

# Crossed Wires

**The Podcast Festival: Jon Ronson, Talk Art, NewlyWeds Live, Brown Girls Do It Too, Wolf & Owl Live, The Adam Buxton Podcast, Katherine Ryan (Podcast)  
Sheffield City Hall | Oval Hall | 31 May – 02 June 2024**

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Launching this Summer, Crossed Wires festival is assembling the nation's top names in podcasting in one city, for one weekend.

From Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June, Sheffield's most iconic venues, including Sheffield City Hall, will be packed for blockbuster live shows, never-seen-before performances and special guests - all hosted by the biggest names in podcasting, across comedy, current affairs, culture, sport, family and wellbeing.

Award-winning musician, Self Esteem, will join Adam Buxton on stage for a 'ramble chat' as well as a live performance. Katherine Ryan will bring her signature brand of candor, sharp-wit and unflinchingly honest advice to the City Hall. Jamie Laing and Sophie Habbu will share hilarious tales of newly married life in an added stop on their sell-out tour. And Brown Girls Do It Too transport their smash-hit show to the festival for a fierce, funny, and wonderfully frank night of entertainment.

Crossed Wires is set to be podcasting's biggest party. This new festival will host the most exciting podcasting talent in Sheffield for three days, so expect to bump into the voices you always have in your headphones at one of the food pop-ups, or rub shoulders with your favourite presenters at one of the many after parties.

The festival fringe - in venues around the city - will offer experiences that money can't buy. Enjoy free events with the podcast stars of tomorrow in intimate venues across the city.

As with the best festivals, not all of the special moments will be announced in advance, so expect surprise elements to appear as the weekend unfolds.

This brand-new festival is brought to you by some of the most respected names in British podcasting and live events...

**Alice Levine**

Co-host of My Dad Wrote A Porno and British Scandal

**Dino Sofos**

Founder of Persephonica, the production company behind Dua Lipa's At Your Service, Political Currency and co-producers of Global's The News Agents

**James O'Hara**

Co-founder of Tramlines and Day Fever

Truly sharing a vision for a significant and inspiring national festival outside London, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority will be Crossed Wires' regional partner and host sponsor. Sheffield City Council have also awarded funds to help firmly place the festival on the UK's cultural calendar.

**In this first wave of announcements, Crossed Wires is proud to present:**

**Jon Ronson – Sheffield City Hall – Ballroom – Friday, 31 May 2024 – 7:30pm**

The Gonzo journalist and podcast royalty will let the audience peer behind the curtain of his most terrific, terrifying and troubling experiences making his award winning shows.

**TalkArt with Russell Tovey & Robert Diament – Sheffield City Hall – Ballroom – Saturday, 01 June 2024 – 4pm**

Actor Tovey and gallerist Diament are calling all art lovers, whether dabblers or aficionados, to their live podcast show. With over 7 million downloads, it's the listen that features exclusive interviews with leading artists and curators, plus their talented friends such as Elton John, Stephen Fry and Sharon Stone.

**NewlyWeds with Jamie Laing and Sophie Habbu – Sheffield City Hall – Oval Hall – Saturday, 01 June 2024 – 8pm**

The super couple-casters bring their hit podcast to Crossed Wires as an added stop on their sell-out tour. Expect laugh-out-loud moments, audience participation and mystery guests.

**Brown Girls Do It Too with Poppy Jay and Rubina Pabani – Sheffield City Hall – Ballroom – Saturday, 01 June 2024 – 8:30pm**

Bringing their groundbreaking podcast to life, the hugely talented Poppy and Rubina will tackle the taboo topic of sex in Asian communities with audiences in Sheffield.

**Wolf and Owl with Tom Davis and Romesh Ranganathan – Sheffield City Hall – Oval Hall – Sunday, 02 June 2024 – 12:30pm**

For those sweet sweet souls who listen to the podcast, expect more of Tom and "party" Rom shooting the breeze but in an unedited live show. They'll be solving problems, reminding you to 'do you' but most importantly doing it to the max. There will still be no format, but there will be lots of laughs.

**The Adam Buxton Show with guest Self Esteem – Sheffield City Hall – Oval Hall – Sunday, 02 June 2024 – 5pm**

Podcast royalty and the artist of the moment, Self Esteem, come together for an afternoon of over-sharing, laughter and music.

**Katherine Ryan: Telling Everybody Everything LIVE with special guest – Sheffield City Hall – Oval Hall –  
Sunday, 02 June 2024 – 8:30pm**

The Patron Saint of Real Talk, will live up to her podcast titles, Telling Everybody Everything, in a no holds-barred night of eye-watering anecdotes, side-splitting stand-up, gold star guidance – and a special guest.

**Uncanny: I Know What I Saw with Danny Robins – Alternative Venue**

'The UK's go-to ghost guy' gathers his team of experts for a night of terrifying and thought-provoking storytelling in this stage spectacular.

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*“The Crossed Wires festival is further evidence of the world-leading strength of arts and culture in South Yorkshire; putting us at the forefront of one of the most innovative, exciting parts of the entertainment industry.*

*This three-day festival is going to be home to unique conversations and content, bringing some of the brightest and best talent from across the podcast industry here, to our region. Arts and culture make a huge contribution to South Yorkshire, so I couldn't be more pleased to support the development and growth of our cultural offer; giving the whole world the chance to work with us and see what we can do.”*

– Oliver Coppard, Mayor of South Yorkshire

*“We're delighted that Crossed Wires has chosen to establish itself here in Sheffield. Sheffield is already home to a wealth of cultural events, such as literary festival Off the Shelf, documentary festival, Docfest and several ground-breaking music festivals, so it feels right that the UK's flagship podcasting festival should now call us home too. We can't wait to welcome them later this year.”* – Councillor Martin Smith,  
Sheffield City Council

*"This festival is made for podcast fans, with all the best shows in one place think the Edinburgh Fringe for podcasts..."* - Crossed Wires co-founder Alice Levine

Tickets on sale now via [www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/](http://www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk/).

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**Notes to Editors**

Crossed Wires: The Podcast Festival takes place from 31st May - 2nd June in Sheffield.

**About Alice Levine**

Alice Levine is an award-winning broadcaster, with over a decade of experience across live television, radio and podcasting in comedy, entertainment and documentaries.

She co-created “the most successful podcast in British history” (BBC News), *My Dad Wrote a Porno*, which spawned two global tours and an HBO comedy special. She currently fronts Wondery’s chart-topping show, *British Scandal*.

#### **About Dino Sofos**

Persephonica CEO, Dino Sofos, has created some of the UK’s most successful news and current affairs podcasts. *Deadline Hollywood* said, “has had a mighty impact on the British broadcasting news landscape”.

Dino has brought some of the most high-profile and respected journalists and politicians with him into the podcasting space, including Emily Maitlis, Laura Kuenssberg, Ed Balls and George Osborne. He also launched Dua Lipa’s critically acclaimed podcast, *At Your Service*.

During his 14 years at the BBC, *The Times* said Sofos “ushered in a podcasting revolution”. He pioneered original formats, including the BBC’s *Brexitcast*, *Americast* and the daily *Newscast* - that amassed 85 million downloads.

#### **About James O'Hara**

Since James Co-founded *Tramlines Music Festival* in 2009 it has grown to being a pivotal date in Sheffield's event calendar which attracts upwards of 40 thousand people to its site in Hillsborough park and has hosted some of the UK and the world's biggest musical acts.

His in-depth understanding of the market, and the market fit of new venues in Sheffield is unmatched and James’ hospitality ventures within Sheffield are award-winning, nationally recognised and hugely varied.

From Kelham Island Brewery to a string of cafe’s, bars and restaurants his entrepreneurial spirit has changed the landscape of his home city.

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#### **About Sheffield City Hall:**

- Sheffield City Hall Since 1932 Sheffield City Hall has played host to some of the most famous names of the 20th century & today continues to be an exciting entertainment & arts venue as well as providing a home for many local & community events.
- Sheffield City Hall is 3 venues in one - from the 2,200 capacity **Oval Hall** with its visually stunning auditorium tiered on three levels to the intimate space of 500 capacity **Memorial Hall** that can be adapted from a seated auditorium to a clear open floor and is home to the Last Laugh Comedy Club and

regularly hosts a wide range of music, comedy, and conference events to the art deco **Ballroom** with a standing capacity for 850 & 500 seated.

- Sheffield City Trust (SCT), who operates both the Arena & Sheffield City Hall, is a not-for-profit Trust whose primary objective is to improve the health and wellbeing of Sheffield people by providing facilities for entertainment, sport, and leisure.