Press Release

**FRANK CARTER & THE RATTLESNAKES AT POHODA 2021**

**+ NEW CHALLENGE POHODA VISUAL ART CONTEST**

The British avant-pop diva **FKA twigs**, the "voice of the Arab Spring" - Tunisian singer **Emel Mathlouthi**, Icelandic industrial-techno-punk-rock band **Hatari**, as well as delicacies from our western neighbors **Iva Bittová and Dunaj**, have been added to the list of reconfirmed artists. The first newly confirmed name of Pohoda 2021 is a hip-hop trio from Phoenix; **Injury Reserve**.

Today we announced another new name of Pohoda 2021 is the British punk rock band **Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes**. The band is known for their high-energy performances, and their victory at the Kerrang! Awards in the Spirit of Punk category just confirmed that. They have also been nominated for the Heavy Music Awards (Best UK Band) and last yearʼs Kerrang! Awards (Best British Live Act). A year ago, they released End of Suffering, which is a 40-minute rockʼnʼrollercoaster that was included in the top 5 of the British charts. According to DIY, the album is *“a bold, brave effort that’ll continue to see them rise through the rock ranks.”*

When they debuted with ***Blossom*** in August 2015, the Kerang! magazine gave it the highest possible rating and commented: *“Don't call it a comeback. Call it a rebirth.”* In 2017, they released album **Modern Ruin** and NME described it as *“powerful personal and political catharsis from former Gallows and Pure Love singer Frank Carter.”* Last May they released the third studio album ***End of Suffering***. To an extent greater than in the previous albums, it reflects more of the variety of music Frank likes (from Björk through Madness to classical music), as well as the work of producer Cam Blackwood. The Q magazine wrote: *“These bleak but brilliant punk confessions grip like a vice, even as you fear for Carter's mental health.”* This is true especially for their concerts, which, as rocknloadmag.com reports, was confirmed at the opening for Foo Fighters. Also, their concert at the February headline show at the Manchester Academy was described by Louder Than War as: *“A truly unforgettable experience and an exceptional night. A perfect mix of old fan favourites and new exclusive nuggets and an atmosphere where the only thing that mattered was the music.”* Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes will confirm all these superlatives also to fans of harder genres at the Trenčín Airport.

Videos:

* Lullaby <https://youtu.be/DDgekKQ8nLc>
* Devil Inside Me (Live at Resurrection Fest EG 2018) <https://youtu.be/2Vgc5636KZs>
* Juggernaut <https://youtu.be/AJ_X3jbFL1s>

**Confirmed artists Pohoda 2021:** FKA twigs, The Libertines, Metronomy, Wolf Alice, Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes, Archive, Hatari, black midi, Emel Mathlouthi, Shame, Kokoroko, Marina Satti & Fonés, Black Country, New Road, Injury Reserve, Bazzookas, Wooze, Pigs Pigs Pigs Pigs Pigs Pigs Pigs, Iva Bittová a Dunaj, PENGSHUi, Asmâa Hamzaoui & Bnat Timbouktou, Space Lady, Malox, Crack Cloud, Shht, PoiL, Murman Tsuladze and Trupa Trupa....

**The Pohoda Visual Art Contest continues, in addition to works for the airport area, we are now opening a special category for the digital space. The deadline is extended to May 13.**

Now that the festival has been rescheduled, a new situation occurred and the Trenčín airport will be almost empty on the original dates. That is why we accept the special challenge and extend the deadline for the Pohoda Visual Art Contest. The deadline is now postponed to May 13, 2020.

We are also including another category—in addition to site-specific works for the physical area of the festival grounds, the contest expands into on-line space. The budget is adjusted, too, to € 2020, and there will be € 1010 for each category. The allocation of the funds between the two categories will be adjusted according to the requirements of the works submitted.

We will announce the winners during the upcoming Pohoda Deň\_FM on May 15, and we will present the works during the Pohoda in The Air festival on July 9— 12, 2020.

You can enter the contest by filling in the form available at <http://www.pohodafestival.sk/contest>. The proposals should be sent to contest@pohodafestival.sk. The competition is open for individuals and teams, with no restrictions on education, age or profession; people from abroad are invited to apply as well. We will include the already submitted works in the selection or roll them to the 2021 edition upon agreement with individual artists.

**About Pohoda Festival**

Pohoda, located on a military airport in Trenčín Slovakia, offers an eclectic program that ranges from classical to techno, and all the way through experimental music. Pohoda is a multidisciplinary festival where theatre, dance, literature and visual arts are also strongly represented. The festival was nominated for 4 European Festival Awards (EFA) in 2019 and has won the EFA for Take a Stand 2018, CEO Michal Kaščák won EFA Award for Excellence & Passion in 2018 and in 2017 Pohoda won the EFA for Green Operations. Pohoda Festival 2021 will take place from the 8th until 10th of July.

**3-day Tickets from 109 € (incl. camping)**

Tickets & more information can be found here: [www.pohodafestival.sk/en/artists](http://www.pohodafestival.sk/en/artists)

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