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**MARILYN MANSON, PARKWAY DRIVE
BULLET FOR MY VALENTINE, RISE AGAINST, BABYMETAL
ALEXISONFIRE, BLACK VEIL BRIDES, ASKING ALEXANDRIA
NECK DEEP, MESHUGGAH, IN THIS MOMENT
THE HIVES, BODYCOUNT, MAYDAY PARADE
DREAM STATE, WSTR, THE PINK SLIPS**

ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD'S BIGGEST AND BEST ROCK EVENT

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Download Festival, the world's premier rock event, has announced some of the biggest rock acts in the world including **Marilyn Manson, Parkway Drive, Rise Against, Body Count** and more. The three-day festival takes place **8-10 June 2018** at the spiritual home of rock in **Donington Park, Leicestershire**. Tickets are on sale now at downloadfestival.co.uk/tickets.

Download is proud to welcome back the Antichrist Superstar himself **Marilyn Manson**, fresh off the release of critically acclaimed new album *Heaven Upside Down*. The goth rock veteran is more energised than ever and set to bring his renowned live show to Donington next year.

Since 2003 Aussie rock titans **Parkway Drive** have gone from strength-to-strength, pushing boundaries with their epic live performances. Having ascended to the forefront of modern metal with their latest critically acclaimed album *Ire*, their ferocious crushing breakdowns and stadium-sized choruses have them high on people's lists for future headliner contenders.

British modern metal institution **Bullet for My Valentine** have also been confirmed to perform at Download Festival next year. The Welsh powerhouse have conquered the heights of Wembley Arena along with fellow UK torchbearers **Asking Alexandria** who will be taking to the stage with a hero's return of their original infamous vocalist Danny Worsnop.

Ben Bruce of **Asking Alexandria** said:

"We have been waiting for half a decade to say this again, "DOWNLOAD WE ARE COMING FOR YA!". Download festival is hands down one of the most exciting festivals in the world to play and

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so we have decided to bring our biggest show to date over with us. We cannot wait to see you all there. In the words of this year's legendary headliner, Mama I'm coming home"

Pivotal punk rock heroes **Rise Against** will have fists thrown in the air, with their ferocious socio-political rock. Expect a high energy, kinetic performance from one of the world's biggest authentic punk bands, who've proved their lasting worth to the genre. Joining the line up are LA Glam Rockers **Black Veil Brides**, Swedish extreme tech-metal trail blazers **Meshuggah**, and post hardcore legends **Alexisonfire** whose performance will be a long-awaited return to Download Festival.

Mind-blowing "*metal phenomenon on a mission*" **BABYMETAL** are confirmed to make their second official Download performance. This **UK exclusive** appearance will see the return of their thunderous metal, mixed with infectious J-pop that's taken the world by storm. With figurehead **Ice T** at the helm, **Body Count**'s mix of harsh political messages and powerful hard-core sensibilities have made the rap metal icons unmissable, as well as **In This Moment** who are led by the entrancing Maria Brink and ready to bring a gothic, industrial, metal spectacle to make Download proud.

BABYMETAL said:

"We are so happy to announce that we will be playing at Download UK!! We were last there in 2016 and it is an absolute honour to be returning to this prestigious festival next year. Can't wait to go back and see everyone there!"

Revered purveyors of garage-punk noise **The Hives** are confirmed, with frontman Howlin' Pelle Almqvist guaranteed to leave no stone unturned with a set of frantic non-stop rock n' roll. Making their Download Festival debut are pop punks scousers **WSTR** who have propelled themselves throughout the last year, as well as emo pop favourites **Mayday Parade** who are hot off the back of a successful ten-year anniversary tour.

Selling out Brixton Academy and making massive waves as the break out luminaries of UK pop-punk, Wrexham five-piece **Neck Deep** are returning to Download Festival along with Seattle's **The Pink Slips** with their fusion of "*synth-pop, punk, dance and vintage rock 'n' roll*", fronted by the ferocious GRAVE, daughter of Guns N' Roses' Duff McKagan. Last but no means least are rising stars **Dream State** with their no-nonsense, melodic emo rock which has earned them their debut Download appearance.

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 to its main stage, plus some of the best and hottest new acts in the world. AC/DC, KISS, Metallica, Black Sabbath, The Prodigy, Rage Against The Machine, Slipknot, Linkin Park and many more have all headlined its main stage.

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Avenged Sevenfold / Guns N' Roses / Ozzy Osbourne

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