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Olympic flame will set Derby alight!

Of all the pre-Olympic celebrations being scheduled to take place around the UK in 2012, a key highlight in the calendar will be those taking place in Derby – especially as it will be adding to the occasion the largest free outdoor classical concert in Britain.

Perfectly located geographically to attract a massive crowd, Derby is already planning one of the nation's "super parties" for the night of June 29th.

The City is determined to make the most of the fact that it will be one of only 10 UK venues chosen to host the flame on a Friday night, and has moved its annual Darley Park classical music concert to Saturday 30 June to coincide with what promises to be one of the biggest weekends on the Midlands calendar in 2012.

Based in Darley Park on Friday 29 June, the "London 2012 Evening Celebration" will include a colourful two hour show of music, dance and stage acts - all set to climax with the lighting of the cauldron with the Olympic torch, followed by a party in the city's Market Place.

And while the torch then continues on its way the next day, Derby's party is set to continue with the famous Darley Park Classical Concert on the evening of Saturday 30 June. This free event, which usually attracts up to 30,000 people, is usually held every September, but is being moved to June to coincide with the Olympic torch celebrations.

Making it feel even more special, Derby's celebrations are expected to be one of just five events to be shown nation-wide with extended live television coverage on the BBC.

Further details of the 48-hour party, will be announced in due course. Anyone interested in finding out more, or in obtaining further tourist information, is advised to visit www.visitderby.co.uk.

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