

P60



Local line-up: listeners come out of the woodwork

Surround sound

The P60 isn't just Amstelveen's premiere pop music venue; it's a well-rounded performance space showcasing an exciting mix of local and international cultural talent. Opened (with help from the Queen, no less) nearly ten years ago, it was originally conceived as a gathering spot for teen and twentysomething Amstelveeners; but once the ball got rolling, its ambitions expanded.

The eventual concert facility now boasts two performance halls – one for jam sessions and regular comedy nights and another for concerts with audiences of up to 650 people – as well as a fully functioning restaurant-café and billiards lounge. With art exhibitions, workshops (like DJ-ing basics with DJ Koen van Dijk and vocal coaching sessions with Dutch singing celebrity Babette Labeij), dance nights with live DJs and, of course, genre-spanning popular music, P60 is certainly no one-trick 'podium'.

Some past pop headliners have included iconic songstress (and Amstelveen native) Giovanca, Japanese heart-throb guitarist Miyavi of the former rock group Dué le Quartz, and chart-topping crooner Caro Emerald. Previous hits from other genres have been raspy American rocker Beth Hart, Brit DJ Dave Clarke and jazz-blues heavyweights Gare du Nord.

Upgraded just two years ago, the main concert venue on the top level has a state-of-the-art sound system, which has won approbation from listeners and artists alike: technically demanding Amsterdam rockers De Dijk praised P60 as one of the only venues that had their house equipment up to snuff.

The buzzing restaurant and billiards lounge is a great spot to fuel up before a show, mellow out afterwards or just hang, on the rare occasion nothing's programmed for the night. The kitchen offers light fare like pasta salad or satay dishes, and the menu is updated each month.

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a dinner-and-a-
show ticket

Comedy nights, coordinated by the performance collective Punchline Comedy Club, feature stand-up and cabaret performances by new and established Dutch talent on every second Thursday of the month, mostly in Dutch. Some past performers include award-winning cabaret star Anne Jan Toonstra, Jasper Valstar and Ronald Smink. And when P60's

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cool blue-purple walls aren't echoing with laughter, they're likely vibrating with the throbbing bass from a regular stream of live DJ dance nights. Many big-name DJ tours spin through, including the Heroes of Techno series that has featured Frank Kvitta, PET Duo, Boris S, Alex Kvitta and DJ Bold.

In addition to the dance nights, some of the musical highlights of early 2011 are expected to be: Dutch pop legends Brainbox and Brit ska sensation The Beat in January; and for February, a solo performance by former Zombies singer Colin Blunstone and the farewell tour of Tribute 2 Bob Marley. For more future concerts and events, check the P60 website.

P60: Podium for pop culture and media Stadsplein 100a, Amstelveen (345 3445/p60.nl). Restaurant and lounge open Thur 18.00-01.00; Fri, Sat until 02.00. Tim Peterson

Music

Time out

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Verspreiding: Amsterdam