

BELVEDERE BRINGING LIFE TO MULLINGAR



The award winning LIFE festival will be staged at Belvedere House Gardens and Park over the June Bank Holiday weekend in 2010.

The LIFE Festival was recently short listed in the top ten Small Music Festivals in Europe at The European Festival Awards. Now in its fifth year the festival has grown organically from 500 to 5'000 people following the music principles of its origins, it has built up a strong brand loyalty. LIFE calls on the community spirit of innovation, cooperation and volunteerism in art, entertainment and new technologies to create music and beautiful spaces. This is an important cultural event to be set in the heartland of mythic Ireland which has potential to develop into a larger festival. It is reminiscent of a "Mordail" a gathering from Irelands ancient past where artists, musicians, trades people and craft workers would gather to celebrate a particular meaningful date with a festival. The full line up for this years Festival will be released shortly. Among the most representatives acts that already performed in LIFE were Max Romeo (Jam), Finley Quaye (UK) Dreadzone (UK), Phill Hartnoll (Orbital) Alex Paterson The Orb (UK), Highlight Tribe (France), Long Range (UK), Dj Marky (UK), Shpongle (UK), Hallucinogen(UK), Echotek (Israel), Grooverider (UK), Mala (UK) Skream (UK) Freq (Australia), Peaking Goddess Collective (Switzerland), Shane Gobi (South Africa), Anneli (Sweden), The Rye (Galway), Intinn (Cork), Analogue Mindfield (Dublin), Ronan Snodaigh "Kila"(Dublin), Talamh (Belfast), Wiggle (Cork), Super Extra Bonus Party (Kildare), Ciaran Byrne (Dublin), Will Softly (Galway) and Electric Penguins (Dublin).

The festival's main music genre is an electronic evolution of legendary rock bands such as Led Zeppelin, Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd and The Doors where the philosophy and lifestyle behind the music is very spiritual. The music is an eclectic mix of different traditional music instruments backed with an electronic pulse. The multi cultural line up brings a World Music feel to the event where this year new areas such as Trad, Sun Set Gathering and Performance artists will captivate the audience.

*"Belvedere House is pleased to announce the return of Music Festivals to the estate with the award winning **LIFE Festival** taking place over the June bank holiday weekend. This is a Festival that we believe we can work with and grow over the next couple of years to become internationally renowned."* said Bartle D'Arcy General Manager Belvedere House.

"The LIFE team greatly look forward to holding our festival in an amazing new venue having successfully built good relationships with the public and authorities in Westmeath previously. We certainly believe that in the magnificent grounds of Belvedere House, LIFE Festival can now achieve the perfect hybrid between a musical event and a festival of performing arts, taking Ireland's entertainment events to a new and exciting place that they haven't been before" added Fernando Martin LIFE Festival Director

LIFE Festival is on 4th, 5th and 6th June at Belvedere House Gardens and Park, Mullingar Co. Westmeath. For event details, line-up and early bird tickets go to www.life-festival.com