



Cosmic Slop Festival

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The Cosmic Slop Music Festival is Back!

2016 festival celebrates multicultural rock musicians, youth education and local businesses!

Detroit, MI (August 12, 2016) – Calling all rockers and lovers of rock music to save the date for the return of the “Cosmic Slop Music Festival” to Detroit on **Saturday, September 3, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee Detroit, MI 48202**. With a lineup of multicultural rock musicians, bands, aerial aerobatics, fire eaters, youth-oriented nonprofits and all things different, the festival has something for the whole family from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. After 8 p.m. the program changes to adults-only performances. **Advance tickets are \$10 for adults (\$15 at the door), \$5 for teens (\$7 at the door) and free for children under 13.**

Named for Funkadelic’s (aka Parliament/P Funk’s) classic 1973 album “Cosmic Slop,” the festival is the world’s only intentionally multicolored rock festival and the first of its kind in the Midwest. Founded in 2011 by Detroit musician, Deekah Wyatt and a group of Black Detroit musicians, “Comic Slop Festival” ran from 2011 to 2013 and became known as the one place for Black, Hispanic, Middle Eastern and Native Rockers across the U.S. to celebrate the music they love.

“The first three festivals were such a huge success that many of us found ourselves much busier with gigs and touring as a result,” says Founder/ Lead Organizer and musician, Deekah Wyatt, leader of rock band, Roxolydian (recently voted one of the top 12 bands not to miss at the 2016 Hamtramck Music Festival – *Metro Times*). “We decided to take some time out to regroup and reorganize and now we’re back and ready to rock.”

2016 Lineup to date:

Detroit area

- Blackmail
- Caleb Gutierrez
- Carmel Liburdi
- DUANE The Jet Black Eel
- Eleanora
- Eprom Colony
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- Inohs Savid
- JAKK'D
- Nadir
- Pancho Villa's Skull
- Raven Love and the 27's
- Roxolydian
- Scientific Sunshine
- Soul Pepper
- The Great Mystery
- Volcano & the New Radio Standard

NYC

- Rain of Kings

Philadelphia

- Ghetto Songbird

For general information about the festival, vendor and sponsor information, and to purchase tickets, go to www.cosmicslopfest.com, email cosmicslopdetroit@gmail.com or call 313-646-5406.

Bios

Deekah Wyatt (Detroit)

Detroit-born lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist for progressive hard rock soul band Roxolydian, Deekah Wyatt has spent almost twenty years recording, performing & writing music. She has worked with a wide range of artists including Nadir and Duane the Brand New Dog and was recently dubbed “the lovechild of Tina Turner & Jimi Hendrix. As well as her exceptional skills as a musician and vocalist, Wyatt is also the mastermind behind the annual Cosmic Slop Music Festival in Detroit, which is focused on uniting the Midwest “afro-rock” music scene. In October 2016, Deekah will reprise her role in the Icelandic performance artist Ragnar Kjartansson’s Detroit-inspired, feminist piece, “Woman in E” at the Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C.

Blackmail (Pontiac, MI)

Blackmail is a HARD ROCK band from Detroit with a funk infested, bluesy, soulful edge. Featuring the amazing frontman/vocalist Mayassa, the atomic bluesy guitar of Mike Brooks, the bombastic bass of Bygg El, and the thundering drumming of Doug Austin, Blackmail combines influences from Van Halen, Prince, Living Color, Lenny Kravitz, Metallica, JB, & more into their own unique style. The band has been rocking the motorcity with electrifying shows for 10 years, received local & national press & airplay & have put out 3 CDs, Ghetto Rock, The Hard Groove, and their latest Sonic Rendezvous.

Pancho Villa’s Skull (Detroit)

Pancho Villa’s Skull. Pancho Villa’s Skull was started by Tino Ybarra in 2011. While growing up in Pontiac, Michigan, Tino developed a love from Mariachi music through his maternal grandfather, who sang and played trumpet. He also spent time in south Texas with his paternal grandfather who took him across the border to Mexico so he could know where he came from. As he got older he played in punk and ska bands around Detroit but wanted to feel more connected to his roots. Inspired by bands like Gogol Bordello and The Pogues, he decided to create what he calls Mariachi punk and started Pancho Villa’s Skull. At the beginning of 2016 his brother Rolando Ybarra joined the band to play percussion.

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Raven Love and the 27s (Detroit)

Raven Love and the 27s is a Detroit-based band that is a conglomeration of two separate projects. Singer/songwriter Raven Love, guitarist Marcus Johnson, and bassist David Baker found each other in early 2015 and were joined by drummer Jax Phillips, who completed the four-piece. From there, a bluesy glam grunge music baby was born.

Scientific Sunshine (Ferndale, MI)

Scientific Sunshine is a one-woman eclectic dream who produces acoustic (guitar & ukulele) music and lo-fi electro-pop. Drawing lyrical and musical inspiration from acts like Easley, Kimya Dawson and Fiona Apple she mixes elements of anti-folk, indie-pop, and soul to create a special, unique blend of dreamy vocals and vivid lyricism. Scientific Sunshine has always aimed to make music that allows her audience to fully feel their most latent emotions and take them on a journey. Sometimes that journey is through life and other times through the galaxy.

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