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FOURTH ANNUAL HAMTRAMCK MUSIC FESTIVAL, MARCH 2-5, 2017

The Hamtramck Music Festival invites music lovers near and far to join in a collective celebration of sounds and vibrations in Hamtramck's two-square miles of sonic activity on **March 2-5, 2017**. The 4th annual Hamtramck Music Festival (HMF) returns to showcase metro Detroit's unique and diverse musical talents with an artfully-collected lineup by bringing together live performances by more than 180 bands in 21 of Hamtramck's favorite new and old venues. HMF is a family-friendly event with both daytime and nighttime sets, wide-ranging music genres, and a desire to provide a communally-oriented and positive environment for all.

All Festival proceeds go to Ben's Encore, a non-profit 501(c)3 that provides instruments, music lessons, and scholarships to aspiring young musicians and underserved school music programs in and around Hamtramck and Detroit.

Some of the HMF's notable acts in 2017 are: Rah The Son, Bars Of Gold, Queen Kwong, The High Strung, Prude Boys, Virginia Violet & The Rays, Handgrenades, Sleepless Inn, Dear Darkness, the Idiot Kids, SuperDre, VSTRS, the Mythics, Scarlet Lies, and many many more!

HMF music venues include: Baker Street Car, Bank Suey, Bumbo's, Cafe 1923, Detroit Threads, Hamtramck Korner Bar, Hamtramck Public Library, Kelly's Bar, Metro Pub, New Dodge Lounge, Oloman Cafe, Painted Lady, Paychecks, Planet Ant Hall, PLAV Post #6, PLAV Post #10, Polish Sea League, Polka Dot, Polish Village Cafe, Small's Bar, Trixie's, and Whiskey In The Jar. -- Mean Weenie food truck will be parked in front of Detroit Threads on March 3rd & 4th during fest hours.

One \$10 wristband is valid for the duration of the HMF and gives access to all of the participating venues. Wristbands can be purchased at HAMTRAMCKMUSICFESTIVAL.COM and at designated record store locations (cash only) during normal business hours, throughout the metro Detroit area such as: Cafe 1923, Detroit Threads, Dearborn Music, Encore Records, Flipside Records, Found Sound, Hello Records, Melodies & Memories, Paramita Sound, People's Records, PJ's Used Records (Ann Arbor), Record Graveyard, Rock City Records, Small's, Solo Records, Stormy Records, Street Corner Music, UHF Records, & Underground Sounds.

On March 2nd, Hamtramck Music Festival is hosting a kick-off party with nine bands on two stages! This year, we are taking the party to the west side of Hamtramck to the Planet Ant Hall, 2320 Caniff St, Hamtramck, and Ghost Light Bar Complex, 2314 Caniff, Hamtramck with doors at 8:30pm. Both venues are in the same building! \$10 wristbands will be sold at the door.

The HMF is pleased to announce that on March 3rd and 4th, we will be providing free and secured parking at the large lot found at Holbrook & Jos Campau, as well as free venue-to-venue SMART Bus shuttle service. The parking lot located at the intersection of Holbrook Avenue and Joseph Campau will be open to the public, fully-

lit, and patrolled by two security officers. In partnership with SMART, the HMF will provide free shuttle service that will run the main route of the Festival on March 3rd and March 4th, from 9pm to 2:30am, to ensure that the Festival attendees can catch their favorite bands in a timely and safe fashion. Samples of the festival map can be found on our official website: hamtramckmusicfestival.com

The HMF is organizing a brunch starting at 11am on Sunday, March 5th. Attendees will also have a chance to participate in a free Festival Pop-Up Record Shop and purchase band merchandise from 11am - 3pm in the upstairs level of P.L.A.V.#10. The HMF Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 5th on the main floor of the P.L.A.V. Post #10, 11824 Joseph Campau Avenue. Brunch is an additional charge of \$8 if you wish to dine.

Will Call for patrons and bands, along with general wristband sales, will be at the Hamtramck Music Festival kickoff party at the Planet Ant Hall, 2320 Caniff St, Hamtramck, on March 2, 2017 from 8pm to 1:30am. During the Festival on March 3rd and 4th, wristband sales will be available at Kelly's Bar, P.L.A.V. Post #10, Small's Bar, Detroit Threads, and New Dodge Lounge. Will Call and volunteer check-in on March 3rd and 4th will be at Detroit Threads, 10238 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck.

The Hamtramck Music Festival is powered by the people. All organizers and participants are volunteers who donate their time and talent for the creation of this Festival. Through pro-active citizenry, music, and culture, the HMF is determined to celebrate and enrich our community in Hamtramck and Detroit. Hundreds of bands are featured throughout many of Hamtramck's venues and join in an annual celebration of Detroit's diverse music scene and talent. In line with our overall mission to provide a safe and enjoyable Festival for all, the HMF Zero Tolerance Policy prohibits any behavior constituting harassment, discrimination of any kind, and disruption to the matters of public safety.

Schedule of events:

March 2nd – Opening night Kick-off Party at Planet Ant Hall and Ghost Light Bar Complex. \$10 Wristbands will be sold here. Nine HMF bands performing on two stages.

March 3rd – Music performances at participating Hamtramck venues. -- Mean Weenie food truck will be stationed in front of Detroit Threads during fest hours.
(See schedule at: hamtramckmusicfestival.com) - All-ages events are FREE.

March 4th – Music performances at participating Hamtramck venues. -- Mean Weenie food truck will be stationed in front of Detroit Threads during fest hours.
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March 5th – HMF Brunch 11am-3pm, with band merchandise sales in the upstairs level. All activities on this day will be held at P.L.A.V. Post #10. Main floor will provide an \$8 all-you-can-eat brunch.

– All ages' events will take place at Bank Suey, Café 1923, and Hamtramck Public Library. All-Ages events are FREE to the public.

Volunteers can also sign up to help out at our official Festival website:

HAMTRAMCKMUSICFESTIVAL.COM

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