

Old Flame

Disposable Music: A Design-Led Commentary on Music's Fleeting Future

London Design Festival 2025 | Simmos, Lockside Studios, Hackney Wick

Disposable Music is a new exhibition created by London-based creative studio Old Flame, exploring how music is increasingly engineered for fleeting, viral moments — and what that means for artistry, permanence, and value. Through sculptural and visual works that transform familiar music formats into speculative objects, *Disposable Music* invites visitors to reflect on the current state of the music industry and its accelerating pace.

Combining the perspectives of both designer and independent musician, Old Flame explores how the evolution of music consumption impacts not just what we hear, but how we design it. Each piece reflects a different facet of disposability. One features a parasite-like form resting on a vinyl record, feeding off its surface — a quiet metaphor for how music is increasingly exploited in the pursuit of attention. Some works are polished, others warped — all interrogate what remains when permanence is stripped away.

Visitors are also invited to sit, read, and reflect with a curated selection of books and records in the adjoining coffee shop — titles that shaped the thinking behind *Disposable Music*, and music that complements its tone.

At a time when music is more accessible than ever — yet more disposable than ever — *Disposable Music* doesn't offer a nostalgic return to the past. Instead, it explores the duality of disposability: how it creates freedom and accessibility, while enabling loss of depth, message, and artistry. The exhibition acts as a prompt — not a verdict — on the way we consume, create, and design music today.

Event Details

- Exhibition title: Disposable Music
- Artist / curator: Old Flame
- Dates: 14 – 21 September 2025
- Venue: Simmos at Lockside Studios, 5 Skipper's Yard, Fish Island, Hackney Wick, London, E3 2RF
- Free entry
- Website: oldflame.studio/disposable-music
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