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New concert venues open in a music-mad city



MANCHESTER

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Music has long been at the core of Manchester's gritty soul, from Joy Division and the Stone Roses to Oasis and, now, Harry Styles, who is backing Britain's largest new music arena, *Co-op Live*, set to open in April. Stars like Liam Gallagher, Eric Clapton and Barry Manilow are booked to inaugurate the 23,500-capacity space, which will complement the reopening of concert halls like the post-punk incubator *Band on the Wall* and *New Century*, where the Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix and Tina Turner have all graced the stage.

For those interested in emerging talent, the city will host two major music conferences this year, including *Worldwide Music Expo*, a behemoth packed with concerts, speakers, films and an awards ceremony, and *Beyond the Music*, a smorgasbord of performances, parties, workshops and more. In November, Laurie Anderson will headline the Factory International arts center with "ARK," a multimedia "dark comedy for the end of the world."

— Nora Walsh