

The Paradise Bangkok Molam International Band Steps in for Solange

The unique, hypnotic, and exotic Paradise Bangkok Molam International Band is joining the OFF Festival lineup! This colorful crew from Thailand will be stepping in for Solange, who has had to cancel her entire European tour for family reasons.

It all started with a series of shows called “Paradise Bangkok,” held by a pair of DJs in the Thai capital since 2009. Maft Sai and Chris Menist caused a quite sensation by spinning old Thai vinyl LPs and mixing them up with rhythms from other South Asian countries along with Africa and the Caribbean. But the two are more at home playing hits in genres known as luk thung and molam, both extremely popular in rural Thailand.

Word of “Paradise Bangkok” soon spread to other countries, and the two DJs started performing their own shows and putting out records, before finally founding The Paradise Bangkok Molam International Band, a supergroup created to introduce the world to molam. No other band sounds and looks like The Paradise Bangkok Molam International Band, and there are few acts at the OFF Festival that likely to be as fun to see.