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YASIIN BEY— aka MOS DEF— JOINS SKA FEST LINEUP

Victoria, BC: Award winning musician and actor Yasiin Bey (aka Mos Def) will be headlining the Victoria Ska Fest, and will be playing on Saturday July 13th.

The Saturday performance will also feature the internationally acclaimed electronic looping artist Dub FX, as well as New York's Ska/ Jazz fusion ensemble, David Hillyard and the Rocksteady 7. In addition to his performance, Bey will also be hosting in a free, interactive music workshop (location and date, TBD).

Bey is renowned for his socially conscious lyrics, innovative style, and for his performances in *Monster's Ball* and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. This will be his first performance in Victoria.

"Mos Def is an icon – a true grit lyricist, and an artist that has stood the test of time. His music moves across borders, genres, and generations. He's a perfect fit for this year's festival, and we're thrilled to be finally bringing him to Victoria" said Dane Roberts, Creative Director of the Victoria Ska Fest.

Bey joins Dub FX, the Mad Caddies, Tanya Stephens, Katchafire, Planet Smashers, Blitz the Ambassador, and over 30 other groups of artists for what has become the largest and longest running festival of its kind in North America.

"The festival really reflects the genres we play. It's upbeat, high energy, and full of surprises. Every year try and do something new. Bring in artists no one has ever seen before and show them performances they will never forget," said Roberts.

Ska Fest takes place July 9th – 13th, featuring a mix of paid and ticketed shows. For more information about the lineup, schedule, and tickets go to:

www.victoriaskafest.ca

For Hi-res photos of the artists, go to:

www.victoriaskafest.ca/press

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