Ibiza Rocks With Rudimental, Catfish & the Bottlemen, Spandau Ballet And More

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This summer Ibiza Rocks will celebrate 10 incredible and hugely influential years on the White Isle with a line up that brings together festival giants, music icons and the very best of the new breed of rising stars. New additions include**Rudimental, Catfish & The Bottlemen** and **Spandau Ballet** who will proudly return to play Ibiza for the first time since 1981 when they pioneered an electronic music revolution. Supports come from hotly tipped new talents **Shura, Slaves, Krept & Konan, Blonde, Karen Harding** and **Sam Sure.**

Since playing Rocks in support of Jake Bugg last summer, Llandudno lads **Catfish & the Bottlemen** have gone on to win the BBC Introducing Award at the very first BBC Music Awards, released their debut album *The Balcony* to mass critical acclaim and chalked up a sold out tour in the US. Currently carving their way through their second sold out headline tour of the UK, the band also announced two Brixton Academy shows for November, which sold out in six minutes. Widely hailed as Britain's next great guitar band Catfish & the Bottlemen will make a heroic return to the famous poolside Rocks stage as headliners on **15th July**, for one of the most highly anticipated live shows in the Balearics.

Another sensational live act returning to the world-famous Rocks stage this summer is Best Album BRIT Award winners **Rudimental**. Rocks championed Rudimental long before they hit the big time and booked their debut Ibiza show in 2012 at the Ibiza Rocks Hotel where they stayed, partied and played, big time! It will be a proud moment to have these boys back to headline on **29th July**, for what will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of the 14 week long season from one of the best live acts on the planet right now.

Rudimental said: *"We can't wait to come back. Ibiza Rocks is a lovely story for us, we saw Dizzee Rascal at Ibiza Rocks when on holiday there and then a year later* Feel The Love *happened and we DJ'd with Disclosure and Zane Lowe and then played live last year which was one of the best nights of our summer. There's such history there for us. It's always such a good vibe and the idea to do a party in a hotel is just brilliant. As soon as we finish a gig at Ibiza Rocks, we just want to get in the crowd and party with everyone. We're part of that culture so we want to rave as well. Ibiza Rocks, we love you. Rudimental are coming for you!!"*

Hot on the heels of announcing The Libertines to headline Ibiza Rocks 10th Birthday Party in July, another truly iconic British band that provided the soundtrack to a generation are reunited and ready to return to Ibiza. **Spandau Ballet** have sold over 25 million records and amassed 23 hit singles across the globe since the late '70s. From fully-fledged members of the iconic Blitz Club scene to one of the super-groups of the 80s, the band spearheaded the New Romantic pop culture movement born out of the nightclub scene. One of the most significant gigs of Spandau Ballet's career was in 1981 at Ibiza's very own Ku Club (now Privilege), chosen by the band simply because it was billed as the most outrageous club in the world.

Unlike any band before them, Spandau completely understood the currency of the dancefloor and the significance of playing in Ibiza at a time when the clubs were purely packed with Spanish hipsters completely unaware of the London fashionistas about to blow their minds and make their mark, both culturally and musically. This groundbreaking trip bridged the gap between the Ibiza and London club scenes and Spandau Ballet opened Ibiza's doors to a UK audience with one incredible, inspirational and influential gig that was to change Ibiza's music landscape forever. After more than 30 years since that monumental moment, Ibiza Rocks is proud to bring Spandau Ballet back to the Balearics for a very special headline show under the stars on **19th August**. Link to Spandau Ballet in Ibiza images from 1981 here: http://www.mirrorpix.com/offer/111

Gary Kemp, Spandau Ballet said: *"Back in 1981, Spandau were playing one off events at the hottest clubs across the world from New York to St Tropez to the Beat Route in London and The Ku Club had a reputation for being pretty outrageous, in fact the night before we played we went to the club and someone released a bull onto the dancefloor which ended up in the swimming pool. We took over some of our London friends, before us no British people went to these clubs and that was when the conversation between the two nightlife's began and Ibiza club culture was born. We're really looking forward to going back and playing Ibiza Rocks"*

As well as welcoming festival headliners and music icons, Rocks has a rich history of spotting and supporting the best new talent on the circuit. One of the most genuinely exciting bands that fit that bill are

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acclaimed punk duo **Slaves** who will support The Libertines at the hugely anticipated 10th Birthday Party. Bristol duo**Blonde**, who already boast a No.7 hit single with 'I Loved You' will be the very first act of the summer to take to the stage, supporting Years & Years at the Opening Party. MTV Brand New 2015 'Best Newcomer' winners **Krept & Konan**will support Sigma whilst Black Butter Records' bonafide 'one to watch' **Sam Sure**will support Rudimental. **Karen Harding** may be a fresh face on the scene but has already scored a Top 10 single with her MNEK-produced 'Say Something.' Karen will support Clean Bandit this summer whist fellow fast-rising female singer/producer and BBC Sound of 2015 nominee **Shura** will support Jungle. Future stars, live under the stars.

Shane Murray, Brand Director said: *"The energy created by a live band playing under the stars in Ibiza is unique and to celebrate 10 years of Ibiza Rocks with some of the best acts in the world is truly special. The significance of Spandau Ballets 1981 gig at Ku probably hasn't been recognised and we're hugely proud to be bringing them back to the island for the first time in almost 35 years. They allowed for the meeting of two cultures, which is something we did with Rocks again almost 25 years later. We have mass appreciation for the greats and huge passion for new talent. We booked Rudimental for their first ever Ibiza show and have watched them soar. We've got the hottest guitar band of the moment in Catfish & the Bottlemen coming back as headliners. Then of course there's the gig that everyone is already talking about, The Libertines. This summer will be a proud one. 10 Years of Rocks…it's only just the beginning."*

MTV will be the exclusive broadcast partner for Ibiza Rocks for the third year running, premiering six 30-minute artist specials and an hour-long compilation show on its flagship channel, MTV MUSIC and MTV LIVE on 5th & 6th September. As with both years previously, London based Production Company JJ Stereo will produce all the content, which will be hosted by Laura Whitmore.

Summer 2015 will see the celebration of Ibiza Rocks 10th Birthday during the 14 weeklong season of spectacular outdoor gigs. The pioneering brand has also expanded with the launch of its first major festival, Croatia Rocks, taking place on the Island of Pag in July (www.croatiarocks.com).

Ibiza Rocks 2015 line up so far:

17/06 OPENING PARTY WITH YEARS & YEARS | **BLONDE**
24/06 SIGMA | **KREPT & KONAN**
01/07 JUNGLE | **SHURA**
15/07 **CATFISH & THE BOTTLEMEN**
22/07 10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY WITH THE LIBERTINES | **SLAVES**
29/07 **RUDIMENTAL** | **SAM SURE**
05/08 CLEAN BANDIT | **KAREN HARDING**
19/08 **SPANDAU BALLET**
02/09 FATBOY SLIM PRESENTS SMILE HIGH CLUB
16/09 CLOSING PARTY WITH THE COURTEENERS

Ibiza Rocks every Wednesday from 17th June – 16th September 2015

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Every stay at Ibiza Rocks Hotel includes tickets to three of the islands hottest events - Ibiza Rocks (Weds) and W.A.R! (Fri) and the all-new Colada Club pool party (Tues).

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