

Bon Jovi in Cuba: We will rock you

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Cuba, get ready to rock 'n' roll.

Jon Bon Jovi and wife Dorothrea Bongiovi visited Cuba over the weekend and he wants to return with his band.

The rocker said he's interested in playing Cuba as part of a 2017 tour in support of the upcoming album, "This House Is Not For Sale," according to <u>Granma</u>, the media outlet of the Cuban communist party.

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He's also disappointed the "Rolling Stones got here ahead of me," said Bon Jovi, in reference to the Stones' March 25 show at the Ciudad Deportiva in Havana.

While in Cuba, Bon Jovi visited the Cuban Art Factory in Havana and met with fans and artists there, including film producer Inti Herrera, David and Ernesto Blanco and Alfonso X, a hip-hop performer who played with Audoslave during a 2005 show in Havana.

"Cuban recording artist and amazing new friend X Alfonso with me, his wife Sandra, and Dorothea in Havana!!!" Bon Jovi tweeted on Monday, June 20.

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Bon Jovi also acknowledged the departure of Richie Sambora from the band while in Cuba. Bon Jovi has a big fan base in both Central and South America, so a show or two in Cuba would logistically make sense.

A release date for "This House Is Not For Sale" has not been given but the album will be back on Mercury Records after a short parting of the ways. Mercury is a subsidiary of the Universal Music Group.

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President Obama has sought to normalize relations with Cuba after decades of the two countries being Cold War adversaries. Bon Jovi has campaigned for Obama and he's a member of the White House Council for Community Solutions.