



Live music to take over Central Metro

Coming Wednesday, commuters at Central Metro station will not only listen to announcements, but live music too. Don't be surprised if you come across a bunch of musicians casually playing at the entrance, as you run after your train. Unwind Center, in collaboration with CMRL, is organising a jamming session at the metro, Unwind at Metro, as a precursor to The Road to GIF festival, a two-day independent music festival scheduled for January 4 and 5.

Arjun Madhavan of Unwind Center says, "We have kickstarted this event where we use public spaces in Chennai in order to create awareness on independent music, and show how we can be more inclusive." Recently such an event was organised in T Nagar's Pedestrian Plaza. "It is also an effort to let everyone know about The Road to GIF which will feature about 25 independent artistes from the city."

On Wednesday, musicians will take over three different sections of the Central metro station: the entrance, the subway leading up to the platforms and the train. The line-up is curated in such a way that the audience can experience different genres in the same session.

"We have this idea of creating 'clean music'. Our policy is to ensure there is no profanity in lyrics or content, especially when performed at a public space."

Arjun believes that though the city has a steadily growing independent scene, it still has not gained prominence. This is what they wish to change through such offbeat sessions.

Unwind at Metro will be on December 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Vishwa & Lavanya, Yogi, Praveen Srinivas, Voltage B and Manoj Krishna will perform at Central Metro.