

GRRILLA STEP SUMMER FESTIVAL PROPOSAL

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The world's only Krump band.



Background

G*rrilla Step is an exciting new project for DJ Dexter (ex **Avalanches**), who has changed musical directions dramatically since he became disillusioned with the mainstream music scene and met Papua New Guinean log drumming master Airi Ingram (**Drum Drum**) on a trip to Darwin. Soon after Dexter sought out the Pacific Islander Krump crew **Royal Fam** from Dandenong, who interweave Polynesian culture with Krumping to create their own unique Krump characters. With **Grrilla Step**, Dexter & Airi are pursuing their collective vision of incorporating cultural music into hip-hop, and creating a new Australian music form which is truly boundary-crossing and groundbreaking.*

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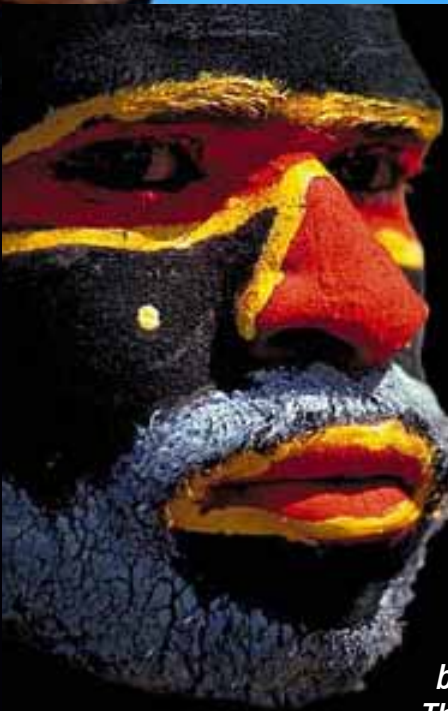
What is Krump?

An aggressive, emotional, and spiritual style of dance known for cutting edge dance moves and intense interactions between performers and spectators. Krumping emerged from South Central Los Angeles in 2000 as a way for dancers to express emotions and different aspects of their personalities as well as a way to cope with the stresses and pressures of everyday life in a constructive manner. In Krumping, a dancer tells a story through the voice of his or her "character" while attempting to advance through three levels of intensity (Krump, Buck, Amp). A dancer may express his or herself in any way, just as long as it is authentic and organic. In Krump, there is no right or wrong way to express one's self. It is an art form owned by feelings, not words or rules.

From the artists

The traditional elements of family, sound, dance and story from the Torres Strait Islands, PNG, West Papua and Cook Islands is the anchor point of **Grrilla Step**, the inner circle that brought us all together. This inner circle revolves slowly as it has evolved over many years in traditional life, many of our songs and dances are rich in stories, ceremonies and rituals. Traditionally, these elements define our relationship with nature and each other.

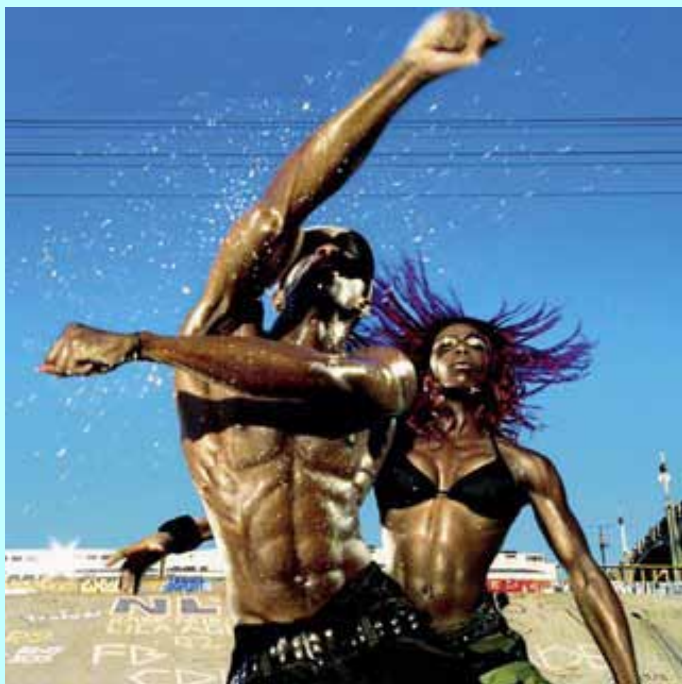
This way of life started changing with the urbanisation and migration throughout the Pacific. **Grrilla Step** is made up of people from PNG, Torres Strait Islands, Cook Islands, East Timor, West Papua, Philippines, Samoa and New Zealand. Rather than a collaboration of contemporary producers with traditional artists, **Grrilla Step** is made up of islanders who are Krumpers, dj's, log drummers, singers, visual artists and dancers, drawing on both their roots and modern sensibility for their artistic vocabulary and vision. The rate of change to Krump music, Krump dance and our urban stories is much faster. Advances in music technology and constantly applying this technology to Krump music, evolves the Krumpers into new styles and territory. This is our outer circle, our current circle that spins fast and is constantly re-shaping around our slow, inner circle.



Proposal

Grilla Step are Melbourne based and offer a unique opportunity for international artists to guest as part of their line up. International guests collaborating with Australian artists not only provide a great media story for the festival but also deliver international programming at an affordable price point.

Grilla Step has an ongoing relationship with The Krump Kings who are L.A based and are heralded as inventing Krump. They are best known as the subject of the 2005 film Rize directed by David LaChapelle <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0efEID-uCtE>



Grilla Step has an opportunity for the Krump Kings to come to Australia to be part of the Grilla Step show as well as running highly popular Krump workshops this Summer festival season.

Past shows

Grilla Step have already stunned audiences with their show at...

- The Northbridge Festival Perth
 - Darwin International Festival (Sold Out)
 - Perth SoCo Cargo 2007 (Sold Out)
 - Melbourne SoCo Cargo 2008 & 2009 (Sold Out)
 - 5 day season Adelaide Fringe 2008 (Sold Out)
 - East Brunswick Club (Sold Out) 2009
 - MCAVs' Visible Concert (Hamer Hall)
 - Golden Plains Music Festival
 - Good Vibrations
 - St Kilda Festival
 - Australasian World Music Expo 2008 (Sold Out)
- ... and various supports inc TZU & DJ Shadow



Here are some links to Grilla Step

<http://www.thevine.com.au/tv/music/dexter-on-escape-plastic-city.aspx>

<http://www.thevine.com.au/music/photos/photos,-review--grilla-step,-melbourne-2009.aspx>

http://shanghaiist.com/2009/04/09/dj_dexter_kicks_off_krumping_at_the.php

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pcndh0LDun0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Swtei4c1Yi4>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzN2g_KUlwM

Here is a link to the Krump Kings <http://www.krumpkings.com/>