

r Eclectic mix on board Stubnitz

A THREE-day celebration of experimental music gets underway on Friday aboard MS *Stubnitz*, the German ship currently docked on the Tyne.

Post-rock guitars, complex electronic rhythms, all-out noise, twisted ballads and ambient deep listening are just some of the left-field music examples being promised within the eclectic and packed programme.

Boasting no genre constraints and an international bill of high quality performers, *version - the other music* will bring together a diverse range of the best in experimental music.

Highlights of the festival include rare appearances from the giants of electronic music Autechre, the Finnish duo Pan Sonic, Austrian Christian Fennesz, Berlin's Monolake and Scion, and Detroit's Wolf Eyes plus one of the very first UK appearances from US group Battles.

Joining them on the programme is Newcastle-based musician Andrew

Hodson who will be performing with his band The Matinee Orchestra.

"We will be playing pieces from our upcoming album, which will be released in September," explained the Morecambe-born former student from Northumbria University.

Laura Reed, a cellist who works with Newcastle-based singer/songwriter Kathryn Williams, is among the musicians who make up the orchestra.

"We will be doing a live set," continued Andrew, "I'll be playing my laptop and guitar, as well as dropping in samples throughout. There's a great line-up over the three days and I think it's pretty accessible to anyone. It would be a good introduction to experimental music."

Andrew, who lives in Summerhill Terrace, is probably best known in the North-East for his work, *Music Map* - a piece created from recordings of sounds on the Tyne and Wear Metro to be listened to throughout the journey from Monument to Whitley Bay.

● *version - the other music* will run from July 8 to 10. For tickets, priced at £55 for a weekend pass or £16 per session, call the Live Theatre on (0191) 232-1232.

● A collaborative project, *version* has been produced by contemporary arts production company amino; no-fi, who regularly bring adventurous musical performers to the North-East from all over the world and arts production agency, forma. For full event details, www.version.org.uk



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