

Victoria's SKA & REGGAE Festival

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XVIII

Greetings to our Victoria Ska & Reggae family, far and wide!

It's been a long, cold winter but we're here with some news to warm you up through these last few chilly weeks...

THE FIRST WAVE OF ARTISTS FOR VICTORIA SKA & REGGAE FESTIVAL XVIII ARE HERE!

This is just a taste of the lineup, that once again brings not only beloved local acts from our scene but from around the earth, reflecting the truly global reach of the ska and reggae culture we love so much.

This year brings the return of New Zealand phenomenon **THE BLACK SEEDS**.

After an unforgettable barn-burner of a show at Ship Point last year, we had to have The Black Seeds back.

This time they return to give the ska and reggae faithful a more up-close-and-personal experience.

We are proud to announce the debut of two acts we couldn't be more excited to finally bring to the festival.

Storming out of the UK are Easy Star Records warriors **THE SKINTS**, bringing the true ska and reggae vibes, laced with hard-hitting punk energy. Also set to make his Fest debut is Hawaiian sensation **MIKE LOVE**. With his unflinchingly positive message and a wholly unique voice, the vocal wizard and his guitar have left a trail of delighted audiences wherever they go. We are so excited to be able to bring both of these important acts to the Ska & Reggae Fest family.

Making their return this year are Colombian reggae mischief makers **SKAMPIDA**.

It's been a minute since the genre-melding group has graced our stages and we can't wait to get down and rowdy with them this summer. Also returning are west coast legends **ROOTS ROUNDUP**, a band that not only had a formative effect on our Festival leader, but on the Canadian reggae scene as a whole.

After a hiatus, Roots Roundup is back together and ready to get the people moving.

Victoria's **BATUQUE AXÉ** (featuring Axé Capoeira Victoria) are ready to bring something new and enthralling to the Ship Point stage this year. The powerful 12-piece mixes reggae and funk with traditional Brazilian music as the soundtrack for displays of the stunning Brazilian dance known as Capoeira.

Making their Canadian debut, are Colombian roots-reggae warriors **MISTICA**. Founded by the bass player from Ska & Reggae Fest veterans Providencia, Mistica has quickly become one of South America's hottest reggae exports.

Part of what makes this special festival is the relationship it has with the city that we call home.

Once again Victoria Ska & Reggae Festival will make its home in the Downtown core with shows at our marquee venue at Ship Point in the Inner Harbour as well as shows taking place at a variety of venues throughout the downtown core.

Early Bird Jupiter VIP (\$179.50) and Early Bird Full Fest Passes (\$129.50)

available **NOW** at Lyle's Place, Jupiter and online at ticketweb.ca.



**THIS IS JUST THE FIRST TASTE OF THE MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC DELIGHTS!
STAY TUNED FOR THE FINAL LINEUP ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON!**

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