

GROOVE LOCH NESS SET TO PAY TRIBUTE TO LOCAL DJ

Groove Loch Ness are to set to pay tribute the local Filth DJ Ross Lyall who tragically lost his life earlier this year.

Ross was a great friend, sounding board and confident to the Groove team and is sorely missed by all involved in the festival.

Andrew McGibbon, Ross' Filth DJ partner will be playing a special set on the main stage in memory of Ross. Andrew said, *'Last year, Ross and I were delighted to be a part of Groove. I clearly remember a moment when we stopped and took a minute to take in the atmosphere and the sights around us and really appreciate what we were experiencing. Sadly we won't have a chance to do that again but I'm delighted that Groove have made this gesture and giving us the chance to celebrate Ross and his massive effect on so many people's lives'*.

The Filth set will take place before one of the festivals main acts **Boys Noize** take to the stage in what will be an emotional but very fitting tribute to Ross and the huge impact he had on the local dance scene in the north of Scotland.

Ross' family added, *'Ross was so privileged and excited that Filth were asked to play at the inaugural Groove Festival at Dores last year.*

Tragically Ross won't be with us, but one think is absolutely certain he would want you all to chill and have a great time.

He loved the Groove concept and loved being part of it. So maybe for a short time in the 20th August you could remember Ross and the type of music he and Andrew brought to the Highlands.' **Dougie, Sandra, Jennifer & Claire Lyall.**

Groove has also announced that DIABETES UK, who Ross was a dedicated fundraiser for, will be their chosen charity this year with collections being taken throughout the festival site. Ticket buyers on www.skiddle.com also have the option to add a donation at the time of buying tickets to the 2016 event.

'Ross Lyall was one of a kind, passionate, committed, enthusiastic, hilarious and a friend who has left forever lasting memories with each and everyone he met.

I was very lucky to have spent invaluable time working together with Ross on our fundraising journey to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Our last adventure took us to the Great Wall of China in Oct 2015 where we smashed our target and raised over £26,000 for Diabetes UK. Ross was extremely driven about making a difference, raising awareness & supporting a future without diabetes. His commitment to supporting Diabetes UK was outstanding.

Last year when Ross got the news Diabetes UK was going to be Grooves chosen charity he was absolutely ecstatic! His favourite event at Loch Ness, Filth Djs and raising money for Diabetes UK, just perfect 🍷

Sadly its not turned our the way we planned and Fundraising events will never be the same without my "sweet" partner, but whatever challenges we take on in the future, I know Ross will be right by our sides pushing us on to keep his fundraising legacy alive. A very special tribute for a very special DJ'.
Amanda Croall (Diabetes UK)