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Artists Selected for the Annual Miami Beach Youth Music Festival

-- Headlined by Spam Allstars --

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach and Rhythm Foundation are proud to announce that eight youth performers have been selected to perform at the North Beach Bandshell Stage on Saturday, March 17, 2018 as part of the second annual Miami Beach Youth Music Festival. The festival will begin at 5 p.m. and culminate with a performance by the beloved band Spam Allstars.

“It was an honor to have music industry pros Steven Gibb, Betsy Perez and Laura Quinlan selecting the lineup for our Youth Music Festival,” expressed Miami Beach Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemán. “The talent of the young artists is impressive, and their job wasn't easy.”

The judges received 28 performance submissions, and artists that made the final cut include: Arrowhead, Dayana Maza, Ex Presidents, Peach, Play on Words, Ripcord, Unnamed and YMU Jazz Combo.

“I always knew that Miami Beach was a hotbed of talent, but I have to admit that I was blown away by the amazing talent that auditioned,” expressed Betsy Perez. “I can't wait to see them all live and let the audience get to experience such gifted musicians and performers!”

This year, the festival will feature an additional second stage, the Acoustic Garden Stage. This stage will also host the top seven developing talents, as well as exciting new musical walk-in competitions with same day sign-ups and exciting prizes.

Selected performers for the Acoustic Garden Stage are: Alexander Stoyanova, Fienberg Fisher Rock Ensemble, Isabella Velasquez, Lily & Jake, Lily Poses, Monet and Valentina Koehler Baptista.

Opening the main stage will be the Nautilus Middle School Jazz Band, and two legacy acts, including Fing Fang Foom and Miami Beach Senior High Rock Ensemble.

A special thanks to the others who submitted an audition entry, including: Anson, Cedric Jenkins, Double Trouble, Esteban Gonzalez, I Think So, The Inbetweeners, Mihi, Juan Merlano, Naphat Thanosorn, Noah Martin New Rose, the Saturdaze and Treble Makers.

“I was inspired to create the Youth Music Festival to help build the music scene in Miami Beach and give young musicians a performance opportunity,” added Alemán. “Seeing the quality and quantity of all these youth artists confirms that the Miami Beach Youth Music Festival is here to stay!”

There will be a suggested donation of \$5 with all proceeds going towards local youth music education. The festival will also feature a preview of the upcoming North Beach Yard with bites by Della’s Test Kitchen, a pop-up skate park, interactive creative workshops for the whole family, and other fun activations by Coca-Cola.

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