



RYAN NYQUIST CRASHES CANADA DAY PARTY IN WHISTLER AS WINNER OF RED BULL ELEVATION

32 of the world's best BMX dirt-jumpers and indie-rock superstars Metric celebrate Canada's birthday with 10,000 fans in Whistler

WHISTLER, BC – JULY 1, 2007 – Red Bull Elevation dropped onto Whistler Mountain and wished Canada happy birthday with champion Ryan Nyquist and 31 of the world's best riders delivering awe-inspiring double back flips, triple tailwhips, and flying high supermans. Known as the most progressive contest in BMX dirt-jumping, Red Bull Elevation again pushed the sport to new levels providing a course for riders to showcase a barrage of best trick combinations and first-ever jumps. Once the dust settled on the competition, Metric took over and sealed a high energy Canada Day weekend with a killer set that kept fans partying well into the Whistler Village night.

Red Bull Elevation again lived up to the hype of being the best dirt competition in the world by building a course that featured more transfers, more berms and bigger sets. It took two full days of practice for the riders to get comfortable and pick their lines for the event finals on Sunday. It was certainly worth it as Nyquist and Corey Bohan went toe-to-toe all day with Nyquist edging out defending Elevation champion Bohan by one-tenth of a point to claim the title.

"Red Bull Elevation is the best contest of the year for dirt jumping and the course is always the best course of the year," said California-native and 2005 winner Nyquist. "Everything is just perfect; this is one for the memory books - that's for sure."

Despite an injured wrist and a borrowed bike from an earlier crash, Nyquist rode seamlessly in heats two through five, throwing down some of the best runs of the day including 720's over the step up and double back flipping the 27-foot bottom jump. With his win, Nyquist pocketed the grand prize of \$10,000. Bohan, who also had a massive day on the course took home \$7,000 for his second place finish and Brian Foster proved that age doesn't matter in this contest, as the 35-year-old took home third place and a cool \$5,000.

"Red Bull Elevation is the showcase of BMX dirt jump contests," said Bohan. "Third one in a row out here in Whistler and this one was one to remember forever – they built the sickest course ever!"

Judges graded the riders on trails style, difficulty of their lines and how clean they landed their tricks. After the Elevation competition, all riders were invited to the Big Hit for a 20 minute best-trick session, where the \$5,000 prize went to James Foster who nailed an unbelievable truck driver to 360 downside tailwhip.

"Words cannot describe what I'm feeling right now," said a breathless Foster. "I'm banking this win money and enjoying it later, what a rush!"

Red Bull Elevation blazed onto the BMX scene in 2005, taking the sport to new levels by bringing dirt-jumping back to the trails and became known world-wide as the must-attend contest for international top riders. For more information, photos and videos be sure to visit www.redbullelevation.com.

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