

Rocket Festival  
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## Rocket Festival 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2008, Granada, Spain

The Rocket festival is a three day festival of music, performance and visual arts inspired by festivals such as Bestival and Glastonbury but set in the sun-drenched mountains of the South of Spain.



The organisers have a ten year history in the UK festival scene. The Rocket was conceived as a merging of UK festival culture with the Spanish fiesta spirit set in a beautiful rural location near Granada in the heart of Andalucia. The 2008 festival is the third edition and is expected to attract 5000 festival goers from Spain, the UK and the rest of Europe.

Entertainment at the Rocket is an eclectic mix of live music, DJs and electronic live acts, circus and sculpture. The headline music acts for 2008 will be - from the UK - **Coldcut**, **Pendulum DJ & MC**, **Bad Manners**, **The Nextmen** and **Evil Nine** – and from Spain – **Muchachito Bombo Infierno**, **Los Delinquentes** and **Discípulos de Otilia**.





**Coldcut** need no introductions as the godfathers of electronic music in the UK. Their seminal label Ninja Tune remains the UK's most diverse and respected independent and in recent years their cutting-edge live video performances have been honed into a riotous spectacle of sizzling beats and through provoking imagery on a grand scale.

**Pendulum** are the leading lights in the Drum and Bass scene for good reason, their infectious blend of irresistible beats, devastating bass and rock inspired hooks blow the roof off every venue they play.

**Bad Manners** remain the cheekiest, jump-up-and-dance band to emerge from the two tone scene in 80's Britain. Their tongue in cheek lyrics and irrepressible energy are perfectly supported by Spain answer to Madness, **Discípulos de Otilia**.

**Evil Nine** were so good in 2006 they are back for another triumphant session of infectious breaks in the Dance tent on Saturday night. Eclectic deck wizards **The Nextmen** take the controls on Friday with their trademark anything goes breaks and samples.

**Muchachito Bombo Infierno** and **Los Delinquentes** are the brightest lights of the Mestizo (literally Mixed) scene. **Muchachito** are currently Spain's most exciting live act, tipped as the next Manu Chao, their irresistible mix of Spanish guitar, swing and ska guaranteed to move the feet of and break out in smiles every crowd they play to including their recent huge sell out shows in their home town of Barcelona and the Spanish capital Madrid. Local heroes **Los Delinquentes** blend raw Andalusian flamenco with toe-tapping rhythms and will fill the main stage field on Sunday evening with a sea of clapping hands and an excited chorus of "Ole".



The weather in Andalucia in May is a delightful combination of hot and sunny during the day (but not too hot) and warm and balmy at night. Like most Spanish events most of the action takes place at night. As well as the main stage there will be four themed dance areas hosting DJs and live acts from all over Europe.

There is a strong emphasis on enhancing the look and the feel of the festival through décor. Large scale sculptures made by **Wrekon (Mutoid Waste Company)** flags and projections create an other-worldly experience where festival goers can transcend the humdrum of daily life.

Circus and cabaret performers, although less famous than the musicians, are often the acts that people remember the longest and it's this vibrant international mix of ancient and modern skill and showmanship that makes the Rocket so special compared with other festivals in Spain. Street performers can be found all over the site delighting young and old with their trickery, while the indoor and outdoor stages host more involved acts including award winners from across Europe.

The focal point for circus at the Rocket is the **Outdoor Circus Stage** and **Cabaret tent**, hosted by **Invisible Circus**. All the performers will be collaborating to create a procession and finale which will tour the whole site on Saturday evening featuring specially prepared shows and incorporating the kids' **Dragon Parade** in the costumes they've made for themselves in the costume workshops during the day.







The main bar at the festival in 2008 is the **Space Bar** which is themed as the hang-out for the new settlers, aliens, robots, bounty-hunters, jedi's and all the flotsam and jetsam of the galaxy that fancy a drink and a knees-up. The Space Bar has a giant window onto the planet's surface (video screen) and will host a variety of acts – cabaret, bands, DJs and more.

Festival goers will be encouraged to dress up in a space/alien/robot theme and join in the festival parade in costume on Saturday. Prizes will go to the best costumes.

The festival is also running a competition for video artists to submit a piece of work called *"Window onto a New World"* the best of which will be shown in the Space Bar during the festival.



The festival attracts a large number of young families and children are well catered for in the **Kids Field** alongside the **Natural Living** area which provides a calm and tranquil space for holistic therapies, yoga and meditation workshops and more. The festival in 2008 is proud to include an acoustic stage and café run exclusively on solar power to provide a tasty meal and folk and acoustic musicians and bands alongside the Kids and Natural Living areas.

The market in 2008 has expanded and includes 20 food stalls and restaurants serving a mouth-watering variety of eating options, as well as a wide range of local handicrafts, fashion and intriguing objects for sale.

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Much more than just a concert, the Rocket Festival is a three day multi-faceted experience celebrating music, art, culture and alternative ways of living.



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