

Summer time and the listening is ever so easy

Rotorua city is vibrant with summer events and music, making it a lively place to spend evenings.

Feel like a relaxing wine and tapas? The Blue Baths' Summertime Bar has live music on the terrace on warm evenings and its new show, *1931*, features music from the swing era of the 1930s, performed by up and coming New Zealand entertainment stars.

Okere Falls Store gives Thursday's a Mexican touch with margarita and nacho night, while warm summer nights are refreshed with a German beer and cold evenings feature a bonfire with marshmallows on a stick, to create a delicious gooey treat

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while listening to live, local sounds on weekends.

Seismic Gastrobar has live local acts on Friday nights, playing blues, reggae and disco music. Because it is so popular, dinner bookings are essential.

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weekend. Celebrating its fifth year, the reggae festival features the biggest New Zealand and international artist line up yet. This year's two-day concert features two stages, with more than 12 hours of music, including: Ali Campbell's UB40, J Boog, Arrested Development, Billy Ocean, Kora, Katchafire, House of Shem, 1814, Cornerstone Roots and more.

As for great Kiwi and international music artists to party to every week, the opening of new bar Heaven and Hell has infused a new vibe into the Rotorua night life. Artists Tiki Taane and DJ Sambora, from Shapeshifter, headlined the sold out official

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opening of the club recently. Also in the pipeline for 2012 are P-Money, J Williams, Bullet Proof and The Black Seeds, with talks in the United States to get Lil John to Rotorua to perform.

The Shed is also securing internationally recognised acts, such as Shotgun Alley and I Am Giant coming to play.

Whether you prefer to chill out and relax with friends or make your way to enjoy one of the many great musical events on offer — it's time to fill your days with sun, fun and melody as Rotorua turns up the sounds of summer.

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