

ABOUT THE ARTISTS:



JIMMY CLIFF is one of the world's most influential music icons. This Grammy Award winner and Rock n Roll Hall of Fame inductee is credited with bringing reggae to the world with his incredible catalogue of hits including *Reggae Nights*, *The Harder They Come*, *I Can See Clearly Now*, *Many Rivers To Cross* and *Wild World*. Jimmy Cliff's career now spans almost 60 years, an unbelievable achievement made all the

more incredible once you have experienced his live performances that burst with energy, passion, and high kicks. Don't miss this chance to see the legend live!



BOBBY ALU is an accomplished songwriter & travelling musician, born on the Gold Coast but inspired by his Polynesian heritage. He is a singer, Ukulele strummer & drummer known for his signature smooth hammock music & high vibes.

Live, expect a fresh, simple sound with tastes of Polynesian ukulele, pacific beats, catchy songs, tasty harmony & powerful log drumming on a bed of slick style. Pass through moments like you're in a hammock or a slave to the beat. A band that grooves like Withers, moves like Marley, charms like Harper but smooth like Fat Freddys.



KATCHAFIRE own the mantle of best NZ roots act. Hailing from the mighty H-Town (Hamilton), the band have become a global roots reggae phenomenon, with 4 highly successful studio albums, multiple awards, platinum sales, and top selling singles. Their sound is built on the foundations of classic roots reggae with an R'n'B and funk rub, mashing modern dancehall and slinky reggae pop. Katchafire has crafted a universal vibe, capturing something truly special.



TEEKS is the name on everyone's lips. The singer-songwriter hails from Northland and has a voice that is destined to melt hearts around the world. His EP, *Grapefruit Skies*, and the velvety smooth lead single, *If Only*, saw him propelled into the public consciousness and ultimately win Best Maori Artist at the 2017 NZ Music Awards. This young soul artist is unequivocally one of Aotearoa's next great talents.



TAMI NEILSON With a soulful voice straight from the golden age of country and rockabilly music, Tami Neilson has been described as "A red-hot honky-tonker, somewhere between Patsy Cline and Wanda Jackson with perhaps just a little bit of Peggy Lee sophistication." (Nick Bollinger, NZ National Radio)

Singing her heart out along endless roads and stages, from her days as a young girl in Canada touring with the Neilson Family band, opening for the likes of Johnny Cash, to her full blossoming in New Zealand as a formidable talent in her own right, Tami Neilson has won the Tui Award for each of her past four albums, the 2014 APRA Silver Scroll, New Zealand's most prestigious music award for excellence in song-writing, and enjoyed #1 albums and rave reviews.



LOUIS BAKER is inarguably one of the most compelling soul voices to emerge in recent years from New Zealand's fertile musical landscape. Working with the bare essentials and crafting his work with a deep artistic integrity, Louis has gathered a loyal following that spans the world over. Everyone from **India Arie** ("Louis Baker, you sing my soul,") to the international music community have shown love for what he is, and has become.



ROB RUHA is a multi-award winning singer/ songwriter from Aotearoa. His unique style of music has been described as an eclectic mix of soul-roots-reggae with RnB licks. Laced with rock-blues and bohemian-jazz-fusion accents. Grounded on the bed of tribal rhythms and the pulse of haka and moteatea. Rob explains his music as 'Haka-Soul'. Robs genius weaves together sound and rhythm that bring the themes to life, skills he put to use as musical director for the Te reo Maori version of the Disney hit, Moana.



SWAMP THING Longtime John Butler Trio drummer, Michael Barker formed two-man Blues/Roots juggernaut Swamp Thing with Grant Haua in 2010. To date Swamp Thing has recorded & released three studio albums, *Balladeer*, *Primordium* and *Rumors & Lies*. Swamp Thing's energetic live performances are renowned for getting the crowd dancing and inspiring fun.



TROY KINGI was described by the NZ Music Commission as “our Northland treasure”, the Bay of Islands- based musician/actor Troy Kingi has embarked on an eventful few years with major acting roles in *Hunt For The Wilderpeople*, *Pa Boys*, *Mt Zion* and *The Kick*, while also enjoying a successful music career, being awarded an APRA Silver Scroll for ‘Aotearoa’, a track co- written with Stan Walker, and receiving rave reviews for his live performances.

The Multi-talented actor and musician has recently released his sophomore album, *Shake That Skinny Ass All The Way To Zygtron*, a nod to the funkadelic-soul sounds of the seventies from which he draws inspiration, while exploring sci-themes through galactic storytelling.