

Queen of Hoxton - Shoreditch

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On the whole, 2010 could be looked at as a pretty torrid time to be a self-contained music venue in the capital. The future remains uncertain to say the least for its legendary 100 Club; and at the back end of last year, The Luminaire shut its doors for the last time. But it's not all doom and gloom, apparently.

One venue that has kept London's live music flag flying – well, at half mast, at least - is the Queen of Hoxton – which, actually, is located on Curtain Road in Shoreditch, and has been subject to a major audio overhaul.

The venue opened two years ago, but things really started to take off in Summer 2010 when Roots Manuva was first to perform through the 200-capacity venue's newly installed Funktion-One PA system. Since then, it has accommodated an array of popular bands and DJs including The Maccabees, Rob da Bank and Mat Horne; and a massive show from The Drums at the end of last year.

"The response from artists about the new sound system has been phenomenal," says the Queen's Danny Payne, "Word has spread, and it's been integral in attracting bigger acts to play at the venue."

The Funktion-One installation was undertaken by London headquartered Sound Services Ltd, and the main rig consists of a pair of Res 2s and a pair of F-218 subwoofers, along with FFA amplification and Funktion-One-badged XTA processing.

Along with its state-of-the-art PA system, the venue now boasts a state-of-the-art Green Room as well, which is a dedicated area located at back-of-house with private dressing rooms and make-up facilities, an all important mini-bar, and a live video link to the main stage that can accommodate up to twenty people in privacy.

