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ROLAND LAUNCHES GLOBAL SP SAMPLER SOCIAL CONTEST #SPBEATTAPE FOR 404 DAY

*Sixteen lucky artists will be chosen to be featured on Roland's first-ever
SP Beat Tape*



Hamamatsu, Japan, April 4, 2020 — Roland, a leading manufacturer of electronic musical instruments and professional video products, announces the [#SPBeatTape](#) social campaign as part of 404 Day, celebrating the Hip-Hop beat scene. #SPBeatTape is a global beat making contest centered around Roland's SP family of powered portable samplers, such as the current model Roland SP-404A.

To get in on the 404 Day fun, Roland is calling all SP beat makers and producers to participate by submitting their own tracks made with any Roland SP Sampler. A handpicked artist panel featuring Just Blaze, Dibia\$, Bad Snacks, STLNDRMS, Gene Brown, and Iman Omari will select a total of sixteen artists to be featured in the first-ever Roland SP Beat Tape. The lucky winners, whose stories and music will be featured on Roland's social channels, will also receive an exclusive, curated SP-404 prize pack including a ultra-limited SP-404 faceplate and custom cassette tape designed by Justin Smith (aka Lil' Zen Ten, [@TheCitizenTen](#)) not available to the general public, as well as custom artwork from [@Zomkashwak](#) available as numbered screen prints.

In support of the campaign, Roland will host a livestream masterclass and performance with underground beat legend Dibia\$ on **April 18, 2020 at 2pm PDT**. Dibia\$ will highlight his own

SP-404 techniques to help spur new ideas and creative approaches, also incorporating the Roland MC-101 to show how to expand the performance format. To watch the livestream, visit Facebook.com/RolandSynthandAIRA.

Roland's #SPBeatTape Contest is running from **April 4-May 5th, 2020**, with winners announced on **May 12th 2020**.

To learn more about Roland, visit Roland.com.

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