



Leadmill



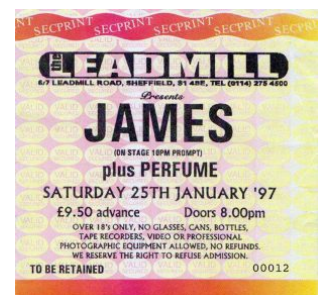
The Leadmill is a live music venue and nightclub on Leadmill Road, Sheffield, lying on the south-east edge of the city centre. During the 60's Peter Stringfellow promoted many gigs there – part of the building housed the legendary Esquire Club where during the Sixties, The Who, Jimi Hendrix, The Small Faces and Muddy Waters played on a stage made from two grand pianos with their legs sawn off. It re-opened in 1980 in what, despite its name, was a former flour mill, originally as a Community Centre. This coincided with the rise of several Sheffield



bands, including the Human League, Cabaret Voltaire, Heaven 17 and ABC. Over the years the likes of Pulp, Culture Club, The Cult, The Pogues, The Housemartins, Suede, Manic Street Preachers, Primal Scream, Coldplay, Muse, Oasis, The Stereophonics, The Strokes, The White Stripes, The Stone Roses, Kings of Leon, Kasabian, The Killers, Bloc Party, Arctic Monkeys, Paul Weller, James, The La's, and Richard Hawley are just a few of the acts to have graced the Leadmill stage.

Early on, the Leadmill was keen to encourage local music, and hosted the Festival Against Unemployment in September 1982, promoting local bands; New Model Soldier, Party Day and Agent Orange. Notable early events included a 1982 pantomime directed by Jarvis Cocker and The Housemartins deciding to queue for their own 1984 gig, but being turned away by bouncers. Other local bands to play there included Dig Vis Drill, Bass Tone Trap and Touch. The venue has also been voted favourite live music venue by readers of the NME on several occasions.

The venue has more recently hosted many gigs by bands such as Milburn, Coldplay, Snow Patrol, The Killers, Enter Shikari, Sisteray, Klaxons, The Coral, Explosions in the Sky, Kids in Glass Houses, Elliot Minor, One Night Only, The Audition, The Maccabees, and The White Stripes. Sheffield's own Arctic Monkeys sold out the Leadmill in 2005 (quicker than any other band) well before they released Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not. The Libertines played a five-band bill in 2002, supported by Parva, who would later come back to headline as Kaiser Chiefs. In the same way, in 2003 Hot Hot Heat were supported by Franz Ferdinand before they came back to headline. Although the venue seems to have prioritised discos for many years, they continue to host many live shows.



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The Claxon Five	The Event Group	26/03/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Out Of Context	(lunchtime)	27/03/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
The Muskrats		27/03/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
The Comsat Angels		29/03/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Luther Allison		30/03/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Urban Pearls	Shy Tots	02/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Silent Running		09/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
The Toy Shop	Splash / Mary Mary	10/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Eddie Lockjaw Davies		13/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Haze	Geneva / Thief (afternoon)	16/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Jab Jab		16/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Juke		20/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Haze	Thief	21/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Stunt Kites	(afternoon)	23/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Vendino Pact		23/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Indigo Lady		24/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Paraphenalia		27/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Stunt Kites	Debar / Rough Copy	28/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
March The Third	(afternoon)	30/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Tom Robinson		30/04/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Roy Harper		01/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Mainsqueeze		04/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Weapons Of Peace	Y-Distinction	05/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Swamp Children	Jazz Defectors	07/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
John Rowland Blues Band	(lunchtime)	08/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Hannibal Marvin Peterson		11/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Ken Forgettable	Bhocks 'o Phroggs (lunchtime)	14/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Artery	Patrik Fitzgerald	14/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Legend	(lunchtime)	15/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
John Renbourne	Diz Disley	15/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Eddie Cleanhead Vinson		18/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Rip Rig and Panic		19/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Vicious Circles	Party Day / Creatures Of Habit (lunchtime)	21/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
The Sinatras		21/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Gordon Giltrapp		22/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield
Guest Stars		25/05/1983	Leadmill	Sheffield