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Boston Calling Music Festival Announces Its 2018 Lineup Headlined by Eminem, The Killers, and Jack White

**The Annual Three-Day Festival Will Take Place at
The Harvard Athletic Complex in Allston, MA
May 25, 2018 - May 27, 2018**

**Early Bird Tickets Are On Sale Today,
Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10:00AM EST**
www.bostoncalling.com

BOSTON, Jan. 04, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Boston Calling**, one of the city's most iconic events and one of the world's largest metropolitan music festivals, announces its 2018 lineup today. The internationally acclaimed and locally grown music festival returns for its ninth edition and will take place for the second consecutive year at the **Harvard Athletic Complex** in Allston (65 North Harvard Street, Boston) on Memorial Day Weekend, **May 25 - 27, 2018**. Headlined by **Eminem, The Killers**, and **Jack White**, Boston Calling 2018 will deliver over 54 performances from musicians, bands, and comedians across its three stages and the festival's indoor arena. Adding to the excitement, Academy Award-winning actress, producer and director **Natalie Portman** is confirmed to curate and host a series of special programming at this year's festival. More details will be announced in the months ahead.

A limited number of Early Bird tickets to Boston Calling are available today, Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 10:00am EST at www.bostoncalling.com; regular priced tickets will be available after Early Bird tickets sell out. A map of Boston Calling's 2018 layout, along with artist images from the 2018 lineup, can be found [here](#).

"Each year we continue to push ourselves to bring fans the very best festival experience. With some new changes and features already announced for this year's festival, and many more on the way, we are ready and excited to treat our fans to an incredible weekend of performances from some of the world's most iconic music acts," said Boston Calling Events, LLC (BCE), Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer **Brian Appel**.

The 2018 Lineup

As always, Boston Calling's 2018 lineup is curated by **Aaron Dessner** of The National and features a strikingly deep roster of talent from various genres. From world-renowned superstars to Grammy winners and nominees to buzzworthy local artists on the rise, this year's festival will offer fans an incredible amount of options over the course of its three days. Fans are bound to experience performances from both must-see acts and exciting newcomers.

This year's headliners include **Eminem**, who hasn't performed in New England since 2005, chart toppers **The Killers**, and the multi-talented and 12-time Grammy award-winner **Jack White**, who recently announced he will release his new album, *Boarding House Reach*, in 2018.

Each year, the festival crafts a lineup that celebrates both heavy hitters and breakout stars while consistently expanding parameters of the music a festival should offer. 2018 is no exception, with Boston Calling's lineup featuring **Queens of the Stone Age; The National; Paramore; Tyler, The Creator; Khalid; Bryson Tiller; Portugal. The Man; Fleet Foxes; St. Vincent; The Decemberists; Brockhampton; Maggie Rogers; Royal Blood; Manchester Orchestra; Daniel Caesar; Thundercat; Stormzy; Pussy Riot; Julien Baker**, and many more.

Local and regional acts will include Boston's 90s alt-rock favorites **Belly**, indie rock trio **Weakened Friends** from Portland, Maine, and hip-hop up-and-comer **STL GLD**. Both Weakened Friends and STL GLD recently took home honors at the 2017 Boston Music Awards.

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Boston Calling's comedy and entertainment programming, held indoors at the festival's arena, will expand with the addition of two wildly popular and politically charged podcasts: **Pod Save America** and **Lovett or Leave It**. The good times will roll with star-studded comedians **Jenny Slate**, a Boston local, **Bridgett Everett**, **Cameron Esposito**, **Tony Hinchliffe**, **Jo Firestone**, **Max Silvestri**, and **Martin Urbano**.

The 2018 Layout

Boston Calling's new layout, features and improvements include additional entrance lanes, stronger wi-fi, more activations and art installations, bigger video screens, dozens of additional food vendors, expanded craft brewing options, a brand new 20,000 square foot VIP & Platinum lounge, and an all new Platinum level viewing experience. A new sound system is being deployed on all stages, designed to provide a better experience for attendees, as well as mitigate sound bleed in surrounding communities.

World-acclaimed festival designer, artist and sculptor **Russ Bennett** is back to bring a reimagined look and aesthetic to 2018's festival. In 2017, he wowed the Boston Calling crowd with clever art installations and thought-provoking spectacles. Bennett is most known for creating the layout and visual design for such world-renowned festivals as Bonnaroo and Outside Lands, as well as for being the artistic brains behind many of Phish's shows.

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Brockhampton
Maggie Rogers
Royal Blood
Manchester Orchestra
Daniel Caesar
Dirty Projectors
Stormzy
Thundercat
Belly
Pussy Riot
Julien Baker
Alvvays
The Menzingers
Thee Oh Sees
Perfume Genius
Noname
(Sandy) Alex G
Big Thief
Mount Kimbie
Citizen
Pond
Zola Jesus
Taylor Bennett
Westside Gunn & Conway
Charly Bliss
Leikeli47
Field Report
Lillie Mae
Tauk
This Is The Kit
Weakened Friends

Stl Gld

2018 Comedy & Entertainment

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Further details on Boston Calling's programming curated and hosted by Natalie Portman, as well as more information about the festival's food and drink components will be shared in the coming months.

Boston Calling is proud to welcome back Delta Airlines, Miller Lite, Samuel Adams, and 47 Brand as sponsors for this year's festival.

Tickets: Early Bird Three-Day General Admission, VIP and Platinum VIP Passes are on sale TODAY, January 4, 2018, at 10:00am EST at www.bostoncalling.com.

Early Bird General Admission Three-Day Passes are available for \$279; these offer access to over 54 acts across three outdoor music stages, admission to all comedy and entertainment in the Arena, access to dozens of food vendors, a wide selection of craft beer and wine offerings, an array of fun outdoor games and attractions, sponsor exhibits, and more surprises to be announced. After Early Bird tickers sell out, regular General Admission tickets will become available immediately for \$289 plus fees.

Early Bird VIP Three-Day Passes are available for \$599; these offer a dedicated fast pass entrance to the festival, premium viewing areas at each outdoor stage, access to an onsite VIP staff and an exclusive 20,000 square foot VIP Lounge featuring expanded beverage and dining options including a full bar, comfortable lounge seating, and private air-conditioned restrooms. After Early Bird tickets sell out, regular VIP tickets will become available immediately for \$649 plus fees.

Early Bird Platinum Three-Day VIP Passes are available for \$1049; these offer all VIP amenities plus access to a new Platinum viewing experience featuring incredible elevated views of the two main stages, a premium food & beverage package that includes a full specially priced bar featuring beer, wine and craft cocktails; complimentary daily gourmet bites throughout the day and complimentary soft drinks, water and other non-alcoholic options; a complimentary on-site parking pass for each day (one pass per transaction) and access to the exclusive gifting suite, featuring complimentary festival and partner merchandise exclusively available to platinum attendees each day. After Early Bird tickets sell out, regular Platinum VIP tickets will become available immediately for \$1,099 plus fees.

Private elevated Skybox lounges are also available for up to 50 people; details and pricing are available upon request.

Getting There: Boston Calling is best accessed by the T on the Red Line's Harvard Square stop; from there, it is a short walk to the festival's main entrance. Boston Calling will also be coordinating with taxi and rideshare programs for safe and easy pickup and drop off points; there will also be bike racks available onsite. Onsite parking is available only to Platinum VIP package purchasers.

Boston Calling is produced by **Boston Calling Events LLC (BCE)** which is owned by **Crash Line Productions** and **The Madison Square Garden Company**.

Crash Line Productions is a Boston-based entertainment production company that owns and produces dozens of events each year. Formed in 2012 by Brian Appel and Mike Snow, Boston Calling Events continues to build its event platform around Boston Calling Music Festival, Eaux Claires Music & Arts Festival in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Copenhagen Beer & Music Festival in Boston.

Boston Calling Events is part of **The Madison Square Garden Company** (NYSE:MSG), a world leader in live sports and entertainment experiences. The company presents or hosts a broad array of premier events in its diverse collection of iconic venues: New York's Madison Square Garden, The Theater at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and Beacon Theatre; the Forum in Inglewood, CA; The Chicago Theatre; and the Wang Theatre in Boston. Other MSG properties include legendary sports franchises: the New York Knicks (NBA), the New York Rangers (NHL) and the New York

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