

PRESS RELEASE
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GRAND CENTRAL STREAM

From 5 to 27 February 2021, Antigel's main party and dance venue, Grand Central, will stream a programme lovingly compiled by the Festival's historical partners Motel Campo and SHAP SHAP, in collaboration with Couleur 3. Every Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m., Geneva's living rooms will thrum to the very best Swiss and international DJs so that we may forget that our favourite clubs are still closed. SHAP SHAP and Motel Campo have teamed up and transcended borders like never before: from Rio de Janeiro to Lucerne, from Zürich to Mexico City via Cape Town and Johannesburg, Grand Central will become a hub of the electronic scene bringing together a host of exceptional artists.

Grand Central, a major meeting place for electronic music lovers, partygoers and clubbers, brings together 25,000 people every year in temporary venues that are on the verge of disappearing from Geneva's urban landscape. The Halle CFF at Pont-Rouge and its Tower, the former Étang district, the Vernets Barracks: these are all places of great significance that have now been destroyed or completely transformed but will remain etched in Antigel memory. This year, the Festival will continue its commitment to anchor culture in Geneva's buildings and will for the first time be broadcast straight into your living-rooms, kitchens and bathrooms, embarking you on a journey from one side of the globe to the other.

GRAND CENTRAL x SHAP SHAP

Since 2015, SHAP SHAP has been fighting against discrimination and global inequalities through cultural projects. In collaboration with local actors based in each of the countries represented, the Geneva-based association invites artists who are unknown under our latitudes and who often come from minority backgrounds, to perform at the Festival, thus offering them room for expression. New year, new horizons: for its 6th collaboration with Antigel, SHAP SHAP will expand its borders and fly to Latin America for the first time. **CENTRAL AMERICA, WHAT'S UP?** in collaboration with **ANITA KIRPPIS**, will take us to Mexico and El Salvador in the ultra-underground and uninhibited worlds of **GHETTO WITCHEZ** and **EL IRREAL VEINTIUNO**.

The discovery of Latin America will then turn to Brazil with **BRAZIL, WHAT'S UP?** Real highlight of this year's programme, the **BATEKOO** collective will hijack Antigel's airwaves. Composed of artists, dancers and DJs from the Brazilian favelas, the collective stands against homophobia, transphobia and racism by lending a voice to oppressed youth with militant and visionary parties. No more of yesteryear's sweet and nostalgic bossa nova: Brazil's youth raise their fist and assert themselves through music!

After the madness of the five previous **SOUTH AFRICA, WHAT'S UP?** events, SHAP SHAP will once again give *carte blanche* to South African collective **CUSS**, true diggers of talent who unearth nuggets from the emerging contemporary electro-hip-hop scene of South Africa. We will also invite **ROSE BONICA** with her mysterious and introspective sets, and Mohale Motlali, aka **X14**, to complete this electrifying line-up of raw, powerful and engaging sounds.

We will then head back to Switzerland with **GENEVA, WHAT'S UP?** whose programme was crafted in collaboration with Maité Chénrière aka **MIGHTY** (House of Butch Extravaganza). The Afrofuturist DJ transforms dancefloors into areas of emancipation and expression for all. For this 2nd collaboration with SHAP SHAP, the multifaceted artist has invited **VEN3MO** and **I-VYE** to celebrate the multiplicity of identities and bodies.

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GRAND CENTRAL x MOTEL CAMPO

Motel Campo will give pride of place to the Swiss scene and reconnect our linguistic regions. Every weekend, the club will host DJs from all over Switzerland who have been shaking the country's urban nightscape. For the first time, the two rising stars of the Swiss electronic scene, **JAMIRA ESTRADA** and **NVST**, will meet in b2b for an epic night. In the first part of the night, **GARÇON** will deliver his mesmerising techno grooves.

We will also mark the occasion with **PASTRAM**, the *enfant terrible* with his thousands of LPs and hazy atmospheres. He will be in b2b with **AUDREY DANZA**, an expert in 80s-influenced experimental sounds. Finally **ANGELO REPETTO**'s heavy and deep basslines will take over to end the night with a cosmic, techno-infused live set.

Few Swiss DJs can compare themselves to the talented **EL TIGRE SOUND** when it comes to unearthing hidden gems from around the world. A beacon of underground nightlife in Eastern Switzerland, he dishes out heterogeneous and complex sets, always crafted to perfection: a delicious appetiser before THE emblematic figure of Zurich's electronic scene: **KEJEBLOS**. A proven digger with multiple influences.

The Grand Central stream will end in style with an epic French-Swiss party featuring **DANIELE COSMO**, mastermind behind Zurich's record label Lux Rec and Helena Hauff's sidekick, who set the Caserne des Vernets dancefloor alight in February 2020. For the final set we will then travel across the border with **POPETTELLI**. The prolific French producer will undoubtedly have your sofas oozing with sound vibrations. The frenzy of his grooves will leave you on a high. Warn your neighbours, it'll be loud!

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