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Reajhaun Baptiste

THE third staging of the Gungo Walk World Alternative Music and Arts Festival -- the visual and performing arts exposé -- gets under way at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts in St Andrew today.

The event seeks to provide a stage for the 'others' in the spectrum of Jamaican, Caribbean and International cultural expression.

"We want the people performing folk, rock, hip hop, ska, nerd music, EDM...you name it. We want them to share each other's fan base and realise a kind of togetherness in supporting one another," Michael Holgate, organising team member, told the Jamaica Observer.

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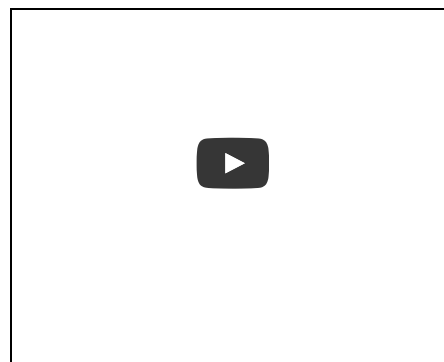
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This year, for the first time in the history of the festival, the organisers are bringing in an international performer in the form of Soraia Drummond from Brazil. They are also introducing dance workshops in dancehall, Afro Jam and Bollywood during the day-long festival.

Performances are scheduled on three stages across the college's Arthur Wint Drive campus. A film festival; healing village, featuring yoga meditation and massage therapy; kids village; and vendor marketplace, are part of the offering.

Among the artistes billed to perform are Chevaughn, Racquel Jones, A-Game, Mystikal Revolution, Random Khaos, Mario Evon, Nina Karle & The Capstone Band, Prodi, Maria Lindsay, The Sky Is Broken, Cherry Natural, and Reajhaun Baptiste.

Holgate explained that the organising team keeps its ears and eyes on alert for new bands and sounds in order to arrive at a lineup for the annual festival.

"We look for what's different, quirky, and certainly not run-of-the-mill. Of course, there will be reggae acts, we are very inclusive and want to promote all forms of expression. This is the only festival of its kind in Jamaica and some performers aren't used to the concept just yet, we still encounter the misconception of headliners versus opening acts... this isn't really the case for Gungo Walk, it's meant to be a wide range of music, theatre, art etc all day... non-stop," he said.

— Richard Johnson

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