

# DERBY – GREAT PLACE, GREAT BASE

## There Will Be Dragons

Giant, fire-breathing dragons are set to roam the streets of Derby once again, in one of the most eye-catching street festivals of its kind, this September.

Now firmly established as one of the biggest and best urban outdoor festivals in the UK, Derby Festé is the highlight of the city's events calendar - offering locals and visitors alike the chance to enjoy large-scale live event packed full of spectacular stage performances, street theatre, music, dance and film

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Derby Festé - as well as the return of the stunning fire-breathing dragons that first took the city by storm in 2007.

This year's event will be held on Friday September 23 and Saturday 24; and the Sarruga Dragons - giant robotic creatures created by world famous Catalonian street-arts company Sarruga, who have performed their act around the globe - will help to kick things off by leading a breath-taking, fire-breathing parade through the city centre before making a spectacular entrance to the Market Place, followed by a party with live bands, including the New York brass Band, and lots of dancing.

The return of the dragons is aimed at re-capturing the excitement and sense of wonder that 25,000 people felt at that first festival in 2007, when Derby became a truly European city, and Festé raised the bar for outdoor entertainment and arts festivals in the city.

Visitor numbers have swelled since then and, today, organisers work hard to bring together a combination of dance, music, contemporary circus and street theatre acts from around the UK and the world for the annual festival. The announcement of the headline act for Saturday 24 has helped to reinforce that message...

Derby's Bass' Recreation Ground is set to be transformed into a magical underwater spectacle that evening, as French company Transe Express bring their brand new outdoor performance MÚ to the city for only its second performance in the UK.

The atmospheric show will transport the crowds to a magic oceanic world. Colourful neon sea creatures elevated on a huge telescopic crane will cavort on the lit surface of the sea with the fish and other ocean dwellers weaving their way through the audience on the sea bed.

MÚ is Derby Festé's only ticket event. Prices are £7 each and are now available to purchase online or via the Derby LIVE box office.

For full details, visit <http://www.derbyfeste.com>.

More information about Derby, including where to stay, can be found at <http://www.visitderby.co.uk>.

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