

## Desert Rock Festival 2009 : Full line-up announced

The organizer of Desert Rock Festival, Center Stage Management, is excited to announce its full line-up for its 6<sup>th</sup> edition held at Dubai Festival City on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009. 6 international heavy metal bands will dominate the stage providing 7 hours of live music, supported by 2 lucky bands chosen from competitions currently running across the globe. A day not to miss!

### Headliner confirmed

The line-up for this year's Desert Rock Festival will feature :

**Motörhead, Arch Enemy, Opeth, Chimalra, August Burns Red, Nervecell  
and two unsigned bands from various competitions**

This marks Motorhead's first ever performance in the Middle East since the beginning of their career in 1975. On their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they won a Grammy for 'Best Metal Performance', promising a powerful show.

At the same time, two competitions are being conducted simultaneously for the first time this year :

- United We Rock : this online-based competition, taking place in both UAE and Germany as an "exchange program" where both winners play respectively at Desert Rock Festival and With Full Force. Votes end on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

### A celebration of heavy metal

In 2009, Desert Rock Festival will be a full day dedicated to and celebrating heavy metal.

The acclaimed music event started off as a 3-hour show in 2004 and expanded into a 2-day festival in 2007 with a heavy metal day to start with and 'mainstream' rock the next.

However, based on the popularity of the heavy metal genre in the region and the day dedicated to it, festival promoters confirm Desert Rock Festival will take place on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, rewarding loyal Desert Rock 'disciples' that have made it a success, every year since its inception.

The festival has been described as "the hottest rock festival on the planet" by Kerrang! and "a major event attended by a vast crowd from all parts of the Middle East plus a smattering of rock'n'roll minded British and American expats" by Metal Hammer.

**MYSPACE, LINKS AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS :**

**- Motörhead**

[www.myspace.com/motorhead](http://www.myspace.com/motorhead)

**- Arch Enemy**

One of the few heavy metal bands with a female vocalist, Arch Enemy accomplished their highest-charting effort yet with their album *Doomsday Machine* which debuted at #87 on the Billboard Top 200 chart and recently surpassed the 90,000 U.S. SoundScan plateau.

[www.myspace.com/archenemy](http://www.myspace.com/archenemy)

**- Metal legends and Swedish titans Opeth**

[www.myspace.com/opeth](http://www.myspace.com/opeth)

- When Chimaira commenced the writing process of their latest album, they were coming off a marathon, two-year road trek in support of their most successful album, *The Impossibility Of Reason*. They had toured as headliners and clocked 330 shows in 21 countries.

[www.myspace.com/chimaira](http://www.myspace.com/chimaira)

- Fivesome **August Burns Red** initially formed in 2003 with a shattering debut album *Thrill Seeker*, which led them to follow up with something even bigger. 2009 is a promising year for them, having done a cover of the song *Carol Of The Bells* which will feature as the soundtrack to the US adaptation blockbuster of the comic "The Spirit". The movie is released worldwide around Christmas day (varies from country to country) and stars people such as Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L Jackson & Eva Mendes.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyusyG5XOac](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyusyG5XOac)

[www.myspace.com/augustburnsred](http://www.myspace.com/augustburnsred)

- **Nervecell** have recently released their first album video for *Flesh & Memories*, the first of a series of two videos recorded live at last year's festival.

<http://vids.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=vids.individual&VideoID=47483782>

[www.myspace.com/nervecell](http://www.myspace.com/nervecell)

**- United We Rock :**

Middle East [www.unitedwerockbattle.com](http://www.unitedwerockbattle.com)

Germany [www.unitedwerockbattle.de](http://www.unitedwerockbattle.de)

Desert Rock tickets on sale on [www.timeouttickets.com](http://www.timeouttickets.com) and +971 (0)4 339 05 50  
Ticket price : 250 AED, inclusive of shuttle bus service, transporting festival goers from different locations to Dubai Festival City and back.

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