

PRESS RELEASE

CELEBRATE RECORD STORE DAY IN SOHO

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Celebrate Record Store Day in Soho on Saturday 22nd April with a lineup of independent record stores offering a selection of rare records and limited release vinyl. Soho is renowned for being the home to the best indie record stores in London, with its rich music heritage and exciting nightlife. **Sister Ray**, **Reckless Records**, **Sounds of the Universe**, **Phonica** and **Third Man Records** all offer something different within a few minutes walk of each other. Many of the shops will host in-store music performances to mark the occasion as one of the biggest annual events in the music calendar.

Having their flagship store on Berwick Street since 1984, **Reckless Records** specialises in second hand records and CDs and offers the best experience and specialist knowledge for every music mastermind. For Record Store Day they will carry plenty of limited releases as well as pricing up hundreds of rare records especially for the day. Discover new vinyl reissues across a wide range of genres behind the brightly painted shop front at 30 Berwick Street.

Sister Ray is a destination record store that has steadily grown into one of London's most iconic suppliers of quality, alternative vinyl and CDs. Set over two floors, you can expect the finest releases for Record Store Day from artists including Blur, Elton John, David Bowie and Groove Armada. The store will open at 8am and is a first come first served basis. (75 Berwick Street).

Third Man Records is an eclectic independent record label founded and owned by Jack White from the White Stripes. The bright yellow shop at 1 Marshall Street is the only branch outside of the USA and offers a variety of genres covering blues, rock, garage, folk, country and hip hop. There is a live music venue in the basement and budding musicians can even utilise the recording booth where customers can record their own material straight to vinyl.

Sounds of the Universe is argued to have one of the largest selections of Reggae, Dubstep, House, Disco, Funk and Soul, Brazilian, Latin, African and world beats not just in London, but in the UK. Known for their in-house collection of music, their fresh CDs and vinyl are original as they come. (7 Broadwick Street).

With a long standing reputation for vinyl, **Phonica Records** will be opening at 9am on Record Store Day with hundreds of special releases from artists including The 1975, Bastille, The Rolling Stones, Billy Joel, Bjork and Fleetwood Mac. Excellent music will be played live from special guests throughout the day. (51 Poland Street).

Head to **Soho Space** at **98 Berwick Street** for a new pop up experience with Soho Radio and a diverse line-up five-day takeover 18th-22nd April. The Soho Radio pop up will feature live shows, recorded special guests and True Music alumni playing sounds from around the world, vinyl pressing, Soho Radio merch, music magazines and books for sale, crate digging sessions and the chance to win vouchers to spend in Soho's local record stores. On



Saturday 22nd April music lovers are invited to join the independent music makers and broadcasters with live sets and an exhibition of artists and talent on display.

Alongside the best record stores in the country, Soho offers interesting places to shop, drink and dine that you cannot find on other high streets.

On the radar is contemporary Copenhagen label **Wood Wood** or **Annie's Ibiza** for one off vintage pieces. Pair innovative and directional fashion from **END.** with handmade rock and roll jewellery from **The Great Frog**. For vintage and one-off pieces head to **Dunno. Curated** or discover **Footpatrol** for rare trainer finds. Fashion hot spots also include **Nudie Jeans**, **Oliver Spencer** and **Sandqvist**.

Head to Berwick Street for exciting food and drink options, dip into Chinese cuisine at **The Duck & Rice** or head to new opening **Miznon** for fluffy pittas filled with flavours of the Mediterranean. Other foodie favourites include tapas at **Ember Yard**, no-nonsense burgers at **Tommi's Burger Joint**, new independent restaurant on the block **Maresco** or discover fluffy cinnamon buns at Swedish coffee shop **Söderberg**. For late night drinks the lively **Pink Chihuahua** is a must, the Mexican cocktail bar is located in the basement of **El Camion** on Brewer Street.

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Notes to editors:

About Soho

Soho is the creative hub of London's West End with a vibrant mix of independent and concept fashion stores, restaurants and bars. Soho's portfolio includes 39 shops and 31 restaurants, bars and cafes across several Soho streets including Berwick St, Broadwick St, Denman St and Brewer St.

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About Record Store Day

www.recordstoreday.co.uk

Record Store Day is the one day of the year when over 260 independent record shops all across the UK come together to celebrate their unique culture. Special vinyl releases are made exclusively for the day and many shops and cities host artist performances and events to mark the occasion. Thousands more shops celebrate the day around the globe in what's become one of the biggest annual events on the music calendar.

The event was conceived in 2007 at a gathering of independent record store owners, as employees wanted a way to celebrate and spread the word about nearly 1400 independently owned record stores in the US and thousands of similar stores internationally. The first Record Store Day took place on April 19, 2008. Today there are Record Store Day participating stores on every continent except Antarctica.



This is a day for the people who make up the world of the record store—the staff, the customers, and the artists—to come together and celebrate the special role these independently owned stores play in their communities.

While there's only one Record Store Day a year, the organisation works with both independent and major labels throughout the year to create contests, special releases and promotions in order to spotlight the benefits of supporting these independent, locally owned stores with music purchases throughout the year.

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