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THE FULL LINEUP FOR VICTORIA SKA & REGGAE FESTIVAL XVII IS HERE!

Greetings to all our Ska & Reggae family, far and wide! We reached out last week with the initial lineup for Victoria's 17th Annual Ska & Reggae Festival and now we're here to present you with the **FULL LINEUP**. Everyone here at the Victoria Ska Society is excited to present everyone with one of our most exciting and diverse instalments of the Festival to date. Once again we've scoured high and low to bring together a group of artists that span genres and generations, musicians that represent the soul and community that runs through the Ska & Reggae culture we've worked so hard to cultivate over these past 17 years.

To kick off our series of marquee shows at historic Ship Point in Victoria's Inner Harbour, we couldn't be more proud to present **TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS**. One of the most influential artists to come out of Jamaica, Toots Hibbert was there at the forefront of the culture that birthed ska and reggae. For more than five decades, Hibbert has remained a vital and influential ambassador of reggae music and culture around the globe. It's been four years since Toots and The Maytals last visited and gave us one of the standout performances in the history of the Festival. This year promises to be another one for the books.



Joining Toots & The Maytals in headlining shows at Ship Point will be Australian vocal-loop wizard **Dub FX** and New Zealand reggae champions **The Black Seeds**. All of our Inner Harbour shows are all ages and will feature jam-packed lineups to accompany our headliners.

In addition, we're bringing even more talent from around the globe to entertain and demonstrate the power and reach of reggae culture. **Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra** (USA) (featuring members of Hepcat, the Aggrolites and Brian Setzer Orchestra among others) promises to be one of the

most exciting acts of the festival with their blending of classic ska rhythms and big-band bombast. **Los Entangados** (Argentina) and their high energy circus ska folk promises to deliver something we've never seen before and **Skarate Kid** (Israel) is bringing their Middle East-inspired take on the classic ska sound. We are also ecstatic to be able to bring you the unique latin ska flair of **Orquestra Brasileira de Jamaicana**. This 9-piece powerhouse is guaranteed to leave a last impression on an unsuspecting audience.

Due to popular demand, we've also reassembled our **Amy Winehouse Extravaganza**. Featuring members of the Ballantynes, the Tranzmitors, **Boomshack** and more, this show highlights the catalogue of one of the great soul singers of her time and one of pop music's most recognizable icons. Featuring a special performance by Canada's reigning Queen of Ska, **The Fabulous LoLo** of the Kingpins, this very special show is a sure-fire festival highlight.

Being the longest running festival of its kind in North America, Victoria Ska & Reggae Festival has deep roots not only here in Victoria, but throughout the West Coast and across the country. We are always aiming to present the finest music our Canadian family has to offer and this year is no different. **Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra** (Victoria) is back from their wandering gypsy adventures to get the crowd dancing. **Tasman Jude** (Grand Prairie) is returning to give the people of the west coast the finest in Canadian roots reggae music. **Dope Soda** (Nanaimo) and **Bocce Avocado** (Victoria) will be in full effect to inject the festivities with an extra dose of fun and weirdness. For those who like their reggae with some extra bottom end and edge **Ninjaspy** (Vancouver) is here for all your needs.

Bringing the real Jamaican vibes by way of Montreal, is Juno Award winner **Mikey Dangerous**, a man we couldn't be more thrilled to bring back out to the coast. This year's tasty hip-hop vibes will be held down with the help of the homies in **Illvis Freshly (& Friends)** (Victoria). The group has established themselves as a local force over the past year and their show for Victoria Ska & Reggae Fest XVII promises to be something very special, full of surprise appearances and performances. While the powerful **Mud Funk** promises to drop a big dose of hot, steamy soul music.

These are just some of the highlights of our completely stuffed lineup for 2016! Please find the whole lineup listed below, as well as ticket information and contact details.

FULL LINEUP FOR VICTORIA SKA & REGGAE FESTIVAL XVII

TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS (Jamaica)
DUB FX (Australia)
THE BLACK SEEDS (New Zealand)
WESTERN STANDARD TIME SKA ORCHESTRA (Los Angeles, USA)
TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD ORCHESTRA (Victoria)
ORQUESTRA BRASILEIRA DE JAMAICANA (Sao Paulo, Brazil)
AMY EXTRAVAGANZA (featuring members of The Ballantynes, The Tranzmitors, Boomshack and more)- (Vancouver/Nanaimo)
MIKEY DANGEROUS (Canada/Jamaica)
DOPE SODA (Nanaimo)
NINJASPY (Vancouver)
THE LEG UP PROGRAM (Victoria)
THE FABULOUS LO LO (of The Kingpins)
BOCCE AVOCADO (Victoria)
ENTANGADOS (Argentina)
ILLVIS FRESHLY (Victoria)
TASMAN JUDE (Grand Prairie)
SKARATE KID (Tel, Aviv, Israel)
SWEETLEAF (Victoria)
BLACKBERRY WOOD (Vancouver)
DJ DUBCONSCIOUS (Vancouver)
MUD FUNK (Vancouver)
THE PARTY ON HIGH STREET (Victoria)
BOUSADA (Victoria)
THE SENTIMENTS (Portland, USA)
MORE THAN MAYHEM (Victoria)
MR. FANTASTIK (Vancouver/Ghana)
THE PHONOSONICS (Victoria)
MT. ELIAH (Cumberland BC)

Ticket Information for Victoria Ska & Reggae Fest XVII

TOOTS AND THE MAYTALS & guests

Single Tickets: \$39.50 - \$45 + s/c

DUB FX

MIKEY DANGEROUS

ILLVIS FRESHLY & FRIENDS

Single Tickets: \$29.50 - \$35 + s/c

THE BLACK SEEDS

WESTERN STANDARD TIME SKA ORCHESTRA

SWEETLEAF

DJ DUBCONSCIOUS

Single Tickets: \$29.50 - \$35 + s/c

FULL FEST PASS - \$149.50 + s/c

Note: Does not include entry into Rocksteady Collective Musical Showcases

JUPITER V.I.P FULL FEST PASS - \$225.00 + s/c (Special Early Bird price of \$179.50, available at all outlets until Mon. April 11 and at Jupiter until Wed. April 20)

New* WEEKEND HARBOUR PASS - \$55 - \$59.50 + s/c (Includes both Dub FX & guests and The Black Seeds, Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra & guests)

TICKET LOCATIONS

ONLINE - TICKETWEB.CA

VICTORIA - Jupiter, Lyle's Place, Victoria Tourist Centre

VANCOUVER - Highlife Records, Red Cat Records, Beat Street Records

NANAIMO - Fascinating Rhythm

DUNCAN - Area 51



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