

Five international acts announced for RAMfest 2014

RAMfest 2014, to be held from 6 to 9 March at Elandskloof, Villiersdorp, Western Cape and from 6 to 9 March, 2014 at Witfontein, JR 512, Bronkhorstspuit, Gauteng, will feature Biffy Clyro (Scotland), Killswitch Engage (US), Camo and Krooked (Austria) featuring Dynamite MC (UK), Foals (UK) and Trivium (US).

Biffy Clyro is a Scottish rock band that formed in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire, comprising Simon Neil (guitar, lead vocals), James Johnston (bass, vocals) and Ben Johnston (drums, vocals). Currently signed to 14th Floor Records, they have released six studio albums, three of which: "Puzzle", "Only Revolutions" and "Opposites" reached the top five in the UK Albums Chart. They also claimed their first number one album in the UK Albums Chart with their sixth studio album, "Opposites".

www.biffyclyro.com

Killswitch Engage

Killswitch Engage is an American metal-core band from Westfield, Massachusetts, formed in 1999. Killswitch Engage's current line-up consists of vocalist Jesse Leach, bassist Mike D'Antonio, guitarists Joel Stroetzel and Adam Dutkiewicz, and drummer Justin Foley.

KSE burst onto the scene with the genre-defining "Alive or Just Breathing", notching a Grammy nomination in 2005 for the title track from 2004's Gold-certified "The End of Heartache" and following up that landmark album with the Gold-selling "As Daylight Dies". The band has sold over four million records in the US. Their music mixes "crushing" riffs, double bass drum patterns, power chords, dual-guitar harmonies, often punctuated with pinch harmonic squeals in their music and breakdowns that one can expect from the metal-core genre. Their music is influenced by Gothenburg metal scene and thrash metal.

The band has released six studio albums and one DVD to date.

www.killswitchengage.com

Camo and Krooked (Austria)

Austrian duo Reinhard Rietsch and Markus Wagner, otherwise known as Camo & Krooked have quickly become one of the hottest production outfits in Europe. Working together since 2007 and signing exclusively to Hospital Records in 2010, the Viennese pair has created a whirl of dance-floor anthems and a reputation for their production skills. In autumn 2011 they released their first album on Hospital, "Cross The Line", a 14-track rollercoaster ride of emotions, veering between polished vocal-led beauties to filthy tear-out monsters, which delved into dubstep, drumstep, electro-house and everything in-between. The album was a universal success and the duo won three awards in the Drum & Bass Arena Awards 2011 for Best Producer, Best Video, and Best Album.

2012 saw the release of their remix album "Between The Lines", which featured remixes of key "Cross The Line" cuts by a range of producers including Metrik, Mefjus, Subwave, BCee and more. Since then, the boys have also had their music featured on some high-profile computer games and have released All Night, the first single off their second album "Zeitgeist", due for release in September 2013.

<http://camoandkrooked.com>

Dynamite MC (UK)

He started his MCing career on pirate radio station Krush FM, broadcasting in Gloucester, South West England during the early 1990s. After meeting Roni Size in 1994 and MCing for the Full Cycle crew, the Bristol collective formed the live band Reprazent, in which Dynamite shared vocal duties with singer, Onallee. Their debut album "New Forms" won the Mercury Music Prize in 1997, and Dynamite's role was enhanced for Reprazent's second album, the hip-hop influenced "In The Mode" (2000).

He released a solo album, "The World of Dynamite", and the mix-tape CD Big Man Talk was released on the Strong Records label (featuring samples from Enya and Kanye West).

www.dynamitemc.com

Foals (UK)

Fresh from a career-defining main stage slot at Reading & Leeds Festival, Foals last week sold out London's Alexandra Palace and Manchester Apollo in just 9 minutes flat - Glasgow Barrowlands, Newcastle o2 Academy, Birmingham o2 Academy and Dublin Olympia shows also sold out in record time, within one hour. New dates were added.

This incredible accomplishment is testament to the bands' popularity and growing reputation as the most exciting live band in the UK right now. Summer of 2013 has been Foals' busiest and most prolific to date. After releasing their most direct and fully realised third album, "Holy Fire", in February this year (charting at number two), the Oxford five piece have since unleashed a feverish assault on live audiences worldwide.

www.foals.co.uk

Trivium (US)

Trivium is a contemporary metal band from Orlando, Florida, who have released albums: "Ascendancy" (2005), "The Crusade" (2006), and "Shogun" (2008). "Ascendancy" cemented the band's place in the metal verse, selling over half-a-million copies worldwide. Shogun debuted at number 23 on the Billboard Top 200 and in the top 100 in 18 other countries.

"In Waves", Trivium's fifth studio album was released in August 2011 and sold 22 000 copies in its first week of release and debuted at number 13 on the Billboard 200 and at number one on the Billboard Hard Rock charts, making it the highest charting record Trivium has released to date.

www.trivium.org

RAMfest 2014 Ticket sales open at <http://goo.gl/wuiZKF> or www.ramfest.co.za or plankton.mobi. Ticket prices will vary during the next few months, the earlier you buy your ticket, the better the price. Only valid ticket holders can take part in merchandise competitions on RAMfest social media pages. All tickets for Cape Town and Joburg include full weekend camping.

Cape Town:

- Full weekend camping pass (No under-18s) 1 September to 1 December, R600
- Full weekend camping pass (No under-18s) 2 December to 1 February, R650
- Full weekend camping pass (No under-18s) 2 February to 7 March, R700

Kreef Hotel & Chalets for hire: Details soon.

Joburg:

- Full weekend camping pass (No under-18s) 1 September to 1 December, R600
- Full weekend camping pass (No under-18s) 2 December to 1 February, R650
- Full weekend camping pass (No under-18s) 2 February to 7 March, R700

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