

The Railway Club at Cluny 2

The Railway Club 'Broken Strings' launch at Cluny 2, Friday 6th July

The Railway Club have released new single Broken Strings through Tiny Lights. At a launch party at Cluny 2 on Friday, they were joined by label friends Acrobatic Society, Blank Maps and Natasha Haws.

Despite the torrential rain outside, over one hundred people packed into the intimate venue to watch Acrobatic Society start the show at 8 pm. Led by guitarists Adam Pearson and Scott Harrison, who share vocals, Acrobatic Society offer a distinctly post-punk sound, which slips into classic 1960s psychedelia reminiscent of The Velvet Underground, every time you hear the haunting screech of Sinead Krzyzyk's electric violin. A great start.

Next up was Blank Maps, who recently announced the completion of their EP on Tiny Lights. Thom Piddock's calming vocals mixed with samples and soaring guitars are a great contrast to the band's 6/8 times signatures and complex riffing. You can catch the EP launch at Cluny 2 on 11th August.

Natasha Haws started at 9:30 pm. As a result, more people piled into Cluny 2 making it impossible to move. This is the norm now for Natasha who looks cool and calm onstage. You could hear a pin drop as she worked through her captivating setlist. And a big cheer went up when she announced her intention to record with Tiny Lights later this year. That will no doubt be one of the most anticipated North East releases as Christmas approaches.

Finally, it was over to the night's hosts, The Railway Club. Following the completion of their album due for release in August, the band have adjusted their live performance. Keyboard player Carmen Green now takes a central role, sharing vocals with frontman Martin Trollope, quite often in a duet. It gives songs such as Broken Stings and previous single, Clouds, an extra dimension adding to the lush weaving guitars, glockenspiel and up-tempo drums.

Expect to see more performances this year from a band clearly reaching a settled and confident period, only twelve months since forming

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