



# WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH

## **Discwoman**



#### What, so we're talking a computer lady here?

No, it's not a new piece of AI software or a sex robot. Discwoman is a powerful female DJ collective, agency and club night that represents a global community of 250+ women, trans women and genderqueer artists. Founded by Emma Burgess-Olson, Frankie Decaiza Hutchinson and Christine McCharen-Tran in New York in 2014, Discwoman was formed after they'd had enough of likeminded artists in their community not getting booked. They wanted to shine a light on all the great female, and female-identifying, badass DJs and producers in their orbit.

### I see. And does Discwoman do events too?

Yes indeed. The good news is they're coming to London this week. But back in 2014, they launched the project with a two-day festival in Brooklyn and since then have reached out to 15 cities around the world, blessing places like Berghain with everything from chin-scratching electronica and experimental bass to

no-messing techno. Music accolades aside, last year they were featured in the *Forbes* 30 Under 30 list, which helped to further bolster their impressive mantra: 'amplify each other'.

#### Who is in the DJ/producer crew?

Their collectivist approach ensures they bring through the best DJs and producers who are doing unique and socially conscious things in their respective scenes. A few members you may have heard spinning in clubs around the UK and Europe include co-founder Umfang (Emma). While DJ/producer Shyboi channels Caribbean and American culture through her dutty tune selection, using music to explore ideas of identity, power and history. NTS's Peach is also a proud member alongside bass boundary pusher Kamixlo.

#### When can we see them play?

Conveniently for Londoners, all four of these DJs are playing as part of the Southbank Centre's 'Concrete Lates' on Thursday August 30. Hayley Joyes

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