

## ARUNDEL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES THE 2010 LINE UP AND LAUNCHES 'SUSSEX IN STYLE' CAMPAIGN

From the 20th – 30th August 2010, the internationally-renowned Arundel Festival will once again transform this historic town at the foot of the South Downs National Park into one of the most diverse and easily accessible arts festivals in the UK. The Festival offers an eclectic mix of visual arts, music, theatre and street entertainment that is a must for all culture vultures and this year promises to be one of the most spectacular in nearly a quarter of a century. The Festival also marks the first event of a new tourism initiative titled 'Arundel – Sussex in Style' which over the course of a year will roll out a series of campaigns profiling Arundel as West Sussex's capital of style.

What's New for 2010 – if you love the idea of watching a movie in your very own natural auditorium under the stars then this year it's possible. For the first time a large wide screen cinema will be floating on the stunning Swanbourne Lake creating one of the most spectacular outdoor film events in the UK. Indulge in cinematic classics such as 'A Matter of Life and Death', 'The Birds', 'Psycho' and 'Casablanca' whilst the team at Swanbourne Lodge provide a full service of meals, snacks and refreshments for each event, or pack a picnic beforehand for the perfect summer film experience. Also New – style and sophistication combine with a touch of nostalgia as classic and vintage cars take to the streets of Arundel to recreate the glory days. For the hottest ticket in town the new 'Sugar Club' will open its doors to dazzling costumes, bawdy humour and a touch of sensual glamour in Arundel's very own burlesque night.

Glenda Harkess, Artistic Director, describes this year's Festival as an "exhilarating experience guaranteed to excite and stimulate all of the senses. It's going to be fun, risqué and incredibly dramatic. It's absolutely unique because friends and families can relax and enjoy themselves surrounded by the magnificent vistas of Arundel Castle and the Cathedral whilst encountering first class visual, musical and theatrical art."

### Arundel Castle Events

'Some Enchanted Evening' brings to life the classic music and songs from the golden era of the great Hollywood and Broadway musicals, performed in the magnificent setting of the Castle's 'Barons' Hall' a backdrop used in several major motion pictures including 'The Young Victoria'. The Duke of Norfolk will also open the doors of his ancestral home for a production of Puccini's 'Tosca' whilst The GB Theatre Company will be performing two classic open-air Shakespearian comedies 'As You Like It' and 'The Merry Wives of Windsor' in the elaborate and intimate atmosphere of the Castle's Collector Earl's Garden.

### Arundel Music

Music lovers are in for a treat this year as some of the UK's best performers invite you to a series of lively and often intimate events. These include a new Cantata by Dee Palmer, former arranger and keyboard player with Jethro Tull, written to commemorate the 55,000 men who were killed in action during the Second World War in 'Bomber Command', as well as a unique performance by Adrian Gunning, the internationally acclaimed organist, in Arundel Cathedral. As venues can be small, which all adds to the atmosphere of the occasion, early booking is a must!

### Arundel Gallery Trail

Where else can you find more than 100 artists in over 50 venues, all within easy walking distance of each other? Now in its 22nd year, the Arundel Gallery Trail is a must for art lovers and admirers as

collections of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewellery and textiles are on show in some of Arundel's most beautiful homes and gardens, which for one week only are open to the public. A convenient Trail Map guides you to each venue so you can dip in out of the Trail as you wish.

#### Arundel Theatre Trail

Newly commissioned drama, and 'Blackbird' by David Harrower (winner of the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play 2007), is showcased in eight landmark venues including private houses, restaurants, art galleries and gardens around Arundel over eight days of the Festival. This year commemorates a decade of Theatre Trail performances from some of the most talented national and international playwrights.

Talent spotters get ready! One of the biggest success stories of the Festival is now back for its third year. The Big Weekends include fresh new music and performances from some of the best local talent in the area. Chill to the sounds of summer by the river over two weekends. Performances are completely free of charge so everyone can experience a piece of the Arundel Festival.

During Festival Week the streets of Arundel will host some of the brightest and most colourful street entertainers in the country. Whether it's 'Rhythms of West Africa' or the 'Savoy Swing', roaming entertainers will amuse and captivate with a blend of magic, music, dance and comedy as you sit back and enjoy the many stylish shops and eateries.

As a registered charity the Arundel Festival provides a high level of artistic content from the UK and overseas as well as many free community events and workshops.

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