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DOWNLOAD FESTIVAL TAG TEAMS WITH WWE NXT THIS SUMMER

**NXT SUPERSTARS BOBBY ROODE, ALEISTER BLACK, ASUKA,
TYE DILLINGER, KASSIUS OHNO, ERIC YOUNG, ALEXANDER WOLFE,
KILLIAN DAIN AND NIKKI CROSS SET TO APPEAR**

PLUS MANY MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Download Festival, the undisputed champion of rock and metal, has today announced the grand return of **WWE NXT LIVE!** to the hallowed grounds of Donington Park. Music fans will once again be electrified with incredible displays of skill and athleticism, as the hugest names in Sports Entertainment deliver the complete WWE NXT experience alongside the world's biggest rock stars, on **June 9 - 11**. Tickets are available now from downloadfestival.co.uk/tickets.

Alongside headliners **System Of A Down, Biffy Clyro** and **Aerosmith**, fans can catch NXT Superstars ***Bobby Roode, Aleister Black, Tye Dillinger, Kassius Ohno, Eric Young, Alexander Wolfe, Killian Dain, Nikki Cross** and many more as they bring the hard-hitting, innovative and action packed brand of NXT to the purpose built, full scale ring in the main festival arena.

Last year saw NXT make a huge impact with Download fans, delivering a weekend of action to capacity crowds with shocking debuts, high flying manoeuvres and surprising returns from the biggest names in sports entertainment.

It also provided one of the most touching moments in Download history when Executive Vice President of Talent, Live Events & Creative and WWE icon Triple H was awarded the Metal Hammer 'Spirit Of Lemmy' award on the main stage, in honour of his relationship with the late legendary Motörhead frontman Lemmy Kilmister and to acknowledge the affinity between the rock and wrestling worlds.

Download Festival Promoter, Dave Bradley said:

"Having WWE NXT at Download is like seeing what happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object – you just know sparks are gonna fly! Wrestling and rock music go hand in hand and if last year is anything to go by, this exclusive festival experience is only going to be bigger & better for round two! This is not to be missed."

Current NXT Champion Bobby Roode, who made headlines with his NXT debut at last year's Download Festival said:
"Download was my very first show in NXT. The combination of NXT Superstars and massive musical acts, entertaining tens of thousands of passionate fans makes Download a unique experience. Returning to Download as NXT Champion will make this an extra special moment for me as a performer."

WWE has been synonymous with rock culture for decades and has a long history of engaging with the rock

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community, previously collaborating with the likes of; Motorhead, Killswitch Engage, Limp Bizkit, Kid Rock, Living Colour, Rob Zombie, POD and many more huge bands.

Download Festival is the home of rock music and takes place on the sacred grounds of Donington Park, which have been associated with rock since the eighties. The festival attracts icons of rock and metal to its main stage, plus some of the best and hottest new acts in the world. AC/DC, KISS, Metallica, Def Leppard, Guns N' Roses, Rage Against The Machine, Slipknot, Linkin Park and many more have all headlined its main stage.

Notes for Editors: *WWE talent subject to change

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TICKET INFORMATION

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Building on last year's first experience Firestone is gearing up again for a year to remember and is delighted to be an official partner of Download Festival as it prepares to leave a lasting impression with thousands of music lovers. The historic brand's association with Download will form a focal part of a long-term revitalisation as it reaches out to a vibrant, youthful audience like never before.

Firestone – and its famous shield – is widely recognised around the world as being steeped in style and success, with these virtues being brought to life at Download as it aims to become the tyre choice amongst thousands of festival fans. For more information about Firestone, visit www.firestone.eu/en



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