

Bring ear plugs as CONTACT 2013 comes to B.C. Place

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DJ Skrillex headlines CONTACT 2013 on Thursday and Friday at B.C. Place.

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Last year, CONTACT 2012 sold out. The groundbreaking largest dance music show packed B.C. Place and heralded the arrival of Canada's biggest event of its kind. Crowds came fully in the mood to shake, shimmy and bounce to headliner Deadmau5, Alesso and others.

The event was produced in partnership by noted electronic events producer Blueprint alongside Live Nation Canada.

This year, CONTACT 2013 hosts 10 of the top-name acts in EDM. Skrillex, Kaskade, Dada Life, Diplo, Bingo Players, Dirty South, Baauer, Flosstradamus, RL Grime, MAKJ and Cashmere Cat work in different sub-genres of the scene. But one thing that they all have in common is that they are sworn to the pumping beat.

The other is an air of mystery.



The artists at electro events are known for keeping quiet about what's happening at the event and not doing interviews. This might be because they know that there isn't much more to say than "come and dance, buy a lightstick, dance some more." Or it could be because they are shy.

Of course, a great deal of the experience of an EDM show is the lights that go flashing along with the music. CONTACT 2013 promises not only B.C. Place's house Northern Lights LED roof display and internal lighting fixtures, as well as a variety of stage illumination and screens.

Most important is the new state-of-the-art sound system with loudspeakers mounted throughout the room and stands to produce that oh-so-critical bass whump to give your insides a massage while the blaring highs come slicing over the deep rumble. Ear plugs at all such shows are highly recommended, particularly for young kids as they have a whole life ahead of them where hearing could come in handy.

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CONTACT 2013

Where: B.C. Place Stadium, 777 Pacific Blvd.

When: Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight

Tickets: \$99.90-\$139 at livenation.com

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