

Rise Against to headline at RAMfest 2013

Rise Against is to be the headline act at RAMfest 2013 in Cape Town, Joburg and Durban, and Paul Harding and Ben Verse from Pendulum (Australia and England) will also be returning to perform.



Rise Against is an American punk rock band from Chicago, Illinois. The band's first two albums "The Unraveling" (2001) and "Revolutions Per Minute" (2003) met with considerable underground success. Their major label debut "Siren Song Of The Counter Culture" brought the band mainstream success, producing several successful singles. The two albums after that "The Sufferer And The Witness" and "Appeal To Reason" respectively debuted at number 10 and number three on the Billboard 200 Chart. All three albums reached platinum status in Canada and Gold status in the USA.

Rise Against's sixth studio album "Endgame" was released in 2011. "The songs to me are a selection of who we are as people," said vocalist McIlrath. "We're not 100 percent political or 100 percent personal. We're people with many different cares and passions. Many different things make up our daily lives. I don't consider myself any more political than those out there who care about the world they live in."

And as for the pressure in following up its string of successes-which now includes three gold-awarded albums and gold singles-McIlrath says it's all internally generated.

"The pressure that we feel is the pressure that we put on ourselves," he said. "We try to step up our game on each record and create something that's relevant, new and fresh, and is still Rise Against. I want to give my perspective and, from the punk community, take in what's happening, interpret that and put it into a song, letting the world know how we feel about it. That's the goal behind a lot of the music."

Dates

Rise Against will be performing at Ramfest Cape Town, Joburg and Durban on the following dates:

- 9 March: RAMfest Cape Town, Circle of Dreams, Riviersonderend
- 15 March: RAMfest Durban, Wavehouse
- 16 March: RAMfest Riversands Farm, Fourways, Joburg

Pendulum DJ Set & Verse will be performing in all five cities between 8 and 16 March (the venues for Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth have yet to be confirmed).

Ticket sales are now open from www.ticketbreak.co.za/ramfest

Cape Town: www.ticketbreak.co.za/event_details/1468

Joburg: www.ticketbreak.co.za/event_details/1467

Durban: www.ticketbreak.co.za/event_details/1506

Ticket prices

- Cape Town: 7 to 9 March. R490 early bird (limited amount available) R550 pre-sold, R650 at the gate
- Joburg: 15 and 16 March. R490 early bird (limited amount available), R550 pre-sold, R650 at the gate
- Durban: 15 March. R300 early (limited amount available) R350 pre-sold, R450 at the gate.

Ticket sales for "side shows" will open soon!

- Durban: 8 March. R100 early (limited amount available), R150 pre-sold
- Bloemfontein: 13 March. R100 early bird (limited amount available), R150 pre-sold
- Port Elizabeth: 15 March. R100 early bird (limited amount available), R150 pre-sold

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