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## REBEL SOULJAHZ AUSTRALIA 2012 TOUR PRESS RELEASE

In recent years, the Pacific region has come to rival the Caribbean as a source for fresh new sounds in reggae music, and Hawaii's **Rebel Souljahz** are a prime example of that trend. After conquering the Islands, New Zealand and the mainland US, they bring their infectious, chart-topping vibes to Australia for the first time this March.

From humble beginnings singing a cappella in high school, Mike Maglinti, Will Su'a, Bubba Hodges and Kulani Cozo soon coalesced into one of the more popular party and club bands in Honolulu. Teaming with successful producer and artist Imua Garza, Rebel Souljahz unleashed their debut release *Nothing to Hide* in early 2008. Catchy feel-good songs, two lead singers with contrasting styles and tight harmonies proved to be a winning combination. *Nothing to Hide* hit the music scene like a hurricane, spending almost the entire year on Billboard's Top Reggae Albums chart. At year's end, Billboard ranked the album at #8 and Rebel Souljahz as the #7 top-selling reggae act of the year, an unprecedented achievement for a band from Hawaii. At home, they were a shoo-in for Reggae Album of the Year at the prestigious Na Hoku Hanohano Awards.

Not content to simply repeat a successful formula, Rebel Souljahz took it up a notch or three in late 2009 with their sophomore release. *Bring Back The Days* features influences from 1970s soul music to modern R&B as well as a killer cross-Pacific collaboration with New Zealand roots icons Katchafire. Like its predecessor, the CD occupied the upper reaches of the Billboard Reggae Chart for months, peaking at #4.

Whether it's a back yard, a club or a festival, a Rebel Souljahz performance is a high-powered, Hawaiian style reggae party not to be missed. As their fame has spread around the Pacific, Australian fans have waited a long time for these shows and the boys can't wait to deliver.

### **Australia tour dates:**

Thursday March 1st: Selina's - Coogee Bay Hotel, Sydney

Friday March 2nd: Hi Fi Bar, Melbourne

Saturday March 3rd: Pacific Vibes Festival, Brisbane

Sunday March 4th: Pacific Vibes Festival, Perth

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