



## FACT SHEET

- The Cosmic Slop Music Festival is a unique musical experience. Rock music has a long history in the city of Detroit, and showcasing African American, Latino and other rock musicians of color from the Detroit-area provides an exciting opportunity to not only raise awareness of those artists, but uplift local communities.
- Founded in 2011 by Detroit singer/songwriter/guitarist Deekah, the festival was created to focus on African American, Hispanic and Arab rock musicians, due to their lack of representation in this genre of music.
- The festival is named after Parliament Funkadelic's fifth studio album classic 1973 release "Cosmic Slop," an innovative mix of funk and rock leanings by George Clinton and his famed collaborators. While the organizers are paying homage to the past, the Cosmic Slop Music Festival is a forward-looking excursion into some of the best minority rock acts working today.
- The all-day fest hosts a wide mix of 22 musicians serving up an eclectic mix ranging from industrial to free-form funk-jazz. The majority of the artists are from the Detroit area, however there is increased interest from bands across the U.S.
- The festival organizers applied for and were awarded a **Knight Foundation Arts Challenge Grant** in 2013. Because the festival's attendance doubled in 2013, the organizers took a hiatus to strategize and relocate the festival to a larger-sized venue.
- In 2016, the festival relocated to the larger-sized Tangent Gallery/Hastings St. Ballroom located not far from the growing mid-town Detroit neighborhood, where attendance grew to 600 attendees. 2016 also saw media coverage from four major Detroit-media outlets including: Detroit News (GO entertainment insert); *BLAC Detroit* (web exclusive and event listing), Detroit Free Press (PLAY entertainment insert) and onsite coverage from WDIV-TV (NBC local affiliate)
- The 2017 (Fifth) Cosmic Slop Music Festival is scheduled for October 14, 2017, Noon to 11 p.m. at Tangent Gallery/Hastings St. Ballroom at 715 E. Milwaukee Detroit, MI 48202. Expected attendance is 800. A listing of participating musician is available on the festival website.

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