

## Press Release

### 2023 Line up

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## Bluegrass in la Roche 2023 Line Up

### Reaffirming the Festival's International and Leadership Credentials

The 2023 Bluegrass in La Roche line up has 23 bands in the main festival with 5 coming from the USA, 17 from Europe (10 countries) and, for the first time, one from India.

16 of the 23 bands are appearing for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. A further 10 bands will play in the Street Festival.

**This year's American acts** include *Tim O'Brien*, two-time Grammy winner and multi IBMA Award winner as a composer, solo artist and with his previous band *Hot Rize*. Tim was also one of the star acts in the famous BBC TV "Transatlantic Sessions". Two members of this year's band have already appeared at the festival: Cory Walker on banjo (with *Ronnie Bowman* in 2012) and Shad Cobb on fiddle (with *3 Fox Drive* in 2008).

The *Special Consensus* from Chicago has also won many IBMA awards and has twice been nominated for a Grammy. Greg Cahill founded the band in 1975 and has led it through several generations of musicians to become established as one of the most popular and in demand acts in the US and around the world. Greg Blake on guitar and lead vocals is also known to La Roche fans after playing with *Jeff Scroggins and Colorado* in 2017.

*Henhouse Prowlers*, also from Chicago, have spent much of their 17-year career as cultural ambassadors, taking Bluegrass around the world to teach and learn local songs in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Expect some surprises!

**Among the European bands**, we welcome back the first and the last winners of the La Roche band contest, respectively *Bluegrass Stuff* from Italy and *Professional Deformation* from Czechia. European acts appearing for the first time include *Nugget* (Austria) and *Jussi and the Groundbreakers* (Finland), two of Europe's longest running and best established bands.

Two of last year's Young Talent bands, *Rookie Riot* (Sweden) and *Johnny & the Yooahoos* (Germany) are invited back to play on the main stage. This year's Young Talent band comes from the UK: *The Boatswain Brothers and the Pitch Hill Boys*.

**Finally, and following the success** of Korean band *Country Gongbang* in 2022, we have turned to India to find the duo *Grassy Strings*. They will be performing outside their country for the first time and attending their first ever Bluegrass festival. They are very much looking forward to the experience and we are excited to give them the best La Roche welcome.

### Bluegrass in La Roche is...

- 23 bands from 12 countries, including USA and India, in the main festival (Thursday and Friday evenings; Saturday and Sunday all day)
- 10 bands in the Street Festival (Wednesday evening and Friday midday)
- Excellent home made food prepared, cooked and served by our teams of volunteers
- Bars, Luthiers Salon, Craft Market
- A whole town living and moving to the sounds and rhythm of Bluegrass music

### Tickets (online sale starts Friday April 21)

- One day ticket (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) : 5 euros
- 3-day ticket (Friday - Sunday) : 12 euros
- 4-day ticket (Thursday - Sunday) : 15 euros
- Entrance free for children

## **BLUEGRASS IN LA ROCHE 2023**

### **Jeudi 3 août**

**Grande Scène : 17h30 - 23h45**

Groupes du Stage - Sunshine in Ohio (FRA) - Bluegrass Stuff (ITA) - Damn Tall Buildings (USA) - Silène & the Dreamcatchers (FRA)

### **Vendredi 4 août**

**Grande Scène : 18h - 00h15**

The Vanguarders (GBR) - Johnny & the Yooahoos (DEU) - Nugget (AUT) - Henhouse Prowlers (USA) - Jussi Syren & the Groundbreakers (FIN)

### **Samedi 5 août**

**Scène de Midi : 11h30 - 16h45**

Kids on Bluegrass Europe - Les Profs du Stage - Henhouse Prowlers (USA) - Grassy Strings (IND) - New Valley String Band (SWE) - Damn Tall Buildings (USA)

**Grande Scène : 18h - 00h30**

Rookie Riot (SWE) - Stereo Naked (DEU) - The Special Consensus (USA) - Tim O'Brien Band (USA) - Professional Deformation (CZE)

### **Dimanche 6 août**

**Scène de Midi : 12h - 16h45**

Mathis & Benoit (DEU/FRA) - Tim O'Brien Band (USA) - Boatswain Brothers & Pitch Hill Boys (GBR) - Yonder Boys (DEU) - SLO County Stumblers (USA)

**Grande Scène : 18h - 22h15**

The Special Consensus (USA) - Truffle Valley Boys (ITA) - A Murder in Mississippi (BEL) - Foxy Family (FRA)