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BRANCHAGE FILM FESTIVAL
22-25 SEPTEMBER IN JERSEY
RADIO ONE DJ ROB DA BANK PERFORMS
LIVE ALTERNATIVE SOUNDTRACK TO
MOVIE CLASSIC KING KONG

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The annual **Branchage International Film Festival** returns for its fourth edition from 22-25th September 2011, with films, live soundtracks, parties and performances taking place in a host of wonderful and unlikely venues across the parishes of Jersey. Branchage combines a creative, lovingly-curated programme of site-specific events and one-off performances with all the idiosyncratic charm of Jersey, making it not only the Channel Islands most unique cultural event, but one of the most desirable destination festivals in Europe.

We are pleased to announce that among the many festival highlights will be a fantastic audiovisual delight, when Radio One DJ and dance music visionary **Rob Da Bank** performs a live alternative soundtrack to Ernest B Shoedsack's 1933 monster movie classic **King Kong** at St Helier's Cineworld. Bringing together the old with the new, the cutting-edge with the seminal and traditional, this event typifies all that is great about Branchage Festival.

Originally commissioned by BBC Four to celebrate the film's 75th anniversary in 2008, the alternative soundtrack features an eclectic range of musical genres, from the alt folk of **Bon Iver** to glitchy electronica, to the orchestral sounds of **Sigur Ros**. Rob Da Bank dug through his vast record collection to put together the alternative tracklisting, and after a long wait for this to become a live performance, it finally materialised in May this year when he played it as a live DJ set accompanying the subtitled film at Future Everything Festival in Manchester. The event was a sellout and a huge success, so much so that it has been selected to be the launch event of the BFI's highly-anticipated new 'Sonic Cinema' series in October.



37 year-old Robert Gorham, aka **Rob Da Bank**, is the presenter of the weekly Friday night/Saturday morning show Rob Da Bank on Radio One, as well as the head of Sunday Best Records (whose roster includes Dan Le Sac & Scroobius Pip, Kitty Daisy & Lewis and This Is The Kit), and curator of Isle of Wight's hugely successful Bestival event. Starting out on Radio One as presenter of The Blue Room with Chris Coco until 2006, Rob temporarily filled in for John Peel's show following his death in 2004, and is undoubtedly one of the most influential figures in British music.

His championing of new music and his show's eclectic range of leftfield music, from indie to dance music and reggae to folk music, has made him one of British music's most celebrated figures. Bestival has grown to become one Europe's most successful annual festivals; since starting out as a 7,000 capacity event in 2004, the festival now welcomes 50,000 people through its turnstiles each year and headliners have included The Prodigy, Bjork, Amy Winehouse and Beastie Boys. He has also released an album under the name Lazyboy, as well as a DJ mix compilation for London superclub Fabric.

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King Kong (1933, PG) is the original monster movie masterpiece. Telling the story of an interpid group of filmmakers' voyage to the mysterious Skull Island, the giant ape's unlikely bond with Fay Wray's Ann Darrow, and the famous dramatic showdown at New York's Empire State Building. The film spawned several sequels, as well as two remakes – most recently Peter Jackson's 2005 retelling – as well as theme park rides and countless cartoons, comics and video games. This event is a rare opportunity for local film fans to see the movie on the silver screen, as well as a chance to enjoy one of the UK's most forward-thinking DJs in action.

The screening is expected to be one of Branchage's most popular events and with a limited capacity of 270 seats, we anticipate tickets will sell out far in advance of the show – people are advised to purchase tickets soon to avoid missing out.

Rob Da Bank's Alternative Soundtrack to King Kong takes place at Cineworld, St Helier at 8pm, Friday 23rd September. Tickets are £12 and will be available from the Branchage Box Office, Liberty Wharf, from mid-August. Please visit www.branchagefestival.com for further information and updates.

Quotes

Chris Bell, Event Organiser:

“This event is just a perfect fit for Branchage. King Kong is undeniably one of the most important movies ever made and its influence can be seen in so many modern blockbuster films. It's incredible enough as it is but we're delighted to be welcome Mr Da Bank to give it a modern twist with his alternative soundtrack, making this an even more special event. It's a carefully thought-out selection of music and is going to sound fantastic through Cineworld's soundsystem. Rob has put so much into British music over the last decade or so, so it's a real privilege to have him at Branchage.”

Notes to Editors

Started in 2008 by Creative Director Xanthe Hamilton, Branchage engages local audiences in Jersey as well as attracting visitors from the UK and further afield. The festival has made its names as a leader in live soundtracks, site-specific screening and unusual filmic experiences. Past live soundtracks have included: **The Memory Band** performing to **The Wicker Man** and **British Sea Power** playing to **Man of Aran**, as well as new soundtracks commissioned to the festival by **Bo Ningen (Cat Soup)**, **Amiina (Lotte Reiniger fairytales)** and **Euros Childs (Yuri Norstein animations)**.

The festival delights in turning unexpected spaces into cinemas including **Battleship Potemkin** on a tugboat; **Sleep Furiously** in the barn of an organic farm; Lindsay Anderson's **If...** in Victoria College's Great Hall; **The Vanishing of the Bees** in a polytunnel and **Lourdes** in a church. Elaborate themed parties are another staple of the Branchage experience, with past performances by **Chrome Hoof**, **Kitty Daisy & Lewis**, **Paloma Faith** and **Top Cats**, as well as troupes of interactive performers, aerial artists, burlesque dancers and troubadours.

Many more events and performances will be announced soon.

Please visit www.branchagefestival.com for further programme information.

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