



'The Scottish musician redefining jazz for a new generation'
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"If Hiatus Kaiyote and Masters At Work had a child, corto.alto would be it - the future is now!"

Gilles Peterson

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Scottish composer, producer and multi-instrumentalist **Liam Shortall**, aka **corto.alto** has had an incredible couple of years : his debut album '**Bad With Names**' was **shortlisted for the iconic Mercury Prize** (2024), won '**Best Album**' at the Scottish Jazz Awards. In 2025, he won '**Act Of The Year**' at the Jazz FM Awards, public vote with Ezra Collective and Nubya Garcia the other two nominees, as well as **UK Independent Breakthrough** at the **Aim Awards**.

Now signed to **Ninja Tune**, he's released two singles '**DON'T LISTEN**' and '**VANDAL (feat. Moses Yoofee)**' which continue to showcase his natural ear for cross-pollination of styles. The tracks have received enormous radio support with over **1500 plays globally** in less than 6 weeks as well as being on **BBC 6 Music's A-Playlist** for 4 weeks. The former was also included in the iconic '**FC26' soundtrack**'.

This is music on his own terms. Music that speaks not just to his time spent as part of the burgeoning and fertile music scene in **Glasgow**; but equally to an eclectic mix of influences that draw as much on his affinity with club-culture and all its forms of Electronic Music, or to his love of classic Hip-Hop, Soul and Funk.

Over the last 18 months, the band played over 120 shows, including **West Holts stage at Glastonbury**, closing the **We Out Here main stage**, headlining **Latitude, North Sea, Montreux, Cross The Tracks** and a **sold-out UK tour** culminating in playing to 2000 people in his home town at the legendary **Barrowland Ballroom**.

Championed by **Gilles Peterson, Jamie Cullum, BBC 6 Music, KCRW, Jazzwise, Fip radio** in France and **RRR** in Australia to name a few, as well as the editorial teams at **Spotify, Apple Music** and **Bandcamp**, 'corto.alto has also built a strong dedicated fanbase across the UK, EU and US.

Videos

['VANDAL' official video](#)

['DON'T LISTEN' official video](#)

['Chubbby' live at Village Underground](#)

['Slope' official video](#)

