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A MUSIC GOSSIP WITH CLARA AMFO

With festival season approaching, we listen to some choons with the Radio 1 presenter, 29, and chat fave albums, on-air slip-ups and the best gig of her life

Where Phonica Records, Soho, London

Hey, Clara, we're having a rummage through some vinyl today. Is it something you collect?

I have a nice collection - nothing compared to flippin' Trevor Nelson's though! I've probably got more CDs. I embrace digital, but I would always want a physical copy of something. With vinyl or CD there's the artwork, producer credits and lyrics. There's a nice ritual there.

What's your fave album?

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill. I could listen to it from start to finish, back-to-front, non-stop. It's just perfect.

Who should we be listening out for this summer?

I really like a producer called Mura Masa, who's from Guernsey. His song with Bonzai, *What If I Go?*, was on a Boohoo advert. It's beautiful - it sounds like sunshine.

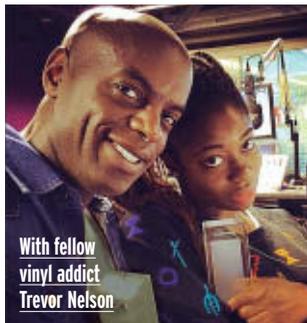
You've been presenting Radio 1's mid-morning show and Live Lounge for a year now. How's it going?

It's been crazy! I have moments where I catch myself, like when I see Fearnie [Cotton, the previous presenter of the mid-morning show] on *Celebrity Juice*.

Sometimes I genuinely forget how many people are listening. I've got students, vets, midwives and a lot of the agricultural community. Every day someone in a tractor texts in!

Which festivals are you planning to head off to this summer?

I'm hoping to go to Latitude, Lovebox, Bestival and a new London festival called Sunfall. I'm also going back to Glastonbury, for work and play, so I'm looking forward to that. Last year was my first ever time. It's like a bazaar



With fellow vinyl addict Trevor Nelson



Clara and Fabulous' Laura are real record-breakers

Btw

Clara was taking her 13-year-old niece to see Little Mix at Wembley Arena after our interview.

She listens to music on an old iPod: it has more storage space than her phone and she prefers to keep her music separate from her mobile.

She keeps all her gig ticket stubs at home in a frame.

utopia - everyone is just really happy and giving and lovely. Everyone gets a bit hippified there, but it's such a beautiful experience.

Will you rough it with the rest of us and camp?

This is the thing - I'm allergic to the cold! I despise it. I love those big tipis - as long as the weather's great. I go with my crew, Bants on Tap - there are eight of us, but only one guy.

Are you in a relationship?

I'm happy and I'm mingling!

Who are you looking forward to seeing this summer?

Stevie Wonder at BST Hyde Park. One of my mottos in life is: "Don't trust anyone who doesn't like Stevie Wonder." I'm being deadly serious.

What's the best gig you've been to?

I saw Prince four times in two years. Celebrate your legends while they're alive. The guy was a hit machine and he knew it. Oh no, I'm speaking in the past tense - I want to say: "He knows it." He was absolutely brilliant.

You've said Beyoncé would be your dream quest.

Are you any closer to getting her on your show?

Whenever she's ready I'll be there, and I'll make her tea! If she can squeeze us into her diary, I'll be there with the door to the Live Lounge wide open.

Have you ever had a fit of the giggles on air?

Recently, we played a tune by Eats Everything called *Big Discs*. Imagine what you *could* say - and, well, I said that! It wasn't one of my finest moments, but you just have to laugh. I love what I do and I'm grateful, but I'm not a nurse or lawyer - we're playing tunes and we're having a chat. I just feel incredibly happy that I get to do that. **F**

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