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Headline music acts announced for CHAMFEST - 15, 16 & 17 June 2018

Highly acclaimed and multi-award winning British DJs **Krafty Kuts + A.Skillz** are sure to create a banging party vibe when they play the main stage on the second evening of the inaugural CHAMFEST in Chamonix Mont-Blanc on Saturday 16th June 2018. They join this new boutique family festival's musical line-up, which is to be headlined on Friday 15th June by local pop-folk group **Bear's Towers** and played out by smoking hot Berlin electro swing trio **Dirty Honkers** on Sunday 17th June.

The inspired CHAMFEST music programme kicks off in the afternoon of **Friday 15th June** with a line-up that celebrates and supports local and regional talent. The main stage will have musical performances from local soul girl **Jeanette Berger** and bluesy singer **Eleanor** Clarkson, both of whom have recorded at La Maison des Artistes - a performance venue with a popular bar and studios, created in an historic Chamonix building by famous French jazz impresario André Manoukian.

More graduates of La Maison des Artistes, locally grown looping duo **Reel Relish** (Jodie Wheatley and Rich Whyman, fresh from a tour of New Zealand), take to the main stage before the CHAMFEST Friday evening headline act: melodic pop-folk quartet from nearby Cluses, **Bear's Towers** - hot from their impressive opening of the last day of the first Musilac Mont-Blanc in April, when they played alongside big acts Ben Harper, Beth Ditto and Shaka Ponk. Now regulars on the festival circuit, **Bear's Towers** have played alongside some of France's most directional contemporary music artists, such as La Femme and Fishbach, as well as recording at La Maison des Artistes and in Switzerland and England.

On **Saturday 16th June** the theme is an international mix of rock, hip-hop and electronic music, with - in true Chamonix après-ski style - Geneva covers band **What The Frog**. These will be followed by multi-talented British rap and beatbox trio **Duke** performing their fearless fusion of punchy guitar riffs, cruisy melodies and catchy beats. **Duke** are no strangers to the stage having joined some of music's biggest names - Beverley Knight, Jocelyn Brown, Ms

Dynamite and the late Amy Winehouse - in performing their array of covers of all your favourite anthems.

Audio-visual extraordinaire and festival aficionado **DJ Cheeba** hots up the main stage for headliners **Krafty Kuts + A.Skillz** to pump up the dancing with their back-to-back sets - you know you're in for a party of epic proportions when **Krafty Kuts + A.Skillz** hit the decks! **Krafty Kuts + A.Skillz** (AKA Martin Reeves and Adam Mills) have been notable and influential on the international dance music scene since 2003 when they co-recorded the album *Tricka Technology*, blending together hip hop, soul, funk and rock with dubstep, drum & bass and electro. They remixed and re-released the title single in 2013 to celebrate 10 years of creative collaboration and have not stopped DJing and producing music together. Having played festivals far and wide - individually and in duo - **Krafty Kuts** is currently touring with Jurassic 5 founder Chali 2na, while **A.Skillz** has been spinning across Canada and they both played in Dubai alongside Fatboy Slim at the end of April. At CHAMFEST, this legendary pair will play bouncing back-to-back sets to close the festival evening of Saturday 16th June.

Throughout Friday and Saturday, you can enjoy a private dance session anywhere on the CHAMFEST festival site by listening to the **Silent DJ** through wireless headphones. There will also be a kids' version of a headphone unheard disco on Saturday and **Globule Radio**, a radio station produced and presented by children, will be on-air at **90.5FM** throughout the festival as **CHAMFEST Radio**.

On **Sunday 17th June**, CHAMFEST will take a hip electro swing step, with all festival goers encouraged to be in 1920s cabaret-style fancy dress. Popular London hip-hop act **Too Many T's**, who pull from vintage and classic raps with a fun twist, are sure to incite the dancing, while **Krafty Kuts** will play a Prince homage set. An eco-disco experience will be on offer from **Solar Sound System**, a fabulous retro-futuristic DJ booth from Lausanne in neighbouring Switzerland, which has DJs spinning vinyl on decks that are totally powered by solar panels and bicycle generators.

The party will get into full pumping electro swing when kings of the genre Parisian DJs **Typoboy** and **Kid Supreme** - AKA *les gangsters chic des platines* - take to the stage to warm up for the brilliantly bonkers Berlin band **Dirty**

Honkers, the hippest of electro swing acts that have had their very particular musical fusion described as rave jazz and swing tech. Always dressed up and enthusiastic in their creative performance, **Dirty Honkers** are sure to bring the CHAMFEST house down in true Sunday cabaret fancy style.

More entertainment and performing artists are still to be announced for this first edition of CHAMFEST, so be sure to watch the website for details and to book tickets: <https://chamfest.fr/en/programme-2018/>

CHAMFEST is a family friendly festival that is environmentally conscious and considerate of its neighbours, thus the festival will close at 10PM every evening to ensure there is no disturbance.

Local tour operator Chamonix All Year, celebrating their 15th anniversary and the main sponsor of CHAMFEST, is offering a 15% discount on all of their accommodation booked in Chamonix for the festival and there are other hotel groups in the Chamonix valley offering 10% off bookings for the festival, too: <https://chamfest.fr/en/festival-info/accommodation/>, as well as further accommodation information available on the local tourist office website: www.chamonix.com. For festival travel packages and airport transfers, CHAMFEST partner Chamonix Valley Transfers (CVT) are giving 10% off all bookings for festival goers: <https://chamfest.fr/en/festival-info/travel/>.

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