

SPEECH DEBELLE + BETTY STEELES + FLOETIC LARA + RUBICKS + MATT SMALL

Headline launch event for homeless enterprise

Having just released her critically acclaimed debut 'Speech Therapy', spoken word hip-hop artist and Mercury Prize nominee, **Speech Debelle**, will be joined by folk new comer **Betty Steeles** who will release her debut later this year. Also appearing live is Jazz Soulstress - **Floetic Lara** and electro new wave sensations **Rubicks**. The bill also includes visual artist **Matt Small** (2008's Best Urban Artist) in launching a brand new arts-based enterprise concept run by **homelessness charity, SHP**.

The launch, a one-day arts festival, will take place on the **22nd August** at the Queen of Hoxton in Shoreditch. The venue's four floors will be transformed into stages for live music, poetry, drama and comedy, whilst on the rooftop terrace Matt Small will lead all festival-goers in a live art session with mosaic-making and street art painting.

Entry is free to all with a flyer and available on the Artival website
www.artival.co.uk

While SHP plans to make Artival an annual celebration of arts and inclusivity, this inaugural Artival launches a new SHP enterprise, where young people will be involved in designing, creating and selling T-shirts to raise funds for further arts based workshops and events. The first designs will be on sale at Artival.

About SHP

SHP was set up more than 30 years ago to support London's vulnerable homeless people. Today the charity works with 2,000 people a year across 13 London boroughs, providing a wide range of accommodation and support services to prevent homelessness and promote social inclusion. For more about SHP visit <http://www.shp.org.uk>

Speech Debelle, Matt Small & other performers are available for interviews -
Pictures and individual press releases are available on request.

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