

Rock AND REGGAE



1990

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INTRODUCTION

1990 marks the 12th anniversary of the Rock and Reggae Festival . The Rock and Reggae Festival is a two day event held

annually on the Goose Fair site in Nottingham. Out of the many festivals held in Nottinghamshire the Rock and Reggae is unique in that it combines and reflects the multi-cultural communities within the county.

The festival provides a platform for local community groups and organisations to come together and celebrate all that is positive within the multi-racial society of inner-city Nottingham.

Now that the festival is approaching its 12th year, the organising group are looking towards developing the festival to its full potential and establishing it as a nationally recognised event.

The Rock and Reggae evolved from the realisation that an outlet was required for the wealth of creativity present within Nottingham. The festival is attended by approximately 15 - 20 thousand people of all ages and backgrounds.



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ORGANISATION

The organising group is an entirely voluntary body which meets throughout the year, but with increasing regularity towards the

event. The group is made up of local people who volunteer their services to take on a lot of hard work and responsibilities. Over the last few years the organising group has remained consistent but new members of the community are always encouraged to take part via a series of open meetings held through the year.

It also receives support from additional volunteers over the weekend who play a vital part in the smooth running of the festival.

The group is divided into sub-groups covering music and performers, kids area, stalls, stewarding and finance.

The organising group strive to reflect the racial mix present in the community.



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THE STAGE

The stage is considered by many to be the focal point of the festival; it provides a unique showcase reflecting the healthy and diverse

talent present in the city. The local musicians have an opportunity to promote themselves to a much wider audience than any other venue or festival would provide.

Over the weekend 14 bands along with poets and various other performers take to the stage and produce an exciting variety of visual and musical expression.

Although Rock and Reggae is the established title of the festival the music performed is much wider than this would at first suggest. The audience can also expect to hear anything from Asian Bhangra to Country and Western.



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THE STALLS

The festival is not only visited for the music; large numbers are also attracted by the colourful array of stalls found on the site.

Over 60 stalls are present throughout the event, the majority of which are run by local community groups and small businesses. The festival provides them with an ideal opportunity to display their goods and services to a wider cross section of the community. For many small businesses this is found to be an ideal opportunity to gain recognition and the organising group welcome their participation.

With the Rock and Reggae being the large community event that it is, stalls that provide information and advice play a much needed service to those attending.



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THE KIDS AREA

The Kids Area and creche is the other major aspect of the Rock and Reggae, as it establishes the festival as a family

event. A friendly, safe and uninhibited environment is provided for children both young and old to mix and play together. Educational as well as creative play is encouraged.

The area is open throughout the festival and is fully supervised by qualified staff. Due to the increased popularity of the festival, the demand for the facilities has grown beyond what present funding allows us to provide.

Over the weekend of the festival the organisers can expect over 1,000 children aged between 2 1/2 and 12 years.

Activities presently available include:

- Face Painting,
- Straw Pit,
- Sand Pit,
- Badge Making,
- Mask Making,
- Inflatables,
- and the involvement of Stonebridge City Farm.

The Kids Area has two main functions - providing entertainment for the young, leaving their parents free to enjoy the other aspects of the festival.



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Rock ⁱⁿ RESERVE



FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

With enhanced funding the organisers feel the festival could be improved by:

- A procession to the festival site to celebrate the event and encourage the artistic imagination of local people, particularly from the ethnic minorities.
- Improved and increased facilities for the kids area.
- A better stage with improved quality of PA and lighting.
- Extra marquees for craft area and band changing rooms.
- Improved stewarding and transport.
- Providing an additional day and night of activity to promote the event.
- Providing a video and a set of photographs for each band performing, to help them promote themselves.
- Putting on a well-known established band, not only to attract more people but also to raise the standards of local bands
- A performance area for local theatre companies and performers.
- Employing someone on a part-time basis to co-ordinate the running of the festival particularly during the hectic months beforehand



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