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**There's 1 year left before Rock in Rio: organizers announce a day dedicated to metal – headlined by IRON MAIDEN along with The Scorpions, Megadeth and Sepultura in a night to remember**

*The event has announced its official dates: September 27, 28 and 29, October 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2019 in the City of Rock, at Barra da Tijuca.*

**Rio de Janeiro, Sept 27, 2018** – Rock in Rio 2019 offers not only a night to remember, but also a historic event. After a metal-free festival at City of Rock in 2017, the Rock in Rio organizers are giving a special gift to the fans and announces, for 2019, a whole day dedicated to this musical genre. It will be a *revival* of the first edition in 1985, when the nights with these heavy metal bands brought over 300 thousand people to the event. Thirty-four years later, with the headliner Brits IRON MAIDEN, the Germans from Scorpions, the Americans from Megadeth and the Brazilians from Sepultura, Rock in Rio promises another memorable night on October 4<sup>th</sup>. These announcements marked the start of the one-year countdown to Rock in Rio 2019, that will take place on September 27, 28 and 29 and October 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2019, in the City of Rock, at Barra da Tijuca (Parque Olímpico - Av. Salvador Allende).

For Roberto Medina, president of Rock in Rio, announcing the whole line-up for the World Stage on the metal night at once is a way to honor this metal community that, in 2017, wasn't represented. "For the 2019 edition we started our booking focusing on these wonderful fans, because they're part of Rock in Rio's soul when they invade the City of Rock all in black. Announcing all the attractions like this is like giving them a gift", states Medina, remembering that "the reunion of these music icons in one single night will be another historical moment that Rock





in Rio will provide to whoever visits us. It's like watching a movie and remembering a story that started with them 33 years ago", he says.

IRON MAIDEN was one of the first attractions ever announced to Rock in Rio, playing in the opening night of the legendary 1985 edition, on January 11th. Other unforgettable performances followed when they headlined the City of Rock in the 2001 and 2013 editions. That last one sold out 90,000 tickets within hours. In October 2019, the Brits will play at the festival for the fourth time topping the bill with their latest Legacy Of The Beast Tour, which is being hailed by fans and media alike as the most extravagant and visually stunningly live show of the band's career to date with a set-list of decades-spanning hits and fan favourites, including some songs not played live for many years.

IRON MAIDEN are an institution. Over the course of 43 years they have come to embody a spirit of fearless creative independence and ferocious dedication to their fans which has won them a following that spans every culture, generation, and time-zone. With more than 2000 live performances, tens of millions of fans and 16 studio albums, IRON MAIDEN are one of the most influential and revered rock bands of all time.

Another attraction on this day to remember and that coincidentally marked the history of the biggest music and entertainment festival in the world, the band Scorpions were also there in 1985 on January 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and now they are back for their second performance at Rock in Rio as "special guests". Of the five members, the vocalist Klaus Meine and the guitar players Rudolf Schenker and Matthias Jabs will relive the thrill of a large audience singing their greatest hits like "Wind of Change", "Rock You Like a Hurricane". Since 1965, the hard rock band has already recorded 19 studio albums and has sold around 160 million copies in over 50 years and they still has a very busy schedule. On their curriculum, they have several awards, between them in the category Legends of Rock, at the World Music Awards.

Now, Megadeth has performed at Rock in Rio II, in 1991, and in the next edition in Brazil, the Americans bring a carioca among its members: the guitar player Kiko Loureiro, ex-Angra, that joined the thrash metal band in 2015. The invite came from the vocalist Dave Mustaine, who founded Megadeth in 1983. For this edition, Megadeth will perform their Dystopia World Tour,





that has already passed through several countries. In its 34 years of activity, Megadeth has been nominated for 12 Grammys and won it in 2017 with the song “Dystopia” in the category of Best Metal Performance, and they promise to bring several hits for the City of Rock like the classic “Symphony of Destruction”.

Opening the night on the World Stage, the band that has put Brazil on the world map of Heavy Metal and also has an extensive international career, Sepultura will be back on the World Stage boosting their long partnership with the stages at the event. Having been present at several editions of the festival, starting in Brazil in 1991, as well as the editions in Lisbon and Las Vegas, Sepultura, once again celebrates the metal night with lovers of the genre. Their most recent album, Machine Messiah, was released in 2017 and achieved its best chart positions in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Portugal, their career translates the excellence of their work that started in 1984 in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. The band has already surpassed 20 million albums sold.

Soon new names will be announced through the official channels of the event, but for what has already been announced, the public can expect another unforgettable edition in 2019. Information on the early sale of Rock in Rio Card will be announced soon, which will take place later this year.

