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American Heavy Metal Band Leads “Battle of the Bands” Competition in Algeria

The U.S. Embassy in Algiers is pleased to announce that the American heavy metal band “MKIO” will tour Algeria from June 4 -19. During their stay, they will conduct workshops in Algiers, Mostaganem, and Annaba with up-and-coming Algerian rock bands that will focus on song-writing and advice for having a successful live-audience performance.

The bands participating in the workshops in each city will take part in a “Battle of the Bands” contest where they will perform in front of live audiences, with MKIO acting as judges. An ultimate “Battle of the Bands” competition will be held in Algiers on June 15, featuring the winners from the previous contests before a live audience who will determine the ultimate winner. All performances and battles will be free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

The winner of the ultimate “Battle of the Bands” contest will open for MKIO at one of their concerts in their upcoming tour next year.

DATES OF SHOWS

The dates, locations, and bands participating in the city competitions are as follows. MKIO will also perform at each of the competitions.

- Algiers: June 9, 19h – 21h at the Multipurpose Room of the Bab Ezzouar Commercial and Leisure Center
 - Bands: King Melody, Atakor, Lelahell, and Freeklane
- Mostaganem: June 12, 18h – 19h30 at la Maison de la Culture
 - Angel Tears, GIN, and Wolfpack
- Annaba: June 14, 18h – 19h15 at the Regional Theater Azzedine Medjoubi
 - Barless Prison and Oleum

Final Battle in Algiers, June 15, 19h – 20h30 at the Multipurpose Room of the Bab Ezzouar Commercial and Leisure Center