

MOTOR CITY MUSCLE®

THE ROCK-N-MUSCLE CAR FESTIVAL™

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HISTORIC MOTOR CITY MUSCLE® FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FULL SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

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DETROIT, USA—Motor City Muscle®—the Rock-n-Muscle Car Festival—has announced the full, free-of charge schedule of rock bands performing in Hart Plaza, Spirit Plaza, and Campus Martius Park on August 17-19. Over 120 bands from all over the world have been carefully curated to kick off the inaugural year of this first-of-its-kind celebration.

Featured bands of this unprecedented Detroit experience span decades and genres of rock. On Friday, August 17, Hart Plaza will receive a punk double punch of renowned California ska-punk-funk band Fishbone, followed by the one and only Dead Kennedys. Garage rock band The Detroit Cobras will perform before Fishbone. Campus Martius Park will house Belinda Carlisle of The Go-Gos, performing on her 60th birthday in the heart of Detroit. Classic heavy metal group BULLETBOYS will perform on the Riverfront stage, and a performance by poet legend John Sinclair with swing band Planet D-Nonet will close out “the underground”, Hart Plaza’s lower level, on Friday evening.

In Hart Plaza on Saturday, August 18, visionary Detroit punk band Death, respected by many as the world’s first punk band and featured in the documentary A Band Called Death, will open for Ace Frehley of KISS. Before Death, Warrior Soul will perform, an acclaimed heavy metal band with roots in Detroit whose album “Space Age Playboys” was hailed by Metallica’s Lars Ulrich as one of the greatest metal and hard rock albums of all time. In Campus Martius Park, Danish punk band Iceage will perform, noted as one of SPIN Magazine’s “50 Best Rock Bands of Right Now” and lauded by VICE’s NOISEY as “the greatest rock and roll band in the world.” Opening for Iceage is the classic Detroit garage rock trio The Gories. Saturday evening, “the underground” will close with the influential Matthew Smith Group (ex-Outrageous Cherry).

The festival will close on Sunday, August 19 in Hart Plaza with psychobilly trio The Reverend Horton Heat, Southern hard rock band Molly Hatchet, and esteemed Detroit band Sponge. On Sunday evening in Campus Martius Park, Space Oddity Live, the only David Bowie tribute sanctioned by Bowie himself, will open for Journey former Lead Vocalist STEVE AUGERI. Michigan band-to-watch The Accidentals will perform before Space Oddity Live. Michigan electronicore rock band I See Stars will close the Riverfront stage, and “the underground” will close with ambient dreamscape duo Windy & Carl.

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The AMERICAN MUSCLE | Beer Garage stage will be a waterfront party area that features a variety of craft and domestic drafts alongside Detroit favorite bands including The Reefermen, Random Facts, and Itchycoo Park, for an unforgettable party all weekend long. Adjacent to the Beer Garage will be the Pyramid Stage, where some of the nation's best tribute and cover bands will be performing. Ain't no party like a Detroit party.

All 12 winning bands of the Motor City Muscle® | Motor-Rock Anthem Contest will be performing at the festival, including Cadillac Kidz performing their winning anthem Saturday evening. Limited edition vinyl copies of the Motor City Muscle® | album will be available for sale at the festival, and digital albums will be available in the coming week. The album also features Warrior Soul's Motor City Muscle® version of the world's very first rock-n-roll record, "Rocket 88."

Each act performing at the festival has been carefully curated to showcase the best that rock has to offer and the power of the genre as a cornerstone of American culture. One of the missions of Motor City Muscle® is to celebrate the history and the future of rock music and how Detroit Rock City has always been at the heart of the party.

VIP Weekend experiences are available, including exclusive shaded seating areas with the best sightlines, award-winning catering and soft drinks, executive restrooms, merchandise discounts, and more. To purchase VIP credentials, please visit motorcitymuscle.us

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