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Emmy-Winning Composer [Silas Hite](#) Brings Gritty 1970s Horror Funk to Akron with Album Release Party & Group Art Show

AKRON, OH — On **Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 7–9 PM**, The Electric Company will host the record release party and group art exhibition for *The Return of the Vampire Hustlers from Hell*, a new album by Emmy-winning composer Silas Hite. The free, all-ages event celebrates a unique collaboration between music and visual art, featuring work by acclaimed graphic illustrator [D-WREX](#) (Derek Zimmerman) and Northeast Ohio's finest visual artists (to be announced leading up to the event).

The Return of the Vampire Hustlers from Hell is an imagined 1970s B-horror film soundtrack—for a movie that doesn't exist. Recorded across five studios, four years, three cities, and two continents, the album was captured everywhere from Ennio Morricone's legendary [Forum Studios](#) in Rome to Hite's brand-new *Bath Time Studios* in Bath Township, his former studio in Los Angeles, and additional sessions with local musicians in Kenmore and Akron.

Hite, a member of Akron's legendary Mothersbaugh family (DEVO), brings an impressive résumé to the project. His compositions have been featured in *Chef's Table*, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, and exhibitions at MoMA, SFMOMA, LACMA, and The Whitney Museum. One of his ink drawings resides in The Getty Museum's permanent collection.

The album's creation was inspired by D-WREX's visceral artwork, which imagines a gritty NYC underworld where female vampires prey on unsuspecting victims. The collaboration weaves together funky bass lines, cinematic strings, and raw 1970s energy into a sonic landscape that's both thrilling and darkly atmospheric.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Main Exhibition:** D-WREX's prints and video art inspired by the album
- **Group Art Show:** New works by prominent Northeast Ohio artists responding to the music, including Amy Mothersbaugh, Matt Horak, Liz Maugans, Liz Scott, Chris Bragg, Ron Copeland, Beth Becker, Mike Gable, Eric Starr, Micah Kraus,

Anderson Turner, Patrick Whitehorn-Schmidt, Gabe Crate, Chynna Jenkins, Silas Hite, & D-WREX.

- **Immersive Experience:** Album playing throughout the venue
- **Signed vinyl available** for [purchase](#)

"This project celebrates the power of local collaboration," says Hite. **"We wanted to bring together Akron's incredible community of artists and musicians to create something bold and immersive—something that honors our city's creative legacy while pushing into new territory."**

The event signals exciting possibilities for arts collaboration in Northeast Ohio, bringing together diverse audiences of local musicians, visual artists, and creative innovators in one funky, cinematic experience.

EVENT DETAILS:

- Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026
- Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Location: The Electric Company, 15 Broad Street, Akron, OH
- Free admission
- Light refreshments available, including coffee and cash bar available for cash donation to the venue

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MEDIA ASSETS: [Press Photos](#), [Interview with Silas Hite](#), Event [Flyer](#)

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