
Thursday 5 December, 8pm
Barbican Hall
Tickets from £15 plus booking fee

Legendary Somali pop group **Dur Dur Band** bring their blend of disco and funk to the Barbican alongside a host of special guests, including the next generation of Somali pop singers.

Dur Dur Band rose to prominence through the Somali capital Mogadishu's 'golden age' of music in mid-1980s and have since released music on prominent labels such as Awesome Tapes From Africa and Analog Africa. Recently, they have regrouped with many of the original founding members, with a mission to preserve and share Somali music with the world.

In their Barbican show they will be joined by a new crop of Somali musicians, as well as the country's pop legends, including **Fadumina**, **Abdi Hani Hashi**, **Habib Sharabi**, **Farhia Fiska** and **Najma Nashad** for a night of international music-making. The performance will include their classic hits as well as experiments with new sound textures and analogue synths, via a new partnership with **Unidentified Dance Objects**. A collaboration with female-led arts collective **Somali Arts Foundation** will provide visuals throughout the performance.

Produced by the Barbican
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BARBICAN PROMOTIONS COMING UP IN 2024

- **Whiplash – In Concert** ([Thu 4 July 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Nils Frahm – Music For London** ([Thu 11 – Sun 14 Jul 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm + matinee performance Sat-Sun 13-14 Jul 2024, 3pm](#))
- **OrchestRAVE presents 15 years of UK: An Orchestral Celebration of Bass Music** ([Sat 20 Jul 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **Margareth Menezes & Ilê Aiyê** ([Fri 26 Jul 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Jamz Supernova: Future Bounce** ([Fri 9 Aug 2024, Level G, 11pm](#))
- **The Magnetic Fields perform 69 Love Songs** ([Sat 31 Aug & Sun 1 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Cornelius** ([Fri 6 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Dawn Landes & Friends perform The Liberated Woman's Songbook** ([Sat 7 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- **Gruff Rhys** ([Fri 13 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

- Philip Glass Ensemble – Early Works: 1973-1984 ([Sat 28 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Jaubi with Tara Lily ([Sun 29 Sep 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Billie Marten & Her Ensemble ([Fri 4 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Efterklang + Titanic ([Sat 5 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Nala Sinephro ([Fri 18 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Caroline Rose ([Sat 19 Oct 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Oysterband and June Tabor ([Sat 19 Oct 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Pat Metheny – Dream Box ([Fri/Sat 15-16 Nov 2024, 7.30pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Anouar Brahem Quartet ([Sun 17 Nov 2024, 7.30pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Charles Tolliver celebrates Max Roach @ 100 ([Mon 18 Nov 2024, 7.30pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Tim Garland’s Lighthouse Trio and Britten Sinfonia ([Tue 19 Nov 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- EFG LJF: LSO x seed. Feat. Cassie Kinoshi ([Thu 21 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Marilyn Mazur’s Shamania ([Fri 22 Nov 2024, Milton Court Concert Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Cross Currents Trio: Zakir Hussain, Dave Holland, Chris Potter ([Fri 22 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- EFG LJF: Sikelela, 30 years on... ([Sun 24 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))
- Gotts Street Park ([Tue 26 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Vishwa Mohan Bhatt and Desert Slide ([Sat 30 Nov 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- **NEW** – Dur Dur Band ([Thurs 5 Dec 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Lisa O’Neill with Britten Sinfonia ([Wed 11 Dec 2024, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))

BARBICAN PROMOTIONS COMING UP IN 2025

- Lloyd Cole ([Sat 25 Jan 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Roo Panes and The Delphi Quartet ([Sat 1 Feb 2025, Barbican Hall, 8pm](#))
- Maria Schneider + Oslo Jazz Ensemble ([Sun 2 Mar 2025, Barbican Hall, 7.30pm](#))

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